

# Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## Online Tidings

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2010

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 2010

### Image of the Week



**Anna C. Johnson** is the recipient of the 2010 St. Chad's Cross, presented during the 10:30 service on March 7th. Anna, a lifelong member of Grace and St. Stephen's, is head of our Altar Guild. It fell to her to "pack up and go" in March, 2007. Working quietly, cheerfully and with the greatest flexibility, Anna made it possible for clergy, choirs, lay readers, acolytes, chalice bearers and MCs to lead our worship services each week during the time of the property dispute. Without fanfare Anna modeled the spirit of humility and witness that makes her deserving of the St. Chad's Cross.

The St. Chad's Cross is given each year to a parishioner, who by selfless dedication to the mission of the church exhibits the qualities of Christian service and apostolic witness that are in the spirit of St. Chad and Grace and Saint Stephen's Church.

Anna was surrounded by previous winners of the award, as well as former clergy of the parish invited to the St. Chad's Day celebration. Attending were Fathers Scott Franz (1952-60), Paul Towner (1967-64), Robert Hewett (1968-86), Robert Thompson (1971-82), David Thompson (1980-88), Kenneth Burton (1980's, also serving as chaplain at Colorado College), Roy Soper (1998-2008) and Michael O'Donnell (2004-08).

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### Prayer of the Week

#### The Annunciation

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 188*

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## From Father Marty

It is Lent. I was wondering how this year would shape up in terms of what God might want to work out in me. There are many things that I need to work on to move towards a more significant relationship with God. Always. I have not undertaken any comprehensive plan of discipline this year, believing that God would show me along the way the things that deserve the most attention.



Well, it is also tax season. I have been struggling to get my tax program to work so that I can begin the tedious task of entering data. This is not a task that I like at all, and this year it has been made more difficult because of problems with the program itself. Add to that the fact that I have been faced with a number of unusual but significant expenses and you will begin to understand the feelings of pressure and stress that I am experiencing.

Isn't God wonderful! It seems that one of the things that is at the top of His list for my work is coming to a deeper reliance on Him. Eventually the taxes will get done, and I will settle up with the government one way or the other. In the meantime I am learning to be more patient with these things (computers) that are supposed to make my life easier. So far I have been able to keep things in perspective.

I am reminded of a line from one of our hymns that says, "The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod. Yet let us pray for but one thing - the marvelous peace of God." Things may not always go as we plan or desire, but as long as we keep our focus on God and trust in Him we can be sure that all will be well in the end. May God lead you all to a productive and holy Lent.

## Daylight Saving Time Starts Sunday

Remember to set your clocks forward before you go to bed this Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time starts at 1:00 am on Sunday, **March 14th**.

## Member Notes: Katherine Wolf



Congratulations to Katherine Wolf, national winner of the [Imaginator Press](#) Dream Power creative writing competition in honor of Nick Ruth's book, [The Dark Dreamweaver](#), about a land literally powered by dreams. Stories were judged on originality and creativity, writing quality, grammar and spelling, and appropriateness to the "Dream Power" theme. Kate's short story "Dreams of Two Cities" will be published in an anthology of the top ten entries. She noted, "When you're 32 words over the word limit and it's a short story, it's half-impossible to cut it down. I almost couldn't do it!"

## Lenten Chores for Haitian Relief

During Lent the Sunday School children will be raising money for Haitian relief. Your children may ask for extra chores to earn money for their class project or give up something so they can put aside what would have been spent. Please help them consider creative ways to earn or save money for this project. It is through their own efforts that they will learn the value of our Lenten season.



The latest update from the Colorado Haiti Project is [here](#).

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## Saint Baldrick's to Fight Childhood Cancer



The [St. Baldrick's Foundation](#) funds more grants for childhood cancer research than any other fundraising organization. To date more than 106,000 volunteers at more than 2,400 events in 50 states and 24 countries have shaved their heads in solidarity with kids fighting cancer. This year marks the 9th annual St. Baldrick's head shaving event in Colorado Springs. Our amazing and supportive community has raised almost \$1,000,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation over these 9 years, thanks to all the brave shavees and generous donors.

