

PRINCE OF PEACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

- 4:30 pm
Contemporary
Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Holy
Eucharist
- 9:00am Sunday
School

MONDAY— FRIDAY

- 8:00 am Morning
Prayer (Chapel)

THURSDAY

- 12:00 noon Holy
Eucharist with
Healing

DURING
LENT

FRIDAY

- 6:00 pm Contem-
plative Evening
Prayer
- 6:30 pm Stations
of the Cross fol-
lowed by Soup
Supper and Book
Study

DURING
MARCH

TUESDAY

- 3:30 pm Tea &
Book Study

The Visitor

MARCH / APRIL 2007

Original Sin: Don't Pass it On.

The topic of the presentations at the diocesan clergy conference last week was "family systems." The theory behind family systems was first developed in the 1950s by Dr. Murray Bowen, a medical doctor who treated psychiatric disorders. Subsequently, Dr. Bowen's theories were further refined by Rabbi Ed Friedman, a disciple of Dr. Bowen.

In over simplified terms, family systems theory asserts that symptoms of dysfunction in an individual, such as alcoholism, mental disorders, or even physical illness, may be related to significant emotional traumas or upheavals that occurred in a family two, three or more generations in the past. These emotional events reverberate through the generations much like waves in a lake, affecting everyone in their wake with feelings of anxiety.

Equally interesting is Dr. Bowen's belief that organizations such as churches, corporations, and even nations, behave much like larger "families" where events in one generation can affect the behavior for ill of generations far into the future. This theory reminds me of the Old Testament understanding that the sins of one generation will visit future generations for years to come.

I see the Christian doctrine of original

sin much the same way. This doctrine holds that the consequences of the original sin of Adam and Eve in disobeying God are passed on from one generation to the next. Different theologians have defined original sin in different ways. St. Augustine taught that original sin is conveyed through the act of sex. Needless to say, this view put sex at the center of many concepts of sin. Perhaps some place in his writings, St. Augustine discussed whether sexuality would still have been considered sinful if Adam and Eve had not disobeyed God. If it is, one wonders how the human race would have propagated itself without engaging in the sinful act of sex.

But since Augustine, other theologians have toned down the emphasis on sexuality and viewed sin in other ways. The most radical of these was probably the 16th century Protestant reformer, John Calvin, who stressed that everything about human beings is "totally depraved." Thus everything that human beings do, say, think, will or believe is sinful, whether it involves sex or not. Lucky for Calvin, there was no cable TV in his day. Conversely, lucky for cable TV, there is no John Calvin today.

This season of Lent in the catholic branches of the church, like the Episcopal Church, is when we Christians are asked to wrestle with the symptoms of sin in our lives. Like an alcoholic, we

The Reverend M. Peter Harer, Rector The Reverend Mary Lou Divis, Deacon
The Reverend John S Prater, Rector Emeritus

PLEASE,
remember to
inform the
church office
when
someone is
ill or
hospitalized.
We are not
notified by
the hospitals

Original Sin (continued)

have to first admit that we have a problem of sin. Next we must examine our lives for evidence of where sin exists. Finally, we have to work on new behaviors and attitudes to undo the sins in our lives.

Ultimately, though, only God can completely eliminate the consequences of original sin. In the events of Good Friday and Easter, God breaks the cycle of sin in the human race that wreaks so much havoc from generation to generation.

I invite you during this Lenten season to undertake the difficult but rewarding work of examining your lives for ways that original sin influences your

thoughts, attitudes and behaviors. Are you at odds with a family member or friend? Do you have an unusually critical attitude toward another person or group? Have you allowed animosity toward someone else to fester in your heart and soul? These are subtle but painful reminders that the sins of the fathers and mothers continue to infect your heart. Give these residues of original sin to God and let God clear them away. That is the promise of baptism; and that is the promise of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Your Friend and Rector, *Peter*

U2 EUCHARIST

We hosted our very first U2 Eucharist on a snowy Saturday in February. The event was a great success, almost \$400 was donated by those in attendance in support of the Millennium Development Goals. People from 7 denominations joined us for this modern, multi-media service. Thanks to all of those who attended and/or helped in any way. Plans are underway for another in the Spring.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Commission will be holding the Annual Spring Clean-up on Saturday April 21. Please bring your rakes, clippers, wheelbarrow, and gardening gloves.

