

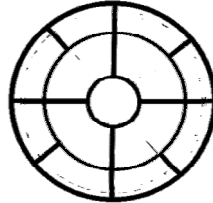
FCEC NEWSLETTER

April
2010

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The Rev. Thomas H. Phillips, Rector
 The Rev. Leander S. Harding, Ph.D.
 Senior Priest

The Rev. Elizabeth H. Rodewald, Deacon
 The Rev. Nancy Phillips, Deacon
 Doug Cook, Youth Minister
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 Organist & Choirmaster
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The Mission of Fox Chapel Episcopal
 Church is
 to glorify God
 by worshipping God in joyous Spirit,
 by welcoming all into Christ's family,
 by nurturing disciples for spirit-led
 ministry
 —in Church and beyond.

Service Schedule

Saturday	5:30 pm
	Holy Eucharist/Contemporary
Sunday	8:00 am
	Holy Eucharist Rite I with music
	10:00 am
	Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
Tuesday	10:00 am
	Holy Eucharist with anointing



Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
Service only, Dinner has been cancelled.

Friday, April 2

Good Friday, Three hour community service,
Last Seven Words, Noon to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

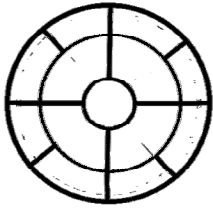
Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.

First Communion at the 10:15 service with reception following on April 4
and on Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 am with reception following





KAIROS TIMES—P U L P I T AND P E W

Below, a few random thoughts on childhood, following up on last months reflections on the importance of character. Forging character from the raw material of childhood is my focus.

Never underestimate kids. They are capable of the most amazing things. The child is the parent of the adult: the boy is father to the man, and the girl is mother to the woman. This is a profound insight. To put it another way, treat your children as if you knew that one day they will decide your nursing home.

Wellington said something to the effect that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. The crowning achievement of Victorian England was the invention of childhood. Our Lord himself set the pace from the beginning, 'let the little children come unto me.' The Jesuits say that if you gave them a child until he is six, they would have him for life. Finally, 90% of believing adults become Christians before they are 18. Childhood is a vast mission field.

So, soon after arriving at Fox Chapel, I was watching one of our junior choir members. She was saying the Creed without looking at the Prayer Book. I asked her if she knew the whole thing. She said yes. I asked her if she knew the whole service by heart. She said she did. I think she was about nine years old. She was not necessarily impressed with this knowledge, by the way. She said it matter of factly. "Of course I know the service from memory. Doesn't everyone?"

So we teach our children the service. But what do we do after that? All she has to do is look forward to a lifetime of repetition. This is the innate problem with liturgy. There's no sense in denying it.

There would be a problem, if that is all that there is. Fortunately, it is not. There is a next step. Three steps, really. The first is memorization: knowing by heart what is going to happen and what is going to happen next. She's already got that. The second step is logic: why do things happen in the order they do? What to the various stages mean? There is a deep, internal logic to the services in our Prayer Book, and soon that young lady will need to learn what that is. The step after that: rhetoric. At some point in the not too distant future, our young lady will need to be asked to put into her own words what she has memorized and what she understands. By speaking it, she will make it her own.

Herein we have the components of the tools necessary for the building of character: 1). Memories of good things— the wonderful words of life and of Him who gives it; 2) The logic behind these good things. In the crazy and sometimes chaotic world of childhood, there is order and purpose, also. If it is in the Service, that coherence can be in my life, too, (that's the theory, anyway). 3) Rhetoric—by putting what she has learned and understood in her own words, she will make it her own. That is our aim and purpose. The end result: a young lady of character. That at least, is the plan.

Fr. Tom

A Word from your Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

I hope that you share the same honest enthusiasm and excitement as I for Fox Chapel Episcopal Church during this new season. We are truly blessed for the calling of Father Tom and Elizabeth Phillips. They have both brought a fresh, bold and courageous spirit to our parish and our community. Please think about what they have accomplished and experienced the last three months. They left Yuma, Arizona in January where it was probably some 75 degrees and sunny. They packed up their life's possessions and then drove some 2,300 miles while the weather certainly disintegrated the further north and east they traveled only to arrive in Pittsburgh where we were experiencing the second of four or five major snow storms this record winter. When they did finally arrive, they discovered the discouragement of moving into a Rectory that was not completely in "move in condition" shall we say. Lastly, I would be remised not to mention that Fr. Tom immediately had to deal with the loss and replacement of both our Youth Minister and our Finance Administrator.

Let's now fast forward two months. First, it is finally spring and even the daffodils are beginning to bloom. When Fr. Tom & Elizabeth did arrive in Fox Chapel, they were greeted by a warm but curious and anxious parish. Understandably, folks were looking forward to check out our new leader. Just to highlight a few accomplishments, Fr. Tom has quickly and effectively addressed the staffing issues. While still being assisted by Deacon Betsy and Fr. Harding, to whom we continue to give great thanks for both, he has prepared for and preached at most services since arriving. He has conducted many personal visitations to hospitals and homes and offered pastoral care for those parishioners in need. He successfully initiated and completed a Lenten Supper series called Life Shapes which was very well attended and received! Together with Bob Devlin, the Roundtable Hour has grown significantly in both participation and interest. Lastly, Fr. Tom has already learned the names of many parishioners including our youth! In summary, he has hit the ground running. At least it is no longer snow covered.

