



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Friday, February 15th
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Sunday Service

8:00 am Eucharist
9:15 am Adult Education
9:45 am Child/Youth Education
10:30 am Eucharist



Ministers **All Parish Members**
Priest **The Rev. Thomas Eklo**
Deacon **The Rev. Judy Conn**
Senior Warden **Dick Kohout**
Junior Warden **Mary Gleason**
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



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Terry Houle **Tom McConnell**
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Reflections from Tom

We are well underway into our liturgical season of Lent. Like everything else, the season of Lent has changed over the years. Lent was originally a period of fasting that lasted two days – from Good Friday until Easter Sunday. A bit later, Lent was extended to include all of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. By the third century, Lent was extended to Forty days prior to Easter to represent the experience of fasting and self sacrifice that Christ experienced in the wilderness immediately following his baptism. The forty days now includes the period from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. If you do the math, you will realize that there are more than forty days in this period of time. That is because the Sundays during Lent are not counted. From the earliest days of the established church, Sundays have always been considered “mini” Easters, and so even during Lent, Sundays are considered days when fasting and other disciplines of self-sacrifice are to be set aside.

During the early days of the church, Lent was established primarily as a period of preparation for catechumens – people (usually adults) who were preparing to be baptized at the service of the Great Vigil of Easter, the first service of Easter often celebrated just before midnight on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. As time progressed and there were more children being baptized than adults, Lent became something that the whole church entered into, with the strong encouragement that all Christians practice fasting and self discipline as a way of preparing their own lives for the remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is a period of progression, and our Book of Common Prayer displays this boldly in our liturgies. Compare the Litany of Penitence on Ash Wednesday (BCP pg. 267) with the Solemn Collects of Good Friday (BCP pg. 277). We begin Ash Wednesday by lamenting our sins. By Good Friday we are praying for the church, for the world, for the suffering. We are praying as Christ would pray. Lent is a period in which we seek to become more like Christ. It is about discovering who we are in relationship with the God who loves us deeply. It is about relationship.

Sam Portaro, in his book “Daysprings”, says the following. “Living into relationship with God is the most profound Lenten discipline. Lent is a time for intentional work on our relationship. God feels earth’s sorrow and mine. God shares earth’s work, and yours. God knows earth’s joy and ours. In relationship we share everything.”

This Lent I would challenge you to take on the discipline of building your relationship with God in ways that are meaningful and nurturing for your life. The joy of Easter will never again be quite the same.

A blessed Lent!

Tom

LENT





Spring Flower and Plant Sale

This is the month to begin thinking about our summer patio and garden plantings. What will be your color scheme? What events or parties do you have coming up? How do you dream your garden will look? Do you wish to attract butterflies this year? Do you want to try planting something new this year?

Check out our order sheet in this Crier edition. We have annuals, lush hanging baskets, patio pots and herbs. New additions this year are Bullseye geraniums with chocolate colored leaves, many new perennials and hydrangea and weigela shrubs.

Orders can either be dropped off at church (place in the flowered box in the church office) or mailed. Payment needs to accompany all orders. Drop or mail them to reach St. Nicholas before March 28, 2010. Pick up date this year is the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 8, 2010 after 12:00 PM, in the church parking lot.

Please ask friends and family to look over our order blank and order something. This is a fund raiser for the General Fund and every order counts.

If you have questions call Jan Kohout, 952-941-7561.

Spring Recycle Sale

Our spring Recycle and Bake Sale is on the calendar. Drop off starts Friday, April 23rd. Actual sale days are April 29-30 and May 1. The ever popular bake sale drop off is Wednesday, April 28th. We will sell baked goods until they are gone. Hours and more info will be forthcoming.

The last sale was extraordinary for the quantity and quality of items offered for the sale. Let's do it again!

Wellness Fair moves forward...

Our Wellness Fair is moving on to Wholeness Ministries. Watch the Green bulletin board outside the Youth Room for more details. A poem by Joan Spivey to get us started:

*Spirituality, Dreamworks, Tai Chi, and Green,
Healing Touch, Labyrinth, Nutrition, I mean,
Wholeness, in all the forms we know,
On a bulletin board we could show
Like when we meet, who, what and where.
All this knowledge we have to share
In a central location where all might see,
Getting the word out might be a key
To participation community wide,
Don't let our light under a basket hide!*



Come along on the journey to develop a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit. Stay tuned for more details and also information on our web site.

Sustainable Lifestyle Choices

For many people, the first step towards caring for God's creation is to take personal actions in their lives to live more sustainably. We have compiled a list of actions and resources to help direct and inform those efforts.

Visit Earth Ministry at:

<http://earthministry.org/take-action/lifestyle-choices>

Learn More about: Energy Conservation, Financial Stewardship, Food & Farming, Green Building & Remodeling, Habitat Restoration, Home Cleaning, Landscaping & Grounds Care, Recycling & Composting, Religious Environmentalism, Renewable Energy, Transportation, Water Conservation

In your prayers, you are asked to remember....