This year our parish has two participants, Matthew Lenz (pictured in 2009) and William Stritzel. Both boys are active members of the St. Nicholas Choir. To support them as they shave their heads to fight childhood cancer, click their names here: [Matthew](#) and/or [Will](#). On the screen that appears, click on the black DONATE button to reach the individual boy's donation form. Thank you for your support.

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## Sunday Adult Christian Education

We invite you to join your fellow parishioners, newcomers and guests for two lively series of Adult Forum classes each Sunday through May 16th. Note that all classes will take a two-week hiatus for **Palm Sunday** and **Easter**.



The Adult Forum I series, which meets at **9:15 am** in the Adult Education Room, continues with The Monastery through March 21st. Five men from various backgrounds, each at a crossroads in life, unplug from everyday life and volunteer to spend 40 days at the [Monastery of Christ in the Desert](#) in New Mexico. Who will grow more during their spiritual journey - the men or the monks? Parishioner Lisa Aré Wulf will facilitate discussing this beautifully filmed Learning Channel production. Each episode begins with a recap, so don't worry if you miss a Sunday.

Fr. Zimmerman will continue his Adult Forum II series Building a Firm Foundation, which looks at the roots and historical development of our faith. During Lent the topics will move into the establishment of Christianity in the British Isles, English spirituality, the English Reformation and the emergence of Anglicanism. This series meets at 9:30 am in Taft Hall.

Breakfast is available in Blaik Library for children of those attending Adult Education or otherwise preparing for the worship service. Email or call [Helen Hazelton](#) at 328-1125 for more information.

## First Christian Concert Series

On Sunday, **March 28th** at 3:00 pm, [First Christian Church](#) Concert Series at Cascade & Platte is presenting the annual Bach Celebration. The program will feature *Brandenburg Concerto No. 6*, the humorous *Coffee Cantata* with Valerie Nicolosi, Herbert Beattie and Todd Teske, a concerto for three harpsichords, a sinfonia from a cantata for strings, organ and oboe d'amore and chorales for audience singing. What better way to follow up the Bach *Cantata 131* from last week's Taylor Concert? A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert.

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## Lenten Bible Study and Noonday Service

The Lenten Bible Study and noonday service continues on **Wednesdays** through March 24th. The Bible study meets in Blaik Library and begins each week at 10:45 am. Come as your schedule allows for one or both each Wednesday in Lent.

Lent

## Lay Ministry Leaders' Meeting

Marnie Hermes will be meeting with all of the chairs and co-chairs for the lay ministry groups on Sunday, **March 14th**. The meeting will begin after the 10:30 service. If you are a chair and cannot attend, please have someone from your committee come. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in Taft Hall. Marnie promises to keep it short!

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## Episcopal Church Women

The winter meeting of the Episcopal Church Women ( ECW) will be held on Saturday, **March 20th**, beginning at noon in the parish hall. There will be a short business meeting, followed by Deacon Sally's presentation: The Role of Women in Our Church. A box lunch and drinks will be provided for \$10, so it is important that you sign up ahead of time. Reservations must be in by Tuesday, **March 16th**.

For more information you may call Nel Benton at 577-9426, or for reservations [email](#) or call the office at 328-1125.

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## Spring Cleaning



It is hard to believe that it has been a year since our building was returned to the Episcopal Church. Last year before Palm Sunday a wonderful spring cleaning was organized, and it's time to do it again.

How can you help? Meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, **March 27th** in the parish hall. There will be a list of jobs that need to be done, and you can choose one to do by yourself or with a partner. There is a lot to clean in our beautiful space!

Please [email](#) or call the office at 328-1125 if you are able to help. It doesn't matter if you have one hour to give or several - we will take all help offered. Lunch will be served late in the morning, so be sure we know that you are coming. We want our building to shine once again as we move into Holy Week!

