



A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EVENTS

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SAINT PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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This week at St. Patrick's

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

This Wednesday

9:30am to 12pm - Dream Group (Parlor)

12:15pm - Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing (Chapel)

3:30 to 5:00pm - Malachi Storehouse

6:15 to 8pm - Dinner and Vespers

Friday, 2/5

3pm to 6pm - Cleaning for Jesus (Parish Hall)

Sunday, 2/7

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

9:00am - Christian Ed:

J2A, CGS, Dream Group, Gathering Class (Fireside Rm)

10:30am - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

12:00pm - Hospitality House

1:00pm - Property Tax Seminar (Parish Hall)

Monday, 2/8

7:30pm - Contemplative Class with Al Cedarholm (Chapel)

Upcoming Events to Note:

2/11 - Professional Wm's Group

2/13 - Pat's Place

Check out the full calendar at stpat.net

Links to the readings:

<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/>

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Beloved,

February 3, 2010

We walk together in a very exciting time for our church. The analogies to pregnancy are abundant (before the age of ultra sounds). Your vestry is busy interviewing several well qualified priests, preparing to call one to join us as our new rector. The questions abound, like the family waiting for the birth of a child; What will they look like? Will it be a boy or a girl? What kind of relationship might we have? And so on.

We are all teased by these fun questions. It is for the more difficult questions that we seek your prayers; Who is the priest God intends for us? Will we have eyes to see? Can we extend the necessary grace to allow this priest to bring their gifts? Can we temper our expectations with open hearts, prepared for a new day?

The great news is that we have the gift of prayer. We begin and end with thanksgiving. God has this all worked out and we are to simply seek His Will. When we fatigue, we can rest in His Promise. When we are hungry, He sets the Table for us. When we are lonely, we can heed the call to fellowship. When we think we are inconsolable, She will cradle us and reveal unimaginable Love and Tenderness. All this begins with our prayer.

While we wait, there are physical needs of our church and ministries that we can attend to. Malachi's Storehouse still needs volunteers. Sunrise Assisted Living needs more ministers. Peachtree Pine needs additional help. The list goes on and on. Please prayerfully inquire as to where God calls you into service.

The newest opportunity for ministry was recently created in the "cleaning for Jesus" campaign. Crews are still forming, in the belief that we will have enough volunteers to put everyone on a "once per month" rotation. We are currently gathering at 3:00 on Fridays but, will vary that routine in the future, to accommodate work and traffic schedules. You should know that by "self-performing", we are saving several hundred dollars per week. You will also notice that the entire church has never looked better!

Finally, you are all due a big THANK YOU! Everywhere you turn; people are stepping in and stepping up. Don't you just love it when we all have the oars in the water and are rowing together?!

Your brother in Christ,

David

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd...

will prepare eligible children for the Celebration of Eucharist this Spring. Attendance in CGS is mandatory during this time of preparation.

Contact Marsha Huelsbeck for further information.



From the Office:

When you come into building to work on something, kindly let the staff know you are here. Thank you!!!

A Contemplative Prayer Class will be led by Al Cedarholm beginning this upcoming Monday in the Chapel at 7:30pm. Please join him for an exploratory class to determine the priority of interests from the group.

From the Office:

When you use the trash dumpster outback, please make sure doors and lid are closed tightly when done. Critters have been dining in there.

"Paying too much in Property Taxes?"

Georgia law provides a procedure for property tax appeals at the county level. With significant declines in property values being experienced in metro-Atlanta, many Homeowners find themselves paying property taxes based upon a estimated value assessment that is no longer reasonable. Simply put, many Homeowners are paying too much in property tax. James Tola with Keller Williams Realty and Keith Harper with LoanSouth Mortgage, along with local Dunwoody Real Estate Attorney Patrick McManamy, will be offering a free, one-hour seminar on "How to Appeal your Property Tax Bill" as a community service on **Sunday, February 7, 1:00pm to 2:00pm, in the Parish Hall**. Homeowners attending will be provided the forms and details on how to submit a complete and correct appeal to their County Tax Commissioner. Seating is limited so please confirm your reservation to jamesnolantola@gmail.com.



Christian Ed Offering with Jeff and Chris

We will continue to come together for conversation in the Parish Hall at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Jeff and Chris will update us on the latest information in the search for a new rector. We will also talk about how we can embrace each other in a place of loving and caring as we prepare for a new rector. Last week's class was inspiring and uplifting.

Please join us again this Sunday.

We need a person to create Baptismal Banners long term and immediately. There is a Baptism coming up on March 7th and we are in need of a Banner. Please contact Donna if you are interested in this ministry: donna.talipsky@stpat.net

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND ST. PATRICK'S?

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Vespers will continue as planned tonight.

Jim Lynn will be leading the discussion on the Gospel of John.

Tonight is Italian Night! Dinner is at 6:15 with Vespers from 7pm to 8pm. No charge for the evening.