I believe that God continues to bless Fox Chapel Episcopal Church evidenced by His calling of Father Tom and Elizabeth. Please join me in continuing to welcome them, thank them and offer our prayers.

With blessing and thanks, Brad B. Root, Sr. Warden

A Request from Daughters of the King

Do you have any dark-printed, cotton or cotton-blend fabric left over from sewing projects? The Daughters of the King, Holy Comforter ing the Daughters of the Episcopal Dio-24, 2010. We will be making rag dolls to of fabric is needed and any fabric you can a child who is living under very difficult

Don't sew? Would you like to encour- age an underprivileged child by purchas- ing a remnant of cotton fabric for this project? The pattern of the print is not motif, as many strips of different pat- terns are combined to make the dolls. It should, however, be dark enough or busy enough that it will not show dirt easily.



Chapter from our church, will be welcom- cese of Pittsburgh to our church on April send to Haiti and Tanzania. A great deal donate will go toward lifting the spirits of circumstances.

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If you can provide some fabric for this outreach project, please contact Beth Moore at 412-767-4125.

ECW Presents the Daffodil Dinner to benefit KAIROS Prison Ministries

Become part of a mission team to help support Kairos Prison Ministry. The DAFFODIL DINNER on April 16 is for the purpose of raising money for this ministry. Matt.25:36 says "I was in prison and you came to me."

Kairos is a ministry of Christ's love, delivered entirely by a group of volunteers who visit the prisons to build a Christian Community and give hope to the lost. What a precious thing it is to present the love of Christ and his forgiveness to those who have had very little love or forgiveness in their lives; and to see them totally changed. They then go out into the community and live productive lives.



Independent studies confirm that individuals who attended a Kairos Weekend have a substantially lower recidivism rate. If we were to approach this from a purely pragmatic stand point, I would title this article SAVE ON TAXES. The cost of housing each prisoner a year is approximately \$30,000. However, since we here at the church have caring hearts, it is the wonderful change in their lives and the lives of their families that really counts. Please, when you receive your invitation and if you are unable to attend, return it with a donation. Even if it is a small one. We would like a 100% participation.

The evening itself will be one of fun and fellowship. We will have a 'happy hour' from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. with the Jazz Trio, Rhythm (well, they can play anything, even Rock)! This will be followed by a catered dinner and more music, by our own young people. Please make every effort to be part of this and to bring others with you.

Sandra Bedford/Holly Root

Kairos Pairs with FCEC Daffodil Dinner

Kairos Prison Ministry will be the recipient of funds from FCEC's Daffodil Dinner on Friday, April 16. That financial aid will go a long way in helping those incarcerated in both the men's and women's prisons in western Pennsylvania. However, the women in SCI Cambridge Springs and the men in SCI Greene need personal encouragement as well.

They are struggling with the burdens and consequences of their sins. Their past mistakes have caused them to be imprisoned, not just physically but also mentally and spiritually. Most of them have lost their sense of worth, their self esteem, their joy and their hope. They desperately need Jesus in their lives.

The Kairos teams have an opportunity to show God's love to the prison residents in a powerful, life-changing way. Sharing the love with which our Lord has blessed us

enables the residents to change their thoughts and attitudes and to learn that God loves them no matter what their circumstances are.

The goal of Kairos is to change the prison environment. When Kairos teams allow themselves to be Jesus' hands and feet and voice, change can occur. Psalm 145:14 says, "The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts us all as we are bowed down". Revealing Jesus Christ to the prisoners shows them a different way of life—a full life, a life of joy and peace, a life of freedom even while still in prison.

If any FCEC parishioners wish to explore the possibility of participating on a Kairos team, they can sample the changed lives by attending the closing service of a Kairos Weekend. The next closing will be at SCI Greene in Waynesburg, PA on Sunday, May 23. Although that seems a long way away, prison clearance forms need to be submitted by March 31. Please contact Stu Simpson immediately if you are interested. And remember to support the Daffodil Dinner!



Missions Conference At FCEC

Fox Chapel Episcopal Church will be hosting a Missions Conference to coordinate efforts to reach the Beja people of Sudan, an unreached Muslim group, with the Gospel. This conference will bring together people from all over the world and across the United States for strategy and to increase awareness of the Beja people.

People will be traveling to our area, many with limited financial means. If you would like to help by hosting someone at your house, please contact David or Diane Condron at dcondron@juno.com or call (412) 828-0924. Conference attendees will take all meals at the conference, so they only need lodging space for the night. The conference is scheduled for April 29- May 1. Lodging would be needed on 29th & 30th of April.

We will also be providing meals during the conference with a special welcome dinner Thursday night, April 29. If you would like to help by preparing something for the dinner, this would be a big help. The conference provides you an opportunity to participate in World Missions without ever leaving Fox Chapel. If you can attend the conference on Saturday, some Beja living in the Washington, DC area will be coming and you will have a chance to meet them!

