



# The Gregorian Chan†

Newsletter of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church  
March, 2011

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Wow... even with a longer Epiphany season, I feel Lent has approached too quickly. Actually, I feel the shortest month of the year was even shorter.

Lent is traditionally a season of renewal. Sometimes it is only seen as one of penance & sorrow—ashes. The reality behind the Lenten disciplines of giving things up or adding extra devotions was to clean out that which may be between us & God, that we may draw closer to God. I pray this season be one of renewal for you.

We also have some big things going on. First- the Mardi Gras Dinner party (see below). This is our youth groups' big fund raising effort for their mission trip to New Orleans, where there still are great needs for rebuilding after Katrina. Not many have signed up so far, so I hope you can come. Brinda & crew have amassed a huge list of items for the silent auction.

The next morning we have our annual meeting (also see below). This is our time to elect new vestry members and wardens, and delegates to diocesan convention, which will be in Grand Junction from the evening of October 6<sup>th</sup> to midday on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We pay, so it might make a nice out of town experience for some couples or individuals. As I write this, we do not yet have a full slate of vestry candidates. PLEASE consider serving in this important ministry for a 2 year commitment.

Beginning on Sunday March 20 at the Forum at 9:00 a.m., we will be reviewing the proposed Anglican Covenant. Our communion was born out of conflict (the American Revolution) and forged in various times of stress. Each time, the church has had to become more articulate about who we are. It has finally reached a point where we need a formal covenant to solidify the relations we have claimed and nurtured through the years. It is a reminder that we are part of something larger than ourselves. The communion and the national church have asked for congregations to review the document and comment on it. They will use those responses as they move forward. SO we actually have an extremely unique opportunity to be part of history! This covenant, if created, will undoubtedly become part of the teachings, and part of the Prayer Book. I hope you can join us for this interesting endeavor.

Paul wrote about how we are an ongoing building project of God's kingdom. Each of us builds our small part for future generations. I was recently at Omaha beach in Normandy, and was reminded of the sacrificial toil they did on our behalf. May we never take for granted what those who have gone before have, in faith, courage, and determination, done to prepare the way for us. May we be good stewards of all that the Lord has so generously entrusted to us on behalf of those who come after us.

Or, to put it another way, you are God's house. <sup>10</sup> Using the gift God gave me as a good architect, I designed blueprints; Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation! <sup>11</sup> Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid:

Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Take particular care in picking out your building materials. <sup>13</sup> Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. You won't get by with a thing. <sup>14</sup> If your work passes inspection, fine; <sup>15</sup> if it doesn't, your part of the building will be torn out and started over. But you won't be torn out; you'll survive—but just barely. <sup>16</sup> You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you? <sup>17</sup> No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, *are* the temple. 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Blessings in Christ,

Todd+

**NEW!**

Our internet provider went out of business so we now have a new one. Please note that our new e-mail address is:  
[stgregs@qwestoffice.net](mailto:stgregs@qwestoffice.net).

## Community Garden

Even in the fallow of winter, we are still welcoming contributions for composting. Please bring the following to

the bin near the shed area if you would like to and can help out: leaves, vegetable scrap materials, grass clippings coffee grounds, egg shells, shrimp shells, fruit pits and rain if you have extra: no dairy, no fat, no protein, no bones, no cuttings with recent chemical applications, no animal waste, and no flowers or houseplants. Thank you so very much! Questions? Call or email Cynthia Roberts: 720-252-3967

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## Youth Group NEWS



MARDI GRAS DINNER PARTY  
AND SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 12

6:00 P.M.

Wear masks or costumes!

# Parade by the children!



At this event, we will be serving New Orleans style food and having a silent auction. **Dinner will be \$10/adult, \$2/child. We would greatly appreciate any items you might be able to contribute to the auction.** Now is a good time to check with your local merchants, doctors, dentists, instructors, etc. for donations. We have donation receipt letters with our tax exempt number available at church for you to give to the donor. Give them to Brinda for organizing. (Call her with questions- 303-932-0935 or e-mail: [blane\\_pumphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:blane_pumphrey@hotmail.com).)

## EASTER LILY SALE

Remember a loved one or make a dedication on Easter by purchasing an Easter lily from the St. Gregory's Flower Guild. The Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take home the lily you purchased after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please complete the form below and include a check made out to St. Gregory's Church by March 18<sup>th</sup>. A printed insert with the memorials and dedications will be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for supporting our Flower Guild!



Cost per lily: \$10.00



## Anglican Covenant Study

The Anglican Communion was formed of necessity and a desire to keep the rich heritage and relationship we share in

our unique place in Christianity. Its structures were born in response to various conflicts it faced through the years. Events of recent years have led the communion to try to become more intentional and articulate in its nature and structure. A representative group has spent the last several years forging a draft covenant for the communion to examine, amend, and eventually adopt. The Episcopal Church has asked all congregations to conduct a study of the "final" draft and return responses to their review of this covenant. Starting on Sunday, March 20, we will be having this study during the adult forum at 9:00. We invite everyone to come, learn more about the larger church and look at this covenant together.



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday (and Easter and Pentecost) come on the second to latest days possible this year. They won't be this late again until the year 2038. Services for Ash Wednesday will be at 6:30 a.m., noon, and 7:00 p.m. Come and begin your holy Lent with us.

