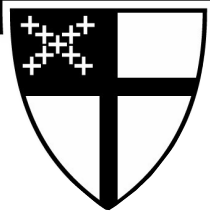


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feeding the hearts, minds, and spirits of all who come.”

# St. Gabriel's HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Holy Week 2010

As I write this article pear trees are blooming, tornado watches are in effect, and the sounds of college basketball waft in from an adjacent room. It is spring. It is the season of “breeding lilacs out of the dead land.” It is the season where dormancy and death gives way to new life. It is Holy Week.

The great gift of the Episcopal Church is its rich tradition of sacrament, the liturgies, and our liturgical calendar. Throughout the year we are invited to walk with Jesus and his followers in the various events of Jesus’ life. Holy Week invites us into an especially intimate, deep, and vulnerable time and space as we walk with our Lord through his last supper and prayer, his arrest and passion on the cross, and his rising to New Life. These services are particularly important as they create the space and the atmosphere to allow each of us to locate ourselves in this journey: from the love and fellowship realized in our common meal with our Lord to the surrender of our will to the will of the Father; from the crushing realization of our human capacity to deny, betray, and attempt to kill and bury God to the joyous realization of the unlimited capacity of our God to love and forgive us revealed in an empty tomb. Holy Week is our sacramental week of transformation, a sequence of outward and visible signs of the spiritual grace of our movement from death into eternal life. Please join us for a blessed and meaning-filled Holy Week.

**March 31, Labyrinth Walk, 5:00 p.m.** – The Labyrinth Walk is an ancient prayer practice that became popular in the Christian church during the time of pilgrimages, when devout Christians would travel to a holy site to have a deeper experience of God. The labyrinth is intended to replicate that experience on a smaller scale. In walking the labyrinth one follows a single winding and meandering path that replicates life’s twists and turns. In silent prayer the “pilgrim” experiences a deeper understanding of God and their spiritual journey.

**Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.** – This service derives its name from the Latin word for “shadow, darkness.” Tenebrae has its origins in the monastic liturgies of Matins and Lauds. Tenebrae is comprised of a series of readings, canticles, and psalms. Over the course of the readings candles are gradually extinguished until only one candle (signifying Jesus Christ) remains. That candle is then hidden, symbolizing the apparent victory of death. A loud noise is then made (to replicate the earthquake at the time of the resurrection) and then the hidden candle returns. All depart in silence by the light of that candle.

**April 1, Seder and Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.** – This evening we contemplate the salvation history of the Judeo-Christian tradition. The Seder recalls the Passover event, where Israel was freed from Egyptian slavery by passing through the waters of the Red Sea (or Reed Sea) into new life with God. Following the Seder we will bless water in the baptismal font, recalling our own passage through water into new life. The Holy Eucharist ensues, focusing on Jesus’ great commandment that we love one another as Jesus loves us (John 13:34). As an outward sign of this love we will invite members of the congregation to wash the feet of one another. The Eucharist concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for the starkness of Good Friday.

**April 2, Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.** – This year’s Good Friday liturgy will be enhanced by Taizè music, which is beautiful repetitive chant music from the Taizè community in France. This service commemorating the death of Jesus Christ on a cross asks us to seriously consider that which separates us from the love of God, and the repercussions of fear and hatred.

**April 4, Easter Sunday – 7:00 a.m., Easter Vigil** – In the twilight of a new morning a fire is kindled, and the Paschal Candle is lighted, signifying the victory of light over darkness in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This service consists of The Service of Light, The Service of Lessons, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the Holy Eucharist Rite I.

**10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist** – The principle feast day of the Christian year, where with joy-filled voices we gladly proclaim, “Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!” Be sure to bring a bell or joyful noise-maker for both services. Each time we hear, pray, or sing “Alleluia” we will ring our bells to celebrate the return of “Alleluia!”

We hope you can join us throughout this holiest of weeks.

