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SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I **
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Chapel
*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***
**Nursery Provided*
***Children's CE and Nursery Provided*



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April 17th

Palm Sunday (service begins in the courtyard)
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am Christian Education for all ages
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two



April 18th-20th

Morning Prayer at 7:30 am

April 20th

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm
A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus.

April 21st

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm
This service of Holy Eucharist will commemorate the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

April 22nd

Good Friday Service at 12 noon
This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.



April 24th

Easter Sunday
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:00 am Easter Brunch
(Bring a dish to share)
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
(By April 20th, please bring to the church office wrapped candy *no gum please* and plastic eggs)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two



For questions please call the church office at 747-4000.



All ladies of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church

Are invited to attend a Bridal Shower honoring

Carol Bonham

Daughter of Mary and Charles Bonham

Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday)

Noon, following the 10:30 am service

In the Parish House

Hosted by

Lori Bates	Charlotte Battin
Mary Darrah	Nina Godwin
Dianne Hodges	Beverly McDaniel
Lisa McLendon	Madge Smith

After being convinced that it is for our convenience,
Carol has registered at Dillards and Bed,
Bath, and Beyond.



Love Life Live Lent

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN PROGRAM
AND SOUP SUPPERS**
5:30—Soup Suppers
6:15 Worship
6:30 Program

Continues....

April 6— The Road to Jerusalem—
We will view a video depicting the final week of Jesus' life as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew.

**April 13—The Liturgical Journey
of Holy Week—**We will examine the history and meaning of our Liturgical practices from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday.

**We need your wonderful soup!
Please signup on the sheet in
Battin Hall!**

April Birthdays



Apr. 2	Anne Hawley, Duncan Scott
Apr. 3	Patricia Boyd, Kathy Stuart
Apr. 4	Callan Nash, Alyssa Shores
Apr. 5	Mac Bonham
Apr. 6	Clara Spaulding
Apr. 8	Benjamin Stuart
Apr. 10	Sarah Dick
Apr. 11	Deana Gailfoil
Apr. 12	Callie Mills
Apr. 13	Jewell Harding, Pam Hawley
Apr. 15	Alden Davis, Tony Hill, Dan Smith
Apr. 16	Richard Doran
Apr. 18	Terry Collatz, Nelson Scott
Apr. 19	Michael McLawhorn
Apr. 22	Henry Breland, Carmen Camenzind, Byron Matthews, Steve McClain, Joseph Parell, Stephanie Pettis, Madilyn Streichert, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson
Apr. 25	Ella Cole
Apr. 27	Benjamin Churchill, Alex Phillips, Faith Smith
Apr. 29	Madge Smith, Megan Thompson

April Anniversaries



Apr. 1	Jim and Florence Fortier
Apr. 7	Mark and Pam Hawley
Apr. 8	Rusty Smith and Stephanie Pettis
Apr. 9	Austin and Carolyn Roberts David and Madge Smith
Apr. 15	James and Joyce Cosper
Apr. 16	Bill and Sylvia Mormile Max and Joyce Dannecker
Apr. 17	Heinz and Jaimie Camenzind
Apr. 20	Jim and Kelly Roberson
Apr. 21	Chris and Kathy Mills Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis
Apr. 22	Bruce and Phyllis McLawhorn
Apr. 29	Dan and Laura Johnson Ray and Diane Wishart

of the trip I made can be found on Youtube at Incarnation Project (Part One and Two).

As you can tell, much has been accomplished in a short period of time. Our affiliation with the Haiti Partnership provides us with the security we need to ensure monies contributed to the effort will be used for the purpose they were donated and in a manner that demonstrates good stewardship. NO MONIES will be allocated to the construction of the school until the first project (well and sanitation) has been completed and evaluated. If you would like to participate donations are now being accepted. The donations will be placed in a restricted fund and of course, are tax deductible. Note checks as HAITI PARTNERSHIP or INCARNATION PROJECT to ensure they are placed in the proper account. Many of you have asked if we can really make a difference in Haiti. I'll admit that after the trip, I wondered if we could. However, through this work of coordination and partnering, I can finally say to you that I believe we CAN make a difference. We have the opportunity to make a difference in a small part of the world and establish a long-term relationship with Incarnation parish and school. And if just a small portion of the children at Incarnation School are able to continue their education past the fifth grade, those students themselves can be the catalyst that can change their own part of Haiti. They simply need an opportunity that currently does not exist. I give you my pledge that monies donated will be used for the purpose they were intended. Prayerfully consider whether you'd like to be a part.
God love you,
Steve

Bonjour! Buon giorno! Kalispera!

Time for the Supper Club Spring Mixer 2011!

This season we'll be taking a "Mediterranean Cruise"!

The dinner is Saturday, April 30.

Hors-d'oeuvres (appetizers) at 6, pasto (dinner) at 6:30.

Sign up in Battin Hall after church on Sunday

And bring a dish from one of our cruise countries:

France, Italy or Greece.

Join us for great food, awesome fellowship, fun & surprises.



