

The SPIRIT of GRACE

April 2010

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Regular Events...

Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudio Biblico 1:30

Monday

- Narcotics Anonymous 7

Tuesday

- Men's Social @ St Luke's 10
- Coro en Espanol 5
- Girl Scouts 6

Wednesday

- Choir practice 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6
- Dinner, Bible Study & Youth Groups 6:30

Thursday

- Holy Eucharist @ St Luke's 2
- Friends Anonymous 4

Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Holy Eucharist 5
- Estudio Biblico 7

April Coffee Hosts

Mel & Julie Anderson
Dennis & Kathy Conrow



The new fire ceremony in Jerusalem starts the wave of candlelight which transforms darkness into light world wide on April 3-4. Join us at our own new fire on Holy Sat, 8 pm!

From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

The Resurrection is not an historic event.

That's the sort of opening line that, once upon a time, would get the priest hauled into a heresy court. But the truth of the matter is that, in the sense that we usually use the word history, it's absolutely accurate.

This isn't to say that the bodily resurrection of Christ, who was truly dead and truly buried, didn't happen. The Gospels, the only remotely contemporary witnesses to the event, say that it did. The faith of the Church proclaims that it did. The simple fact that no one in authority produced the body to squelch rumors argues that it did.

But more to the point, the Resurrection didn't happen once and for all. It isn't historical in the sense that Lewis and Clark's expedition was—it didn't happen, and end. It continues...

Our identity as Christians is a resurrection identity. In baptism, we are grafted into Christ's death and resurrection. Like those olive trees outside Jerusalem where the roots are a good 2400 years old, even though the stems have been cut in over the course of the past three or four hundred years, we are part of, nurtured by, an ongoing root stock of resurrection identity.

Each one of us is part of the resurrection story, each and every day of our lives. The world around us is mired in death and despair and defeat—we proclaim that God reigns, and reigns triumphantly. Rather than moan and murmur and complain, we are called on to proclaim that God's hand is in everything, bringing new life in the desert, coaxing triumph out of defeat.

That's a hard task sometimes. We want to sit in our sackcloth and ashes and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness—or at least, bewail our neighbor's. But the truth is that Christians have more important things to do than focus always and everywhere on what is broken. Look, says the Gospel, this present age is passing away—and it is okay! For in the ongoing resurrection of His body the Church, Christ has left the world with the grace, and the power, to rise from ashes and to overcome death and the grave.

If we gather on Easter to remember an event that happened 2000 years ago, we only get half the story. For truth be told, we are re-membering the broken universe and reliving the resurrection every time we share the Sacrament. Blessed Eastertide. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emily Pence, Lola-Grace Chapman
- 2 Judy Kester, Donya Newport, Fr. Jose Palma
- 3 Lon Orr, Mike Conrace, Craig Diggs
- 5 Nelson Smith
- 6 Libby Wilson, Tricia Charleston
- 7 Eli Stiles
- 8 Savannah Campbell
- 9 Michael Grigsby
- 10 Marcie Christy
- 11 Jackie Spencer, Gabriel Wilson, Ashlyn Erdman
- 12 Julie Anderson, Cecile Washburn
- 13 Katie Pence, Bruce Harwell, Mary Lou Yarbrough
- 14 Sam Platt, Susan Barfield, Evan Sexton
- 15 Haley Kester
- 17 Catherine Hamilton
- 18 Gabriel Speck
- 19 Debbie Jones, Zashius Grigsby
- 20 Kathleen Flanigan, Addie Daniel
- 21 Rachael Kenney, Kay Rush, Tristan Lynch
- 23 Tammy Stark, James Grigsby
- 24 Steve Erwin, Rodney Taylor, Bailey Stiles
- 25 John Bowman
- 26 Jinny Hopp
- 27 George Platt
- 28 Clif Kester, Larry Ross
- 29 Pat Brown
- 30 Libby Hauser, Critian Pivaral, Ruby Hoofman, Quincy Charleston

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Tyler & Rebecca Hertzberg Beck
- 9 Rodney & Amy Young
- 10 Phillip & Patty Byrd
- 17 Gary & Carolyn Cole
- 23 Dean & Michele Sexton
- 24 Steve & Kelly Heidlage
- 25 Allen & Edith Walters

VESTRY UPDATE

In the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden chaired the March 16 meeting.

