

# Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## Online Tidings

The Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2010

The Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 2010

### Image of the Week



Thank you to the Youth Group for cooking and serving at the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, satisfying over 100 hungry parishioners. All who attended, including Frances and her mother, 1st Lt. Jillian Morales (pictured, left), ate their fill and enjoyed celebrating the end of Epiphany with our parish family.

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### Prayer of the Week

#### Saint Chad

Almighty God, whose servant Chad, for the peace of the Church, relinquished cheerfully the honors that had been thrust upon him, only to be rewarded with equal responsibility: Keep us, we pray, from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and ready at all times to step aside for others, (in honor preferring one another,) that the cause of Christ may be advanced; in the name of him who washed his disciples' feet, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Amen.*

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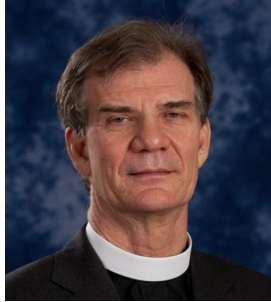
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## Father Zimmerman's Column



### Our Lenten Journey

One of the distinctive features of Anglican Spirituality is that we view our relationship to God as a journey. We don't think about our relationship to God so much in terms of guilt or innocence, or about the church as a hierarchy or institution. Rather, we understand that we are on a journey of the heart with God, in the company of other members of God's family.

The Lord is our shepherd. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Sometimes, we err and stray from his ways, like lost sheep, following too much the desires of our own hearts." But we also know that the Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who knows each of us, and calls us by name. When we are lost He comes after us, and if we are wounded or weak, he carries us, and nurtures us, until we are strong enough to resume our journey. Indeed, He tells us that he came to seek and save the lost. He also assures us that the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Once I had a shepherd in my congregation. I asked him to tell our congregation about sheep and shepherds. So, he made a video to illustrate how a shepherd herds the sheep into a corral for the night. He gave a command, and all the sheep in the field lined up. His sheep dog noticed a lost sheep on the far side of the field, lying down by a fence. Very gently, the dog led the weak sheep toward the flock.

"You'll notice," the shepherd told us, "that the sheep lined up with the strongest at the front of the line. But watch: the sheep dog will lead the lost, weak sheep to the front. Then he will lead the sheep into the corral in reverse order, behind the weak sheep at the front. So, the last shall be first, and the first shall be last." Everyone gets in.

Lent is a time for us to listen for the voice of the shepherd, and to return to right pathways that lead through the valley of the shadow of death to green pastures and still waters. If we are lost or weak, we can call out to him, and He will lead us, or carry us, home.

## Member Notes: Ellie Hinkle and Meg Theobald

Congratulations to Ellie Hinkle and Meg Theobald for their awards at the Colorado Springs Regional History Day competition. The national theme for History Day this year is [Innovation in History: Impact and Change](#). Ellie, a sophomore at Palmer High School, won first place in Senior High Individual Performance. Her project was about Jessie Aiken, who moved to Colorado Springs when she was 11 in 1872. At the age of 16 she was horribly burned in an accident in her home at 316 E. Huerfano (which is now E. Colorado Avenue - the house was the first two-story house in Colorado Springs!) Her whole body was disfigured and she was in danger of losing one or both of her hands. She was a successful artist and china painter, which was highly uncommon for a woman of her time. She was one of the original 14 founders



of the Day Nursery in Colorado Springs, which is still running today after 113 years. Ellie's connection to Miss Aiken came when she discovered she had lived in the same house on North Tejon that the Hinkles own today!



Meg, an eighth-grader at North Middle School, received a special award in the junior division for best use of primary sources in a paper. Her subject was the impact of writing instruments through history, tracing the development of paper, ink pens and pencils. She described the development of manufacturing methods for each through research on the patents issued in the United States. Graphite was originally used by wrapping string around it, but that proved too brittle. John Thoreau, brother of Henry David Thoreau, molded a mixture of graphite and clay so that it was more consistent and easier to encase in a wooden holder.

Both Ellie and Meg are active in the Youth Group, serve as acolytes and are members of the St. Cecilia choir. Good luck to Ellie as she competes at Colorado History Day on May 1st!

