

The Herald

March 14, 2010 Fourth Sunday in Lent

From the Rector

Of Lengthening Days and Renewal

It is happening again...new life stirring up and against the cold that now is beginning to lose its grip. There are signs of life everywhere; the earth awaking from dreamful sleep.

There, narcissus is blooming in a vacant lot; gold finches and robins carried in by the south wind twitter among the cherry laurel; the rust red of silver maples spangle the leaden swamps along the interstate...outward and visible warrant that life will and forever shall find a way...that renewal is the rhythm of existence...so why do we fear what is next? Have we forgotten?

Stanley Hauerwas, noted ethicist at Duke University, among other scholars and theologians, argues that it is our fear of death that motivates our actions in life. Many religious skeptics argue that it is the fear of death that has motivated the religious consciousness in humankind; that we have invented religion to stand between us and our mortality. I beg to disagree. Could it be that it is not death that we fear, but life? Could it be that what daunts us is the possibility, the invitation to live life fully...to live it as God means for us to live it...we can feel it awaken again deep within our souls just now, a renewed invitation, in this the warming juvenescence of the year, as Eliot puts it...he who dubs April the "cruellest month," (had he written *The Wasteland* in Mobile instead of England it would have been March)... the cruellest month because the world must awake from the cold, forgetful torpor of winter, and life beckons again, calls us to ourselves; nature herself rousing us from sleep to live into the heaven that we call earth.

To live into heaven is to live into our true selves, and that is to be life bearers to the dead of our world....raised life for those laid low. The reason we gather as a community of faith, a community of conscience, is that together there is courage...the courage to be the people of God...the courage to live for the other...so that all may become the signs of Spring...outward and visible warrant of the promise of life and life abundant...that the days do lengthen yet again....as they forever shall in due season...The season is now...It is happening again, remember?... life come round again blooms in mad ecstasy, all mortality aside...just look at it everywhere, the truth of it... and take courage....the courage to live....the courage to be.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 9
3:30pm Training Choir

Wednesday, March 10
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
6pm 15 Place Board Mtg
6pm Evensong (Chapel)
6:30pm supper & Lenten program (Parish Hall)
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 11
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, March 13
8a-12N Garage Sale
9am Recovery 2day (Saad Rm)
10:30am PFLAG (Smith Rm)
7:30pm Claire Lynch Band Concert (church)

Sunday, March 14
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, March 15
6pm Vestry Mtg (Saad Rm)

Tuesday, March 16
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm Training Choir



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Friday Night Supper Club will meet at 7:00pm on March 12 at Melanie Petithory's house, 2765 Brevard Drive. Her phone is: 473-1350. All are welcome!

Re-Entry Transition Imagine, if you will, what it would be like to be released from an incarceration that has left you physically, emotionally and psychologically scarred. You probably have developed a substance abuse habit in the interim. After 3 or 4 years of working in one of the prison industries you've probably earned about \$100. They give you a bus ticket home (subtracted from what you earned), point you toward Mobile and tell you to stay out of trouble. Is it any wonder why we have a recidivism rate of nearly 70%?

Danny Moreau, a member of All Saints and a Probation Case Officer in Mobile, will lead a discussion on Sunday, March 21, at 6pm in the Walter K. Smith Room. His goal is to look at the feasibility of assisting inmates in transitioning back into society. He hopes that this possible ministry would not be about saying prayers and handing out bibles. It needs to be more. Danny says, "There are faith-based assistance grants available from the Feds. Let's use them. The problem we're facing is big, but there are enough smart people at All Saints that a solution can be found. Our biggest asset will be thinking outside the box."

Please join us for this very worthwhile discussion.

Garage Sale this Saturday is HUGE!!



The Girls' Choir and the EYC are raising money for their summer trips: the choir to Florence, Italy to sing, and the EYC to help rebuild houses in New Orleans. The garage sale will be held **March 13 from 8:00am-12N** in Stirling Hall. There is furniture, children's clothes,

games, books, household and kitchen items and much, much more just waiting for you to take home! Wednesday, March 10, is the last day to drop off your donated items.

Helpers on Saturday should arrive by 7:30. Buyers should arrive at 8am. Bring your checkbooks and shop, shop, shop!

Claire Lynch Band Concert

We are getting calls from as far away as Panama City and Montgomery about the concert this weekend! (See next page) If you are planning on attending, please call the church office to let us know so we can make sure we will have enough seating. Also, watch for an article in the Mobile Press on Thursday about our concert series!

Time Change this weekend!

Believe it or not, the time will 'spring forward' to Daylight Savings Time at 2am this Sunday, **March 14!** Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday night after the Claire Lynch Band concert! (See next page)



Save the Date for IHN Week!

An important date will 'sneak up' on us if we aren't careful: Easter Sunday, April 4, is the beginning of All Saints' week to host Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise families. If you would like to help with this important ministry, call Henry Brewster at 338-0630 or email him at brewster919@bellsouth.net.