Deacon Jeff Bell's report: Fr. Stinnett, our supply priest, was in the hospital on Sunday March 21, and Morning Prayer was held. Acolyte practices for the Holy Week services are scheduled, and a guest speaker from ERD will be with us on April 18 for Sunday school to discuss the Church's work in Haiti.

Father Palma's report: The Hispanic retreat on the weekend of March 12-14 was a huge success, with approximately 40 in attendance. Thank you to the members of the parish who helped with food, finances and prayers.

Junior Warden's report: Carolyn Phelps reported on the Southern Deanery meeting on March 13, at which there was much discussion about the diocesan budget and deanery dues. The sacristy is being remodeled with a gift in honor of Edith Pemberton's 95th birthday, and work has begun on plumbing, cabinetry and storage areas in both the main and the acolyte sacristies. The wooden window sills in the nave are in need of replacement, and bids are being solicited for discussion next month.

Treasurer's report: Larry McGuire reported that the diocese refunded approximately \$3000 of our 2009 apportionment. There is discussion about the percentage of income apportioned due to the widespread economic crisis.

Old Business: Bill Lee was selected to serve on the Perpetual Trust/ Scholarship Committee, which oversees our investments and scholarship program. John Schafer will be the vestry member on the ordination discernment committee which will begin meeting in April. Jane Platt was appointed to the Columbarium Committee. The youth trip to Jordan is several months earlier than expected, and so still needs to do fund-raising, but several activities are planned in the coming months.

New Business: The diocese is requiring an audit for each parish: Larry McGuire will look into arrangements. Motions were passed that Good Friday offering go to the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan and the Easter offering be split between the Crisis Center and Literacy Center.

Spring is in the air, and the Helen Boylan Memorial Labyrinth is warm enough for your meditative walking! Bulbs are springing up in the Grace Church Bible Garden, and it might be time to think about dusting off your garden gloves to do a little work in the sun! See Fr. Steve for brochures and to be pointed to healthy outdoor chores...



The PARISH PRAYER LIST

Helen Rogers, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Art Dunaway, Juanita Pence, Evelyn Jackson, Harley Madsen, Michelle Short, Lois Raschke, Tom Adams, Jim Brown, Jerry Chrisman, Gerri Green Jackie Cato, Bill Schesser, Aaron Rush, Libby Wilson, Della Flanigan, Raelene Nichols, Rev. Andy Fritsch, Scott Hettinger, Clifford Bell, Dr. Bruce Edwards, Billie George, Mike Riley, Chally Armstrong, William Cunningham, Heather McFadden, Kim McCracken, Holly Bond, Jackie, Tyghe, Cathy, Fr. Dennis Smart, Bill Erdman, Joan Morin, Mike DeRee, Keith Engle, Sherrill Miller, Lacey Hoover, Margo Lee, John Lauren, Tiajuana Shoults, Emilee Hopkins, Jack Daniels, Harry & Jenny Harmon, Ann Mack, Sandi Willhight, Vince Triplett, Woodward Family, Rosa Bolyard, Ruth Stratman, Dawn Mihlfeld, Dauna Mellinger
(Military service) Joey Olson, Dane Bell, Ethan Feurborn, Eric Leek, Jake Douglas, Trevor Shields, Jake Berger, Rich Jones, Trey Schesser, Ed Kvam, Jeffrey Carnes, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Jeffrey, Gary Welch, Garrick Palermo, Cameron Graham, Josh Peacock, Danny Hughes, Paul Tucker, Zaq Archer, Toby Walters, December Johnson-Goggin, Leland Campbell, Randy Ayers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Standing Committee

April 4: St Augustine's KC

April 11: St. Mary's KC (rector: Mother Lauren Lyon, formerly of Grace Church)

April 18: St. Paul's KC

April 25: St Peter's KC

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Calabar (*Nigeria*), Calcutta, Chandigarh (*North India*), Caledonia, Calgary, Central Newfoundland (*Canada*), California, Central Ecuador, Central Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Central New York, Central Pennsylvania (*USA*), Cameroon, Cape Coast (*West Africa*), Canberra & Goulburn (*Australia*), Armagh, Cashel & Ossory (*Ireland*), Central Buganda (*Uganda*), Central Philippines (*Philippines*), Central Solomons (Melanesia), Central Tanganyika (*Tanzania*), Central Zambia, Central Zimbabwe (*Central Africa*), Chelmsford (*England*), Chennai (*South India*)

TRANSITIONS, March 2010

Banns of Marriage

The Rector publishes the banns of marriage between **Nathan Dowell** of this parish and Samantha Vaughn of Joplin. Nuptials to be solemnized Aug. 14. This is the third and final time of asking.

