

St. Peter's

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The Cross & Keys

March 2010



Welcome to
St. Peter's



Paul Hardin reaches maximum speed on his sled during the youth trip to Sunbury on Saturday, February 6.

The Rev'd Charles E.
Wilson, Jr., Rector

Office Hours:
9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday-Thursday
(try to call ahead if possible)

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Worship Services

(all have Holy Communion)

Sunday: 8am, 10:30 am, 6:00pm

9:30 am Church School

Wednesday Healing Service: 6pm

Choir Rehearses 7:30pm Wed & 9:30am

Sunday

Parish Admin. Office Hours

T,Th: 1-5pm & W: 9-11:30am

Vestry Members

Sr. Warden - Todd Hebb

Jr. Warden - Jim Hinton

Andy Brenner

Roberta Clark

Vicki Lewis

Kathleen Mergler

Dick Skuce

Daniel Hursey

Ashleigh Richard

Nancy Thompson

Larry Cooper

Rector's Report



Well, it looks like the Groundhog was not kidding. Since Punxsatawney Phil saw his shadow, which means six more weeks of winter, the season has obliged. Lots and lots of people have said that they are ready for this winter to finally be over. I saw a cartoon in which a couple wakes up to another snow storm. The caption read 'I'm dreaming of a white Easter'. Too cold, too gray and way too much snow. This

winter, our common refrain goes, has been going on for far too long.

It wasn't always this way. In January you heard no such talk about a "bad winter" except for those who really do not like the winter. The winter season has actually been pretty easy this year. There have been some very cold days but not a lot of snow until the past two or three weeks. But we had a green Christmas.

How soon we forget. Or, how easy it is to be caught up or carried away by all the things that come at us or that we have to deal with. Our memories are overtaxed with remembering what we need to do today, who has time or the luxury to waste time thinking about whether we had a green Christmas or not? Who has time to think too far ahead? The here and now demand our focus and energy.

We are in the midst of Lent. And maybe many of us are too pre-occupied with other things to focus on this gift of the Church to stop and breathe in, look around frontwards and backwards and where we are and what we are doing. Because we need to do this. Not should, not mean to, not one of these days or try to fit it in when things slow down. With the snows of the past few weeks, things have slowed down. How many of us fretted about that? We need to all stop and recognize there is life beyond the next few days just as there was before yesterday. We need to remember this.

We know that Lent is a time to remember. Too often what we think we

have to remember are things that we have tried hard to forget. Our poor behaviors, our own bad experiences, lapses of faith on our part and even at times the Church itself. Doubts that we may fear. Like the winter, many of us just want it over with.

Not often enough do we remember why the Church established this season. For us to remember of who we are, frail, yes, insecure, overworked, unfocused, vulnerable and afraid. But also that we are beloved of God. And as much as we say we are journeying with Jesus as he moves towards Jerusalem, the reality is he is leading there and to what lies beyond. Our job, our work is to remember that Christ believes that we are worth it.

So here is a reminder for you in the midst of Lent that our remembering that we have a past and a present and a future helps us to re-member ourselves with one another in a deeper, more connective way. Ironically remembering who we are, can re-connect us to whom we belong.

There are several opportunities to help us do our work. The Church is open on Thursday evenings from 6:30p until 8p for prayer or meditation. Lenten School begins soon (March 2). I will present the class offered at last year's Lenten School. The Holy Week preaching Series is back with some stellar and important voices in the Church. The Parish Youth will be creating an outdoor Stations of the Cross and working on designing Chalices and Eucharistic vessels in preparation for the celebrations that follow Easter. There is much more to do.

Lent, like a beautiful but heavy snowstorm is here, imposing itself on us and forcing us to do some digging. But remember why we dig, to get ourselves out from where we are.

May the rest of your Lenten work be a blessing for you and for our common life together.

Peace,
Charles +

March Birthdays:

2 Karl Kremling
4 Lewis Mergler
7 Tom Johnstone
8 John Trimble
9 Fred Richardson
Katie Cochran
12 Kathlene Mullen
13 Judy Held
18 Brenda Venzke
Tom Ross



20 Jeff Robinson
21 Judy Allen
24 Frances Wetherell
25 Louella Hunter
28 Brigitte Chase
Josh Robinson
29 Peace Twesigye
30 Deanna Douglass
Jayne Ensminger
31 Liam Waselko
Linda Heid

Did we miss your birthday? Please call or e-mail Emily at the parish office so we can add you to our birthday list!