## Birthdays

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 03 Jan Waller        | 19 Greg Bandy    |
| 03 Claudia Duley     | 27 Joan Skidmore |
| 06 Chris Kern        | 28 E.J. Minard   |
| 08 Rosalie Barnes    |                  |
| 08 Emily Combs       |                  |
| 08 Ian Cundiff       |                  |
| 08 Annie Blankenship |                  |
| 12 Patsheko Lutumba  |                  |
| 14 Mollie Burgess    |                  |
| 15 Taylor Blun       |                  |



## Lectionary

04 Easter Sunday  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

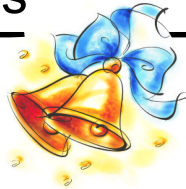
11 Second Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

18 Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

25 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

## Anniversaries

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| 09 Rick & Pam (Keene) Fulgham |
| 24 Adrian & Susan Mixson      |
| 29 Kevin & Callie Flack       |
| 30 Sean & Karen Childers      |



## Sunday Worship

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

Fellowship

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

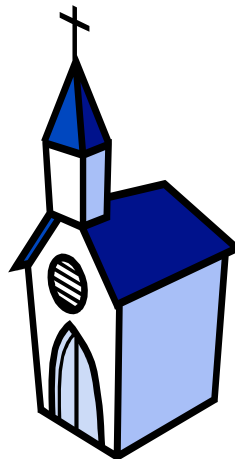
Christian Education

9:15 AM – 12:00

Nursery

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite II



## Vestry Report

**March 9, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Jana Brown, Dennis Duncan, Randi Guido, Diedre Page, Cheryl Rothschild, Noble Shaw, Paul Swanson, and guest Sandy Kiddie. Also present: Rev. Bill Combs, Rector; Greg Bandy, Treasurer; and Darlene Knowlton, Vestry Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Combs at 7:05 p.m. with evening prayer and scripture.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

**MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were read. There was discussion about the \$1,200 amount for the Victory Garden to go forward. It was decided to leave the amount of \$1,200 as stated, and the amount could be changed under Old Business.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read for the February meeting

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg presented the report for February 2010:  
Income: \$20,204.50

## Ch'Angels

In February we collected \$209.19 for Gabby. March collections will go to South Hall Food Pantry and April collections will go to the Humane Society of Hall County.

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| February Financial Statement |             |             |            |             |             |            |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                              | February    |             |            | YTD         |             |            |
|                              | Budget      | Actual      | % Variance | Budget      | Actual      | % Variance |
| <b>Contributions</b>         | \$18,532.06 | \$20,204.50 | 109%       | \$40,401.00 | \$39,450.77 | 98%        |
| <b>Expenses</b>              | \$18,844.00 | \$16,666.83 | 88%        | \$38,292.00 | \$40,008.33 | 104%       |
| <b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>       | (\$312.00)  | \$3,537.67  |            | \$2,109.00  | (\$557.56)  |            |

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Expenses: \$16,666.83

Net Income: \$3,537.67

Greg stated that we were at 89% for the month of what was budgeted for pledges:

\$15,000 vs. budget of \$17,000 in pledges

YTD pledge at \$30,000 vs. \$37,000 budgeted

Plate is above budget

Received \$1,900 in plate vs. budget of \$1,400 for the month

We received \$4,500 for plate YTD vs. budget of \$3,000

\$2,200 YTD designated for the Women's Retreat

This money to go direct to Camp Mikell \$100 for speakers at the retreat

Expenses came in at 80% of budget:

Received \$16,700 in expenses vs. budget of \$18,800

YTD we are a little over budget:

Spent \$40,000 vs. budget of \$38,000

There was a question as to what ERD-Ark was. Episcopal Relief and Development is the national Episcopal Relief and Development organization that receives money for relief and development. The Ark money was collected for animals and other designated items.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the February Variance Report for audit. The motion was approved.

The Balance Sheet was discussed.

Bank balances are approximately \$38,000

Concerns for lean months in late Spring and Summer

Payables:

Diocesan Pledge outstanding

The 2010 Budget was discussed. The phone bill is lower than expected. The January bill was approximately \$450. There was approximately \$100 charge for support service. AT&T will be contacted to see what the \$100 charge in January was.