Wednesday Noon Eucharist is back on with Spurgeon celebrating. Join us at 12:15 in the Chapel.

Christian Ed offerings this Sunday at 9am

CGS (Rms 3,11,14)

Journey to Adulthood Classes (Rms 9,15, 17)

Gathering with Jeff and Chris (Fireside Room in Parish Hall)

Tom's Financial Freedom Class (Board Room)

Dream Group (Library)

Suggested contribution for altar flowers is \$40.

Sacramental candles in both the Nave and Chapel are \$10 each.

Sign-up for both flowers and candles is in the hallway near the office.



Menu for Dinners through March

2/3 - Italian Night

2/10 - Dinner Salad

2/17 - Soup/Stew/Chili

2/24 - Last Wed. Potluck

3/3 - Italian Night

3/10 - Dinner Salad

3/17 - Irish Feast

3/24 - Casserole

3/31 - Last Wed.

Wanted: People who can 'Clean for Jesus!'

If you can spare a few hours, we can use your help keeping this place looking great! Please email Leigh Cooper your availability. We'll take you anytime you are free! Your help is **greatly** needed and appreciated. evaleighc@yahoo.com



The Fitness Class is enrolling again for the next session. Days are Tues, Wed and Friday 9:15 to 10:15 in Parish Hall. Please contact Lori Szalay for more info: lszalay@bellsouth.net.

Paying too much in property taxes?

Mark your calendar for a Seminar on 2/7 from 1 to 2pm in the Parish Hall to learn how to appeal your property taxes. See page 2 for more information.

To Donate to ERD for Haiti

- Online: <https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>
- By mail: Send check payable to Episcopal Relief and Development to ERD at P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.
- By phone, call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129.

Bibles for Peachford

Please donate any extra Bibles you may have to our Peachford Ministry. A collection box will be by the bulletin board by the Library. All versions are welcome.



Want something fun and inexpensive to do for Valentines Day? Come to Pat's Place on 2/13 to enjoy jazz with your sweetie and your friends! Doors open at 7:30.

Malachi's Miracle Maker Team is revving up for the 2010 Hunger Walk!

Mark your calendars for March 14th and join us as we support Malachi's Storehouse.

Malachi Fun Facts:

We fed **118%** more people in 2009 than we did in 2008.

70% of the money raised through the Hunger Walk was put into our Food Bank account. Because of this, we didn't run out of Food Bank credit until SEPTEMBER. Thank you!

We can buy food for .16 per pound at the Food Bank. Picture this: diapers are .20 and a family size package of chicken is .80. That is a lot of bang for your buck!

The Hunger Walk is Malachi's only fund-raiser.

Go to www.hungerwalkrun.org/ to Join the Malachi's team! Follow the links choosing Malachi's Miracle Makers as "team" and St. Patrick's as "company".

You may also create your own team. Take care to choose St. Patrick's as "company" and the Atlanta Food Bank as "charity". If you have difficulty, contact Kathy Malcolm Hall to help...
kmalcolmhall@yahoo.com or 678-687-5357.

As reported last week, Anne Duncan has stepped down as Board Chairperson. A great round of applause to Anne and last year's Board for their outstanding effort during an expansive year. Mary Louise Wilson and Kathy Malcolm Hall have agreed to be co-chairs for the 2010 year and will be transitioning into leadership over the next few weeks.

As always, Malachi's leadership greatly appreciates all the support that you give.



Look what was created at the latest St. Pat's Art Retreat!!!
Join the group on Facebook by searching St. Patrick's Art Retreat in Facebook.

Come pray, chant, walk, dance or just sit with Jesus in the Aramaic Lord's Prayer!

Saturday, February 27, 2010 in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall

4:00 - 5:30 Orientation and Attunement for musicians, singers, and dancers

5:30 - 7:00 Community Potluck & Bag Supper w/ drinks provided

7:30 - 9:30 Dancing the Aramaic Prayer of Jesus



Cost: \$10 - 30 love offering (a tithe of proceeds will go to support the ministries of St. Patrick's)

Dear St. Patrick's Family,

On Saturday, February 27, 2010, I have invited Farrunnissa Lila Rosa from Durham, NC to come lead the Aramaic Lord's Prayer Dance Cycle at St. Patrick's. She is a gifted teacher, dance leader and musician who has led the Aramaic Lord's Prayer as well as many other Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) for a number of years, and conducted dance leader and musician training. We have been friends since my very first Aramaic Lord's Prayer retreat with Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz in 1998, and she is my DUP mentor. As part of my further training in leading the prayer, I will be hosting and assisting her.

