



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

March 2016

Let's Shower Health Right with Necessities

by the Outreach Committee

Shower gel, shaving cream, and new underwear (for males and females) are among the necessities ALWAYS needed by the clients of Milan Puskar Health Right. During this Lenten season, St. Thomas will be collecting toiletries, socks, and other items for Health Right's Showering Program.

Look for the display in the Parish Hall to learn more about what's needed by those who must visit Health Right when they need to wash their bodies. The Lenten project is being organized by our Outreach Committee.

Service Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

March 20 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist and Maundy Thursday liturgy -
7:00 p.m.

Followed by the Stripping of the Altar
and Overnight Vigil

March 25 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon
Good Friday Liturgy - 7:00 p.m.

March 26 - Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter
7:30 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Day

Holy Eucharist - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. service!



What's Happening in Youth Church

by Ann Claycomb

The Youth Church group began their Lenten activities by thinking about what tempts them as the Devil tempted Jesus in the desert and trying to resist those temptations thoughtfully. At least one young participant has pledged not to buy anything during Lent, since he says he experiences that as a distraction -- and he doesn't even need anything!!

The kids are going to spend the rest of Lent working on annotated illustrations of the Stations of the Cross, which will mean that each child will select one (or two) Stations and not only do a respectful illustration of this moment, but then "diagram" or annotate the illustration to point out the significant moments or elements of that Station, such as how heavy the Cross was, or how tired Jesus must have felt when he fell the third time.

We will display these when they are finished and encourage the Parish to engage the children about their illustrations. Parents, we also encourage you to talk to your kids about the Stations and how many of these moments in Jesus's journey are intended to have both literal and metaphorical/symbolic meaning to us.

Mark Conner Scholarship Sunday

On Sunday, March 6, 2016, the loose offering as well as any checks designated for the Mark Conner Memorial Scholarship will go to the support of this effort.

Scholarship applications will be available April 1, 2016 and are to be returned to Marian Conner by May 15, 2016.

A Message from Stewardship

We are very pleased with the turnout of offering forms! Thank you to everyone who is supporting St. Thomas à Becket. For those who give, but haven't turned in an offering form, please remember that while this money is very helpful to the church's work, it cannot be considered during the budget process because there is no record of the projected offering. If you get a chance, please consider filling out a form so that your dollars can be included by the Finance Committee and Vestry when making budgeting decisions.

Becket Arts - 3rd Concert of the Season

The third Becket Arts concert of the season will be held Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. Featured will be The Monongalia Brass Quintet, consisting of young musicians from the WVU School of Music, including Colton Duvall, Trumpet, Ryan Jackson, Trumpet, Chase Phillips, Horn, George Arrington, Trombone, and Carrie Sullivan, Tuba.

The varied program will be short works for brass quintet, among them compositions by G. F. Handel, Henry Purcell, Richard Wagner, J. S. Bach, and Claudio Monteverdi. On the lighter side will be *The Bugler's Holiday* by Leroy Anderson.

The 3:00 p.m. concert will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$60.00 for season tickets, \$8.00 for a single ticket, and \$6.00 for seniors, and free for students.

St. Thomas Parishioners Support Empty Bowls!



Above left (from left to right) Vicki Iber and Carolyn Zinn check people in to the event. Above right is Matt Iber working in the kitchen.



Above left is Bob Acciavatti cutting bread. Above right (far right) Mike Mosser greets people at the door.

Congratulations to Russ and Roberta Dean on the Birth of their Granddaughter!



Congratulations to Russ and Roberta Dean on the birth of their granddaughter. Emily Kathleen Crowley (pictured left with Grandpa Russ) was born to Andrea and George Crowley on February 4, a healthy 6 lb 9 oz.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

by Amy Robbins, Director of Children's Programs

The Sunday School and Youth Church children worked on two community service projects in February. The students worked together to make fifteen fleece scarves which were donated to Christian Help. Additionally, the students painted twenty bowls from the WOW! Factory which will be donated to the Empty Bowls Soup and Bread Luncheon - we hope you saw these beauties at the event on February 27!



Pictured above left, teachers Ann Claycomb and Renee Beard are working with the Sunday School and Youth Church children on bowls for the Empty Bowls event.

The completed bowls are pictured above right.

In February the Sunday School collected 43 cans of soup for donation. They also collected \$121.16 to be donated to the local soup kitchen for "Souper" Bowl Sunday (\$58.25 was donated toward the Carolina Panthers; \$58.91 was donated toward the Denver Broncos, with an additional \$4 donated after the count). Thank you all so much for your support!

Now, the Sunday School is collecting small gifts to put in Easter baskets that will be donate to Scott's Run Settlement House. Please bring any donations by March 13.

Foyer Groups to Begin Again

by Vicki Iber

There have been several requests to have foyer groups again. So, beginning with March 6, there will be signup sheets in the Narthex. I will attempt to put people together geographically. Also, if there is an interest, I will make a family group, where people with children who wish to have their children involved can be matched up.

Foyer Groups are a wonderful way to get to know each other in a relaxed environment. There is a great deal of flexibility within the group. There have been brunches, dinners, picnics, boating, and pumpkin carvings. There are no limits to the creativity!

Please think about joining, it truly is a lot of fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Mcivli65@gmail.com or [304-612-0295](tel:304-612-0295) (mobile) or [304-367-0389](tel:304-367-0389) (home).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Anglican Rosary 11:45 a.m. Noon Eucharist in Chapel Embracing Forgiveness Discussion Group 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Centering Prayer 9 a.m. Altar Guild Cleaning Day 10:30 a.m.
6 Conner Memorial Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Columbarium Comm. Mtg. Sp. Events Comm. Mtg. BECKET ARTS! 3 p.m.	7 P Hall Rsvd 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8	9 Anglican Rosary 11:45 a.m. Noon Eucharist in Chapel Embracing Forgiveness Discussion Group 12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Backpack Feeding Program at SRSH 12:30 p.m.	10 Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.	11	12 CPR -AED Training 9 a.m.- noon
13 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir Outreach Comm. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Finance Comm. Mtg.	14	15	16 Anglican Rosary 11:45 a.m. Noon Eucharist in Chapel Embracing Forgiveness Discussion Group 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.	17 Women's Grief Support Group 6 p.m.	18	19 Centering Prayer 9 a.m.
20 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Stewardship Comm. Mtg.	21	22	23 Anglican Rosary 11:45 a.m. Noon Eucharist in Chapel Embracing Forgiveness Discussion Group 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.	24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service at 7 p.m. Overnight Vigil in the Chapel	25 <i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross noon Service at 7p.m.	26 <i>Great Vigil of Easter</i> 7:30 p.m.
27 Easter 8:00 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Easter Egg Hunt	28	29	30 Backpack Feeding Program at SRSH 12:30 p.m.	31		

Our Worship Schedule

The Rev. Julie B. Murdoch, Rector
The Rev. Dn. Al Prichard



Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Rite I, spoken)

10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with music)

Nursery care and Sunday School with children's worship are offered during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Tuesday - Saturday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. (*except in the Rector's absence*)

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon (Chapel)

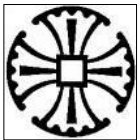
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