It was discussed to move to an alternative

phone supplier. One company called Aptix which is an application service provider that does voice over IP phone service and other types of web hosting services. Up front spent \$500: cost of 3 voice over IP phones, \$100 for wiring: 3 phone lines with functionality that would be comparable to what we have now with AT&T would cost \$150 a month. We would still have to have the internet service to carry the voice information. We pay about \$60 a month with AT&T. We would have to pay more for internet service. \$75 a month for internet service that would be \$225 a month vs. \$350 for AT&T which is a difference of \$125 a month. We would make back the \$500 in upfront costs in 4 months. It was stated it would be a savings of \$1,500 a year. A couple of other companies will be looked at for price comparison

The meeting with the mortgage company was changed from March 9, 2010 to March 10, 2010.

It was stated that at this time the budget is within \$11,000 of having a balanced budget. It was stated that not all pledge cards have not been received and cannot be counted until they are. We have 68 pledges at this time.

There was discussion about how the Flower Guild income and expenses will reflect in the reports. It was stated that on the Sundays where no one has signed up to donate the altar flowers the plastic arrangements will be used or flowers and greenery from someone's yard will be used.

Further discussion regarding budget:

Expenses that can be cut are minor

It is not good to go a quarter of the year without a budget

Can a provisional approval of the budget be voted on:

Two choices

based on the anticipations and reconsider the modifications for the budget at the next vestry meeting table it

The vestry needs to wait on the anticipated pledge Need to wait to see the outcome from the meeting

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with the bank on the mortgage before voting on the budget

Annual Parish Meeting:

It is the plan of the Stewardship chair:

To have the pledge campaign complete

To have the pledge cards turned in

Have a budget ready to be presented

Pledges cannot be counted until:

on paper (pledge card)

It was stated that Noble Shaw has done a great job contacting individuals to get pledges.

It was unanimously voted to table the budget until next month, when all pledges will be finalized and meeting with BB&T complete.

Sandy Kiddie presented information about the Business Referral Network. Sandy has agreed to try to revive the BRN and Kevin Flack has agreed to work with Sandy to take over the process for the BRN to keep it growing. There are potential funds that could be money for St. Gabriel's.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

ran into problem with the lights in worship area

correct size switches for lights

switch out

replace the light bulbs

should get done in next 2 weeks

Easter

clean up day

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Received list of Holy Mowers

send e-mail to let know if need anything to let know

Dennis Duncan will replace William Brown on the rotation

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

received some phone bills

will take a look at

signs for church

all weather sign

wants to look at price for

arch

spoke with Oakwood to find out about placing signs

Ash's retrieved 2 sign posts which were under the trailer

clean up and paint posts

signs need to be replaced

hang sign on

metal

Noble Shaw offered to take the sign posts to prepare for use

posts are 10 feet with cross bar 4 feet

sign size: 2 feet by 3 feet

bulletin board meeting

wall paper removal discussed

paint walls in hall

leave Darlene's bulletin board alone

make all the other bulletin boards the same

discussed that bulletin boards and redoing hall

are two different projects

expenses

colors

need for updating information on bulletin

boards

keep current

involve kids

#### **CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

A newcomer's gathering is tentatively scheduled for April. Louise will be pulling people together to help with the gathering. Feedback from the Women's Retreat: Newcomer's don't know how to get involved at St. Gabriel's. Sign-up sheets to volunteer for different activities are needed to be posted on the bulletin boards so people can volunteer.

#### **OUTREACH:**

informal meeting help with Outreach people

surprised to hear there is a budget for Outreach will look at their area to see need(s)

Food Pantry

we are responsible for portion of electric bill

Prayer Quilt Ministry

may need some money to purchase backing for quilts

will need to look to see if there is a need(s)

– where to use money

#### **PARISH LIFE:**

Sybil Shaw stepped down and Anne Threadgill agreed to take it over. A meeting was held with the team leaders and they are looking at some recommendations that were made and what direction to take Parish Care in. Another meeting is being planned for April to talk about the Fall events. Lenten meals are going good. There are three full tables for the Seder meal at this time, and it will be held in the nave again for this year.