I am delighted we will be hosting the ALP Dance Cycle here at St. Patrick's for a number of reasons. First, when I taught the Adult class last year during Epiphany, there were many who expressed to me a desire to learn and experience more of the prayer. The many changes at St. Patrick's in the last year postponed plans to offer more opportunities until now. Secondly, I have found the Aramaic Lord's Prayer to be a wonderful source of spiritual nurture, healing and renewal. I have experienced this to be a way of feeling one with Jesus, as though stepping back in to the time when His feet walked upon this Earth, and, like the disciples walking with Him on the road to Emmaus, feeling my heart burn gently within with His Presence. Or perhaps He is coming forward into this very moment to walk with us here. I wish to share this gift of spiritual nurture, healing, renewal and community-building with the St. Patrick's community, most especially at this time in our life together, as well as to radiate through us to the brokenness in the world around us.

About the dances: these are very simple circle dances with no experience necessary, suitable for youth and adults. Sitting in prayer and/or chanting Taize style are welcome for those who aren't comfortable dancing. It would be wonderful to have some of the talented musicians at St. Patrick's accompanying this wonderful dancing prayer, so drummers, guitarists, violinists, and other musicians, please pray about accompanying us. Music can be provided ahead of time.

Attached is a copy of the full Aramaic Lord's Prayer with translations from Prayers of the Cosmos by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

For more information and to register, call Darlene Van Dyke at 678-591-2453

or e-mail dvunwind@bellsouth.net.

Come and Learn . . .

3rd Saturday Enrichment Classes * Church History * February 20

The Rev. John Bolton, Instructor

Classes run 9:00AM to 3:00PM at St. Patrick's Church in Dunwoody. Cost is \$50. Hospitality, worship, group reflection, instructional sessions and lunch. Students should bring a Bible and Prayer Book. Pre-requisite or suggested reading may be provided in advance, at the request of the instructor. No prior knowledge or education is required, all are welcome to come and learn! Class size is limited, so register early to avoid disappointment. Contact narmstrong@episcopalatlanta.org

Discovering Sacred Space

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Marietta There is a need in all of us for holiness and its connection to beauty. This drives the need for sacred space. This conference has been carefully planned to open our awareness of the sacred as we find it and create it in our lives and in our environments. We will enjoy discovering these spaces at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church at 571 Holt Rd., Marietta, Georgia, 30068. St. Catherine's has spent time envisioning their spaces to fit their theology and we are invited to use their spaces for: worship, an outdoor labyrinth, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classrooms, outdoor sacred spaces and a youth house. Cost: \$35/Adult and \$15/Teen. http://imte.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Discovering_Sacred_Space.asp

When you use a room in the church please refer to the House Keeping Lists posted in each room for specifics on what exactly needs to be cleaned. Thank you!!!



Artist of the Month for February is Anne Mellinger– Birdsong. Please look for her work in the Fireside Area of the Parish Hall.

Anne's Biography

I have loved art all my life. I got a kid's easel and tempera paints for Christmas when I was in kindergarten, and it was my favorite thing for the next 5 years. I took about every art class I could in junior high and high school - drawing, painting, pottery, basket making. In college I was lucky and had to take 2 years of something outside my major, so I did more art, including watercolor and printmaking. After college I took a year off, to take more watercolor and earn money, thinking it would be about 10 years till I could paint again. Then I took a 20 year break for school, residency, more school, working and traveling a lot at CDC, being my mom's hospice support person, getting married, being pregnant 5 times, nursing kids, etc. Now I have been able to take a few night classes at Red Wall Studio, and have been blessed to go on 2 arts retreats. I love that there are so many artists and writers at St. Patrick's. It makes it such a vibrant and lively place, full of ideas and thoughts.



Anne

A group from St. Patrick's is forming to go see "Prophets" for one of the performances from March 27 to 29th at Oglethorpe University.

Visit the website www.gospelofjohn.com to learn more about it. If you are interested in the group outing, please email Carolyn Warlick at carolynwarlick@live.com

The Aramaic Prayer of Jesus

(Original transliteration and translation from
the Peshitta (Syriac-Aramaic) version of Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4 by Neil Douglas-Klotz)

1. **Abwoon d'bwashm̄aya**
O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos/ you create all that moves in light.

Counter melody: Allaha Allah Elohim Elat
2. **Nethqadash sh̄makh**
Focus your light within us--make it useful: as the rays of a beacon show the way.
3. **Teytey malkuthakh**
Create your reign of unity now--through our firey hearts and willing hands.
4. **Nehwey tzevyanach aykana d'bwashm̄aya aph b'arha.**
Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.

(Conclusion of first part of Dance cycle: Abwoon Abwoon Abwoon Hayy)
5. **Hawvlan lachma d'sunqanan yaomana.**
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:
subsistence for the call of growing life.
6. **Washboqlan khaubayn (wakhtahayn)
aykana daph khnan shbwoqan l'khayyabayn.**
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
7. **Wela tahlan l'nesyuna**
Don't let us enter forgetfulness
8. **Ela patzan min bisha.**
But free us from unripeness
9. **Metol dilakhie malkutha wahayla wateshbukhta l'ahlam almin.**
From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.
10. **Ameyn.**
Truly--power to these statements--
may they be the source from which all my actions grow.
Sealed in trust & faith. Amen.

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