

St. John's Episcopal Church: The Episcopaper - Monthly Newsletter

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Lent begins March 9

Ash Wednesday Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes:

6:30 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7 p.m.

From the Rector:

March 4, 2011

Dear Friends,

This issue of the newsletter introduces you to the various special events happening at the beginning of the church Lenten season.

These include: Ash Wednesday services on March 9 – 6:30 a.m., 12 noon & 7 p.m.
Sunday program: “Share Save Spend” (starting March 13 at 11:30 a.m.)
Wednesday Taize prayer services (starting March 16 at 7 p.m.)

There is also news of two big events in January and February at St. John's: the Wine into Water project to raise money for wells in Central America; and the February 26 workshop on eating local, spending less and enjoying it more. I want to thank Laurie Gray and Sarah Jusko, and those who assisted them in raising almost \$8,000 for this worthy goal. We are one of two parishes in the Diocese to have completed this work so far! And the Creation Stewards, one and all, worked hard to present to the community a useful and informative program on how we eat and how we buy our food. Thanks to them also. Both of these attracted many folks from outside our parish community and this is a real plus. Great work.

As we begin the preparation for the annual renewal of our faith at Easter, may God bless and guide us all in finding the right balance in our lives.

-Fr. Mark

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Mobile Clinic Needs Volunteers

Medical providers in Snohomish County such as Providence Regional Medical Center and Snohomish Family Medical Center say that there is an ever greater need to serve those without health insurance and those who are under insured. In answer to this need, the Puget Sound Christian Clinic located near Haller Lake in the north end of Seattle began preparing to deliver care via mobile clinic. A mobile clinic vehicle was purchased and equipped and the local steering committee has assembled volunteers, both medical and non-medical. The clinic is setting up at Cross View (Free Methodist) Church behind the Snohomish Family Medical Center on Ave. D on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Clinic asks for a \$10 payment per visit but this can be waived based on need.

St. John's Outreach Committee has committed to support the first year of operation with a \$1,000 donation. There is a need for lots of volunteers. A brochure about this clinic and a volunteer application will be available at St. John's. You are encouraged to find out more and think about volunteering.

It's Your Vestry: Watch Them Work

Every month different committees within St. John's report to the Vestry to keep members apprised of their activities and issues. Mary Nilsen reported on the Communications Committee. She discussed the ways the committee is seeking to enhance all communications vehicles including Sunday announcements, bulletin boards, and e-newsletters. Mary presented a job description for the positions of volunteer newsletter editor and Web master. New vestry people expressed a desire for an extended calendar, to get up-to-date information and to keep apprised about future events.

Candace McKenna, treasurer, presented the monthly financial report for January 2011. She reported that this was the first January in memory in which contributions were running ahead of expectations.

Fr. Miller reported on meetings and visits for the month. He also handed out a publication from the Diocese calling St. John's Snohomish and St. John's Kirkland the leadership churches when it came to Wine into Water.

Jack Norvell suggested lay reader robes be cleaned and/or replaced. Al Mixon built a new altar for the downstairs chapel. Anne Voss made a wall hanging and Margaret Hays is working on another.

Shrove Tuesday

The Men's Group will provide its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 in the parish hall. There will be a donation basket. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts and was a time traditionally when milk and butter were used up before the Lenten fast and so pancakes were often served on this day.

Ash Wednesday is March 9

6:30 A.M., 12 NOON, 7 P.M. WITH MUSIC

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of preparation for the Easter celebration. The service reminds us to come before God humbly and grateful for His mercy. In the service people may receive ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads and recite together prayers expressing our need for forgiveness. The service includes the Holy Eucharist.

Share Save Spend Kicks Off March 13

Sunday, March 13 is the first Share Save Spend program. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. We'll be signing people up at coffee hour or call the church office. Those who want to attend do need to register for the four-week program. There will be a simple lunch provided each week. Besides Fr. Miller, Gerry and Nancy Vandenberg, Marsha Russell and high school senior Zac Kopp will be leading the discussions. As a resource there will be a series of very short video presentations from Nathan Dungan, who started the nationwide program.

What is Share Save Spend? It's a program to foster healthy financial habits and is particularly focused on how we pass these habits on to our young people. Child care is provided for both nursery-age children and children who are still too young to participate. Children are encouraged to attend this multi-generational/young people's program that is designed for both parents and children.