The time for Easter Brunch was discussed. Between the services was stated as the main time to have it set up.

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# April 2010

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| Adult Enquirer's<br>Classes begin April 11<br>at 4 PM  |   |   |  | 1 Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>Seder & Eucharist<br>6:00 PM   | 2 Office Closed<br>½ Day<br>7:00 PM Good<br>Friday Liturgy | 3 Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>Staffed by CLC<br>Quilting 10:00 AM   |
| 4<br>7:00 AM Vigil<br>9:00 AM Brunch<br>10:30 AM Eucharist<br>Easter Egg Hunt after<br>Services                      | 5 Office Closed<br><br>Food Pantry<br>4:00—6:00<br>staffed by OUMC  | 6 Office Closed<br>Quilting Ministry<br>10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>Centering Prayer<br>6:00—7:00                     | 7 Office Closed<br><br>7:00—8:30 PM<br>J2A and<br>No Choir Practice                    | 8 Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed by CLC<br>EfM @ Grace<br>6:00 PM<br>Good News at Noon                            | 9  | 10<br><br>Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed by OUMC<br>Quilting 10:00 AM                                |
| 11 8:00 AM Rite I<br>9 - 12 Nursery<br>9:15 Christian Ed.<br>10:30 AM Rite II<br>2:00 PM Knitting at<br>Panera Bread | 12 Census Training<br>9:00— 5:00 PM<br>Food Pantry<br>4:00—6:00<br>Parish Care 7:00 PM<br>Kent 4<br>Girl Scout Leaders<br>7:00 PM | 13 Census Training<br>9:00— 5:00 PM<br>Quilting 10:00 AM<br>Centering Prayer<br>6:00—7:00<br>Vestry 7:00 PM     | 14 Census Training<br>9:00— 5:00 PM<br>7:00—8:30 PM<br>J2A and<br>Adult Choir Practice | 15 Census Training<br>9:00— 5:00 PM<br>Book Club 10:00 AM<br>Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed by CLC<br>EfM @ Grace | 16<br><br>Census Training<br>9:00— 5:00 PM                 | 17 Men's Ministry<br>7:15 at Curt's<br>Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed by Spring<br>Quilting 10:00 AM |
| 18 8:00 AM Rite I<br>9 - 12 Nursery<br>9:15 Christian Ed.<br>10:30 AM Rite II<br>2:00 PM Knitting at                 | 19<br><br>Food Pantry<br>4:00—6:00<br>staffed St. Gabe's  | 20<br><br>Quilting Ministry<br>10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>Centering Prayer<br>6:00—7:00                              | 21 Darlene at<br>PANDA<br>Meeting<br>7:00—8:30 PM<br>J2A and                           | 22<br><br>Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed by CLC<br>EfM @ Grace  | 23<br><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline                           | 24<br><br>Food Pantry<br>10:00—12:00<br>staffed St. Gabe's<br>Quilting 10:00 AM                             |
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# Those Who Serve

| <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>April 4, 2010<br/>7:00 a.m. Vigil</b> | <b>April 11, 2010</b> | <b>April 18, 2010</b> | <b>April 25, 2010</b> |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| First Lesson   | Beth Holmes                              | Edith Collins         | Mark Guido            | Bob Milledge          |
| Second Lesson  | Jim Waller                               | Bill Caiaccio         | Sandy Kiddie          | Anne Porterfield      |
| Prayers        | Ed Wood                                  | Ed Wood               | Jan Madajewski        | Wink Porterfield      |
| Chalice        | E Collins, J Waller                      | Jan Madajewski        | Edith Collins         | Paul Swanson          |
| Usher/Greeter  | M & R Guido                              | B & D Milledge        | P & D Swanson         | R & M Robins          |
| Refreshments   | Parish Care                              | Dee Milledge          | Pat Wood              | Margie Robins         |