# Annual Meeting and Potluck Brunch

Our annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 13**. Please note that we will have **one service** that day at **9:00 a.m.**, followed by the potluck brunch and meeting. We are always looking for new people to serve on vestry, and have three people rotating off. Please pray about whether God might be leading you to be involved. Feel free to speak with any vestry member or Fr. Todd to learn more. We will also be electing delegates to convention, a junior warden, and ratifying a senior warden. If you are a coordinator for any of our ministries, we ask for a brief report to include for the meeting. Please submit by March 6- e-mail to the church.

## HEAVENLY HAPPENINGS

By  
Kim Stephens

We have had a wonderful winter with lots of beautiful snow! We have had a great ski season and have enjoyed the snow packed mountains! I am sad to say goodbye to winter, but eager to welcome spring! The warm sunny days have given me a taste of the Colorado springtime! Lent is another time that reminds me of spring and I invite you to join us for some great lessons and activities that allow us to follow Jesus' life from his birth through his death and resurrection.

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent.

We do this by praying, giving, and making sacrifices. Praying helps us to reflect on what needs changing and to open ourselves up to God. Giving helps us to renew our discipleship in Christ by reaching out to those in need or making a commitment to serving our community through service projects. There are many ministries here at St. Gregory's that need volunteers. You may choose to help with one of these during Lent. Many of us will make sacrifices during Lent in the way of "giving up something." During Sunday school, the preschool through second graders will listen to the Godly Play stories about Jesus from the time he is born through his death. Each child will receive a special Lenten activity to do at home with your family. The third through fifth graders and Jr. High Youth group will pray and do activities using the Stations of the Cross. We will learn about a special "pretzel prayer" and make our own yummy soft pretzels! I invite you to join us on a spiritual renewal through Lent and look forward to seeing you this spring when we celebrate Easter!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Annual Meeting-** March 13-Please join us for Sunday school at our only service at **9:00** and plan to stay for our annual meeting in the Parish Hall. Childcare will be provided!

**Easter Egg Hunt-** April 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:00 Easter service

May 15<sup>th</sup>- **Teacher Appreciation Celebration & Graduating Seniors Recognition**- Please join me in thanking the Sunday school teachers for their dedication and service to our children's ministry this past year during our 10:00 service. I would also like to recognize and thank those seniors who will be graduating this year for their service in the children's ministry.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- **End of the Sunday school year celebration!** All Sunday school children are invited to join us in the Parish hall for a fun celebration in conclusion of our Sunday school year.

May 29<sup>th</sup>-Memorial Day Weekend- No Children's Church or nursery volunteers will be scheduled

June 5<sup>th</sup> -**Children's Church will begin!** Immediately following the Children's Sermon (this will be immediately following the Gospel reading) we will head to the Parish Hall to experience the Gospel story in a special way designed just for children. We will return to church in time for the Peace. We will have Children's Church each Sunday during the summer months.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP- Please save the date: Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-3:30.** All Sunday school aged children are invited to join us for a fun and faith filled day! More details will follow in the upcoming months.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

### SUNDAY SCHOOL-

March 6th-Julie Wolfinger (Preschool- Gr. 2) Tim Dennis (Gr. 3-5 & Jr. High Youth)

March 13-27<sup>th</sup> (LENT)- Kathy Kreidler (3/13,3/27) Kim Stephens (3/20) Preschool-Gr. 2

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 3/27- Kim Stephens (Gr. 3-5), March 20<sup>th</sup>-Meagan Rushford (Gr. 3-5)

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (LENT)- Kathy Kreidler (4/3,4/17) Kim Stephens (4/10) Preschool- Gr. 2

Meagan Rushford 4/3rd-4/17<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 3-5 & Jr. High Youth)

May 1<sup>st</sup>-15th- Tony & Lisa Miller, 5/1, 5/8, Beth Prinzi, 5/15 (Preschool/K) , Lori Hazen (Gr. 1-2)

Kim Imel, Mike Welk (Gr. 3-5) Tim Dennis (Jr. High Youth)

May 22<sup>nd</sup>-Last Day of Sunday School Celebration-Kim Stephens/Margie Erbeck/Katelyn Erbeck

May 29<sup>th</sup>-No Children's Church

June 5<sup>th</sup>- Children's Church Begins

### NURSERY-

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>-Shelby Pumphrey, Alexis Grantham

Mar. 13th- SERVICE IS AT 9:00- Meg Ward, Olivia Holt

Mar.20th- Julie Wolfinger, Jordyn Pumphrey

Mar.27th- Janice Stevens, Katelyn Erbeck

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-Shelby Pumphrey, Alexis Grantham

April 10<sup>th</sup>-Meg Ward, Olivia Holt

April 17<sup>th</sup>-Chase Wolfinger, Grace Hazen

April 24<sup>th</sup>-EASTER- Katelyn Erbeck, Jordyn Pumphrey, Shelby Pumphrey

May 1st-Shelby Pumphrey, Alexis Grantham

May 8th- Meg Ward, Olivia Holt

May 15th- Julie Wolfinger, Jordyn Pumphrey

May 22nd- Janice Stevens, Katelyn Erbeck

May 29<sup>th</sup>- Nursery will be open, but no volunteers will be scheduled