A Note from the Parish Administrator

One of my favorite duties in February is to do the Parochial Report. This report, which all Episcopal parishes are required by Canon to submit, gives a good snapshot of the life of a Parish. There are two main components, one is financial which our Treasurer and Finance Chair ably complete, and the other is about people, specifically the membership, attendance and services of our parish. What the numbers say is very telling about the health of our parish.

Though our financial outlook is rather bleak in terms of pledges, our people numbers show a brighter picture and help to explain some of our financial crunch. Our church is growing. In 2009 we formally received five people, baptized four infants and one adult, and six newcomers became regular attendees. Unfortunately, we also had 5 families move in 2009 and another two families left for personal reasons. Therefore our gain of 16 people is offset by our loss of 12, leaving our net only 4. I know with the work of the Welcoming Committee this positive trend will continue to improve in 2010.

Our average attendance is 105 total on Sunday, but this number is misleading. In 2009 we had over 220 individuals attend regularly. That number was tracked through our nametag ministry. We no longer count nametags weekly, now that Fr. Charles has been here long enough to know who is coming and who is miss-



ing, but I will keep a list of the tags we have added or removed, to be able to determine our active membership. Please continue to wear your nametag to help facilitate communication and to promote a welcoming atmosphere that doesn't assume people know who you are. If you need a new one please let me know!

Altar Guild

Katie Cochran

The Altar Guild is in charge of many items that are part of our worship. One of these is the bread used at communion. We currently need people or groups to volunteer to bake bread. We have a recipe for you to follow and can connect you to other bakers if you have questions. We freeze the bread and like to have a good supply ready. If you are interested in this ministry please see Nora McCaslin or Katie Cochran.

We also want to invite people to select a Sunday to dedicate the Altar flowers to commemorate or give

thanks-giving for your loved ones. We have several Sundays available and no specific amount is required for your donation. The Altar Guild members purchase and arrange the flowers themselves, not a florist, another facet of this special ministry.

Ladies Lenten Interlude

Emily Ross is hosting an event for the women of the parish to enjoy a time of food, fellowship and relaxation on Saturday, March 13th at 7pm. Join us at the church for yummy treats like cheese and chocolate fondues, and some pampering with chair massages for a donation. Bring a friend and your massages are free! Winter is long and dark so please come to enjoy a bright spot. RSVP to Emily by March 7th.

Holy Week Preaching Series

Each year Fr. Charles has organized a unique treat during Holy Week, a special series of guest preachers during the week-night services. Each service starts at 7pm with Fr. Charles presiding. Monday will feature Dr. Rock Jones, president of Ohio Wesleyan University. Tuesday come hear The Rev'd Dr. Hank Langnecht, Assistant Professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley. Wednesday, we will hear from noted lay leader Debbie Stokes, parishioner at St. Philip's Columbus, and member of the 2009 diocesan delegation to General Convention.

Andrews House

Jim Yobbagy

**The following is the regular Monthly Schedule of Events
open to ALL at Andrews House**

**Any questions or donations? Contact Don or Kendra at www.andrewhouse.org
(740) 369 - 4520 or Jim Yobbagy jimyobb@gmail.com**

- *Third TUESDAY - 5:30 p.m. - free Legal Clinic
- *Every WEDNESDAY - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.- free Medical Clinic
- * Third THURSDAY - 5:00 p.m. - free Dinner.
- * Second FRIDAY - 6:00 p.m. - free Dinner.
- * Third SATURDAY - 9:00 a.m. - low-cost Food Boxes distributed (call for order deadline and menu).

Remember... Andrews House also provides these services (subject to availability):

- + Low - cost Office Space
- + Supervised Visitation
- + Computer Learning Center - 12 stations

Let It Flow

As you have probably seen, Andrews House has included a donation envelope in this newsletter for your generous giving enjoyment!

FEEL the sense of purpose and commitment that comes from supporting God's work in this world. We at 'The House' try to emulate Jesus' example of feeding the hungry, healing the sick and counseling the troubled. In 2009 we incorporated more prayer in our services to others (it is an integral part of the healing process in our free medical clinic).

The DEMAND IS UP all across the board for our meals, and award-winning medical and legal services. For example, with Angel Food ministry we started 2009 giving out 12 low- cost, nutritious boxes of food. At year-end, we were distributing 80 boxes per session.