## **10:30 AM Easter Eucharist**

|                   |                                |                              |                                      |                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| First Lesson      | Mimi Cundiff                   | Grace Lutumba                | Kelley Ceccato                       | Nenion Conley           |
| Second Lesson     | Rich LeMay                     | Ruth Thompson                | Kim Bennett                          | Mimi Cundiff            |
| Prayers           | Olivia Skey                    | Laura Ward                   | Trudy Buggeln                        | Callie Flack            |
| Crucifer          | Erin Lutumba                   | Trip LeMay                   | Maryann Bandy                        | Erin Lutumba            |
| Choir             | Sam Combs                      | Emily Combs                  | Nicholas LeMay                       | Sam Combs               |
| Lectern           | Nicholas LeMay                 | Patsheko Lutumba             | Rachel Bandy                         | Emily Combs             |
| Children's Chapel | C & K Flack                    | Jana Brown                   | Jennifer Combs                       | Rich LeMay              |
| Chalice (2)       | Jim Waller<br>Fred Skey        | Bob Condon<br>Jean Pugh      | Jackie Richards<br>Cheryl Rothschild | Noble Shaw<br>Fred Skey |
| Oblations         | Cundiff Family                 | LeMay Family                 | Holmes Family                        | Lutumba Family          |
| Ushers (2)        | Dennis Duncan,<br>David Holmes | Dennis Duncan<br>Fred Skey   | Glenn & Jean Pugh                    | D & B Holmes            |
| Greeters (2)      | Marsha Lewis<br>Renee Duncan   | S & J Brown                  | B & D Condon                         | D & R Duncan            |
| Verger            | Jim Waller                     | Trudy Buggeln,<br>Rich LeMay | Noble Shaw                           | Jim Waller              |
| Refreshments      | Parish Care                    | Grace Lutumba                | Jean Waller                          | Skey & Erbele           |

## **Both Services**

|                 |   |                              |                                      |   |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Vestry Person   | Cheryl Rothschild                                       | Paul Swanson                 | Jana Brown                           | Noble Shaw                                      |
| Altar Guild     | Team 3: L Freeman,<br>M&R Guido,<br>B Conley, T Buggeln | Team 4: P Wood,<br>K Bennett | Team 1: A&W<br>Porterfield, J Waller | Team 2: J&D<br>Madajewski,<br>M Cundiff, L Ward |
| Flowers         | Easter Lilies   | D & R Thompson               | Jackie Richards                      | C & K Flack                                     |
| Holy Mowers     | Off   | Condon, N Conley             | Flack, Porterfield                   | Lutumba, Robins                                 |
| Mow by          | Winter Schedule   | April 10 <sup>th</sup>       | April 17 <sup>th</sup>               | April 24 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Sacred Sweepers | J & G Lutumba   | A & W Porterfield            | BJ & Z Newton                        | B Condon  |
| Clean by        | April 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | April 10 <sup>th</sup>       | April 17 <sup>th</sup>               | April 24 <sup>th</sup>                          |

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Dale Thompson was approached about having the Men’s Group prepare breakfast several times during the year, and he was very receptive to this idea.

WORSHIP:

Will meet with Carla Strott about Children’s choir ideas

RECTOR’S REPORT:

feedback on Wednesday evening Eucharist surprise that having Wednesday evening service healing service – did not know Eucharist service also continuation of service

Holy Week

Wednesday, March 31 6:00 p.m.  
Labyrinth Walk

7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 1 6:00 p.m. Se-  
der Meal and

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Friday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy  
Taize Service may be done

Sunday, April 4 7:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil 9:00 a.m.

Easter Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Festive Easter Eucharist

Revised VPOD Duties and Locking Up After Yourself

Nursery Staff

Currently one person  
Insurance requires two  
Being addressed

A vacuum cleaner was donated

OLD BUSINESS

Victory Garden update

changed from wood around each bed to plastic  
handicap concern  
one bed must be handicap accessible for  
Girl Scouts to approve  
cost of plastic is less and they last  
concerns

not large enough to provide for Food Pantry  
it is a start

can add each year if successful  
can start on March 24<sup>th</sup>

NEW BUSINESS

Facebook for parish

Alan Cowart would be administrator  
Memorial Committee recommended

A Gospel Book be purchased as a memorial for  
Ellie Bowman- Klimo  
Cost \$124.00