The Rector publishes the banns of marriage between **Kathryn Snodgrass** of this parish and Daniel Rollins of Overland Park, Kansas. Nuptials to be solemnized May 29. This is the third and final time of asking.

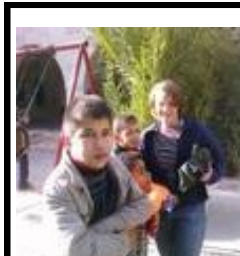
Congratulations

To **Sandy Swingle** on the birth of a granddaughter, Grayson Lane Swingle, on March 5

The Faithful Departed

Pat Woestmann, departed this life Feb 28

Tricia Lovette, sister of **Wade Hamilton**, departed this life March 7



Mindy Estes with two of the boys from the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan, where your Good Friday offering will do wonderful work for the "least of these." Our youth had a wonderful day with Brother Andrew and the children there on March 18.

From the DEACONS' DESK:
The Rev. Jeffrey Bell

The Joy of the Resurrection

Imagine for a moment what it is to be a child again. You look around for your parents, but they are no where to be found. Suddenly, fear grips you. You start crying and you hear a voice that asks, why are you crying? I am crying because I have lost my mother and my father. I have lost my life raft, my anchor. I have lost everything that held me firmly on this earth. But out of the shadows of the darkness there is your mother stretching out her arms to hold you as she says, Come with me, my child, you are safe now. And then you hear your father saying, Do not be afraid for I am with you now and always.

Suddenly so much joy, after so much sorrow. Is this too good to be true. Perhaps a dream, am I awake? Can this be real? We had accepted the end. Now we are to believe that it was not the end, something else was happening. Is somebody interfering with our reality? We hear the cry, don't give me any false hopes, and recognize that it is our own voice crying out. We continue to doubt, how can one be so lost, so dead to the world and then return. Is it possible? Can it be possible?

He knows my name as he knows me. I know his voice, a voice that spoke to me for as long as I can remember. A voice that spoke to me in the womb. I know that only he calls my name in this manner, with agape, with knowledge, with assurance, as if calling me back from death. I know who he is and he knows me. At times I tried to forget him, but he never forgot me. I have abandoned him so many times. He has never abandoned me. He has never abandoned us.

We don't want to lose him again because that will plunge us into darkness and return us to the abyss. And, now that we have seen the light, we don't want to be left in the dark, ever again.

For once we were lost, but now we are found. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness, that in our redemption, you gave a Son.

Welcome to the Joy of the Resurrection of the Lord! I hope you will find in this Easter Season a resurrection of your faith and a transformation in your life.

Deacon Jeff

HOLY WEEK!

Palm Sunday

- 8 a.m. , 10:30 a.m. (incense)
- Noon Spanish

Holy Monday

- 6 p.m. with Litany

Holy Tuesday

- 6 p.m. with Tenebrae

Holy Wednesday

- 6 p.m. with Seder Meal (in parish house)

Maundy Thursday

- 2 p.m. at St. Luke's
- 6 p.m. in Church, followed by foot washing at 7:15 and all night prayer vigil.
- 8:30 p.m. Spanish in Chapel

Good Friday

- 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
- Noon Stations of the Cross
- 8:30 p.m. Spanish

Holy Saturday

- The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 p.m. (incense)
- Agape Dinner follows

Easter Day

- 8 a.m. with music, 10:30 a.m. (incense)
- 9:15 a.m. Bring flowers from your yard to adorn the cross!
- Noon Easter Egg Hunt
- 12:15 Spanish

