



Saint Andrew's

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Lent

Edie Dolnikowski and Wardie Mannix

Later this month, on February 22, we will begin a new season in our liturgical calendar, the season of Lent. Our word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, "lencten," which means "spring" because it is a time of preparation for our great spring festival at Easter. Over the centuries the length of this season has varied as has its customs.

In our tradition the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday. The Ash Wednesday service begins with an invitation to observe a holy Lent through special acts of self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. During the Lenten season we provide many ways to take up these disciplines both individually and as a community.

The Ash Wednesday liturgy also reminds us in a most physical way that, while our bodies are mortal and will ultimately return to dust, our souls are eternal. The season of Lent is an especially appropriate time to contemplate the mysterious boundary between life and death as we prepare to remember the circumstances of Jesus' own shameful death and glorious resurrection.

This year we will enjoy an opportunity to contemplate these mysteries together at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4th, when the senior choir will offer a choral evensong featuring the Fauré *Requiem*. Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) was the organist at the Église de la Madeleine in Paris as well as the head of



Coupled with the *Requiem*, the choir will sing Charles Villiers Stanford's *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* in C major. Stanford (1852–1924), an Irish composer, conductor and organist, was a contemporary of Fauré. He was the organist at Trinity College, Cambridge and also a founding member of the Royal College of Music. We are also excited to have Barbara Bruns, organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Andover and Associate Conductor of the Boston Cecilia Chorus, accompanying us and playing the preludes and postlude.

We hope that you will include this offering among the several ways you choose to observe a holy Lent this year as we prepare ourselves to celebrate a joyous Easter on April 8th. ☩

the Paris Conservatoire. His *petit requiem* was composed as an intimate piece for a choir of no more than twenty or, at most thirty, voices of men and boys with organ accompaniment. Both the texts that Fauré chose for this work and the music he composed for them convey a deep sense of God's consolation for those who mourn, as well as serene confidence in the eternal life that is to come.



Rector's Letter

Full of Compassion and Mercy

The Reverend Addison Hall

*"The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our sins from us."*

Psalm 103:8–12



We are three weeks away from Ash Wednesday, for which this psalm is appointed. Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season, a season in which we as the Church traditionally prepare for Holy Week and Easter, and especially for the great celebration of Jesus' rising. Easter is the central experience of the Church, and early in its life the Church

recognized its importance by setting aside a forty-day period to prepare for it.

When we think of our Lenten preparation, we often think of our sinfulness, our failure to live according to God's ways. Lenten disciplines help us turn from self-destructive attitudes and habits, and open ourselves more fully to God's merciful kindness.

That awareness of God's great kindness is the aspect of the Lenten opportunity on which I want to concentrate. The Psalm-writer says: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us." That is a mighty distance, even in a tightly-connected global village. Think of the span of miles between Boston and Beijing, for example. For all the commerce between our two cultures, that is a great distance.

To imagine God's putting our sins as far away from us as Boston is from Beijing is a way of trying to understand the power and persistence of God's kindness to us. I am so predisposed to worry about my shortcomings, sins of omission and commission, that I often

don't even try to imagine how much God loves me. I think this is true of many of us.

The message of Jesus' rising, the central message of our faith, is that God goes to unimaginable lengths to close the gap between divine love and our experience. That message is important in every season, but in this Lent I'm going to include in my discipline a periodic meditation on the words of the psalm: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us." And these other words: "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness."

I give thanks for this powerful reassurance, and for the ways in which we as imperfect people can remind each other of it. I give thanks to all the people who show me love, kindness and forgiveness, and perhaps without meaning to, remind me of God's love. ☩



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Warden's Letter

Randy Parker & Anne Prensner [H4]

Our 119th Annual Meeting, held on January 29th, marked the routine transition to a new church year. We announced year-end financial results—happily reporting a healthy surplus, rather than the deficit that was anticipated. That outcome is attributed to a number of variables, but most importantly reflects the strong on-going financial support of the many individuals and families that make up this dynamic parish. It also gives us the confidence to advocate a budget for 2012 that will allow us to maintain the robust programming that benefits so many, here at St. Andrew's and beyond.