We hope you will consider joining us for this wonderful opportunity!

Are You Tired, Ladies? Are You Weary?

Come! Let Jesus reinvigorate you on a Cursillo Weekend! Sponsored by the Anglican Fourth Day Movement, the next Women's Weekend will be May 13-16. Starting on Thursday evening, you will feel Christ's love surrounding you, and you also will be encouraged and supported by a team of Cursillo leaders.

With singing and fellowship, laughter and maybe a few tears, you will find your spiritual life strengthened, your worship heightened and your ability to reach others for Christ magnified. After three days of the extraordinary Cursillo Weekend, you will be ready to leap into your Fourth Day—the rest of your life.

Come! Join the many parishioners at FCEC who not only have experienced a Cursillo Weekend, but who are living their Fourth Day with a renewed sense of purpose and a spiritual contentment.

For more information and an application, contact Gail Simpson.

News from the Altar Guild

A reminder: The lilies on the altar at Easter are offered as memorials and thanksgivings. The Altar Guild carries over a list from year to year, but you can always add to it. Do you or your family want to remember a loved one? Have you had an addition to the family that you'd like to give thanks for? You can contact Jim Titus at 412-963-1535 (jamestitus@juno.com), or Debbie Howson, 412-487-6340 (ahowson4@verizon.net). The Altar Guild will send you a bill for \$30. Remember that you can call anytime you wish to remember a loved one or to give thanks (for your children, for instance) throughout the year, and they will be added to our prayers.



Church Women: Save the date!

We will be hosting WOMEN'S BLESSING on May the 8th from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. There will be a dynamic speaker, a catered luncheon, and a chance to share the Eucharist with the other women of the Diocese. We do want it to be a time of real blessing. Hope you'll consider joining us!



Youth News

SPRING RETREAT

When: April 9-11

Where: Camp Allegheny

Who: 6th-12th grade

Why: Because you want to!

This year's theme: Alive! Alive is a weekend full of learning, quiet time and group games, away from busy schedules, where we can dig deeper into the Easter Season's message: not only is our earth reawakening with fresh spring foliage but also Christ is Risen! and is very much alive, and can be accessible and applicable in our day to day lives!

Cost: \$95 per student (if you don't have your permission slip and payment in, please contact Doug Cook.

Volunteer Needs

- 1-2 Adults to volunteer to drive our students to and from Camp Allegheny for our spring retreat April 9-11.
- Snack sign up in Discipleship House
- Help cook, take and serve food to the poor and homeless at Shepherd's Heart on May 30th.
- All questions to:
dougcook@gmail.com

Summer Camp

June 27-July 3 (High School)

July 19-23 (Junior High Youth)

The Pittsburgh Project welcomes us back to participate in their weeklong service camp. Students will participate in this local urban mission trip, rebuilding homes and learning what it means to engage in Christ-like servant leadership.

Please contact us ASAP to reserve a spot for your youth—Dates need to be booked ASAP in order to ensure our participation.

Cost: \$360 per student (High School Youth - 7 day trip)

\$270 per student (Junior High Youth - 5 day trip)

\$50 dollar deposit per student required upon registry

SHEPHERD'S HEART

Rescheduled: May 30

We will need volunteers to help cook and serve dinner to the homeless. For info e-mail Doug Cook at: dougcook@gmail.com



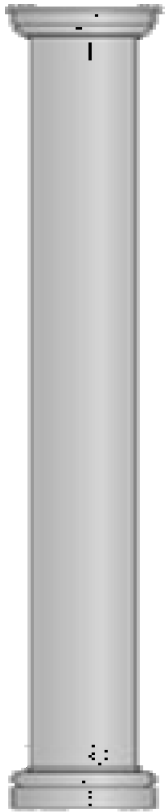
COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Spring Retreat
April 9-11

Shepherd's Heart
May 30

Youth Group Times
High School
Wednesdays 6-8:00
(only during lent)

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Middle School
Saturdays 7-8:30



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The Backfence is Back!

the following have a birthday in the month of April!

Clark Bedford	April 12	Bill Gordon	April 11
Bill Bensusan	April 8	Macy McClaran	April 29
Dick Cunneen	April 11	Jammie Mountz	April 28
Barbara Davison	April 23	Sahli Mrvos	April 4
Elizabeth Ellingson	April 1	Ashley North	April 7
Megan Eschman	April 27	Tom Peters	April 12
Howard Giles	April 10	Ruth Thompson	April 10

We are continually updating our records, so we apologize if we have left anyone out. Please feel free to contact the office if you or someone in your family was overlooked.

Anniversaries:

David & Sandra Finigan April 20

Congratulations!

Elizabeth Hobbs was honored on March 20 for her volunteer efforts by the Children's Home of Pittsburgh during its annual Shake Your Booties fundraiser. Congratulations Elizabeth!!

Obituary:

Charles Perrin Willis passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. There will be a private memorial service at FCEC later in the Spring.

If you would like to submit an article or announcement for the Newsletter, please email Debbie Scully at debbscully@comcast.net. The deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of every month.