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Season: Holy Week (April 1-3) Colors: Maundy Thurs white Good Fri purple Holy Sat white	Season: Easter (April 4-30) Color: White <i>(except April 26, red)</i>			1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 Proper Svc 7 Foot Washing 8:30 Spanish Svc 9 Prayer Vigil begins	2 GOOD FRIDAY 7, 10, 6 Proper Svc Noon Stations 8:30 Spanish Svc	3 HOLY SATURDAY 9 Altar Guild 10 Acolyte Practice 8 pm Great Vigil
4 EASTER 9:15 Flowering of the Cross Noon Egg Hunt 2- 4 pm Softball practice	5	6	7	8	9 Noon Encore Club	10 5 pm Eucharist 2-4 Softball practice
11 2nd EASTER	12 6:30 pm Literacy Center Spelling Bee	13	14 5 pm Relay for Life	15 4 pm Habitat mtg 5-8 pm Panera Night for Youth Group	16 6:30 pm Movie "Hidalgo"	17 10 Diocesan Council 5 pm Eucharist 6 pm "A Night in Italy"
18 3rd EASTER 2- 4 pm Softball practice	19 <i>Alphege of Canterbury</i>	20 5:30 pm Vestry	21 <i>Anselm of Canterbury</i>	22	23	24 5 pm Eucharist
25 4th EASTER	26 ST MARK	27 CCTA 3pm	28 3:30 Folding Party	29 <i>Catherine of Siena</i> Kairos in Cross-roads	30	

Sunday
8, 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist
9 am Acolyte
Practice
9:15 am Sunday
School
12 pm Spanish
Eucharist

Monday
7 pm NA
"Clergy day off"

Tuesday
10 am Men's So-
cial Hour, St
Luke's
6 pm Girl Scouts
7 pm Spanish
Choir practice

Wednesday
5:30 pm Choir
6 pm Holy
Eucharist
6:30 pm Dinner,
Bible Study,
Youth Groups

Thursday
2 pm St Luke's
Eucharist
7 pm Spanish
Prayer Group

Friday
10 am Holy
Eucharist

Saturday
5 pm Holy
Eucharist
7 pm Estudio
Biblico

SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

Recently I read an article dealing with accidental overdoses of acetaminophen; this prompted me to do a little research on the subject. I thought it important enough to share it with you this month. Although acetaminophen is one of the safest and most effective drugs on the market, this pain reliever can damage your liver when taken in too high a dose. In fact, acetaminophen overdoses are the #1 cause of acute liver failure in the United States. One key reason: So many medications contain acetaminophen that it's easy to take too much of the drug without even realizing it.

Say you've been nursing a cold for the last few days. To keep your cough under control you've been taking an over the counter (OTC) symptom reliever. In between, you've also been taking regular doses of an aspirin-free pain reliever to ease the ache in your joints caused by arthritis. Now its bedtime and you are thinking of adding another drugstore medication to the mix to help you sleep. That's how easy you can overdose.

Acetaminophen is the generic name of a drug designed to help relieve pain and reduce fever. Although OTC acetaminophen is often associated with the brand name drug Tylenol, it can be found in hundreds of other products designed to treat headaches, cold and flu symptoms, sinus problems, sleeplessness, arthritis pain, and even menstrual cramps. Some that you might recognize include certain types of Excedrin products as well as Sudafed, Theraflu, Sinutab and Midol. The drug also is an active ingredient in some popular prescription pain medications – including some preparations of oxycodone (Percocet) and hydrocodone (Vicodin).

Acetaminophen is sometimes confused with nonsteroidal drugs (NSAIDs) – which include aspirin, naproxen and ibuprofen. The confusion occurs because these medications all belong to a class of pain relieving drugs called analgesics and are readily available OTC. However, acetaminophen and NSAIDs work differently in the body. As a result, there are different safety concerns about their regular use.

With NSAIDs, the main concern is stomach bleeding. This is especially true in adults who are over age 60, are taking blood thinners, and have a history of stomach bleeding or ulcers. The regular use of NSAIDs also can raise blood pressure, damage kidney sand cause cardiovascular complications in adults. With acetaminophen, the main concern is liver damage – which can cause everything from abnormalities in liver function blood tests to acute liver failure, and even death. Adults who drink heavily or already have liver damage may be particularly susceptible to acetaminophen-induced liver problems.

However, acetaminophen is often recommended instead of aspirin as a day-to-day pain reliever because it's much easier on the stomach and is considered safe when taken properly. Still, experts say the dangers associated with taking too much should not be downplayed. The FDA is currently considering several new measures to address the problem. I will be watching for those. In the meantime to avoid an overdose:

Read labels: OTC will have it listed in active ingredients, and Rx's will have it on the package insert as acetaminophen or APAP. **Follow dosing directions.** Don't take more than one medicine containing acetaminophen at a time. **Talk to your doctor**

EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 am *Suns*

NO Sunday School on Easter, April 4!

