

Loaves & Fishes

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

2813 Godfrey Avenue, NE, Fort Payne, AL

February, 2008



INTERIM RECTOR'S CORNER

Lent is fast approaching as the Epiphany season is short this year. These two seasons are determined by the date of Easter. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent - the day we get ashes on our forehead. Folks who are not used to this practice, make all sorts of "fun" about it. We use the palm from the last Palm Sunday for the ashes. The service is to remind us of the fact we are dust and to dust we shall return and that we are mortal. "God formed man from the dust of the earth and breathed life into him." This concept comes from the book of Genesis.

We also celebrate the Eucharist as part of the rite for that day. This is to remind us of those powerful words used in the ancient custom of the people of Africa as portrayed in the opening scene of the movie "Roots." An elder of the tribe holds the newborn up toward the sky three times - saying in order, "Remember: from the earth you came, by the earth you are sustained, and to the earth you shall return."

Fr. Jim

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The altar flower signup chart for 2008
is posted in Hudgings Hall.

2008 VESTRY NOTES

Following the January 2008 Annual Meeting the Vestry held a brief organizational meeting. New members were welcomed, and officers were elected for 2008. The lay membership of the Vestry is as follows:

Buz Jones – Senior Warden
Dick Franklin – Junior Warden
Diane McGee – Secretary
Lou Raines
Margaret Ann Selmer
Cindy Wood

Heartfelt appreciation is expressed to Greg Barker for his exceptional leadership as Senior Warden over the past two years and to retiring member, Lynette Porter, for her faithful service.

Next Vestry Meeting
February 17 following church

For your February Calendar

- 3 Last Sunday of Epiphany
- 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
hosted by the ECW, 5 to 6 p.m.
- 6 Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 noon
- 9 Hudgings Quiet Day, 10 - 2:00 p.m.
- 10 First Sunday of Lent
- 13 First Lenten meal and program
5:30 – 7:00 in Hudgings Hall
- 17 Second Sunday of Lent
Vestry Meeting following church
- 20 Second Lenten meal and program
5:30 – 7:00 in Hudgings Hall
- 21-23 177th Diocesan Convention, Sheraton
Civic Center, Birmingham
- 24 Third Sunday of Lent
- 27 Third Lenten meal and program
5:30 – 7:00 in Hudgings Hall

*St. Philip's is a community that shares a great love for God, the Episcopal faith, and our "little red church."
Our mission is to faithfully worship God and to live each day guided by His principles.*

February Birthdays

- 6 Parker Vezertzis
- 9 Rachel Culpepper
- 16 Kay Scruggs
Hjordis Culpepper
Louis Herzberg
- 19 Greg Barker
- 20 Buz Jones
Ivanette King
Erlinda Kellett
- 22 Ross Siragusa

February Anniversaries

- 14 Gayle and Dick Franklin
- 22 Cindy and Don Wood
- 28 Harriett and George Lillich
Jennifer and Chris Barker

PLEASE – if you know of changes, additions, or deletions to either our birthday or anniversary list, contact Lou Raines at darlgr@bellsouth.net or at 256-845-5435 or call the parish office.

We don't want to miss anyone!

“ Living Beyond Yourself”

Classes based on Beth Moore's book, “Living Beyond Yourself” is being led by Harriett Lillich on Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 10 – 12 noon at Hudgings Hall. Classes have already begun, but if you are interested in participating, please join us on Thursdays in Hudgings Hall.

Please pray for:

Carter, Kirk, Brent, Bernice, Michael, Sydney, Vickie, Irene, Lois, Susan, Faye, Pat, Lourene, Bea, Jerry, Jane, Cathy, Nancy, Norman, Irene, Jack, Martha, Earl, Rilla, Anna Beth, Kim, Lucy, David, Paul, Roger, Gwen, Marion, Jack, Mack, Jane, Jerry, Julie & Jayden, and all those carried in our hearts and in our prayers.

We invite prayers for all those who are in need. Please keep us up to date on their status so we might make room for others.

***ECW NEWS***

St. Philip's Women of the Church met in the home of Norma Jones for our annual Christmas social/dinner. This Christmas we were able to make a donation to the Foster Children Christmas Fund and provided gifts to meet the needs of our adopted grandmother and a young mother with two children served by Rose Haven. All our ECW “elves” had a great time shopping – particularly for the children.

Our new officers are: President, Stephanie Fritz; Vice-President, Harriett Lillich; Secretary, Lynette Porter; and Treasurer, Nancy Davis.

With these officers, we're looking forward to another wonderful year. All the women of the church are invited and welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be at the home of Nancy Davis on February 13.