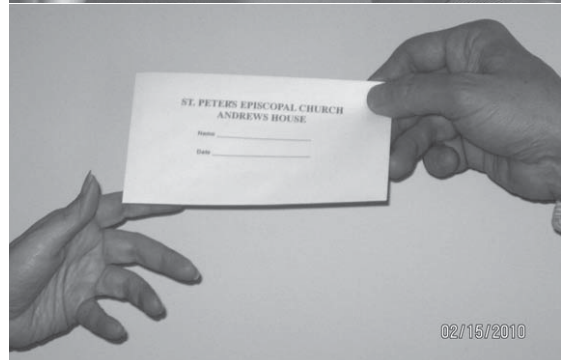
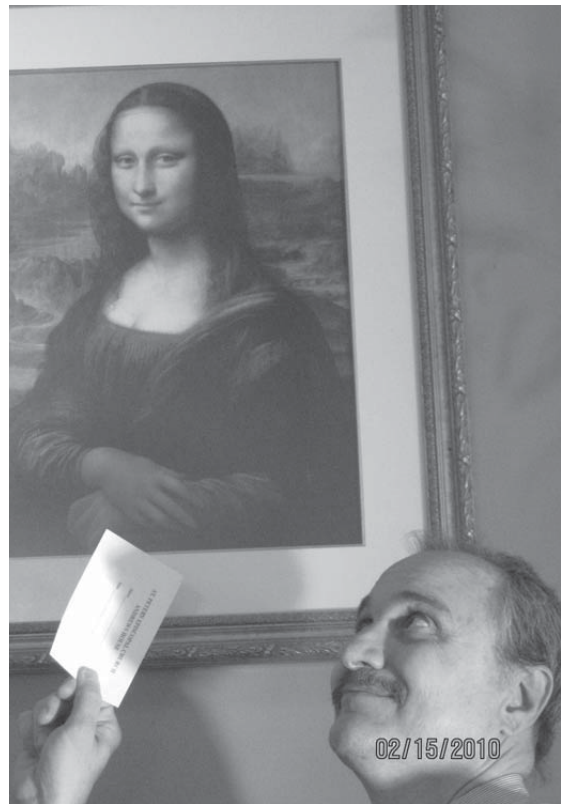
THINK OF US all week long:

- *Give cash, checks, marketable securities - whatever is easier for you.
- * Put them in the envelope (there is more in the church office -see Emily).
- *Put the envelope in the St Peter's collection plate (we will take it from there!).

Be responsive to the Holy Spirit's lead on this one... Let it Flow!

Thank you for making a real, tangible difference in people's lives by showing God's caring for their needs.

EVEN MONA GOT ONE!



Christian Formation

Linda Heid

As we enter the season of Lent our Sunday morning church school has not dipped in attendance at all! Traditionally, this has been a time of much lower attendance due to weather, sports, etc. This past Sunday, in the midst of this winter's worst storm we had a full house for the Art session of our lesson focusing on the season of Lent. God is Good!!

Many attended the Youth Snow Event at Big Walnut High School's sledding hill and had a blast :) It was snowing like crazy but what could have been better?! Please stay tuned to future youth events.

Paul Hardin is working hard to re-establish a Youth Group for our 6th-12th grade members. They meet regularly during the week and 1 or 2 times per month on Sunday mornings. They will focus not only on local issues/opportunities but also explore involvement in Diocesan youth events. Please see Paul if you want to get to know other kids in this Parish or Diocese.

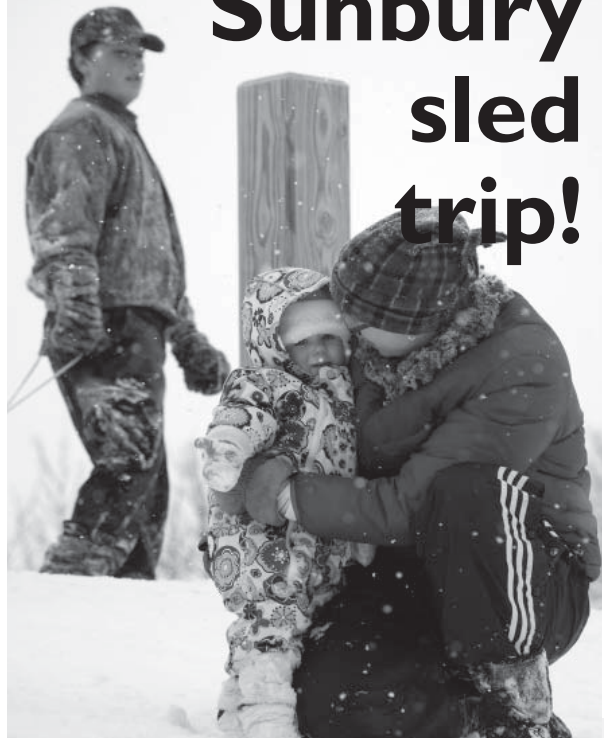
Stay safe, the warmth of Easter and a beautiful Spring is right around the corner.