Rain Date will be Saturday April 28.



Easter Flowers can be ordered on Sunday morning from the Altar Guild or by contacting the Church Office.

570-675-1723 or princeofpeace@epix.net

***Please join us to fold
Palm Crosses
Thursday March 29
at 5:30 pm.
No experience
necessary!***



FRIDAYS IN LENT

Contemplative Evening Prayer 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Soup Supper

TUESDAY TEA
and book discussion,
lead by Deacon Lou,
each Tuesday in
March 3:30 pm

DAUGHTERS OF
THE KING will meet
on Tuesday, March
20 at Bev Cushner's
home.

EPISCOPAL
CHURCH WOMEN
will meet on
Wednesday March
21, 10:00 am.

FAMILY NIGHT AT
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS
Friday, March 23.

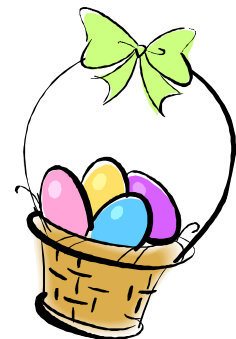
SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY EUCHARIST - SATURDAYS AT 4:30 pm.

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING
Every Thursday (in the Chapel) at 12:00 noon

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR: EASTER BASKETS FOR SHUT-INS and SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

Donations of small wrapped candy are needed for our annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, as well as for the Easter Baskets the ECW will be making for the Shut-ins.

Donations for the ECW must be brought in by Wednesday, March 21 and for the Sunday School by Sunday, March 25.



Remember to visit our website for more information on events and topics covered in the Newsletter.

www.princeofpeaceallaspa.org

CLOWN WORKSHOP

A Clown Workshop will be held for anyone age 6 and older (tell your friends) to learn how to be a clown on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Dorranceton United Methodist Church 549 Wyoming Ave., Kingston PA. The cost is \$5 per person. Bring a drink & bag lunch, a crazy shirt and hat. Registration deadline March 25, 2007. Need more info? call Lisa @299-9278.

HANDWASHING PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Immediately following the family service on March 18th, the Parish Nurses will conduct a hand washing program in the Church Hall for the children of Prince of Peace. The program will include a short lesson on when and how to wash hands. The children will be able to practice using pretend 'germs', which will glow under a black light, so they can check their skills. Hope to see you there!

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The Sunday School will be holding their annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on Sunday April 1st. Donations of Baked Goods are needed!! Please bring your favorite goodies to the kitchen before church on Palm Sunday.

It's OK to indulge for a Good Cause!

THEME LUNCHEON

MAY 19 11:00 am

The Theme Luncheon Committee is hard at work preparing for this year's Luncheon. Tickets are available from those hosting tables: Fern Schooley & Barb May; Theresa & Tara Gwilliam; Trisha Wright; Mary Jillson- Stout & Carol Jones; Jackie Sheehan; Karen Olshefski; the ECW; Liz Harer; Beverly Cushner & Linda Shrader.

Helpers are needed, please see the Bulletin Board to sign up.

The Committee is also selling Quilt Raffle Tickets, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The Quilt, which can be seen in the Parish Hall on Sundays, will be auctioned off at the Theme Luncheon.



Holy Week and Easter 2007



Palm Sunday—April 1st

We remember Jesus' triumphal entry to the city of Jerusalem. He was greeted by people waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" The service will begin outside, weather permitting.