The Incarnation Project (from previous page)

- During the June trip, a medical mission will assist in establishing a week-long clinic in LePrete as well as establishing some simple medical baseline statistics in order to measure effectiveness of health and nutrition programs we hope to establish in the community.
- A Haitian engineer has prepared a report for the possible construction of a school adjacent to Incarnation Church. Some initial site preparation will take place during the June trip.
- The Haiti Partnership has gathered resources from a number of groups who have built schools in Haiti. These resources included architectural plans, costs estimates, procedures for incorporating the community into the project and the potential for future solar panel installation that would provide electricity to the school. (Currently, there is no electricity in the entire village.)
- Our three church partnership has committed (using discretionary funds) to subsidize (through the Haiti Partnership) the teacher's salaries for the coming school year. The entire cost of this is \$2000.
- Supplies can now be shipped to LePrete through the Haiti Partnership through Agape Flights (Miami). This process, again, circumvents governmental interference.
- To find out more about the Haiti Partnership go to <http://www.episcopalschools.org>. Additionally, the video



By Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Rite One Choir

The Rite One Choir continues to grow, both in numbers and musically. They will next be singing

on April 10th when they will sing an offertory anthem as well as music during communion. Each time a new voice joins us, the other members have that much more confidence and their sound gets better and better. Currently we have three men singing with us, but each one qualifies for singing in the bass section. Surely there is a tenor out there interested in singing with us! Weekly rehearsals are on Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and we generally sing once a month in church. What began as only three voices a year ago is now a real choir! Praise God!

The Chancel Choir

April is all about Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. The Chancel Choir continues to rehearse for all of these special times of worship. I encourage you to attend Maundy Thursday service. Personally, I find the music very powerful and moving and we are singing one of my all-time favorite anthems, “Saw Ye, My Savior?” which will be accompanied by piano and flute. Years ago, when I learned this anthem while singing in a church choir, I found myself getting ‘choked-up’ and having trouble singing. It was the first piece of church music I ever remember making me cry because it was so moving.

As in previous years, The Chancel Choir will be singing for both services on Easter Sunday. The two services will

each contain the same music so no one misses a thing. The sounds of trumpet and tympani will echo through the sanctuary as the ‘alleluias’ return to worship signaling the resurrection of Christ.

Choosing music is not about ‘pretty’ but about scripture and lessons and helping you ‘feel’ something. It is an extension of the message and feeling is part of that too. May all of our music of this season reach you on many levels, not just with your ears but with your hearts.

The Children’s Choir

Palm Sunday is a highlight of the year for The Children’s Choir. Each year they sing outside in the courtyard prior to the service beginning in the sanctuary. This year they will sing two anthems, “Little Grey Donkey” and “Hosanna, Amen!” Their singing will also represent the children who lined the roads as Jesus rode into Jerusalem and waved their palms. All children in church that morning will also participate in singing part of the final song before they lead the way into the sanctuary with their palms.

When we first began rehearsing “Little Grey Donkey,” one choir member was so excited. She remembered the song from several years ago and said that the moment she first heard that particular song, she knew she wanted to be in the Children’s Choir. We never know when we are making a lasting impression on someone. Little eyes and ears are all around us!

The Incarnation Project *The mission to build a school.*

Much “behind the scenes” activity has taken place since my recent visit to Haiti. The work to this point has been primarily to “educate ourselves,” determine existing relationships that can benefit this project, and ensure methods of accountability for any funds applied to the project. I’m happy to report that much progress has been made.

- Holy Nativity, St. Christopher’s and St. Mary Magdalene’s has registered with the Haiti Partnership with the purpose of supporting Incarnation Episcopal School in LePretre, Haiti. The Haiti Partnership is an organization within the Episcopal Church that helps coordinate efforts between sponsoring parishes in the United States and recipient parishes in Haiti. This Partnership allows us to support the project without going through the Haitian government. The Partnership has a clergy representative in the United States as well as a clergy representative in Haiti. We are fortunate that the Haitian representative is located at St. Saviour parish in Les Cayes which less than 20 miles from LePretre. This close proximity will benefit our project. The Partnership assures accountability and transparency in the project and makes certain that funds donated are used for the purpose intended.

- A second trip to Haiti (I won’t be going on this trip) is planned for early June. The trip has two purposes. First, a well will be drilled and installed at Incarnation School. This will be the first and only clean water source for the entire community. Contacts through USAid will be assisting, coordinating and directing. Additionally, sanitation facilities (toilets) will be built at the school. Currently there are none. The estimate for this entire segment of the project is \$10,000. It is our intent to use this portion of the project as a means to determine the effectiveness of the Partnership from both an administrative and financial perspective.

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Episcopal Church Women News

By Mary Troxell

There will be an ECW meeting at 9:15 am on April 3rd.

The Priscilla Shire Event at the First Baptist Church

The cost is \$49 for both days. If someone has a question they can contact me at home early AM or after 1800-522-1987



May 1st will be our next social at 6:00 pm in the Parish House.

There will not be an ECW meeting that AM. The Board will provide rum punch and a non alcoholic punch for a" Spring Fling". Could ladies please bring goodies, but in less generous amounts than our February "do"?