## Schedule for Holy Week

March 28th - Palm Sunday Solemn Eucharist and Passion

April 1st - Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist and  
Stripping of the Altar 7:00 pm



April 2nd - Good Friday Meditations 12:00 to 3:00 pm  
- Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 pm

April 3rd - Great Vigil and Baptism 7:00 pm, Fr Paul Lautenschlager, Homilist

April 4th - Eucharist of the Resurrection with Traditional Hymns 8:15 am  
- Festival Choral Eucharist of the Resurrection with Brass Quintet 10:30 am

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## Remember and Give Thanks

You are invited to join in the celebration of this Easter by contributing toward the flowers and music of the church, or by sharing your blessings with those in need through a gift to [Episcopal Relief and Development](#). Please indicate if you are making your gift in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. You may return this slip with your gift in the offering plate or send it to the office by Wednesday, **March 31st**. Make checks payable to "Grace Episcopal Church."

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flowers  
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## Parish Directory Update

The new, updated parish directory is coming. It will again include pictures of members and families taken by Jan Malvern, who brought out the best in us last time. Though the office keeps careful records, it is important for an accurate directory that everyone verifies the information on file. We want to make sure we have all of our new families, too!

Our first photo date will be Sunday, **March 21st**, in Taft Hall after both services. The next two photo Sundays will be after Easter, on April 11th and 18th.

Please stop by and see us on one of those Sundays so we can make sure you have a current photo and your information is updated for the new directory. Publication is scheduled for early June.

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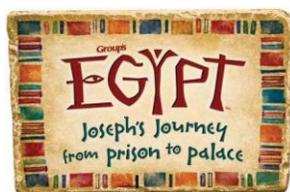
## Colorado Episcopalian

The Winter 2010 issue of the Colorado Episcopalian has been published. It includes updates on the staff and work of the Colorado Haiti Project, as well as the Bishop's meditation from the Requiem Mass for Haiti, and an update from the camp and conference center initiative. If you do not already receive a copy of the *Episcopalian*, you can download the current issue from the Diocesan [website](#), or call 800/446-3081 to be added to the subscription list.



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## Save the Date: Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be **July 7th to 9th**. Come on an Egyptian journey with Joseph!

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## Garden Notes

### Sue Stoner

The Grace gardeners have been busy making plans for this year and beyond. We are waiting now for the weather to improve and the spring bulbs to emerge and bloom. Some are already coming up, with hundreds more to follow. It should be a glorious spring in the Grace gardens this year!



We will have a table during coffee hours on March 21st, April 4th and April 18th to share our plans with you. You will be able to sign up to join the garden crew and also learn how you can contribute to the Garden Fund. Your donations will fund three different activities: (1) maintaining and beautifying the grounds at Grace, (2) helping pay the water bill this summer, since the lawns and gardens use a lot during the summer months, and (3) putting some aside to re-landscape the McWilliams House property next year.

Construction at McWilliams House will begin in June and finish in October. With the help of a generous grant from the State Historical Society, the exterior will be totally redone, returning the building to its former days of beauty and stature. The Grace gardeners are planning a Big Dig Day in May, rescuing the plants and bushes around McWilliams House before construction begins in June. You will have an opportunity to get them for free. We'll tell you more about the Big Dig Day in future *Tidings*. Stay tuned!

## Notes from a Pew-sitter: To stand or kneel...

"In peace we pray to you, Lord God." In peace, but not quiet since we returned to the kneelers of Grace, for on Tejon St. there is an audible rustle of parishioners turning to see whether those around them will stand or kneel for the Prayers of the People. And again at the Sanctus' "Hosanna in the

highest" a rustle as the celebrant recites, "Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself..."

What is this rustle-inducing rubric "The people stand or kneel," and why on other Sundays do "the people kneel or stand"? The difference in prayer posture is not an oversight in the parish service bulletin but the recognition by the authors of the 1979 Prayer Book of a variety of Christian prayer practice - recognition without judgment as to the piety or propriety of either posture, though with a preference for the first posture given in the rubric: "kneel or stand" at a Rite I Eucharist and "stand or kneel" at a Rite II Eucharist.