Holy Eucharist / Liturgy of the Palms 9:00 am

Sunday School Bake Sale—following the service

Maundy Thursday—April 5th

This is the commemoration of the Last Supper. The liturgy includes Foot Washing, this can be a powerful reminder of our need to serve our neighbor, and the Last Celebration of Eucharist before the Great Vigil of Easter. The service ends with the stripping of the altar and removal of the sacrament to the Altar of Repose (our Chapel Altar). This is to serve as a dramatic reminder that the Holy Eucharist is not celebrated until the Easter Vigil; in remembrance of our Lord's passion, the church's observance of the sign of his resurrection is suspended.

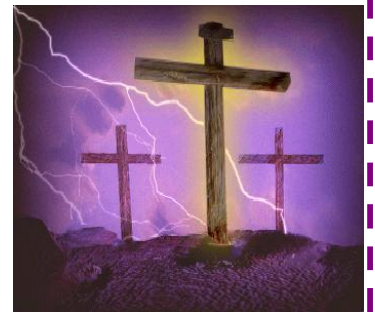
Pot-Luck Supper (bring a dish to pass) 5:45 pm

Proper Liturgy 7:30 pm

Good Friday—April 6th

We remember the day Jesus died on the cross. We enter into Christ's passion and death.

Proper Liturgy 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross following the Liturgy



Holy Saturday—April 7th

The Great Vigil of Easter, beginning the Easter Season, will include the lighting of the New Fire (at an outdoor altar, weather permitting), the singing of the Exultet, the reading of the Lessons, Baptism and Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, and the First Communion of Easter. The Great Vigil is the celebration of all celebrations.

The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday—April 8th

Our joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Eucharist 9:00 am

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Palm Sunday Holy Bucharts 10 am Sunday School Lake Gate Parish Life Commission Property Commission Altarist 7:00 pm	1 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	2 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	3 Church Clean-up 8 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	4 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm	5 Sunday Thirista Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am HE at Healing 12:00 pm Prayer Altar 7:00 pm	6 Good Friday Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2pm Prayer Altar 7:00 pm	7 Holy Saturday The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm Contemporary Bucharts 1 4:30 pm
Easter Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 am Holy Bucharts 10 am Easter Egg Hunt/ Blessing the service Blood Pressure Screenings Altarist 7:00 pm	8 Church Clean-up 8am-noon Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	9 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm Holy 7:30 pm	10 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm Holy 7:30 pm	11 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm Holy 7:30 pm	12 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am HE at Healing 12:00 pm Jr Choir 4:30 pm Or Choir 7:30 pm	13 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2pm	14 Contemporary Bucharts 1 4:30 pm
Holy Bucharts 10 am Family Service 8am Outreach/Commission Altarist 7:00 pm	15 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	16 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	17 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am	18 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm BSN 10:30 am	19 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am HE at Healing 12:00 pm Jr Choir 4:30 pm Or Choir 7:30 pm	20 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2pm	21 Morning Clean-up Contemporary Bucharts 1 4:30 pm
Holy Bucharts 10 am Sunday School 9:00am Altarist 7:00 pm	22 Church Clean-up 8am-noon Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	23 Church Clean-up 8am-noon Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am AA (initial) group 7 pm	24 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am	25 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2 pm	26 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am HE at Healing 12:00 pm Jr Choir 4:30 pm Or Choir 7:30 pm	27 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8am Church Office 9am-2pm	28 Contemporary Bucharts 1 4:30 pm
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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

WEEKLY DONATIONS FOR BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED

An important ministry in our Back Mountain area is performed by the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Weekly distributions of food items are made to low income people to help sustain them through the week. This is especially important during the winter months when heating costs are high. As a member of the Back Mountain Ministerium, our parish is a sponsoring church of the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

We now request your weekly donations of specific food items for distribution by the Food Pantry. We will post what food items we will collect for the month. The donations should be placed in the tubs inside the main entrance to the parish hall.

During March and April we will collect "soups/soup mixes and cereal".

Thanks for your help and generosity.