It was also an occasion to acknowledge the transition of lay leadership. We are grateful for the dedication and wisdom of departing vestry members: Meg Harris, Joanna Horobin, Earl Kivett, Linda McCammond, and Michael Vanin. We also welcome the incoming vestry members: Nancy Echlov, Jane Givens, Paige Manning, Cam McCormick, and Tim Raeke. We look forward to their contributions of energy and perspective to a vestry team that so capably directs and manages the life of this church. We also thank outgoing Nominating Committee members David Boghosian and Lynda Sperry for their immense contribution over the last two years. We welcome Mac Thomas and Lisa Hastings to that committee, which is so crucial to the continued recruitment of leadership at St. Andrew's. Beyond the guidance and direction provided by the vestry, we recognize and commend the vast efforts of so many of you that contribute time and talent to this vibrant and vital community.

There was also an element of that business meeting that was not routine. It was Addison's last Annual Meeting at St. Andrew's, and we acknowledged that he would retire this summer, after more than two decades as our rector. With that reality sinking in, we reluctantly realize that it will be his last time to preside over a number of our annual traditions and rituals. While these emotions are naturally part of anticipating the transition, we encourage the focus over the next several months to be on the celebration of his ministry with us at St. Andrew's.

There will be several ways for all of us to participate in and contribute toward the celebration. While we expect there to be a number of informal opportunities over the coming months, we have established three primary features of celebration and commemoration:

- **Sunday, June 10th—a day of celebration of Addison's ministry at St. Andrew's.** Beginning with a celebratory worship service with special music, followed by a festive coffee hour and ending with an adult cocktail reception honoring Addison and Jody in the evening. Please mark your calendars. More details will follow soon.
- **"Memory Book"**—a compilation of letters, photos and artwork that express what Addison has meant to you personally during his twenty-two years at St. Andrew's. We will provide more information shortly on how we will collect this information, but we encourage everyone to begin planning your submission.

- **Purse**—We will be collecting individual donations to be offered to Addison in recognition of his service. We will provide more details soon on where to send contributions.

As we move into the Lenten season, we encourage you to take part in the many traditions and opportunities for study and reflection. We are blessed with a vibrant and active parish and it is each of us, participating together that makes this the wonderful spiritual community that St. Andrew's is. ✠

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Christian Learning

Adult Programs

Lenten Series 2012 Redemption Revisited: Finding God's Promise in the Scriptures of the Easter Vigil

Since the 3rd century, Christians have gathered in the darkness before Easter morning to hear the great stories of promise and deliverance



contained in the Hebrew Scriptures. Early Christians believed each of these

Biblical events revealed a unique aspect of

God's redemptive love and mercy

at work in the world. The Episcopal Church has

continued this tradition, both encouraging her

members to meditate upon the "mighty acts"

of God during Lent and restoring the

Great Vigil as one of the principle services

of Easter. For our 2012 Lenten series, all are

invited to come and explore

five of these vigil stories anew: the Flood (Feb 29th), the Binding of Isaac (March 7th), the

Deliverance at the Red Sea (March 14th), the Valley of the Dry Bones (March 21st) and the

Offer of Salvation/New Heart and New Spirit (March 28th). Our program will be in a new

format this year, with a children's program from 5:15 – 6:00, dinner from 6:00 – 6:30, and an

adult program from 6:30 – 7:30.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

February Christian Learning Series The Messenger of Allah: A Brief Introduction to Islam

Curious or confused about Islam? You're not alone! Although Islam, which means "submission" in Arabic, has become a household word in the west, a basic knowledge of Muslim history, theology and tradition is harder to come by. Consequently, in our Christian Learning series this February, we will explore the basic contours of Islam in three sessions on February 5th, February 12th and February 19th. A first session will focus on the life of the Prophet and the emergence of Islam, a second will explore the Quran and the main theological tenets of Islam, and a third will look at the relationship between Sunnis, Shiites, Sufis and other important expressions of Islam in the modern world.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

Wellesley College Retreat

All Wellesley students are invited to attend our Wellesley College retreat at the St. Methodios Center in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. We will leave around 12:00 on Friday, April 27th and return around 12:00 on Sunday, April 29th. The cost per student is \$60, and you are asked to provide your own sleeping bag/bedding for a single-size mattress. Please e-mail Brian to reserve your space on the retreat!—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Reception

As the Church looks towards Lent, the traditional season for teaching and the preparation of converts to the Christian faith, all adults who are interested in Baptism, Confirmation or Reception (the act of being formally received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination or tradition) are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy. Preparation for these rites consists of intentional study and reflection on the essential doctrines and mysteries of the catholic and apostolic faith as received by the Episcopal Church.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