EYC News

As most of you know, I will be taking over as the Youth Director for All Saints. The next few months will be busy with service projects, game days, movie nights and just about anything we can come up with. I encourage you all to participate and I look forward to meeting those of you I don't know!

-Catherine Mackey

Eagle Scout Project to begin

Hello to the congregation of All Saints! I'm asking for monetary donations for my Eagle Scout project. I will build wooden partitions to replace the flimsy blue tarps currently being used for the IHN program. The partitions will give the families who stay with us more privacy. The Scouts require that all my funding for the project must be donated. I need the materials before I start construction. I must completely finish the project by my 18th birthday, which is August 24 this year. Also when the time comes to build the walls I will announce workdays and ask for your help. Thanks for anything you can do.

-Forrest Brewster

Forrest can be reached at: brewster919@bellsouth.net, 479-9781, or 2556 S. Delwood Dr., Mobile AL 36606.

Lenten Program continues!!

“Wednesdays in Lent”

— March 10, March 17 and March 24 —

begin at 6:00pm with Evensong in the *chapel*
followed by supper and book discussion

in the Parish Hall this week

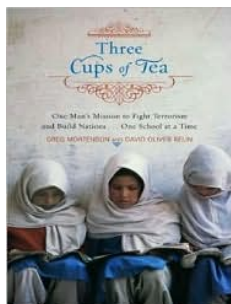
from 6:30-7:30pm

Study Book:

Three Cups of Tea:

One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time

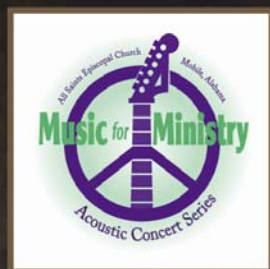
by Greg Mortenson



If you need a book, we have some available for \$10 each. Call the church to reserve a copy.

If you have your book, **please read chapters 9-12** for this week's discussion.

It's never too late to join in!



presents

Saturday, March 13
7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15 adults
\$5 age 12 & under

To RSVP,
please call

438-2492

All Saints

379-2223

Mark Williams

604-5517

Benita Murphy

The
Claire Lynch
BAND

ALL SAINTS
Episcopal Church

151 South Ann Street
At the corner of Government & Ann Streets

All proceeds above
expenses will go to
All Saints Community
Ministries, benefiting

Family Promise

Penelope House

McKemie Place

L'Arche

Alabama Arise

South Alabama Cares

Bay Area Food Bank

All Saints Refugee Fund

15 Place/Loaves and Fishes
Mobile Metro Jail Chaplaincy

"Words of Albert Schweitzer and Music of J. S. Bach"

a multi-media musical dramatization by Thurston Moore



Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, 10 Westminster Way, Mobile
251-342-1550 / www.shpc.us

Free admission

Reader-Actors: Harvie Jordan, Bryan Reed, Vera Lynn Sheets
Organists: Jeff Clearman, Kevin Davis, Paul Hanebuth,
Colleen Kelsey, Randall Sheets

Coffee and sweets served in the Fellowship Hall prior to the performance
Sponsored by the Religious Arts Committee of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church



Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet on Monday, March 15 at 6pm in the Saad Room. Please plan to be present.

Golden Circle

The Golden Circle will meet for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, March 16 at 12 noon. Please call Mary Hunter Slaton at 479-2692 if you would like to attend.

Congratulations to SGM Will English, who retired last weekend from the Alabama National Guard after 39 years of service. A ceremony was held in his honor at Fort Whiting, where his unit, the 161st MMB, is located. (Will is in the center of the picture below.)



Congratulations to Andy and Julie Woodard, on the birth of their son, Henry on Feb. 19. Baby Henry and the whole family have already been to church!

Congratulations to Conrad Wiley, who received an Alumni Spirit Award at UMS last week!

The 4th Annual AQUA Community Unity Awards Banquet will be held this year on Saturday, April 10 at the Holiday Inn downtown. AQUA is an organization whose mission it is "to make a difference by bringing our community together through various fundraising events for the benefit of deserving organizations. It is also our mission to recognize individuals in our community who have worked to make a difference by the awarding of the J. Allen Pope/Reaching Out Award." Past winners of this award include All Saints members Suzanne Cleveland, Harold Dodge, and Jim Flowers and Mary Robert.



This year, the Integrity of the Gulf Coast chapter is one of the sponsoring organizations of the banquet. If you are interested in attending the banquet, contact Marion Elledge (melledge5@comcast.net). Tickets are \$35 each. For more information about AQUA and the banquet speaker go to <http://www.aquahelps.org/cua.htm>.