## 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](#).

## 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.

Looking ahead to **April 11th**, *History and Meaning of Ecclesiastical Vestments*: Parishioner Conni Eggers, a nationally-known vestment designer, will lead an illustrated discussion focusing on styles and

uses of vestments in the Church of England and the Episcopal Church, including some current examples.

**April 18th - 25th**, *Discerning the Presence of God: The Medieval Mystics* (Bernard of Clairvaux, Julian of Norwich and others). Two sessions presented by parishioner Carol Neel, Professor of History at Colorado College, will bracket a free lecture at Colorado College's Armstrong Hall on Friday, April 23rd by Professor Bernard McGinn of the University of Chicago. McGinn, an eminent historian of medieval religious life, will address "Mystical Views of Love: Active, Contemplative, Essential." The April 28th discussion will prepare the group for McGinn's talk; on April 25, they will recollect their impressions of his presentation - although those unable to attend the Friday evening lecture will nonetheless find the conversation about medieval mystics informative and accessible.

**May 2nd - 16th**, *English Authors: English Piety: John Donne and George Herbert*, a three-part series led by parishioner Joan Ray, UCCS Professor of English, will conclude the spring semester of the Adult Forum. On May 2nd the group will discuss one of John Donne's "Holy Sonnets." Donne (1572-1631), Dean of London's St. Paul's Cathedral and one of England's greatest poets, recorded his spiritual struggles in his "Holy Sonnets." The Rev. George Herbert (1593-1633) is the topic for the May 9th discussion. Known as "Holy Mr. Herbert" because of the great care he gave to his countryside parishioners, Herbert explored God and love in his poetry. The group will decide whether to select a Donne or a Herbert poem for the final discussion on May 16th.

## First Christian Concert Series

On Sunday, **February 28th** at 3:00 pm, [First Christian Church](#) at Cascade & Platte is presenting the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs. The program will include Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 2, op. 21*, with guest artist Paul Romero, past winner of the Amateur Pianists International Competition. Other selections will include Mozart's *Symphony No. 10* and Haydn's *Sinfonia Concertante in Bb Major* for violin, cello, oboe and bassoon. A freewill offering will be taken.

## St. Chad's Day Celebration



On Sunday, **March 7th**, we will celebrate St. Chad's Day to commemorate our ties to the English church and especially those to St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, which we enjoyed in the 1980s and 1990s. We will follow an English liturgy in the services, sing English hymns and enjoy English refreshments during the coffee hour. We will award the St. Chad's cross to a parishioner who has served our parish "for the common good."

[St. Chad](#), Bishop of Mercia, was a prominent seventh century (634 - March 2, 672) Anglo-Saxon and English Celtic churchman who is credited with the effective Christianization of central England. His life was one of constant travel, primarily on foot, visiting towns, villages and cottages to spread the Gospel from Chester in northwest Mercia to London in the southeast. St. Bede described St. Chad as a "diligent performer in deed of what he had learnt in the Scriptures should be done."

The current [St. Chad's Church](#) in Shrewsbury was consecrated in 1792, four years after the old Romanesque St. Chad's collapsed. It is one of very few churches in England with a circular nave. St Chad's is Shrewsbury's civic church, where important ceremonies with both a civic and a spiritual nature are held. These include Mayor-Making, the Remembrance and Battle of Britain Day services and the

King's Shropshire Light Infantry commemorations.

When Bob and Marianna McJimsey and their family lived in Shrewsbury for a semester, they found in St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury a welcoming parish very similar to Grace and St. Stephen's. St. Chad's proposed a "twinning" relationship with Grace Church, which the Grace vestry approved and which flourished with visits to and from clergy, parishioners and musicians for twelve years. St. Chad's used the American Book of Common Prayer around July 4, and we used the English service around March 2nd.

### Lenten Bible Study and Noonday Service

Grace and St. Stephen's will offer a Lenten Bible Study and noonday service on Wednesdays beginning **February 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

### Lenten Taylor Concert: *Masterpieces for Lent*



The next Taylor Memorial Concert in the renewed series will be on Sunday, **March 7th** at 3:00 pm. Our own St. Stephen's and Taylor Choir will sing a concert of Lenten music, including *Thou Knowest, Lord* by Purcell, *Psalm 133* by Prouly and Hancock's *Judge Eternal*. Choirmaster Deke Polika conducts, while Academy Chapel Organist Dr. Joseph Galema will be at the organ. The featured presentation, Bach's [Cantata 131](#), will feature a small chamber orchestra and soloists, tenor Todd Teske and bass James Sena.