Wisdom and the Word: February Bible Circle Meeting

The topic of our February Bible Circle meeting is "Job—the Steadfast" and will be led by the Rev. Addison Hall on February 14th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This continues our theme for the year: "Wisdom and the Word: Discovering the Riches of Biblical Wisdom Literature." Our meeting is in the Harvey Room. We will discuss Job, Chapters 1–2, 29–31, and 38–42. Also choose one of the four "argument" sequences to read closely: 3–14, 15–21 or 22–17 or 32–37. If you have a study Bible or a personal Bible please bring it with you for our discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all Bible Circle meetings!—Margarethe Kulke • mnbkulke@verizon.net



Christian Learning, con't.

Youth Programs

Church School Events & Activities

Sunday, February 5—Epiphany 5

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, February 12—Epiphany 6

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit (Confirmation)

Sunday, February 19—Last Epiphany

(Morning Prayer) with K–3rd Chapel
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
No Church School or Rite-13
9:45 a.m. Childcare in the Toddler Room
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Wednesday, February 22

7:30 a.m. 12:00 and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Services

Saturday, February 25

11:00 a.m. Senior High Field Trip to Icon Exhibit

Sunday, February 26—1 Lent

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit (Confirmation)

Wednesday, February 29

5:15 p.m. Children's Lenten Series
6:00 p.m. Lenten Series Potluck
6:30 p.m. Adult Lenten Series

Sunday, March 4—2 Lent

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13
5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Swap at the UU Parish
in Wellesley



New Toddler Room Policy

St. Andrew's Church has a well-maintained toddler room that is available to all families during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Because toddler room attendance varies week to week, toddler room teachers and staff will be allowed to leave at 10:20 a.m. if there are no toddlers downstairs. However, the room will remain open, lit and available for personal use should families decide to use the toddler room later in the morning.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz
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Spring Semester Church School is Underway!

Church School begins on January 22nd and ends on June 3rd. The K–5 curriculum for the spring will focus on stories from the Gospels that illuminate Jesus' life, death, resurrection and presence among us. If you have a child in the Church School, please watch your e-mail for a weekly update and meditation! The highlights of the semester include:

Thursday, February 16—Shrove "Thursday"

Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

Services at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1—Palm Sunday K–5 Children's Program at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 5—Family Passover Seder Meal/Potluck at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6—Children's Good Friday Service at 12:00 p.m. in Chapel

Tuesday, May 1—Communion Instruction 6:00p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6—First Communion Celebration —Rev. Brian Rebholtz

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Christian Learning, con't.



Rite-13

Rite-13/Confirmation Class

Our Rite-13 and Confirmation programs will resume on January 22nd. Schedules are available in the narthex and by Brian's office. Chris Keyes, Linda Lull, Mike Mahlenkamp and Megan Burns will continue as our Rite-13 leadership team—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

Mission Trip 2012

Register Now for St. Christopher's Mission in Navajoland

All high school students are invited to consider attending our summer mission trip to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah. St. Christopher's is part of the Area Mission of Navajoland, and the clergy and people of St. Christopher's have invited us to join with them in a church demolition and clean-up project in nearby Montezuma Creek. We will also take time to learn about Navajo culture, worship with the people of St. Christopher's, and explore the natural beauty of Navajoland. We leave June 30th and return July 7th. Registration packets are available in the narthex and by Brian's office.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org

High School Youth Group Spring Kick-Off!

Youth group resumes on January 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 in the parish hall. All high school students are invited to come, re-connect with friends and see what youth group has in store for the spring. Please RSVP so Brian and Dan know how much food to prepare for this event!—Rev. Brian Rebholtz • brian@standrewswellesley.org



St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School 2012

Sky Everything is possible with God!

Monday, 25 June – Friday, 29 June, 9:00 a.m. to noon each day

The week after the public schools in Wellesley adjourn, St. Andrew's will host our 3rd annual Vacation Bible School. This year, at *Sky* Vacation Bible School, we'll have planes, hot air balloons, and even flying pigs to help our kids discover that by trusting God, everything is possible. All are welcome!

Ways to Participate:

Ages: Pre–K (4 years old)—Children entering 4th grade (Children entering 5th grade – 8th grade can serve as Crew Leaders-in-Training)
Cost: \$75.00 per child with a \$150.00 cap per family.