Approximately \$200.00 was donated in  
Ellie’s name

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Memorial Committee to purchase the new lectionary as a memorial to Ellie. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Creation Keepers – Jean Pugh, chairperson

Mugs instead of styrofoam cups

Pegboard made for cups to hang on

Bring your mug from home

You wash your mug after each use

You hang back on pegboard

Louise Freeman offered to paint your name on  
mug for \$1 to help offset cost of pegboard

Extra mugs for Guests

Styrofoam cups would still be available

Location of pegboard

Not determined

Vestry agreed to support this project

Census Bureau will be using our facilities two dif-  
ferent weeks in April

April 12 – 16 and April 27 – 30

MapQuest has correct exit on it now

Business cards are being donated by the Ash’s

Some for Bill’s use

Some for general use

Sue

Carla

Darlene

Vestry

The meeting closed with prayer, and Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Knowlton

Vestry Clerk

## Giving Statements



I would like to begin sending the Giving Statements each quarter via e-mail PDF file. The first quarter statements will be going out in April. This will save approximately \$200 per year in postage, printing, and paper. If you do not wish to receive your statement via e-mail PDF file please let me know.

Thanks, Darlene Knowlton, Parish Administrator—770-503-7555 or stgabriels@bellsouth.net

## Creation Keepers Corner

Another big 'Thank You' to all who helped with the light bulb drive. The bulbs have been installed and are shining brightly! We are now turning our efforts to the "Use your own cup" project. Mark Guido will be rounding up several of our handy persons to help install a rack for these cups.

Greg Bandy recently visited with St. Albans environmental stewardship team and got some great suggestions. We will pursue this avenue for additional help with our own projects. We'll keep you informed. -Jean Pugh

## Book Club

Thursday, April 15th  
10:00 - 11:00

Reading "Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Sallinger  
Hope to see you there!!!

## Easter Brunch

Our annual Easter Brunch will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 4. Please bring a covered dish to share and a hearty appetite! Our Parish Care teams will provide beverages and decorations.

## Quilting, Baby!

Our very own Jackie Richards has agreed to lead a class on quilting. Anyone interested is most welcome! We meet on Saturdays in the Parish Hall from 10:00 am to noon. You don't need to bring anything although, if you have a sewing machine, please do bring it. If you don't, please don't let that keep you away – the Quilting Ministry has a few on site that we can use. Hope to see you there!

## Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:30 service on Easter morning. Please bring a dozen filled plastic eggs for us to hide for the children. If you have questions please contact Lee-Anne Spires.

## Flowering the Cross

At the 10:30 service each year we add dozens of flowers to an empty cross frame, transforming that symbol of loss to a symbol of new life. Please bring in several flowers from your yard (or from the supermarket!) to help with this beautiful start to our 10:30 Eucharist.

## Good News at Noon

St. Gabriel's will be serving dinner at Good News at Noon on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Please look for sign-up sheets this Sunday in the Parish Hall. We will need a few people to help serve, and several people willing to make or purchase the meal. If you have any questions, contact Callie or Kevin Flack.

## Victory Garden



The St. Gabriel's Community Garden is an effort initiated by Rosemary Bennett to create a sustainable and fertile garden that will be used to grow vegetables and fruit for the hungry in South Hall, flowers to beautify our church altar and the homes of the ill and disabled, and fellowship within and without our church walls.

Opportunities to sign-up to participate and support are available in the back of the nave and in the Parish Hall.

Rosemary's project was approved by the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee, and is ready to move forward. Stay tuned for more about the garden and its creation in the next several weeks.



## Adult Inquirer's Class

Beginning Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 pm we will be holding classes for those interested in becoming members of the Episcopal Church from another denomination. These classes are open to all who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church's history and peculiarities, but is intended especially for those considering being confirmed or received in the church. Classes will be held in Kent Hall, Room 4. The dates and times of subsequent classes will be determined by the schedules of those interested. Please contact Bill or Darlene at 770-503-7555 for more information or to register.



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