



The Living Stones

April 2013

Friends,

Happy Easter to each of you. Inside this edition you will see evidence of a loving and caring authentic group of Christians. You are invited to join us at any time.

Coming up, starting April 8th, is our next small group ministry – Just Walk Across the Room. As in the past this promises to enrich and encourage us in a straightforward means to evangelize. Please see the note herein for more information. Also notice the four meetings will start at 7PM, which means you should eat dinner before arriving.

I have added some color to this addition, with photos of the children's egg hunt on Easter. Also included are some photos of the stained glass windows in the Narthex and one from inside the Nave. These are just a reminder of the great beauty that is St. Stephen's.

I ask each of you to give extra attention praying for Tom Olcott. His health is a daily struggle. I know many of you are already praying for him and that is good. If you do not already, please pray for Tom and the others listed herein.

Yours in faith,

Richard Wallstrom



Rector's Corner

Easter is more than Spring and it is Meant To Be Shared

I like Easter.... and I like everything about Spring. First there is the time of year itself..... This has been a very cold winter. I am tired of being cold. Feeling the sun on my face is pure heaven. I like looking at my wife's daffodils.... those things were quiet drab, mostly dead, little bulbs when she found them as a really good deal at the store..... and now they are bright, tall and colorful. Something from nothing.

Easter though is a more shocking celebration. It is more than just a cyclic experience of life from death in the usual places, like the garden. It is more than flowers and the renewal of life on a yearly basis. It is the staggering reality that death... real death.... is not beyond the reach of God to redeem it.

Before His crucifixion, people marveled at Jesus' teaching and miracles. But it was the Resurrection that truly proved who He is, and that He can be trusted with our very lives, because He is greater than death itself. The power of Easter really becomes visible in the stories of ordinary people of Jesus' empty tomb. Easter is about what that empty tomb means– or ought to mean– in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Christ's rising from the dead can mean very little these days to a jaded world that expects little beyond what it can see or reasonably predict. Stories of medical resuscitation, people awakening from comas, and our societal inoculation from the horror of death due to too many violent movies, all take their toll. Yet death is still death, and it means the same thing it has always meant. It means that life is over. The dead are missed and mourned by friends and family and, on this side of heaven, we know very little just what really lies ahead, beyond the grave.

Jesus had no chance whatsoever for a "near death" experience. He was crucified by the Romans who were known particularly for their skill and thoroughness, especially where inflicting pain and death was concerned. He died. He was deeply mourned and missed, especially by those who knew Him personally. But also by all who had begun to believe He was the long awaited messiah. His death was more than the end of a life, but also of faith. Without Jesus, hope itself had died. He had answered all the criteria for the Messiah, and if HE could die, then the Bible itself was a dead book, filled, to be sure, with lofty promises and wonderful stories. But little more than a wonderful fairy tale.

That His tomb was empty, the day after the Sabbath, did more than shake up His followers. And it did more than make his friends glad to see His face. It gave them back their faith...and their God.

People still need their lives changed, and God has proven that He can change them. There is so much death out there, especially these days, and Jesus alone is the answer. The first Christians knew who Jesus really is, because of Easter, and they told everyone they met what they learned from Jesus' resurrection: God really is alive.

Above all things, Easter is a community celebration. It is not a time for introspective self-evaluation, or even meditation on the things Jesus taught. Easter proves that God is real. He is life. In Him nothing can stand against us, not shame, fear, sin, or personal stupidity. We-- the Church-- need to invite people who are still in the dark and the death of this world to come in and find that God really has defeated death. Jesus rose from the dead for EVERYBODY. Easter is meant to be shared. Shall we?

Fr. Lemyt



Readings for Personal Study and Devotion

Easter Week Begins on Sunday March 31

Easter Day	Ps 148, 149, 150	Isa. 51:9-11	Luke 24:13-35,	or John 20:19-23
Monday	Ps 93, 98	Exod. 12:14-27	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
Tuesday	Ps 103	Exod. 12:28-39	1 Cor. 15:12-28	Mark 16:9-20
Wednesday	Ps 97, 99	Exod. 12:40-51	1 Cor. 15:29-41	Matt. 28:1-16
Thursday	Ps 146, 147	Exod. 13:3-10	1 Cor. 15:41-50	Matt. 28:16-20
Friday	Ps 136	Exod. 13:1-16;	1 Cor. 15:51-58;	Luke 24:1-12
Saturday	Ps 145	Exod. 13:17-14:4	2 Cor. 4:16-5:10	Mark 12:1-27