Registration: Look for more information next month.

To Volunteer: Prayer and Supplies Support (all ages); Design and Set Up (all ages); Station Leaders and Assistant Station Leaders* (adults); Crew Leaders (high school and up); Music Leadership Team (all ages under the direction of Amanda Hammond).

For the month of February, Ruth Keyes and Laura Brown MacKinnon (CoDirectors) and Ingrid Houghton and Toni Jolley (Directors-In-Training) will be at coffee hour to answer all your questions and sign you up to participate or volunteer. Please stay tuned for the VBS Launch announcement in church February 5th. More information to follow!—Laura Brown MacKinnon • laura@brown-mackinnon.com or Ruth Keyes rhkeyes@hotmail.com



Outreach

February is Have a Heart Month

Not everyone in our community is showered with Valentine's cards, red roses or chocolate boxes this Valentine's Day! So, in February the Outreach team invites you to reach out to others who are less fortunate and may feel particularly lonely during this time.

First, and very easy, please bring a contribution to the annual "Souper-Bowl" drive for the Wellesley Food Pantry on Sunday, February 5th. Cans of meat, chilling and "hearty" stews preferred.

And why not make this month the one you try out one of the many ongoing Outreach opportunities St. Andrew's has on offer. You could join the Rosie's Place cooks in the kitchen on a Thursday morning; add your contribution to the team preparing and serving food at the Salvation Miracle Kitchen in Framingham, Tuesday February 28th; learn more and get trained to work with homeless families in the Metrowest Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) so you can join the team week of March 4th; are you a knitter—how about joining the St. Andrew's Knitters and enjoy fellowship as you click your needles. Giving a little of your time on a regular basis is one of the simplest ways to demonstrate that you Have a Heart this winter—please think what you can do.—Joanna Horobin • Jhorobin@Syndax.com or 781-237-2032

Christmas Present for St. Stephens's Seniors 2011

We are pleased with the response from members of our church to assist the project of giving Christmas presents to the seniors of our sister parish St. Stephen's. There were 60 gift bags presented to them on Christmas Eve. Reverend Tim Crellin let us know they were well received.

We would like to thank the following members who went out of their way to provide all the wonderful knitted goods, breads and cookies. The knitters, headed by Donna Kell included: Margaret Abrahamson, Adele Beggs, Barbara Bergstrom, Elsie Deane, Nancy Eclov, Gladie Gilmartin, Barbara Horan, Jane Kettendorf, Dona Kemp, Debbie Monti, and Ruth Wilson. They provided hand knitted hats, gloves, and scarves for all the bags. We were pleased also to have the very cute holiday breads in nice ceramic pots provided by Lynda Sperry, Wendy Wiberg, and Margaret Zusky. Along with the breads, we were happy to include a whole batch of cookies provided by Wendy Barry and Francie Hawkie. Thanks to you all and the outreach committee for assisting in this project.

—Jack & Jill Whiteing • mfwjsw@hotmail.com

Welcome:

The following families/people came to worship with us over the past few months. Please warmly welcome them!

Emily and David Mitchell and their children Ella and Brooks (Wellesley); Dorothy Howells (Wellesley); Kristin and Orlando Hall and their son Orlando James Jr. (Natick); Laura and Tom McKeever and their children Cameron and Dylan (Wellesley); Kristen and David Balderston and their children Kate, Elizabeth, and Anna (Wellesley); Hope Dennis and her children Will and Jack (Wellesley); Hayley Kosmatka (Natick); Elizabeth and Scott Lashway and their children Alexandra and Oliver (Wellesley); and Karen and Jeff McAdams and their children Ella and Seri (Wellesley).

Parish Register

Baptisms

Ainsworth Ware Morey

Weddings

Christine Klotz & Tim Haney

Burials

Robert Carl Abrahamson,

Charles Reynolds

Herbert Wiley Vaughan



Parish News, Music & Events

Nominating Committee Report

2011 Nominating Committee: David Boghosian (Co-Chair), Erica Gelser, Peter Lull, Randy Parker (Warden), Lynda Sperry (Co-Chair), and Joann Tuyschaevers. Both David and Lynda have completed their two year terms, while the rest of the committee members have one more year remaining in their terms.