ADULT FORUMS

9:15 am *Suns*

April 4: Easter—enjoy your time together with flowering of the cross and coffee hour!

April 11: A presentation on the Jordan trip by our youth group.

April 18: Dave and Alice Woods, our diocesan ERD coordinators, are with us to discuss the work of the Church in Haiti and other areas afflicted by disaster.

April 25: Imam Lahmuddin of the Joplin Islamic Community will be speaking at 9:15 that morning about Islam and how people of faith can work together.

YOUTH GROUPS

Weds 7 pm

No separate youth groups on Holy Wed, March 31, due to Seder Meal!

WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7 pm Weds

The Resurrection appearances
in the Four Gospels

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

SATURDAY SERVICES BEGIN!

Starting with the Great Vigil of Easter, we will hold Saturday services again. The first is April 3, the Vigil, which is held (for reasons of sunset) at 8 pm. ALL subsequent Holy Eucharists on Saturdays will be at 5 pm.

PRAYER VIGIL

Sign up to participate in the Vigil watch between 9 pm Maundy Thurs night and 6:30 am Good Friday morning. Each section is 1/2 hour. “Could you not stay awake and watch with me, even for an hour?” Matthew 26:40

PARISH LIFE

ENCORE CLUB

Fr. Roger Stinnet discusses his work as a chaplain in Freeman’s geriatric unit on Friday, April 9, at noon. Guest chef:

RSVP, please! Your \$5 contribution helps defray the cost of meals.

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD!

The monthly meeting is the **first Sat**, and “all clean” is the **last Sat**, of each month at 9 a.m. We need to prepare for Easter and the services of Holy Week. PLEASE be there!

COOKING

We will be cooking for the Holy Week meals from 10 to 4 on Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat of that week. Baklava and spinach pie are labor intensive delicacies—and cooking is a great bonding experience!

FLOWERS

Bring flowers from your yard to help decorate the Great Cross on Easter morning!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your own basket to hunt eggs after the 10:30 service on Easter day! Plenty for all kids. In the event of inclement weather, held indoors.

PANERA NIGHT

Our youth group will host a Panera Bread night at the branch on 32nd street, Joplin, from 5 to 8 pm on Thursday, April 15. If we provide 50 people who come to the counter and say “I’m here with the Grace Church youth group” that night, then 10% of the entire evening’s proceeds (from EVERYONE who comes!) goes to the youth group’s costs for the Jordan pilgrimage. What better way to prepare for the weekend than by stocking up on cookies and bread? Bring a friend—bring ten!

MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, March 16, we screen “Hidalgo,” starring Viggo Mortensen and Omar Sharif in the story of a Pony Express rider who competes in an Arabian horserace in the 1890s. This 2004 movie is suitable for the whole family. Bring a friend and a snack at 6:30!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: APRIL 2010

<i>Sunday, April 4</i> <i>8 am</i>	<i>Sunday, April 11</i> <i>8 am</i>	<i>Sunday, April 18</i> <i>8 am</i>
Reader: Kelly Roske Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Richard Roske Sacristan: Jeanie Slates <i>10:30 am</i> OT: Debbie Jones NT: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Margie Tucker Subdeacon: George Platt Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Ian Kyger <i>Capt</i> Jackie Spencer Crosses: Quincy & Emma Charleston Lights: Jay & Tom Simmons, Sacristan: Beth McDaniel Ushers: Larry McGuire Steve Erwin AV: Elisa White	Reader: Ruth Smith Chalice: Larry Ross Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Michelle Sexton Kirby Newport Sacristan: Carolyn Phelps <i>10:30 am</i> OT: Glenda Erwin NT: Bonnie Jones Chalice: Scott Stone Subdeacon: Charlyn Kester Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Ashley Heidlage <i>Capt</i> Deandra Sexton Crosses: Drew Schesser Julio Ovalle Carlie Wakefield Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Donna Lane Ushers: Frank Lane Claude Newport AV: Jim & Colby	Reader: Dana Cameron Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan: Jeanie Slates <i>10:30 am</i> OT: Bill Lee NT: Jerry Sample Chalice: Rayella Lindsay Subdeacon: Chuck Edds Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White Servers: Madeline Marsden <i>Capt</i> Ellen Stiles Salchow Crosses: Will Mansfield Chase Taylor Torches: Katie & Taylor Mansfield Sacristan: Beth McDaniels Ushers: Chuck Erwin Loren Erwin AV: Mike Robertson