This pew-sitter relishes the generosity of discernment that the inclusion of this permissive rubric in our Sunday bulletins represents - a rustle of the Holy Spirit informing expressions of individual piety even as we pray collectively. Gathered around the table we are made one in Christ's Body in the gathering, taking, blessing, sharing, whether as individuals we stand or we kneel.

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## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

This week we remember St. Barnabas Church in Glenwood Springs, St. Bede Chapel in Denver, St. Joseph's Church in Lakewood and the Parish of St. Barnabas of the Valley in Cortez.

Next week we will remember the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Colorado Springs, St. Charles the Martyr Church in Ft. Morgan, St. Laurence's Church in Conifer and St. Matthew's Church in Grand Junction.

Please hold in your prayers all the people of Haiti, the Colorado Haiti Project and St. Paul's Mission in Petit Trou de Nippes in Haiti.

## Two-Week Calendar

Sunday, March 14	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins - set clocks forward</i>	
	Holy Eucharist with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Adult Forum I: <i>The Monastery</i> Part 4 of 5 with Lisa Wulf in the Adult Education Room	9:15 am
	Children's Breakfast Club	9:15 am
	Middle School Sunday School	9:30 am
	Adult Forum II: <i>Building a Firm Foundation</i> with Fr. Zimmerman in Taft Hall	9:30 am
	Choral Eucharist - Rite I	10:30 am
	Children's Sunday School	11:00 am
	Lay Leaders and Committee Chairs	12:15 pm
	Middle School Youth Group	4:00 pm
	High School Youth Group	5:00 pm
	<i>ESM: Boxes of crackers</i>	

Monday, March 15	Communications Committee	5:30 pm
Tuesday, March 16	TOTS: Time Out Together	9:30 am
	Holy Communion	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:40 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Vestry Meeting	6:15 pm
	Grace Notes Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Wednesday, March 17	<i>Patrick, Bishop and Missionary</i>	
	Lenten Bible Study	10:45 am
	Lenten Noonday Service	Noon
	RSCM Ribbon Training	3:30 pm
	Women's Bible Study	4:00 pm
	St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
Thursday, March 18	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm
	Healing Service	Noon
Friday, March 19	St. Stephen's and Taylor Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	<i>St. Joseph</i>	
Saturday, March 20	Men's Bible Study	7:15 am
	Episcopal Church Women	Noon
Sunday, March 21	Holy Eucharist with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Adult Forum I: <i>The Monastery</i> Part 5 of 5 Lisa Wulf in the Adult Education Room	9:15 am
	Children's Breakfast Club	9:15 am
	Adult Forum II: <i>Building a Firm Foundation</i> with Fr. Zimmerman in Taft Hall	9:30 am
	Choral Eucharist - Rite I	10:30 am
	<i>ESM: Pork and beans</i>	
Monday, March 22	Adult Christian Education Committee	6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 23	Holy Communion	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:40 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Liturgical Committee	5:30 pm
	Grace Notes Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
	Wednesday, March 24	Lenten Bible Study
Lenten Noonday Service		Noon
Women's Bible Study		4:00 pm

Thursday, March 25	<i>Feast of the Annunciation</i>	
	Healing Service	Noon
	St. Stephen's and Taylor Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	Solemn Eucharist and Passion with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Solemn Choral Eucharist and Passion - Rite I	10:30 am
	<i>ESM: Macaroni and cheese</i>	
Wednesday, March 31	Deadline for Easter Memorial Contributions	5:00 pm

All committee and vestry meetings are held at the church or in McWilliams House and are open to the congregation.

To see this in a printable calendar layout, click [here](#). Printed monthly calendars are available from the ushers.

**Provisional Mission Statement**

To accept God's grace and bear witness to His grace in the world.

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