The Nominating Committee reports a

successful year in nominating a roster of parishioners to assume positions on the St. Andrew's Church Vestry and for other parish responsibilities that became open on January 29th, 2012, the date of our 119th Annual Meeting. You will have seen biographical information about the individuals who have generously offered to share their skills and time to serve St. Andrew's in the Annual Report and for

the last few Sundays in January.

We are very excited by this year's roster of nominations for parish leadership. We are grateful to each of these nominated individuals for their faithful commitment to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Nominating Committee

Meet your new Vestry Members



Anne Prensner, Warden



**Cam McCormick, Vestry
Person for Outreach**



**Paige Manning, Vestry
Person for Personnel**



**Nancy Echlov, Vestry
Person for Worship**



Jane Givens, Treasurer



Tim Raeke, Clerk



**Will Nystrom, Diocesan
Convention Delegate**



**Margaret Zusky, Diocesan
Convention Delegate**



**Lisa Hastings, Nominating
Committee**



**Mac Thomas, Nominating
Committee**



St. Andrew's February Calendar

The Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (except where noted below). The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:40 a.m. All are welcome! Parish office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday February 1

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

Thursday February 2

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Saturday February 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday February 5

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Rite-13 Group
11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Forum: Climate Change
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Tuesday February 7

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting
9:30 a.m. Church School Committee

Wednesday February 8

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:00 p.m. Men's AA

Thursday February 9

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday February 12

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
9:45 a.m. Rite-13 Group
11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Forum: Europe & the Euro
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit: Exploring Confirmation

Tuesday February 14

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting
10:30 a.m. Bible Circle

Wednesday February 15

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:00 p.m. Men's AA

Thursday February 16

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place
5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Sunday February 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Tuesday February 21

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting
9:30 a.m. Lay Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Wednesday February 22

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Ashes
9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Ashes
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Ashes
8:00 p.m. Men's AA

Thursday February 23

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Saturday February 25

11:00 a.m. High School Youth Group trip to Icon Exhibit

Sunday February 26

Visitation of Bishop Shaw
9:00 a.m. Junior Choir
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
9:45 a.m. Rite-13 Group
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit: Exploring Confirmation

Monday February 27

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday February 28

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting
5:15 p.m. Service at Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday February 29

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Lenten Series
8:00 p.m. Men's AA

Thursday March 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Saturday March 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday March 4

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir
9:45 a.m. Rite-13 Group
11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Forum: Health Care Costs & Related Ethical Issues
5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group at Wellesley UU Church
5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

St. Andrew's Annual Shrove Thursday Pancake Supper

It's an age-old tradition for the beginning of Lent... to clean out the pantry and fatten up on Fat Tuesday! Come and eat your fill of pancakes with delectable toppings, egg strata and sausage links. This year our Pancake Supper will be held on a Thursday, February 16th, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. so we can avoid the February break—but the food and fun will be just as fantastic! Mark your calendars, and please consider volunteering. To help with expenses, we suggest a small contribution of \$5/ family. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me. —Terri Rawson
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Holy Cow—It's Time for the Heifer Project! Beginning February 26th and running through Palm Sunday (April 1st)

This Lent the Church School will be learning about the work of Heifer International, a charitable organization that provides farm animals to families living in poverty around the world. Throughout Lent we will be collecting money for this charity—a practice traditionally known as almsgiving—to help purchase animals to send to people in need. Almsgiving is a spiritual practice that reminds us that all we have is held in trust for the furthering of God's Kingdom on earth. Through combining our efforts with Heifer International, we will not only renew our souls, but also transform our world in Jesus' name.

More information on the Heifer Project will be presented in Church School classes on Sunday, February 26th and coin boxes will be distributed to the children. Parents should encourage children to ask their families and friends for donations, as well as to set aside some of their own allowance! Collected coins



should be turned in during Church School on each Sunday in Lent. On Palm Sunday, children will process with their coin boxes and their palms during the 10:00 a.m. service, in celebration of their Lenten efforts. You can learn more about Heifer International by visiting www.heifer.org.

Did you know?

Geese can lay up to 75 eggs a year. A \$20 flock of geese can provide enough food for a family to eat fresh eggs every day of the year.

Sheep are able to survive in mountainous terrain with very little grazing land. A \$120 sheep can provide families with much-needed milk, wool, manure and lambs.

Rabbits are a wonderful source of manure and meat. A \$20 trio of rabbits is easy to care for and will reproduce so quickly that the offspring can be shared with other local families.

—Rev. Brian Rebholtz

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