Jill Aicher

Mary Phyllis Meyer

Betty Cope

Daisy Druhl

Dorothy Reese

Tom Frick

Bill Mills

Marie Peterson

Clint Bristol

Marge Stwora

George Wilner's mother The Rev. Jan Wilner

Mary Phyllis Meyer's sister Virginia

Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch

Terry Houle's brother-in-law, Jim Brandl

Barb Makela's close friend, Judy D.

Mary Jackson's daughter, Janet Jackson

Mary Jackson's great-granddaughter and Newman's granddaughter, Piper

The people of Haiti and Chile

And the men and women of our armed forces.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3 7:30 PM Choir	Mar 4	Mar 5 10:00 AM Lenten Study	Mar 6
Mar 7 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	Mar 8 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	Mar 9 7:00 PM Finance Committee	Mar 10 7:30 PM Choir	Mar 11	Mar 12 10:00 AM Lenten Study	Mar 13
Mar 14 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist Daylight Savings Time Begins	Mar 15 Crier Deadline	Mar 16	Mar 17 7:30 PM Choir St. Patrick's Day	Mar 18	Mar 19 10:00 AM Lenten Study	Mar 20 10:00 AM Christian Dream Work
Mar 21 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	Mar 22 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom Meals on Wheels - Team 1	Mar 23 7:00 PM Vestry	Mar 24 7:30 PM Choir	Mar 25	Mar 26 10:00 AM Lenten Study	Mar 27 12:00 PM Free Lunch
Mar 28 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist Palm Sunday	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31 7:30 PM Choir	Apr 1 April Fool's Day	Apr 2 Good Friday	Apr 3
Apr 4 8:00 AM Eucharist 10:30 AM Eucharist Easter	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7 7:30 PM Choir	Apr 8	Apr 9 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	Apr 10



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| 5 Nicholas Hoyle | 15 Peter Thompson | 19 Karen Bessler | 30 Gary Rosen |
| 9 Mary Phyllis Meyer | 17 Karla Wherland | 21 Mary Bolen | 31 Dorothy Reese |
| 13 Peyton Knoblauch | 18 Jasen Lasserud | 22 Mavis Sperrick | 31 Maxine Parsons |
| 14 Bill Mills | 19 Ken Cummings | 23 Ethel Lyon | |

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Spring Plant Sale Order Form 2010

<p>11 " Hanging Baskets</p> <p>Ivy Geranium \$21.50</p> <p>_____ Violet/Purple</p> <p>_____ Hot Pink</p> <p>_____ Red</p> <p>Fuchsia \$21.50</p> <p>_____ Purple/red bicolor</p> <p>Petunia, trailing \$21.50</p> <p>_____ Blue</p> <p>_____ Raspberry Blast</p> <p>_____ Purple</p> <p>Bacopa \$21.50</p> <p>_____ White</p> <p>Calibrachoa-Mini Petunia \$21.50</p> <p>_____ Mixed</p> <p>12" Hanging Baskets</p> <p>New Guinea Impatiens \$24.00</p> <p>_____ Hot Pink _____ Red</p> <p>_____ Purple _____ Salmon</p> <p>_____ Orange</p> <p>Impatiens, plants at sides also \$24.00</p> <p>_____ Hot Pink _____ Salmon</p> <p>_____ Mix _____ Violet</p> <p>_____ Red</p> <p>Tuberous Reiger Begonia \$24.00</p> <p>_____ Orange _____ Yellow</p> <p>_____ Pink _____ Mix</p> <p>_____ Red</p> <p>Petunia hanging basket \$24.00</p> <p>_____ Mixed trailing</p> <p>14" Ivy Geranium, Fiber mache basket \$26.00</p> <p>_____ Ivy, mixed</p> <p>_____ Dark red mounded form, semi-double</p> <p>14" English Garden Combo Hanging \$45.00</p> <p>_____ Bacopa, Geraniums, Calibrachoa, Petunia, Verbena</p> <p>14" English Garden Patio Pot \$45.00</p> <p>_____ Bacopa, Verbena, Petunias, Geranium, vines etc.</p> <p>Wave Petunia, basket pack \$8.00</p> <p>6-3 1/2" plants in handy 7"x11" carry-pack</p> <p>_____ Blue wave _____ Red Ramblin'</p> <p>_____ Pink wave _____ White wave</p> <p>_____ Purple wave</p> <p>Grass, 4 3/4" pot \$4.50</p> <p>_____ Purple fountain</p>	<p>Geranium Patio Tubs 11" \$22.25</p> <p>_____ Pink</p> <p>_____ Red _____ Violet/Purple</p> <p>_____ Coral _____ White</p> <p>Geraniums, Cutting Type 4 3/4" \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Coral</p> <p>_____ Pink</p> <p>_____ Red</p> <p>_____ Violet/Purple</p> <p>_____ White</p> <p>Bullseye Geranium(chocolate leaves) \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Bullseye Scarlet</p> <p>_____ BullseyeCherry</p> <p>Greens, Annual Fillers 4 1/2" pot \$3.50</p> <p>_____ Asparagus Fern</p> <p>_____ Candlestick Ivy</p> <p>_____ Vinca Vine</p> <p>_____ Spikes, 4"round pot</p> <p>Blooming Annual Fillers 4 3/4 " pot \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Bacopa, white</p> <p>_____ Daisy, yellow</p> <p>_____ Dahlinova, scarlet/yellow bi color, mini</p> <p>_____ Lobelia, blue</p> <p>_____ Calibrachoa (mini petunia), blue</p> <p>_____ Calibrachoa (mini petunia), pink</p> <p>_____ Calibrachoa (mini petunia), red</p> <p>_____ Calibrachoa (mini petunia), yellow</p> <p>_____ Sweet Potato Vine, Chartreuse</p> <p>_____ Sweet Potato Vine, Dark leaf</p> <p>_____ Verbena, blue</p> <p>Herbs, 4" pot \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Cilantro _____ Thyme</p> <p>_____ Parsley _____ Italian oregano</p> <p>_____ Rosemary _____ Sweet Basil</p> <p>New Guinea Impatiens 4 3/4" pot \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Hot Pink _____ Red</p> <p>_____ Orange _____ Salmon</p> <p>_____ Purple _____ White</p> <p>Tuberous Begonia 4 3/4" pot \$4.00</p> <p>_____ Orange _____ White</p> <p>_____ Red _____ Yellow</p> <p>_____ Rose</p>
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Name _____
Address _____