Week of 2 Easter Begins Sunday April 7

Sunday	Ps 146, 147	Exod. 14:5-22	1 John 1:1-7	John 14:1-7
Monday	Ps 1, 2, 3	Exod. 14:21-31	1 Pet. 1:1-12	John 14:1-17
Tuesday	Ps 5, 6;	Exod. 15:1-21;	1 Pet. 1:13-25	John 14:18-31
Wednesday	Ps 119:1-24	Exod. 15:22-16:10	1 Pet. 2:1-10	John 15:1-11
Thursday	Ps 18:1-20	Exod. 16:10-22	1 Pet. 2:11-25	John 15:12-27
Friday	Ps 16, 17	Exod. 16:23-36	1 Pet. 3:13-4:6	John 16:1-15
Saturday	Ps 20, 21:1-7(8-13)	Exod. 17:1-16	1 Pet. 4:7-19	John 16:16-33

Week of 3 Easter Begins April 14

Sunday	Ps 148, 149, 150	Exod. 18:1-12	1 John 2:7-17	Mark 16:9-20
Monday	Ps 25	Exod. 18:13-27	1 Pet. 5:1-14	Matt. 1:1-17; 3:1-6
Tuesday	Ps 26, 28	Exod. 19:1-16	Col. 1:1-14	Matt. 3:7-12
Wednesday	Ps 38	Exod. 19:16-25	Col. 1:15-23	Matt. 3:13-17
Thursday	Ps 37:1-18	Exod. 20:1-21	Col. 1:24-2:7	Matt. 4:1-11
Friday	Ps 105:1-22	Exod. 24:1-18	Col. 2:8-23	Matt. 4:12-17
Saturday	Ps 30, 32	Exod. 25:1-22	Col. 3:1-17	Matt. 4:18-25

Week of 4 Easter Begins April 21

Sunday	Ps 63:1-8(9-11), 98	Exod. 28:1-4, 30-38	1 John 2:18-29	Mark 6:30-44
Monday	Ps 41, 52	Exod. 32:1-20	Col. 3:18--4:6-18	Matt. 5:1-10
Tuesday	Ps 45	Exod. 32:21-34	1 Thess. 1:1-10	Matt. 5:11-16
Wednesday	Ps 119:49-72	Exod. 33:1-23	1 Thess. 2:1-12	Matt. 5:17-20
Thursday	Ps 50	Exod. 34:1-17	1 Thess. 2:13-20	Matt. 5:21-26
Friday	Ps 40, 54	Exod. 34:18-35	1 Thess. 3:1-13	Matt. 5:27-37
Saturday	Ps 55	Exod. 40:18-38	1 Thess. 4:1-12	Matt. 5:38-48

Week of 5 Easter Begins April 28

Sunday	Ps 24, 29	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36	Heb. 12:1-14	Luke 4:16-30
Monday	Ps 56, 57, [58]	Lev. 16:1-19	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 6:1-18
Tuesday	Ps 61, 62;	Lev. 16:20-34;	1 Thess. 5:1-11;	Matt. 6:7-15
Wednesday	Ps 72	Lev. 19:1-18	1 Thess. 5:12-28	Matt. 6:19-24
Thursday	Ps [70], 71	Lev. 19:26-37	2 Thess. 1:1-12	Matt. 6:25-34
Friday	Ps 106:1-18	Lev. 23:1-22	2 Thess. 2:1-17	Matt. 7:1-12
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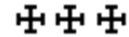
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- 4 Albert Gagliardi
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- 16 Bill Bennett
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- 19 Kathryn Santos
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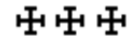
APRIL Anniversaries

- 10 Bud & Marjorie Burchell
- 25 Stan & Marjorie Moniz

Praise Reports



We give thanks that Norm Dickens is doing much better. Praise God.



Kira Giselle Olcott was baptized Easter Sunday, surrounded by family and the congregation.



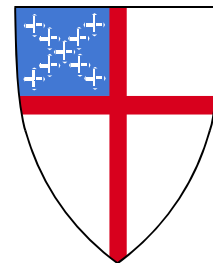
Thanks to the Boy Scouts, their parents and all the others who helped to clean up and prepare the church grounds and building for Palm Sunday and Easter.

MAY Birthdays

- 1 Delaney Moore
- 4 Walt Manley
Michelle (Micki) Dawal
- 5 Amanda Castellano
- 6 Yolanda Vallez
- 7 Jane Olcott
Paige Moore
- 11 Martha Becker
Makayla Duffty
- 23 Francine Head
- 24 Nancy Clancey
- 25 Teddy Moore
- 31 Gregg Hall

MAY Anniversaries

- 11 Paige & Jason Moore



PARISH NEWS

RESOURCE CENTER

This month we are especially in need of shampoo, used men's jeans, belts and shoes (any size). Thank you to all who donate lunch items and to those ladies who make 36 lunches every Monday.