<i>Sunday, April 25</i> <i>8 am</i>
Reader: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Carolyn Phelps <i>10:30 am</i> OT: Mary Griffin NT: Rosalie Griffin Chalice: Bad Cameron Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Cecilie Washburn <i>Capt</i> Cross: Oliver Sprenkle Sydney Harlen Torches: Alex & Anna Wilkowski Savannah & Wesley Campbell Sacristan: Donna Lane Ushers: Jim Wakefield Mike Goolsby

<i>Wednesdays, 6 pm</i>
Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy <i>April 7:</i> Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Ron Ferguson <i>April 14:</i> Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Bonnie Jones <i>April 21:</i> 6:00 pm Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone <i>April 28:</i> Reader: Bonnie Jones Chalice: Margie Tucker <i>Thursday 2 pm</i> Sacristan: Ann Ulmer <i>Friday, 10 am</i> Sacristan: Sue Neely

CURSILLO!

Our lives are a journey of faith, and Cursillo can be one leg of that journey. Consider joining the journey July 22 to 25. The lay rector for the weekend is Rachel Swaney from St. Michael's in Independence. The spiritual advisor is the Rev. Tom Wilson from St. Andrew's in Derby KS. For information, contact St. Michael's at 816-373-5333 or St. Andrew's at 316-788-2595. Applications available at the Website: stmichaelschurch.org/pages/cursillo

Your rector encourages you to pray about applying for this wonderful weekend!

LA RESURRECCIÓN DE JESÚS

La resurrección de Jesús es el hecho más importante de toda la historia de la salvación. Es, por eso, el hecho central de esa historia. Porque es el acontecimiento decisivo en la existencia de Jesús; y en la vida y en la fe de los cristianos. Tan decisivo, que sin resurrección, ni la existencia de Jesús tendría sentido, ni la fe de los cristianos su más elemental consistencia.

¿Por qué digo estas cosas? Jesús se presentó como enviado de Dios para anunciar la salvación de todos los hombres. Pero, en contra de lo que se podía esperar de él (Lc 24,21), murió en una cruz, abandonado por todos y con ese grito en la boca: "¡Dios mío, Dios mío!, ¿por qué me has abandonado?" (Mc 15,34). De esta manera, la muerte de Jesús vino a enterrar todas las esperanzas que se habían puesto en él. La fuga de los apóstoles (Mc 15,50), la decepción de los discípulos de Emaús (Lc 24,21) y el miedo a los judíos (Jn 20,19) nos sugieren con claridad la sensación de fracaso que invadió a los primeros creyentes.

Sin duda alguna, aquellos hombres se sintieron decepcionados, porque pensaban que Jesús había fracasado totalmente. Esto indica claramente que si no llega a acontecer la resurrección, el fracaso de Jesús se habría confirmado plenamente. Y con el fracaso de Jesús habría fracasado también su proyecto y el incipiente movimiento que él originó. Como dice el apóstol Pablo, si Cristo no ha resucitado, entonces nuestra predicación no tiene contenido, ni la fe de ustedes tampoco (1Cor 15,14). Es más, si no hay resurrección, "somos los más desgraciados de los hombres" (1Cor 15,19), porque habríamos puesto nuestras esperanzas en un pobre fracasado, que terminó en la muerte como todos los mortales y además de la peor manera.

Por consiguiente, es claro que el hecho de la resurrección es decisivo para la causa de Jesús; y para la causa también de todos los que hemos puesto nuestra fe y nuestras esperanzas en Jesús. Hablar, por tanto, de la resurrección es hablar de la cuestión decisiva para nosotros. Porque es la cuestión decisiva que afecta al mismo Jesús. Pero resulta que la fe en la resurrección ha sido discutida desde los tiempos de los apóstoles hasta nuestros días. La certeza que la Iglesia tiene es una certeza de fe. Hay una constante en los relatos sobre la resurrección: el sepulcro vacío y las apariciones no son de tal naturaleza que excluyan la duda. Por eso en los últimos años se ha levantado toda una polémica, tanto en la teología protestante como en la católica, acerca del sentido, la significación y hasta la certeza que podemos y debemos tener en cuanto se refiere a la resurrección de Jesús.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

Carthage Jewelers on the Square have the wonderful jewelry that Shirley Stigall left our congregation in her estate. All proceeds go to the congregation, and prices are at historic lows! Cash or check only. Stop by and see Jerry Gilpin to take a look at what may well be the perfect gift for the special someone in your life.