Seller's Name _____
Phone number _____

All orders due with payment **March 28, 2010** Pick up Sat. **May 8, 2010 after 12:00 PM in the church parking lot.**

Mail to: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church OR place in box in church office.
7227 Penn Ave. S.
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Questions, please call Jan Kohout 952-941-7561 OR go to www.gertensfundraisers.com for plant pictures and descriptions

Bedding Plants Sold in full flat \$15.50 or half flat \$7.75

*Flat size change - 36, 2x2 1/4" cells. 6 packs per flat with 6 plants per pack

This will allow the plants extra room to grow, so Gertruds can provide larger, more deeply rooted plants

When ordering indicate 1 full flat or 1/2 flat

Ageratum, sun

_____ Blue

Alyssum, sun

_____ White

Begonia-Fiberous, sun/shade

_____ Mix

Coleus, shade

_____ Mix

Dianthus, sun

_____ Mix

Dusty Miller, sun

_____ Silver/White

Impatiens, shade

_____ Hot Pink

_____ Mix

_____ Pink

_____ Orange

_____ Red

_____ Salmon

_____ Violet

_____ White

Lobelia, sun/shade

_____ Blue

Marigold, sun

Pansy, sun/part sun

Petunia, sun

Rudbeckia, sun

Salvia, sun

Snapdragons, sun

Perennials #1 or 7" container \$8.00

_____ Achillea, Moonshine Yarrow

_____ Anemone, Snowdrop

_____ Astilbe Fanal

_____ Astilbe Rheinland

_____ Coreopsis Zagreb

_____ Daylily, Baja red

_____ Daylily Hyperion

_____ Daylily Little Grapette

_____ Daylily, Stella D'Oro

_____ Dianthus Fire Star

_____ Dianthus Shooting Star

_____ Echinacea, Magnus

_____ Heuchera Purple Palace

_____ Hosta Gold Standard

_____ Iris Ceasar's Brother

_____ Phlox, Creeping pink

_____ Playycodon Sentimental Blue

_____ Rudbeckia, Goldstrum

_____ Salvia, May night

_____ Sedum Autumn Joy

_____ Veronica, Giles Van Hees

_____ Geranium Johnson's Blue

_____ Daylily Ruby Stella

_____ Heuchera Stormy Seas

_____ Hosta Minuteman

_____ Hosta St. Elmo's Fire

_____ Rudbeckia Viette Little Suzy

_____ Tiarella Spring Symphony

Shrub Roses #2 container

\$15.50

_____ Carefree Delight, soft pink

_____ Carefree Sunshine, yellow

_____ Champlain, Deep red

_____ Winnipeg Parks, cherry red

_____ Cuthbert Grant

Shrubs #2 container

\$15.50

_____ Annabelle Hydrangea

_____ Limelight Hydrangea

_____ Minuet Weigela

_____ Polka Weigela

Gift cards

\$25.00

_____ Can be use anytime

Total # 11" Hanging baskets at \$21.50

Total # 12" Hanging baskets at \$24.00

Total # 14" Hanging fiber mache basket at \$26.00

Total # 14" English Garden Basket or Pot at \$ 45.00

Total Wave Petunia basket packs at \$8.00

Total # 4 3/4" grass at \$4.50

Total # Geranium Tubs at \$22.25

Total # Geraniums at \$4.00

Total # greens at \$3.50

Total # Blooming Fillers, herbs, Impatiens, Begonia at \$4.00

Total # Whole flats at \$15.50

Total # Half flats at \$7.75

Total # Perennials at \$8.00

Total # Shrubs at \$15.50

Total # Gift Cards at \$25.00

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Total all dollar amounts _____

Grasses, perennial #1 container \$8.00

_____ Grass, Karl Foerster

_____ Grass, Sapphire Blue Oat

_____ Grass, Miscanthus Flame

_____ Grass, Avalanche

_____ Grass, The Blues Little Bluestem