Holy Week Service Schedule:

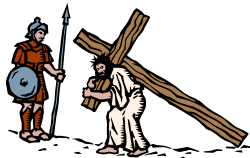
March 28-Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
8am-Liturgy of the Palms; Holy Eucharist
10:30am-Liturgy of the Palms; Holy Eucharist



March 29-Monday in Holy Week
7:30am-Holy Eucharist, chapel
March 30-Tuesday in Holy Week
7:30am-Holy Eucharist, chapel
March 31-Wednesday in Holy Week
12N-Holy Eucharist, chapel

April 1-Maundy Thursday
6pm-Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, church

April 2-Good Friday
12N-Good Friday Liturgy, church
6pm-Good Friday Liturgy, church



April 3-Holy Saturday / Easter Eve
9am-Holy Saturday Liturgy, church
7:30pm-The Great Vigil of Easter, church
Agape Meal following, Stirling Hall



April 4-Easter Sunday
8am-Holy Eucharist
9am-Breakfast in the courtyard
9:30am-Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am-Holy Eucharist
Reception following

EYC PAGE

"Give away the stone,
Let the oceans take and transmutate,
this cold and fated anchor.

Give away the stone,
Let the water's kiss and transmutate
these leaden grudges into gold."

---Tool

"Let it go...
...this too shall pass."

---Ok Go!

Forgiveness of others is an important part of the Christian faith (hopefully, this comes as no surprise). It's right there in the Lord's Prayer, in the traditional version we ask to forgive the trespasses of others against us, in the contemporary version we ask to forgive the sins of others against us. Regardless of whether we call them "sins" or "trespasses" forgiving others is one of the hardest things for us to learn to do. It seems more natural to hold grudges and it is only reluctantly that we forget when we perceive a wrong against us.

But now it appears that there may even be health benefits to forgiving others. A new Harvard study suggests that forgiving others can reduce stress, result in increased heart health, reduce chronic pain and reduce anxiety. On the other hand, holding a grudge has the opposite effect, causing increased stress and tension and increased anxiety. And still, forgiving others is a difficult skill for everyone. We tend to equate forgiving someone with condoning what they have done (whatever the wrong may have been). In reality, forgiveness is more about letting go of the hold that the wrong has on you. It's about the affect on you, and not on the affect on the other person.

MARCH 13th (SATURDAY)

Yard Sale at the Church, benefiting the Girl's Choir Trip and the EYC Mission Trip. We need you there at 7:30AM! For those of you who come early enough we will have Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

The yard sale is from 8-12.

MARCH 14th (SUNDAY)

Junior and Senior EYC is cooking dinner and eating with the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

This will be a lot of fun and you all can learn more about RMH!!

They collect can tabs, so please save yours and we will donate them.

Chris is offering a prize to whoever brings the most and it is NOT from the Dollar Tree!!

We need people to stay after church to help prepare the lasagne and then we will all meet at RMH at 5pm. We should be done by 7pm. You are welcome to do both, but please let Chris or me know so there are enough people to help with both times.

MARCH 21st (SUNDAY)

TBA, BUT, this will include lots of fun at the church as it will be one of the last weekends with the Contes!

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EMILY CONTE CONTACT INFO: (251)455-1056 e-mail: emilyconte@hotmail.com

CATHERINE MACKEY CONTACT INFO: email: scatherinemackey@mac.com

Sunday Lectionary: Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[Psalm 32:1-8](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler

Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Kathrine Butler

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Wyllly Stirling, J Wiley

Reception: Charlotte Hall

8:00

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessor: Larry Hallett

Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Larry Hallett, Burl Ratcliffe

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Bruce Barrett 2) Sarah Williams

Intercessor: Philip Roldan

Chalice bearers: David Burchell, Frances Rouse

Acolytes: Jane Bartlett Pappas, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves, Hannah Williams

Ushers: Andy Mitchell, Mark Williams, Doug Greene, Henry Brewster

Music for Sunday, Mar. 14

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*, BWV 669

Processional Hymn 144 *Cornhill*

David Hurd S-86 *Kyrie eleison*

Plainsong Tone III.4 *Psalm 32:1-8*

Sequence Hymn 467 *St. Bees*

Offertory Anthem Thomas Attwood *Turn thy Face from My Sins*

Presentation Hymn 318 *Nyack*

David Hurd S-124 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

David Hurd S-161 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 469 *St. Helena*

Motet Ralph Vaughan Williams *O Taste and See*

Post Communion Hymn 690 *Cwm Rhondda*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Fuge in D minor*, BWV 538

Pantry Items

Many thanks to those who have donated items to the Refugee Pantry.

Here are some of the items we still need: **shampoo, paper towels, laundry soap, toilet paper, hand & body lotion.** Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!

Please keep in your prayers:

Dorothy Evatt

Martha Welborn

Judy McKee

Ted Kelley

Jane English

Louie Skipper

Dick Wellington

Brynn Woods

Mitch Price

Gale Lambright

Sara Lee

Joel Danley

Celeste Taylor

Cintra Pemberton

Larry Hall

Tim Holston

Bill & Lida Bowman

Linda Irby

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Sean Paul Naylor

Joseph Willcox

Steven DeWeese

William Wesley Pollard

Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

Lost Keys!

Someone recently borrowed Mary Robert's keys to Stirling Hall and she can't remember to whom she lent them. If you have them, please give her a call at 438-2492. (And if you find any of her brain cells, please bring them along, too.)





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Return Service Requested

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Martha Harris
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Chris & Emily Conte
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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: TBA
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Curt Doyle
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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

All Saints Episcopal Church

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am Breakfast
	9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)