Also, Edith Pemberton has a number of items from Jordan — coveted "blue eye" bracelets, Dead Sea salt hand cream, and beautiful little pendants with the word "Allah," which is what Arab Christians call God, carved on them. Astound your friends with your cosmopolitan nature!

Southern Deanery Workshop
Saturday, April 24
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Christ Church, Springfield
Lunch included
No charge

Sexual Orientation and the Church:
A Collaborative Discussion

Description: Episcopalians join several denominations in facing conflict over sexuality. The role of gay and lesbian Christians in the life of the church has been a focus of especially intense debate. In this brief workshop Dr. Peter Browning will lead the gathering in a discussion with a collaborative frame. In the morning session differing personal experiences will be shared. Participants will learn about the contributions of scripture, church tradition, and the natural/social sciences to the discussion. After lunch the second session will explore the theme of reconciliation and collaboration. While no one will be asked to change a personal moral commitment, the group will engage in a discussion designed to help us understand one another better and to see ways in which Christians of differing viewpoints might work together.

The Workshop Leader: **Dr. Peter Browning** is chaplain and professor of philosophy and religion at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. He holds a Ph.D. in Ethics and Society from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He is an ordained Disciples of Christ pastor. In 2009 he received a grant from the Louisville Institute to explore “Moral Discernment, Collaborative Ethics, and the Sexual Orientation Debates in Mainline Protestantism.” During the past summer he conducted several workshops with congregations in the Springfield area. He has published articles on this topic and is working on a related book project. And, while this may not be a recommendation, he was chaplain at Drury when your rector first started feeling tugged to ordination—so one can argue Dr. Browning bears the responsibility!

A Night in Italy
That's Amore!



Soft evening breezes whistle through the cypress trees. The scent of rosemary and the sea plays across your senses. A chilled *aperitivo* and the flicker of candlelight make everything seem *straordinario*...

The Carthage Council on the Arts hosts you here at Grace Church on Sat, April 17, at 6 p.m. For \$25, dined on traditional specialties of the Peninsula.

Music provided by
Fr. Steven Wilson,
Dr. Mary Ann Andrews
and Kelly Musick

See Pam White or Kathy Gilpin for tickets
*Proceeds benefit the Council on the Arts
scholarship programs for local students*



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!

KAIROS

"I was in prison and you came and visited me."

Matthew 25:36

Two of our newer members, Brian and Sandy Jones, come to us from Virginia where they were very involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry. Kairos is a multi-denominational ministry to those in prison and to their families on the "outside." The model for Kairos is similar to Cursillo or Happening and involves a 3-day short course in the Christian life in order to help inmates find and deepen their faith.

This year, Kairos will be operating at the Crossroads Correctional Center north of KC, during the three days starting April 29. We ask that you pray for the success of this ministry. Traditionally, Kairos asks for homemade cookies, but Missouri prohibits bringing in outside sweets. There are always other ways to support this fine ministry however, ranging from becoming a prayer partner for a team member or inmate, to sponsoring some of the the costs of the weekend (tax-deductible), to joining a team for future weekends.

An especially important ministry is to write agape letters. Since so many inmates receive almost no letters for long periods of time, a "God loves you and so do I" letter can be a powerful tool to change lives. This has proven to be much more effective than pressure tactics and extensive Bible quotations! Children are encouraged to write, but not to state their last name, age or school. Adults should use the Church as a return address and may be more comfortable simply using their first name as well.

You can contact Brian and Sandy for further details at 1015 Sheridan Drive, Joplin 64801, BWJONES@cableone.net, 757-593-7378, or check with Fr. Steve to view further information about Kairos Prison Ministry.

Beyond Sunday School:

Faith Formation Every Step Along the Way

Friday & Saturday, April 23-24, 2010

Friday, 7-9 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO

What? Beyond Sunday School is a Christian Formation Workshop that will provide tools to enrich your faith and the faith of others. In addition to the keynote address, there will be three opportunities to attend specific "how-to" workshops. And there's more --- All workshop and Christian Formation Commission leaders will be available for consultation regarding specific questions!

Keynote Speaker

Our keynoter is Jeffri Harre, Children's Formation Officer for the Episcopal Church Center in New York City. Jeffri brings wide experience in Christian Formation and participation in the development of the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation, enacted at 2009 General Convention. Jeffri will address us Friday evening as well as twice on Saturday as we discover what the Charter is about and how we might implement it in our congregations.

