

## Saint James' Episcopal Church

"Enter as strangers, leave as friends."

# THE EPISTLE

### A Holy Lent

*Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This is season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.*

*The Book of Common Prayer p.264-265*

Those words from *The Book of Common Prayer* are from the Ash Wednesday service which will occur at Saint James' Episcopal Church on February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon and 5:30 p.m. as the first day of the season of Lent.

Beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of a holy Lent we will offer on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer, a simple meal, and a Bible study on prayer. Childcare and activities for kids will be provided. The Wednesday evening program will run from February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to these activities the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and I encourage everyone to pick up a blue United Thank Offering (UTO) box, and place coins in it during the seasons of Lent and Easter as outward and visible signs of thanks to God for what God has done in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and for all the blessings of this life. The money raised through the UTO furthers the mission work of the ECW and The Episcopal Church. We will gather all the UTO boxes on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at both services.

I hope all of us who call Saint James' Episcopal Church our church family will "put in mind...the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior...and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith," and observe a holy Lent.

*Daryl Hay*

## Meetings

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** will meet on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Anne K. Hoey. A light lunch will be provided by Ursula Stephens, Ann Campbell & Dianna Berg. We expect another great turnout, so please RSVP to one of our hostess.

**Daughters of the King** will meet on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Men's Club** will meet on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David Laigle.

**Annual Council of the Diocese** will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in Killeen.

## Children & Youth Ministry

**The youth of St. James and First Presbyterian** meet regularly on Sunday evenings at 5:00 at the church. In early December they met at The Schorlemer's house for lunch and a Spring planning meeting. During the meeting the teens discussed a new name and purpose for their combined group: E.P.Y.C.(Episcopal Presbyterian Youth Community) will focus their activities on Fellowship, Service, Worship, Education. E.P.Y.C. had their first youth retreat at Mo Ranch near Kerrville Jan22-24.

**The Children and Youth Ministry** will host a Mardi Gras supper on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at St. James. Please join us as we celebrate New Orleans style! Look for more details to follow in the E-newsletter and the Announcements.



### Sunday School at Saint James'

#### Vision Goals

**Pay off** the Lumberyard debt    **Improve** and expand church facilities  
**Increase** number of young families    **Increase** Christian education opportunities  
**Engage** in more hands on ministry

# Saint James' Episcopal Preschool

I cannot believe we are already into February, will this year move as fast as last year? Our little ones will explore a variety of themes this month: Shapes, Valentines, Numbers and Good Health. Our Bible stories will be The Lame Man Walks, Two Little Fish and Five Loaves, Ash Wednesday, and the Parable of the Lost Sheep. This month we will have our Spaghetti Supper fundraiser on Tuesday, February 23. We would welcome any help we can get that day, mostly to help with the serving line and cleanup. A sign up sheet will be posted in the fellowship hall, so please consider giving us a hand this year. Also, we are still collecting old cell phones and small ink cartridges as an ongoing fundraiser. There is a collection container in the fellowship hall. We are in the process of pre-registering for the 2010/2011 school year, please pass the word that we have openings, have them call the preschool at 968-9501. Happy Valentine's to you and yours!

Lana Swearingen, Preschool Director

## St. James' Episcopal Preschool Annual Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

To Go Plates Only

\$6.50

Tickets may be purchased from a preschool teacher, parent  
or at the Church Office.

**Volunteers** are needed for the upcoming Spaghetti Supper prior to and during the actual sale of plates. A work schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you would like to help in any way. Your support to our St. James' Preschool is greatly appreciated!

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### Our Core Values

**Worship**...creating a prayerful environment that touches every heart and enriches every soul.

**Fellowship**...providing social and spiritual interactivity, sharing the peace and love of Jesus Christ beyond the doors of our church.

**Service**...doing God's work in our community and the world.

**Historical Presence**...celebrating over 150 years of the Anglican tradition in our community and creating the spiritual foundation and means to ensure the future of our parish family.

**Church Family**...sharing a place where each individual's thread of life is welcomed to be woven into His Tapestry.

# ANNIVERSARIES

02/01 Nancy & Weldon Koenig  
02/02 Jerri & Dick Frenzel



02/02 Katrina Packard  
02/06 Pinky Wilson  
02/21 Judy Balch  
02/22 David Schorlemer  
02/23 Tommy Burger  
02/23 Ann Campbell  
02/27 Brason Jones

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## Upcoming Events

**Supper Club - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE -** Mary and Larry Kahanek will host our next Supper Club at their home, on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:00 pm. Once again, we will celebrate the "Feast of the Epiphany" with guests bringing their favorite soups, breads and or desserts. If you have greenery that you would like to add to the bonfire, please bring that along as well. Children are welcome and maps are available at the church. Please RSVP to Mary Kahanek at 979-249-5559 (ok to leave message) and there will be a sign up sheet posted on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board.

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**Within and Among Us: *Making Peace and the Daily Work of Meditation*** - by Laurence Freeman OSB will be presented April 20<sup>th</sup> ~9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 3201 Windsor Road in Austin. Cost is \$150 (Pre-registration required- lunch included). The workshop will include both meditation and teaching and will explore the human condition as illuminated by the experience of meditation, the ever present way of wisdom that renews hope and leads to deeper harmony with all creation. Meditation, the prayer of the heart, radically changes the one who meditates, and so, little by little, but deeply, changes the world. Register Online at [www.setoncove.net](http://www.setoncove.net)

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### Mission Statement

Our Mission is to be a welcoming worship community where God's presence is felt and from which we are sent to proclaim Christ's love and serve others.

## Scholarship Opportunity

**Vera Gang Scholarship applications** are available through the ECW, from the Church Office or online at [www.ecwtexas.org](http://www.ecwtexas.org). The scholarship is made available for women of the congregation that may be in need of financial aid for higher education. Applications must be received by March 31, 2010.

## Special Worship Services

**Ash Wednesday Services** - February 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.

**Healing Service** - Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## Outreach

**Men's Cook** - Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. benefiting the Boy Scouts of America. Half chicken is \$3 and sausage link is \$4. Drive thru only.

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**ECW Bake Sale** - will resume on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Lil Landry, Vera Zitterich and Betty Cook have volunteered to co-chair this monthly fundraiser. Bake sales will be held in conjunction with the Men's Club cook on the second Saturday of each month.

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**Second Chance Emporium** - volunteers from Saint James' are asked to work beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> with clean up on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers from Saint James' and members of other local churches, the Second Chance Emporium board of directors voted to contribute \$1000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Schulenburg and \$2000 to the Tejas Clinic, from the funds raised through sales at Second Chance. More volunteers are needed in 2010!

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**A.M.E.N. Sunday** - is February 7<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for the month: Canned Fruit (regular and / or reduced sugar) pears, peaches, pineapple and fruit cocktail. Volunteers from St. James' are invited to work at AMEN on February 15, 16, & 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Church Office Hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Closed Fridays)**

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Presidents' Day.**