Youth Event: Bare Bowl Trip!



Bare Bowl Trip - Paul Hardin is leading a group of interested youth to paint Chalices and Patens, the cups and plates used during Communion, on Saturday March 13th. We will meet at the church at 11am and head over as a group to paint. Please RSVP to Paul so he can know how many to expect.

Sunbury sled trip!



Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Our annual breakfast is served between the services (around 9:00am) on Easter morning. We have found a good formula with the 10:30 crew coming early for set-up and the 8:00 crew staying after the meal for clean up. We

always need people to help provide food such as strata (breakfast casserole) sweet breads and rolls, and juices. See the sign up sheets in the fellowship room to let Todd Hebb know how you can help. Our Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:30 service. We need people to donate

eggs loaded with candy or treats and taped shut so they will survive the hunt intact. We do the hunt rain or shine, and can move it inside if the weather is too bad. Let Julie Barry know if you can help.



Thoughts from Sr. Warden Todd Hebb

Hello everyone,

I want to thank everyone who came out to help with our first hosting of Family Promise again. Your generosity with time and goods was critical to our success. It made what could have been a terrible, stressful week for me merely stressful (the stress was just me being me with a new situation.) Everyone who brought blankets and sheets and pillows in, everyone who cooked a meal, everyone who stayed the night, and everyone who came and provided fellowship, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

This ministry is going to be ongoing at St. Peter's. It provides a vital service that is badly needed here in Delaware and may open up avenues for other ministries with the homeless and the disadvantaged here in our community. Personally, it is where I am called to be at this moment in time and I am glad to have your support. It's also an example of the change that comes with growth. Yes, I said the big C word. Change. We opened our church to the homeless and gave them food and shelter as we are instructed to do by our Lord. It was a new thing and a little scary from my perspective but it was great.

We are going to introduce a few changes to the way we host Family Promise that are needed based on what we now know. By March 7th, there will be schedules posted in the fellowship room, the office and online detailing what we need covered to make this work when our next hosting duty comes up. It will include drivers for each day, who's cooking meals, who is spending the night (we need two people each night), who will be here to greet the family or families when they first arrive, who will be providing fellowship each night and who will be cleaning bedclothes after we're done. I'll be looking for sign ups on these schedules and if I don't have them filled by the end of March, you can bet I'll be calling. I urge you to come out and help with this. It was an amazing and life altering experience for me. Suddenly, the homeless is not the dire but ultimately intellectual problem it had been. It became real to me in the faces and reality of the family we all spent time with that week.

Thank You,
Todd Hebb

✠ St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Delaware, Ohio
Minutes of the Vestry
January 17, 2010

The meeting opened at 12:10pm in the conference room of the Franklin St. House with prayer led by Roberta Clark.

ATTENDANCE

Rev. Charles Wilson, Rector; Senior Warden Todd Hebb; Junior Warden Jim Hinton; Vestry members Andy Brenner, Roberta Clark, Daniel Hursey, Kathleen Mergler, Dick Skuce, and Nancy Thompson; Parish Administrator Emily Ross; and Vestry Clerk Jennifer Jackson.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 13, 2009 meeting were presented. *Dick Skuce moved to accept the minutes as written. Jim Hinton seconded. Vestry approved unanimously.*