To donate lunch items or help put them together, please contact Anne Cantrell.

JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

'Just Walk Across the Room' offers a four week workshop to equip each person of faith for evangelism in today's world. Last year I heard Bill Hybels preach at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. He opened my eyes to the fact that as Christians we evangelize every day by the life we live.

I obtained details of the curriculum and spoke with Father Terry and the Vestry about presenting the information to the St. Stephen's community. We agreed to offer the course over four consecutive Mondays (April 8, 15, 22 and 29) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Coffee, tea, lemonade and cookies will be available. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Parish Hall notice board.

Each participant will need to purchase two text books: 'Just Walk Across the Room' and its companion 'Participant's Guide'. I will carry these to church over the next few weeks for your examination, and have some copies available.

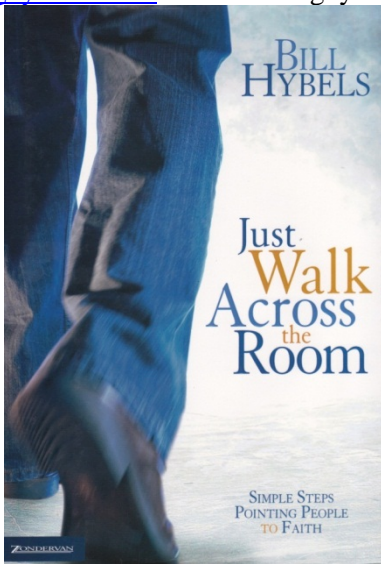
'Just Walk Across the Room':

hardcover \$15; paperback \$10

'Participant's Guide': \$5

For further information, please feel free to contact me at: 408 848 4105 (home); 408 355 4613 (cell)

kathleen.bagby@me.com Kathleen Bagby



SALLY HODGE

I am saddened to report that I received an e-mail from Sally Lane indicating that her Mother, Sally Hodge, passed away on March 26 at 11: 55 PM. She had a bad fall that required two surgeries, They had to take her off of her blood thinner for the surgery's which led to a stroke and other complications which led to her death. A memorial service is planned at St. Stephen's on 1 May 2013. Sally Hodge and the Lane family were long time faithful members of St. Stephens. The two girls Kaitlyn and Kylie served as our acolytes while the Lane family were members. Tom Olcott

OUTREACH

Because of your generosity, the NetsforLife Inspiration Fund has reached its \$5 million goal in support of our NetsforLife malaria prevention program. This campaign was a powerful, transformative grassroots effort in the Episcopal Church and beyond.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

The work of NetsforLife will continue. Since 2006 the program has distributed over 11 million nets, trained 82,000 community malaria agents and reached more than 30 million people.

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ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE

Following the success of last year's Arts and Crafts Faire, another is planned for this year - October 26 and 27. As before, a bake sale will accompany the arts and crafts. New creative ideas are very much appreciated. For more information, please contact: Anne Cantrell, Pat Savage, Bobbie Wallstrom or Kathleen Bagby.



The Daughters of the King is a religious lay order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate which today includes women in the Anglican Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran (ELCA) churches. The order was founded in 1885 by Margaret Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City. The members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation

of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and spreading of Christ's Kingdom and strengthening the spiritual life of her parish. The St. Anne's chapter here at St. Stephen's has ten members that pray daily for our parish, community and country.

On April 6th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall the fourth preparation study will start. The Study consists of twelve chapters that will prepare the student for becoming a Daughter. The St. Anne's chapter will be hosting a group from San Jose for the study after which they will form their chapter. This study session will be bilingual with Bishop Romero acting a translator when needed. The group will meet twice a month for approximately two hours each session. If you are interested in Daughters of the King there is information in the literature rack in the narthex or talk to any of the Daughter's. To sign up for the study please call Patricia Savage at (408) 842-7346.

Attention All Ladies

May 11th is our annual Mother's Day Spring Tea. Save this date and invite your mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Wearing a hat is highly recommended and fun on this special day. Admission to this event is simply for you to bring donated items for the resource center, such as hygiene products or men's white socks. If you would like us to do your shopping for you, a check is always accepted. Join the fun and sample our delicacies. More information will be forthcoming.







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Gail Paul (2013); Tom Olcott (2014); Richard Wallstrom (2014); GERALYN SULLIVAN
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