There will be a Diocesan ECW luncheon April 5th in Pensacola at Christ Church.

There will be Eucharist at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00pm. The speaker will be the Rev Susan Sowers, associate rector at St. Christopher's who will speak on her journey from the Pentagon to the Pulpit. Cost is \$10. I need to have reservations by 3/29 so I can call the number through by 3/31. We would like to get a group to go together and have a 7 passenger vehicle with driver tentatively offered for transportation. Call Mary Troxell, 522- 1987, to make reservations - pay on the day.

It has been suggested that the ECW roll up our sleeves and work one Saturday to clean the kitchen before the English tea/fashion show. Think about how you feel about this and would you participate? We will discuss this on April 3rd.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: FR. TOM

April brings three more Sundays before Easter, two of them Sundays *in* Lent not *of* Lent so on those Sundays your forty day Lenten fast does not apply and you may eat chocolate (or smoke a cigarette, but please don’t). The lessons for those Sundays are exciting and will give us reasons to think and discuss what this is all about. Eight o’clockers, when you come to class please bring your worship bulletin along, and we will have bulletins for the ten-thirty folks, so that we can look at the Sunday’s liturgy in its entirety including the hymns and prayers.

The third Sunday in April is Palm Sunday: the Sunday of the Passion: we will discuss the Church’s startling doctrine of blood atonement, its origins, theology, what it means.

There is no Sunday School on the fourth Sunday in April, which is Easter Day. The following Sundays of Easter, during May, we will learn about and discuss the new liturgies General Convention has authorized for The Episcopal Church in the little red book *Enriching Our Worship* specifically the Eucharistic Prayers.

I very much look forward to the rest of our Sunday School season before we shut down for the summer!

Fr. Tom+

YOUTH NEWS!

By Judy Dickey

Wow, April already!

We will continue with the soup suppers and Lent projects on Wednesday nights through the end of Lent, which means meeting at the church at 5:30pm and wrapping things up at 7:30pm.

The Wednesday during Holy Week, April 20th, the youth will meet after the Stations of the Cross service (service begins at 6:00 pm), somewhere around 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm. We will stuff Easter Eggs with candy so we can hide the eggs on Easter Sunday!

After Easter, we will resume our 6pm Wednesday night activities in the upstairs room. We will finish decorating our new nook, including handprints and personal messages. If you want to leave your mark, you will need to be here!

Parents, if you would like to volunteer to bring dinner on one of our standard Wednesday nights, please let me know. I'm sure the kids would appreciate some variety.

Join us in April! Judy 248-6624



CAMP OUT!

Children’s Ministry April 2011

April	Children’s Chapel 9:15	WoRM 10:30	Godly Play 10:30	Nursery 10:15
3	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Old Testament Study: Joshua and Jericho Judy Bennett 215-1579 Chris Mills 913-1595	The Books of the Bible Anji Dunlap 763-0875 Ashley Easton 769-8533	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
10	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Old Testament Study: David and Goliath Judy Bennett 215-1579 Kathy Brust 265-3172	The Faces of Easter I-IV Karen Shores 867-1084 Sharon Carroll 784-6861	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
17 Palm Sunday– Singing with the Children’s Choir	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Old Testament Study: Solomon’s Wisdom Judy Bennett 215-1579 Candace Leebrick 522-9240	The Faces of Easter V-VII Sharon Carroll 784-6861 Kelly Roberson 914-2376	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
24 Easter- Flowering the Cross	Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt	“My Easter Bible” Katy Bradford 234-3172 Kathy Brust 265-3172	“My Easter Bible” Ashley Easton 769-8533 Lenka Doran 874-1048	Pat Spangler 215-5279 Carolyn Cramer 769-6789

“Love Life, Live Lent” is proving to be a great program for our children. On Wednesday evenings after Soup Supper and Evening Prayer, we gather in Kid’s Kingdom to consider the thoughtful, sacrificial nature of the season and to “tick off” the actions for the past week suggested in the booklet. (It’s British.) Then we join with the EYC to accomplish our on-site activity...last week, planting flower seeds by the courtyard and next week, building bird-feeders for the EYC balcony. Each child has an EYC buddy and they really look out for each other, both working and playing together beautifully. We end with the pre-determined, specifically requested snack...Black Cows (root beer floats), double-chocolate milk shakes, and plain vanilla ice cream to comply with Lenten promises. Come play and pray with us.

On Palm Sunday, the Children’s Choir will be presenting special music and all of the children may join in singing some of the choruses that we are learning in Sunday School. Please be here early so that we can practice in Kid’s Kingdom before meeting in the courtyard. Also please, bring your wrapped candy (no gum) and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, or you may drop them at the church office by April 20 so that the EYC kids can fill the eggs on that Wednesday evening after Stations of the Cross.

The children will be “flowering the cross” at the beginning of the 10:30 Easter service. Please bring plenty of cut flowers from home or you may pick up some grocery store bouquets so that we will have extra for our guests (and for those who forget. Thank you all so much for helping to make what we do at Holy Nativity meaningful and memorable for our children.

Beverly McDaniel