A tea for seniors in Taft Hall will follow the concert.

### Lay Ministry Leaders' Meeting

On Sunday, **March 14th**, all the chairs and co-chairs of lay ministries and standing committees are asked to attend a short meeting in Taft Hall, hosted by Marnie Hermes. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before you attend!

### 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.

### "New" Kneelers

You may have noticed that when you are at the communion rail now, you do not sink right down to the stone step! Under the guidance of Anna Johnson and Nicole Paulson, the kneelers were recently refurbished and repaired. The kneelers were cleaned, restuffed, and had seams and zippers reinforced. This was all done through a generous grant given by the Episcopal Church Women and Thrift House.



## Vestry Notes



The vestry met on Tuesday, February 16th, with fifteen members and three guests attending. Senior Warden Lynn Olney announced that two seminarians had been selected for Bowton scholarships. Treasurer David Buckley reviewed the current financial statements. He will continue to be available in the parish hall during coffee hour to discuss our financial status with parishioners. The vestry reviewed a proposal to host a preschool during the week in the education wing, but determined the church needs to develop a policy on building use, including issues of liability and insurance, before something like this could be pursued. Those making the proposal were invited to reapply for the next school year. An energy audit has been performed by Springs Utilities, and many recommendations will be implemented. A personnel committee, chaired by Priscilla Marbaker, has been formed and will review current policies and determine future staffing needs.

The next meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 16th** at 6:15 pm in the Blaik Library. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

This week we remember Grace Church in Buena Vista, St. Andrew's Church in Ft. Lupton, St. Francis of Assisi in South Fork, St. John Chrysostom Church in Golden and the Northwestern Region of our diocese and its Missioner, Christy Shain-Hendricks.

Next week we will remember St. Matthew's Church in Parker, St. Mark's Church in Durango, St. Luke's Church in Westcliffe and St. John's Church in Boulder.

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

Saturday, February 27	Regional Stewardship Gathering	10:00 am
Sunday, February 28	Holy Eucharist with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Adult Forum I: <i>The Monastery</i> Part 2 of 5 with Lisa Wulf in the Adult Education Room	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
	Youth Group Community Service: CC Soup Kitchen	2:00 pm
	<i>ESM: Macaroni and cheese</i>	
Monday, March 1	<i>David of Wales</i>	
Tuesday, March 2	<i>Chad, Bishop of Mercia</i>	

	TOTS: Time Out Together	9:30 am
	Holy Communion	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:40 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Fellowship Committee	5:00 pm
	Grace Notes Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Wednesday, March 3	St. Chrysostom's Guild	9:30 am
	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
	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm
Thursday, March 4	Healing Service	Noon
	St. Stephen's and Taylor Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 6	Men's Bible Study	7:15 am
	Altar Guild	10:30 am
Sunday, March 7	Holy Eucharist with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Adult Forum I: <i>The Monastery</i> Part 3 of 5 Lisa Wulf in the Adult Education Room	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
	Taylor Concert: <i>Masterpieces for Lent</i>	3:00 pm
	Senior Tea	4:00 pm
	<i>ESM: Canned soup</i>	
Monday, March 8	Service Ministry Committee	6:30 pm
	Graceful Hands	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 9	Holy Communion	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:40 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
	Finance Committee	6:15 pm
	Grace Notes Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 10	Lenten Bible Study	10:45 am
	Lenten Noonday Service	Noon
	Graceful Hands	1:00 pm
	RSCM Ribbon Training	3:30 pm
	Women's Bible Study	4:00 pm
	St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm
Thursday, March 11	Healing Service	Noon
	St. Stephen's and Taylor Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday, March 12	<i>Gregory the Great</i>	
Sunday, March 14	Holy Eucharist with Music - Rite I	8:15 am
	Adult Forum I: <i>The Monastery</i> , Part 4 of 5 Lisa Wulf in the Adult Education Room	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
	Middle School Youth Group	4:00 pm
	High School Youth Group	5:00 pm
	<i>ESM: Boxes of crackers</i>	

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

## Provisional Mission Statement

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

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