AGENDA

The agenda was presented with one minor addition. *Todd Hebb moved to accept the agenda as amended. Andy Brenner seconded. Vestry approved unanimously.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Welcoming** – Andy Brenner reported that the committee discussed a new marketing strategy and a shift in advertising dollars to try to yield more results, and to get the parish to reach out, with a variety of additional ideas. The website will be upgraded to become more user-friendly and navigational, a direct marketing campaign will be organized, and a “slide show” of upcoming events has been created for viewing during coffee hours.
- 2) **Strategic Plan** – Fr. Charles reported that a fine-tuned update of the Strategic Plan will be available at the Annual Meeting.
- 3) **Buildings & Grounds** – Fr. Charles reported that a parishioner has volunteered to cover the cost of snow plowing. This is appreciated!
- 4) **Franklin Street House** – Fr. Charles reported that Lewis Law Firm is interested in renting the upstairs office. Details will be sorted out before February 1st, when they would like to begin occupancy.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **2010 Preliminary Budget** - Vestry looked at the 2010 Preliminary Budget. A brief discussion followed. There have been no changes since Vestry looked at it previously. Vestry discussed the fact that this budget is balanced only because of the use of the remaining Cadwallader Vestry Account money, to be used as needed in 2010. *Andy Brenner moved to approve the 2010 Preliminary Budget as provided with the use of the Cadwallader Vestry Account during 2010 as needed. Dick Skuce seconded. Vestry approved unanimously.*
- 2) **Family Promise** – Todd Hebb reported that St. Peter's is the Family Promise host beginning January 31st, for one week, Sunday to Sunday. Training is taking place this week. Currently there are no families in need, but that could change any day. The Shawl Ministry intends to provide shawls and scarves for the families. The parish will be informed when/if we receive a family(ies). St. Peter's will host four times a year, the dates are to be determined.
- 3) Vestry discussed a parish family pastoral care issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Andrews House Board** – Nominations are needed to fill Carol Hallenbeck's seat on the Andrew's House Board. Vestry discussed potential nominees and Fr. Charles asked Vestry to continue thinking about this, and to give him suggestions if possible.
- 2) **Vestry vacancy** – Vestry discussed possible nominees for the one vacancy on Vestry.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Emily Ross reported her new hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-5:00, and Wednesday, 9:00-11:30

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm with prayer led by Fr. Charles.

The next Vestry meeting is Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 12:00pm in the conference room of the Franklin St. House.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Smith Jackson, Vestry Clerk

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2 Staff meeting 12:45pm Franklin St.	3 10:30am Bible Study Franklin St 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6	
7 3rd Lent Healing Services 8:00am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30a Sunday School 10:30am Children's Chapel	8	9 Staff meeting 12:45pm Franklin St.	10	11 Finance Committee Meeting – Franklin St	12 Second Friday Dinner – Andrews House	13 Youth trip to Bare Bowl 10am Ladies Lenten Interlude 7pm	
14 Lent 8:00am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30a Sunday School 10:30am Children's Chapel	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 Staff meeting 12:45pm Franklin St.	17 10:30am Bible Study – Franklin St 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Third Thursday Meal – Andrews House	19	20	
21 Lent 8:00am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30a Sunday School 10:30am Children's Chapel 12:00 Vestry	22	23 Staff meeting 12:45pm Franklin St.	24 10:30am Bible Study – Franklin St 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26 Dining Room - Meal at 6pm.	27 Book Club 10:30am Franklin St. House	
28 Palm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30a Sunday School 10:30am Children's Chapel	29 Holy Week Service 7pm Dr. Rook Jones, preaching	30 Holy Week Service 7pm the Rev'd Dr. Hank Langknecht, preaching	31 Holy Week Service 7pm Debbie Stokes, preaching	Please see Google Calendar www.stpetersdelaware.com/igoogle.htm			

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2010

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2010	SUNDAY, MARCH 7	SUNDAY, MARCH 14	SUNDAY, MARCH 21	SUNDAY, MARCH 28	
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Cooper Bobbie Thrall	Roberta Clark Nora McCaslin	Katie Cochran	Kathleen Mergler Anne Cheesman	
LAY READERS	8:00 Carl Venzke Tom Johnstone	Deanna Douglas Todd Hebb	Bobbi Hrusovsky John Hrusovsky	Joe Chornyak Val Chornyak	
	10:30 Ed Hunter Judy Held	Henry Shaw Steve Schemine	Vicki Lewis Paul Sabine	Roberta Clark Joe Kersey	
PRESIDER & PREACHER	Fr. Charles	Fr. Charles	Fr. Charles	Fr. Charles	
ACOLYTES	8:00 Kelly & Joe Robinson	Jarad Hrusovsky	JT Hrusovsky	Kathleen & Elizabeth Jackson	
	10:30 Stephanie Dawson Grace Hammett	Daniel Dawson Hunter Andres	Mac Hammet Emily Hammet	Dagmar Grothe Penny Rushmore	
LESSONS	3rd Lent	4th Lent	5th Lent	Palm Sunday	
First Psalm Second Gospel	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56	
USHERS &HOSTS	8:00 Dick Skuce	John & Bonnie Quist	Milt & Marilyn Wyman	Jeff & Brigitte Chase	
	10:30 Bev & Dale Bauer Judy Held	Tom & Linda Baldwin	Geoff & Bobbie Thrall	Tommie Stanching, Nora McCaslin Ed & Louella Hunter	
LAY EUCHARIST VISITORS	Paul Sabine	Joe & Val Chornyak	De Dee Daly Roberta Clark	Judy Held	
NURSERY					

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