Workshop Choices

1. Spiritual Retreats – How to conduct meaningful spiritual retreats & quiet days
 2. Ministry with Older Adults - How to help aging adults continue growing spiritually
 3. Installing Your Youth Ministry – Just beginning
 4. Rebooting Your Youth Ministry – Energizing ideas
 5. Theology and Film – How to select and use popular media in Christian Formation
 6. Bible Study - Exploring In Dialogue with Scripture, a resource of the Church
 7. Children's Ministry – Working with Journey Beginners & their families
 8. Help! I'm New! – a workshop for beginning teachers and educators
 9. Spiritual Autobiography
 10. The Catechumenate – History & Use
- Registration
Complete the following registration form & send to Judy Kile with \$20 registration.
Checks made payable to Diocese of West Missouri.
jkile@att.net or 4938 NE
Sherwood Dr., K.C., MO 64119. Lunch Provided.

OUTREACH

HABITAT for HUMANITY

Interested in Habitat for Humanity? So are members of several other local congregations, including the Joplin Synagogue and Joplin Mosque! What might it be like if people of faith worked together to help the community instead of fighting about our differences? Speak to Fr. Steve for details of where this meeting, held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, will be! Many hands from all of Abraham's children, Christian, Muslim and Jewish, will help to build a better future for a family in our community!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The event is scheduled for June 5 & 6 so we are still looking for people to sign up. We also have Luminarias which you can sponsor, a "guess the number of Skittles" raffle, "Tea with the Queen" for young ones on Sat, May 1 in the parish house, "hula for a cure" on June 5 & 6, and other ways to contribute to the search for a cure for cancer. Contact Nurse Barbara at the church office or Ann Curtis or Bonnie Jones with questions or to volunteer! Your \$10 enrollment fee buys you a wonderful shirt and an entry into the walk itself in June!

LITERACY SPELLING BEE

15th Annual Community Spelling Bee April 12, 2010 at Grace Episcopal Church 820 Howard St. in Carthage. Refreshments 6:30 pm, Spelling Bee at 7:00 pm. The theme is TV sit-coms from the 70's to today. Emcee: Barbara Mountjoy, Pronouncers: Galen Snodgrass & Mark Sponauble. The fee for a team is \$100.00. The money we raise goes to "Bee"nefit a great cause – our local Family Literacy Center.

ST LUKE'S NEEDS

Join us for men's fellowship each Tuesday morning at St. Luke's Nursing Center at 10 a.m. See Chuck Erwin for details. **Each Sat morning, we need volunteer bingo callers** to help with the social highlight of the weekend at St. Luke's. See Richard Roske for details. Each Thursday, at 2 p.m., we hold Divine Liturgy—visitors are always welcomed to join the service. Our "usual suspects" (pianist Marilyn Kelley and Gene, altar guild workers Ann Ulmer and Delores Beiswanger) remind you that the residents love to have visitors.

READINGS in APRIL

Maundy Thurs, April 1—Exodus 12:1-14, I Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31-35

Good Friday, April 2—Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday, April 3—Job 14:1-14, I Peter 4:1-8, John 19:38-42

Easter Day, April 4—Isaiah 62:1-5, I Corinthians 12:1-11, John 20:1-18

Easter Mon, April 5—Acts 2:14, 22-32, Matthew 28:9-15

Easter Tues, April 6—Acts 2:36-41, John 20:11-18

Easter Wed, April 7—Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35

Easter Thurs, April 8—Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:36-48

Easter Fri, April 9—Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14

Easter Sat, April 10—Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15, 20

II Easter, April 11—Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31
Mon, April 12—Sat, April 17

III Easter, April 18—Acts 9:1-20, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Mon, April 19-Sat, April 24—Exodus 14:5-17:16, I Peter 1:1-4:19, John 14:1-16:33

IV Easter, April 25—Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Mon, St Mark, April 26—Isaiah 52:7-10, Ephesians 4:7-16, Mark 1:1-15

Tues, April 27– Fri, April 30—Exodus 18:1-20:21, 24:1-25:22, I Peter 5:1-14, Colossians 1:1-3:17, Matthew 16:9-4:25

Patronal Feasts

Please pray for the Church of the Resurrection, KC, on April 3, & St. Mark's Church, Kimberling City, on April 26