

# The Epistle

May 2010

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I am writing to you on an incredibly beautiful spring day, which seems just made for Easter rejoicing! We look forward to this coming Sunday, April 23, which is Good Shepherd Sunday, to a choral version of Psalm 23 with Mary Jane Halsted as cantor. Ascension Day, Thursday, May 13, will be observed with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday May 16, is planned for our Rogation Sunday observance complete with a bagpiper to help us “beat the bounds of the parish” by piping us around the church grounds followed by “Amazing Grace” for the offertory. May 23 is Pentecost Sunday. And watch for the date of the first installment of St. Paul’s Greatest Generation, with Tom and PJ Colbert hosting some parish conversations.

I know that sometimes Easter comes and we find that for us it might as well still be Lent for we feel that we are still out in the desert. Sometimes this feeling of being out of sync happens because of events in our lives, and sometimes because of what is going on in our inner landscape. I am reminded of Jessica Powers’ poem “Come, South Wind”, in which she refers to the Holy Spirit as the south wind.

Over and over I say to the south wind: come  
waken in me and warm me! ...  
Hurry me into springtime. ...Then plunge me  
into my leafing and my blossoming,  
and give me pasture, sweet and sudden pasture.  
Where could the Shepherd bring  
his flocks to graze? Where could they rest at noonday?  
O south wind, listen to the woe I sing?  
One whom I love is asking for the summer  
from me, who still am distances from spring.

Our yearly remembrance and experience of the crucifixion of Jesus, and the resurrection and ascension of Christ reminds us of the two-fold nature of Christ – fully human, fully divine, both imminent and transcendent. In our liturgy each week we are reminded of both the horizontal relationship of closeness with the Risen Christ, as well as the vertical relationship to the Creator God, who is beyond anything our minds can fathom. We have started to include a couple of prayers in the weekly bulletins to help focus our prayers as we enter worship.

After we confess our sins and receive absolution, then we share the peace we experience in God’s forgiveness. In a recent study done by church liturgists, their findings indicated that the passing of the peace can be a difficult part of the service for visitors, if there is a lot of parish chit chat of which the visitors aren’t a part. The numbers from this study are too small for generalizing to all parishes, but it is always interesting to see how we are seen by others, and a chance for us to rethink the liturgical reason we do what we do, which is to share the joy of Christ’s peace with others. And then, coffee hour is the time for catching up with folks and making introductions, and we must never underestimate the importance of those conversations!

May the Spirit bring you to spiritual leafing and blossoming as we move through this Eastertide, and then fill us with spiritual fire of Pentecost!

Faithfully, Mary Jane +

## CHURCH NEWS

### LEV

The LEV continuing education meeting for re-licensing will be Wednesday, **April 28** at 2:00 p.m.

### ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will meet Thursday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Mike Heaverlo and Cathy.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day will be observed Friday, May 7 at 9:15 a.m. This Celebration meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church, 202 West Main Street.

### ST. PAUL'S GUILD

St. Paul's Guild will next meet Thursday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. to prepare their Love Plates. A soup luncheon will be enjoyed at 12:00 noon. Freida McInroy and Nan Ryden are hostesses, and St. Paul's Preschool Children will provide music for the program.

### VESTRY

**St. Paul's Vestry** will meet Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

### ROGATION SUNDAY

Please join us May 16 for Rogation Sunday at St. Paul's, when the Piper will be here to play.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** for the bouquet of flowers for Administrative Assistants Week - they are lovely!  
Lori DeSaulniers

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

May 2 Mary Lou Tappe  
May 9 Sheryl Readout  
May 16 Mary Harvey  
May 23 Rex & Nan Ryden  
May 30 Betty Bradner

Jun 6 Fred & Ce Hubbard  
Jun 13 Bill & Barbara Baltisberger  
Jun 20 Don & Sandy Crowley  
Jun 27 Kay Beach

Jul 4 Mike Heaverlo  
Jul 11 Pat & Dorothy Apgar  
Jul 18 Pudd Handorf & Freida McInroy  
Jul 25 Orlin & Sally Klinkefus

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA  
SUMMER MINISTRY SCHOOL &  
RETREAT  
July 23-25, 2010  
Grinnell College Campus  
Grinnell, Iowa  
To get the Early Bird Discount,  
register by June 8, 2010**



## HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion, Tuesday, April 13.

THANK YOU:

- To Chef Lynnette, who prepared a noodle casserole, green beans, baked beans, deviled eggs, and bread.
- To our bakers, JoAnn Finch and Sheryl Readout, who provided bars for dessert.
- To our serving team: Tom and P. J. Colbert, David Bursley, David and Mary Jane Oakland, Don Crowley, Marjorie Cook, and Kay Beach.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

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| May 26 | Pam Campbell and Kay Beach         |
| Jun 23 | Barbara Baltisberger and Nan Ryden |

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in emergency only:

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| Bill or Barbara Baltisberger | 753-7494 |
| Pam Campbell                 | 753-8064 |
| Nan Ryden                    | 753-3788 |
| Mary Lou Tappe               | 752-5833 |

Additional volunteer drivers are needed. To get involved, please call Fran Hermanson at 752-8584 or Gladys Winter at 752-2249.

## EMERGENCY FOOD BOX

**Serving through the Emergency Food Box helps us all!**

The Emergency Food Box's success or failure is determined by your help. We are seeing an increase in the number of families needing help throughout Marshall County. Your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned items) and/or cash donations are needed for just this purpose.

Currently, the items that we need the most are **macaroni and cheese, peas, rice, pork and beans, carrots, stewed tomatoes, corn, and chicken noodle and tomato soups**. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may send a check at any time. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box**. Money may also be placed in your offering plate or mail to: **EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158**. These funds are used to buy needed items locally and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again thank you for your past contributions and please consider the increasing need for food and/or contributions during these tough economic times.

# MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. St. Margaret's Mission	<b>7</b> 9:15 a.m. Church Women United - FUMC	<b>8</b>  Happy Birthday! Dan McInroy
<b>9</b> Food Box Sunday 9:30 AM Worship <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Happy Birthday! Scott Hubbard Happy Anniversary! Pat & Dorothy Apgar	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30 St. Paul's Guild 6:30 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Vestry	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Worship <b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b> St. Paul's Supper Club	<b>17</b>  Happy Birthday! Bill Baltisberger Lou Jones	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PS Tues & Thurs End of Year Celebration	<b>21</b> PS Mon-Wed-Fri Graduation	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Happy Birthday! Hannah Carter	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Happy Birthday! Pat Apgar
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 					

## Participants for 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

All participants are to meet in the choir room for prayer 5 minutes before service time.

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Date	Time	Lay Readers/Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers
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Each person is responsible for finding a replacement when needed and reporting the change to the church office.

**Date: May 2, 2010**                      **9:30 AM**  
**Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland**  
Organist: Audrey Hafar  
Lessons and Prayers: Mary Jane Halsted  
Chalice and Acolyte: Sheryl Readout  
Ushers: Tom and P. J. Colbert  
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout  
Lock-up: Don Crowley  
LEV: Sandy Crowley  
Coffee: Mary Lou Tappe

**Date: May 23, 2010**                      **9:30 AM**  
**Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland**  
Organist: Audrey Hafar  
Lessons and Prayers: Mary Jane Halsted  
Chalice and Acolyte: Ce Hubbard  
Ushers: Don and Pam Campbell  
Altar Guild: Marjorie Cook  
Lock-up: Don Crowley  
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger & Mary Harvey  
Coffee: Rex and Nan Ryden

**Date: May 9, 2010**                      **9:30 AM**  
**Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland**  
Organist: Audrey Hafar  
Lessons and Prayers: Sheryl Readout  
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach  
Ushers: Nancy Stone and Mary Lou Tappe  
Altar Guild: Pam Campbell  
Lock-up: Don Crowley  
LEV: Freida McInroy  
Coffee: Sheryl Readout

**Date: May 30, 2010**                      **9:30 AM**  
**Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland**  
Organist: Audrey Hafar  
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland  
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach  
Ushers: Don and Sandy Crowley  
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden and Freida McInroy  
Lock-up: Don Crowley  
LEV: Sandy Crowley  
Coffee: Betty Bradner

**Date: May 16, 2010**                      **9:30 AM**  
**Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland**  
Organist: Audrey Hafar  
Lessons: Nan Ryden  
Prayers: Audrey Hafar  
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley  
Ushers: Fred and Ce Hubbard  
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard  
Lock-up: Don Crowley  
LEV: Colleen Harmon  
Coffee: Mary Harvey

