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Message from the Senior Warden

Friends,

Along with rest of the St. George's congregation, I was saddened to learn that our rector and friend Father David Hoster will be taking an early retirement and leaving St. George's at the end of April. After twenty years of serving Christ at St. George's, David feels that the time for change has come for both himself and St. George's. In the next two months the St. George's community will have the opportunity to honor and celebrate David and Terrie's time here with us. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this time to share their love and appreciation for David and Terrie. Details on plans for a proper send-off will be forthcoming.

In our conversation this week, David told me that he is fully confident that he is leaving behind a spiritually mature and close knit community, capable of meeting the challenges of the upcoming year. Speaking for myself, I share this confidence. It cannot be denied that this will be a year of challenges for the St. George's community as we begin our transition to new spiritual leadership. Yet it will also be a year of unique opportunity for our community to come together as we meet the challenges of this transition period through the strength of our relationships and faith in Christ. The Vestry, meeting as part of its annual retreat this year, will begin to address the issues of transition beginning this weekend. Following the retreat, the Vestry will begin reaching out to all members of the St. George's community as we all begin the process of moving St. George's forward toward a new future. The time and talents of everyone at St. George's will be needed over the coming year. The St. George's community will not be alone during this difficult time, "for where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Peace,

Rob Blech, St. George's Senior Warden.

✠ **WEDNESDAY LENTEN PROGRAM** at St. George's continues through **March 24**. The series is "Storytelling as Scripture" (see February Banner article). Presentations will raise our awareness of God's active presence in personal experience we thought of as ordinary. We will learn ways to listen to the stories of others, learn from them and grow, which is the reason why scripture itself was given. We will have opportunities to recall and to share our own personal stories in the knowledge that God is enriching the lives of others through us.

We will gather for potluck evening meal at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

✠ **EASTER LILIES** ✠ If you would like to make a contribution to decorate the church with **lilies for our Easter celebrations**, please complete one of the cards available on Sunday mornings during Lent and place it in the alms basin. A contribution of **\$15** is suggested (make checks payable to St. George's and note "Easter lilies" on the memo line). You may also send your contribution to the church office; be sure to note plainly if you are making the contribution in honor of, in thanksgiving for, or in memory of someone. *Deadline for donation information to be printed in the Easter bulletins is **March 28**.*

✠ **OUTREACH UPDATE** ✠ Our first Outreach meeting for 2010 is Sunday, **March 14** at noon in the library. Check out our bulletin board in Kleberg for new information.

Trinity Center Streets meal is scheduled for **March 14**. We meet at St. David's Episcopal Church about 2:00 pm at the front desk to serve a meal to about 80 of the downtown homeless "neighbors" in the community. After preparing the food we join them in a short worship service led by a St. David's priest. After the service the "neighbors" will set up the tables and we serve the food. After the meal the "neighbors" put the tables away while we clean the kitchen area. It is a very well organized effort in a secure environment and the homeless community is very grateful for our service to them. Parking is free. We only need 6 volunteers for about 3 hours so if you are interested in helping, please let Terry O'Donnell know as the time approaches or he may be reached at t.odonnell@usa.net or 833-0127.

About Trinity Center: Trinity Center is a faith-based organization meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people experiencing poverty and homelessness, our "neighbors". Housed on the property of St. David's Episcopal Church, the Center functions as a place of worship, a day resource/drop-in center, a basic needs provider (restrooms, phones, computers and meals), and a place to feel welcome, safe, and heard. Trinity Center is the downtown leader among faith-based organizations serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty. We honor and serve Christ in our neighbors and volunteers by practicing hospitality and companionship with one another. The Streets program partners with other congregations and faith-based organizations to offer a warm meal each Sunday evening.

Christopher House Baskets will be scheduled for spring/summer delivery through **Lent** or until all the baskets are reserved. Mary Stewart Miller is the new coordinator for this ministry. We are grateful to KidsWord and the Jr. EYC for assembling the basket contents. If you have any questions about obtaining or delivering a basket you may reach Mary Stewart at millerms@grandecom.net or 220-5821.

The Foster Girls enjoyed a great day of basketball and fellowship thanks to the generosity of Katie Carnes, her parents, and several members of St. George's who attended the UT/Texas Tech game. If you're interested in an outing with the girls contact Katie Carnes at katie.carnes@bakerbotts.com or 847-8789.

About the Foster Girls Outing by Katie Carnes

What was better than the **Lady Longhorns** beating the **Texas Tech Red Raiders** 30 points? Watching the girls' faces from the Robinson's foster home at the Erwin Center on Sunday, February 7. One of our girls who plays basketball at Stony Point High exclaimed "I cannot believe I am here!" Our girls received free orange basketball backpacks when they entered and Spencer took them to one of the stands in the Erwin Center halls to play a game to win a UT towel. Some of our girls were on the row at the game where they received \$20.00 gift cards each from Academy! So it was not all about basketball, the Erwin Center was full of tons of young girls of all ages watching the Lady Longhorns romp the Raiders. Our girls felt the vibe, holding their "**hook-em horns**" up and laughing and yelling with glee.

We welcome new members to the Outreach Committee. If you feel called to participate in our ministry, please contact at gwall9407@austin.rr.com or 837-0644. Peace, Gayle Wall

✠ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Surekha and Navin Manohar on the birth of their daughter, Kristin Karina Manohar on December 30. Proud grandparents are Vanamala and Divesh Manohar.

*Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, loveable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen*

✠ **Anglican woman gather in New York for 54th annual UNCSW** By Lynette Wilson

Thousands of women from around the world, including more than 90 representing the Anglican Communion, will gather in New York March 1-12 for the 54th session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women to undertake a 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The CSW is the oldest U.N. standing commission. It meets annually to examine a different theme as it relates to gender equity -- global poverty, economics, peacekeeping, human rights, etc. - from the lens of the most vulnerable and exploited communities, mostly women and children, said Alessandra Peña, a consultant for the Anglican United Nations Thematic Working Group on Women's Right and Empowerment.

Full story: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_119787_ENG_HTM.htm

✝ **OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS** are extended to Nancy Carrera and her family upon the death of her mother, Shirley Meyer on February 18. *May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 3	Lenten program series 4 more Wednesday evenings, 6p.m. meal, 7p.m. program
Mar 7,28	Adult Education - "Forgiveness" 12p.m. in the library
Mar 13	Spring break, most area schools and universities
Mar 14	Daylight savings time begins. Move clocks forward one hour
Mar 14	Trinity Center Outreach meal preparation for our downtown neighbors 2p.m.
Mar 28	Palm Sunday - see "Holy Week and Easter" calendar below
Apr 15,16	Drop off items in Kleberg for garage sale - NO clothes
Apr 17	BIG GARAGE SALE at St. George's
May 23	Day of Pentecost Whitsunday

BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Madeline Sparks	21	Kirk Wilson	March 31
Christina Fultz	23	Peter Flagg Roseboom	
Scott Hoffman, PhD	25	Carolyn Roseboom	
Frances Rickard	31		

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



COFFEE HOUR



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Coffee hosts needed to sign up. Check out the calendar in Kleberg Hall. Thanks!

Links to:

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay ministry schedule
<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner including past electronic issues
www.stgeorges-austin.org St. George's Day School
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/> The Lectionary - a calendar of current scripture readings
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index.htm> Episcopal Life Online
<http://www.epicenter.org/edot/Calendar24.asp?SnID=309494341> EDOT calendar year
<http://www.foundcom.org/> Foundation Communities
www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm Camp Allen registration for multiple programs
www.earth911.org Recycling and other earth friendly information
www.elbuen.org El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ✕ SERVICES at ST. GEORGE'S

- March 28 **PALM SUNDAY** - Regular services at 8 and 10:30a.m. The 10:30a.m. service begins outdoors, in front of room 5 of the school wing, where we take part in the Liturgy of the Palms and process with palm branches to the church. Service includes a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. Childcare provided at 10:30a.m.
- March 29 **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK** - 12:15p.m. Service of Holy Eucharist *
- March 30 **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK** - 12:15p.m. Service of Holy Eucharist *
- March 31 **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK** - 12:15p.m. Stations of the Cross *
- April 1 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - **7:00p.m.** Service in the church, with foot washing (optional), Holy Eucharist, shared meal of fruit, bread and cheese, followed by stripping of the Altar. Bring fruit, cheese, bread, wine or juice to share at the agape meal. Childcare available.
- Gethsemane Vigil ✕** From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the start of the Good Friday service, you are invited to keep watch with the sacramental bread and wine reserved from the Good Friday service, in remembrance of Jesus' plea to his disciples to "stay awake for one hour with me". A sheet will be available on which you may sign up for one-hour shifts during the hours of the vigil.
- April 2 **GOOD FRIDAY** - 12:05p.m. Good Friday service, with Eucharist from the reserved Sacrament followed by lentil soup lunch. Childcare available.
- April 3 **EASTER VIGIL** - 7:00p.m. Our first celebration of the Resurrection is this ancient liturgy, in which we recall by candlelight our salvation history through the Old Testament stories, renew our baptismal vows, and proclaim "Alleluia" at the news of the risen Christ. Bring bells to ring! Childcare available.
- April 4 **EASTER DAY** - Services of Holy Eucharist at 8a.m. and 10:30a.m. The 10:30a.m. service will include choral music, flowering of the cross, and baptisms followed by children's Easter egg hunt and reception. Childcare available

Children should bring flowers for the cross, and leave at least one dozen plastic eggs for the egg hunt in a designated box in the church office before the service begins.

* Services in St. George's church. Childcare is not available

Worshiping God together sharing the Gospel, and serving God's Children

The Rev. David W. Hoster *Rector*
Paul Pew *Music Minister*
James Thomas *Parish Secretary*
Deborah Hughes-Habel
Senior Seminarian
Laura Colangelo
Day School Director

Vestry

Rob Blech *Senior Warden*
Hollie Gordon *Junior Warden*
Andrea Sparks *Clerk*
Ralph Hausser Martha Paull
Jan Phillips Frances Rickard
Hal Stevens Ramon Trevino

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
(with Morning Prayer on
first Sundays)
8:00a.m. Contemplative prayer
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Kids Word
(Nursery available)

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Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my GOD!
How great your wonders and your plans for us!
There is none who can be compared with you.

Psalm 40:5

The next issue of *The Banner* will go
out on April 1st. Deadline for news is
Sunday, March 28th.
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