Prayer Service With Taize Starts

Lenten prayer services will begin on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., March 16. The services will feature Taize music such as we often use after communion and silent prayer. There will be five of these services throughout Lent. The services will provide a quiet time for prayer, quiet reflection and singing. Taize music is sung all over the world, especially drawing youth all over Europe. There is a Taize service every week at St. James Cathedral, Seattle at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays.

For a sample of Taize music, click on the link on our website home page www.stjohnsnohomish.org

Wine into Water Report

St. John's collected \$7,879.41 in donations to answer the Bishop's call to raise \$5,000 for wells to our brothers and sisters in Central America who need ready access to clean water. Sarah Jusko and Laurie Gray spearheaded the Wine into Water event which exceeded expectations for money raised. The duo reached out beyond St. John's to the community for the Wine into Water wine tasting in the parish hall on January 29. About

Wine into Water Report (continued)

100 people attended, half from the community and half from the parish. The event involved tasting 12 different mystery wines, donated by the law firm, Adams, Duncan & Howard of Everett.

There was also a raffle for local Washington wines. The big prize was a bottle of the award-winning local wine, Quilceda Creek's 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon. (The wine was served at the White House the week before the event).

Laurie and Sarah also managed a series of other efforts to raise the money including:

- Making available gift cards through Advent. You could buy a gift card in someone's name and make a gift of the donation.
- Coins into water. Rick Jusko spent hours creating a beautiful water well that allowed parishioners, children and adults, to donate coins that were used for the building of a water well. This activity alone raised \$189.41.
- Walk for Water. John First led an ecumenical group from the community to the Snohomish River to draw water and carry it back to the church. The water was purified and used in the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan and also in a baptism.

"The Diocese has called us the 'little church that could'," said Sarah. "I think the event was successful because there were a few of us who were passionate about the water wells and also the Bishop's challenge."

The pair would like to thank the men who helped pour wine, Tom Adams for choosing the wines, Rick Jusko for being the emcee, Adams Duncan & Howard for donating the wine, Anne Voss and Helen Tygret for creating the fabric mystery wine bags, Debbie Schelfhout and John and Barbara Macho and fellow Outreach Committee members who helped in the kitchen, all those who brought appetizers, those who served as greeters at the door, those who sold raffle tickets, Sharmon Johnson and Vanessa Chudy and the remarkable teens, including Zac Kopp, who managed childcare that night, and Melissa Dyer from Seattle Hill Physical Therapy who created the wine judging cards, wine wheels and all of the framed information displayed on the tables.

Food Workshop Wrap-Up

More than 40 people braved the snow and cold to attend the workshop on eating local and eating healthfully, presented by the Creation Stewards. At least half of the attendees were from the community. Many expressed gratitude that a church would provide the event along with a complimentary lunch. Nancy Vandenberg's presentation showed people what \$25 could buy for healthy eating. Chinook Farms had a display, as did local bee keepers Bee Haven. Many excellent prizes were raffled including a box of produce from Klesick Family Farms, a goodie box from Sno-Isle Co-op, bread from the Snohomish Bakery, Bee Haven Honey and a couple of yards of compost from Bailey's. Grilla Bites provided two kinds of soup and baguettes from the bakery.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3 10:00am Morning Prayer 4:30pm Community Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	4 Women's Retreat	5 Women's Retreat 9:00am Outreach Comm.
The Last Sunday 6 In Epiphany 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Family Service 9:30am Sunday School	7 4:30pm Community Kitchen	8 5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	9 Ash Wednesday 6:30am Eucharist 10:00am ECW meeting 12:00 Noon Eucharist 7:00pm Eucharist 7:30pm Al-Anon	10 10:00am Morning Prayer 4:30pm Community Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	11	12 8:45am Women's Group 9:30am Adult Ed. Comm.
The First Sunday 13 In Lent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Share, Save, Spend	14 4:30pm Community Kitchen 7:00pm Endowment	15	16 7:00pm Taize 7:30pm Al-Anon	17 10:00am Morning Prayer 4:30pm St. John's Cooks!! 5pm Evening Prayer	18	19 SAINT JOSEPH 8:45am Women's Group
Second Sunday 20 In Lent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Share, Save, Spend	21 4:30pm Community Kitchen 7:00pm Vestry	22	23 7:00pm Taize 7:30pm Al-Anon	24 10:00am Holy Eucharist 4:30pm Comm. Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD	26 8:45am Women's Group
Third Sunday 27 In Lent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Eucharist/Procession 9:30am Sunday School 11:30am Share, Save, Spend	28 4:30pm Community Kitchen	29	30 7:00pm Taize 7:30pm Al-Anon	31 10:00am Morning Prayer 4:30pm Community Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer		