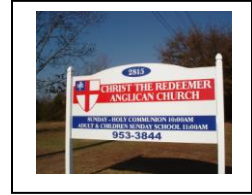


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LENT SEASON BEGINS THIS MONTH

Lent began March 8 at Christ the Redeemer with a gathering and a pot-luck meal. As usual a generous offering of food and drink was brought in and all had a joyous evening of fun and fellowship.

History of Lent

The word "lent" comes from an old English word meaning the season of spring. The Lenten season extends over a period of 46 days, but the Sundays in that period are not part



of Lent – they are feast days. The observance of Lent in the Christian Church is very ancient. It began in the second century although it was much shorter in the beginning; it did not extend for forty days until the fourth century and was also not associated with the forty days of Jesus in the wilderness until some later time. It has always, however, had a penitential character as a time of preparation for the remembering the Crucifixion on Good Friday and then the joy of the resurrection. During the period Anglicans fast as a means of suppressing the flesh and exalting the spirit. It is a period of increased prayer and self-examination so that we may bring ourselves closer to God and become more obedient to His will for us.

The CtR Lent Schedule

March 9 – Ash Wednesday

March 13 – 1st Sunday in Lent

March 16, 23, 30 – Lenten Suppers
at 6:30 pm

April 6, 13 – Lenten Suppers at 6:30 pm

April 21 – Maundy Thursday/Communion 7pm

April 22 – Good Friday Devotions 7pm

April 24 – Easter/Communion 10pm

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

From Pastor Fr. Paul Gerlock

A Kind of Death

Repentance is no fun at all. It is something much harder than merely eating humble pie. It means unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will that we have been training ourselves into for thousands of years. It means killing a part of yourself, undergoing a kind of death... remember, this repentance, this willing submission to humiliation and a kind of death, is not something God demands of you before He will take you back and which He could let you off if He chose; it is simply a description of what going back to Him is like. If you ask God to take you back without it, you are really asking Him to let you go back without going back. It cannot happen.

The Life of Christ

When Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being "in Christ" or of Christ be "in them," this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them, that the whole



mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts—that we are his fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion.... There is no good in trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why he uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us. We may think this rather crude and unspiritual. God does not; he invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it.

FASTING: The weekdays of Lent (not the Sundays) are all fast days, meaning that the amount of food eaten is reduced. A good rule might be no snacks, no seconds no deserts and no alcohol. If you don't normally eat snacks or desserts or drink, you may want to consider giving up some favorite food. The idea is to undertake something sacrificial, yet not overwhelming. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are strict fasts: one full meal in the evening, and light meal or collation in the afternoon. All those whose health, work, and age permit should fast.

ABSTINENCE: Abstaining from flesh meat on Wednesdays in lent as well as Fridays (required by the Prayer Book) is common discipline for Lent. At the very least, no flesh meat should ever be eaten on the Fridays of Lent.

Work Continues on the Barn

Another CTR work day was held on March 12 with the men of the parish fixing up the second floor of the Barn for a Youth Area. Tasks included:

- Installation of wall and ceiling panels (4x8 sheets of plywood).
 - Installation of new door hardware at back door.
 - Installation of light fixtures.
 - Installation of wood blocks at roof corrugations, to prevent access of critters.
 - Possible construction of a guardrail wall at the top of the stairs.
 - Clean up and removal of various debris around building.
- Clyde Wilkins and David Selby are also working to install the air conditioner.



Outreach News

PROJECT SOCKS FOR TOTS...

Let us help our community...Hunt Elementary School in Ft. Valley, Georgia. The school is in need of clothing to supply their Clothes Closet. Hunt Elementary is a Title 1 school which means that many of the students are from low-income single family homes. Often times, the parent cannot be contacted by telephone and/or has no transportation and therefore, cannot come to the school to bring a change of clothing for their child.

If you can help this worthy project, please bring the clothing to the church by Friday, March 25. The school's website is <http://hes.peachschools.org>, if you are interested in learning more about the school and the children. Please contact Linda McCraw or Terry Rogers, if you have any questions.

Items needed: socks, shoe laces, underwear, shirts, and pants for girls and boys, sizes: 6-12. (the children are in grades kindergarten through the fifth grade.) The shirts and pants can be gently used or purchased from local department stores. There are always great sales this time of the year for you bargain hunters!!

FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

Lent was the season when we challenged ourselves to strip down our lives and pay attention to the essentials. The Church in her wisdom knows that we need to do this because we are prone to mistaking wants for needs. Just as importantly the Lenten season of preparation allows us to value the outrageous abundance which God places at our disposal. This is particularly apparent when we fully participate in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter. Just like her Lord, the Church is stripped bare, the Cross becomes the central focus of the space, and we finish it all in a splendid garden celebrating the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord in our midst.

The great fifty days of Easter challenges us to focus on a different set of essentials. If Lent is about pruning back the desires which erode the energy of our lives, Easter is about embracing those things which will give us energy and meaning beyond the narrow confines of our limited experience. First of all, Easter asks us to embrace the risen Lord. Jesus Christ, the God/Man shows us the full nature of God, which is love. God in Jesus Christ is reconciling the world to its true purpose, living in God's love. The empty tomb not only represents the limitations of our experience in this life but beckons us to consider realities greater than ourselves, our souls, and our bodies.

What makes the Resurrection so hard for us to fully embrace is that it puts God at the center and not us. The Resurrection is an extension of the love poured at the beginning of creation. It is the ultimate manifestation of the vulnerability that God has always shown in dealing with us. By making us in God's image, our Creator gave us freedom to make choices. The Father's desire was that we live lives of love, creativity, reason, and harmony with Creation and with God. But we choose to misuse our freedom and make choices based on the limited knowledge of self and our experience. By putting ourselves in the place of God, we segregate ourselves from full participation in God's love and live in disharmony with creation and each other.

John's Gospel, the one we most read during Easter, makes it abundantly clear that the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all creation is to be found most perfectly in Jesus. It is in Jesus that sin and death are overcome and the way is opened for eternal life.

This great Fifty Days of Easter help me surrender to the grace of God's love. Let us challenge each other to embrace the energy which only comes from knowing the Lord of life that we might move beyond the narrow confines of our imaginings, and catch a glimpse of the limitless world of the Kingdom of God. Together as a Body that has died and risen again in the waters of Baptism we can live lives more in harmony with desire of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- *The Very Rev. William Willoughby, III*
St. Paul's, Savannah, Georgia

MARCH 11 FISH FRY A SUCCESS



Another successful fish fry was held at the church on March 11. Thanks to Terry Wilkins and the hard work of all parishioners, more than 220 plates were sold. The men breaded and fried, the women made hush puppies, Travis did his famous grits, Cyrena and Joe Short kept running and the kitchen staff made the customers happy. Thanks to everyone for another great day. The next fish fry will be held on April 8.

LAY READERS

Mar 13 Jessica Gray
 Mar 27 Angela Wallace
 April 3 Pat Patterson
 April 10 Angela Wallace
 April 17 Jessica Gray
 April 21 Katherine Pfohl
 April 24 Pat Patterson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 13 Jim Gray
 March 20 Frank Pfohl
 March 27 Moses Alexander
 April 3 Wayne Crow
 April 10 Ed Leigh
 April 17 Jim Gray
 April 24 Wayne Crow

CLEANING SCHEDULE:

March 7 Linda and Bunny
 March 14 Bertha and Mary
 March 21 Linda and Bunny
 March 28 Bertha and Mary

ALTAR GUILD

Mar 13	P. Gwathney & L. McGraw	P-HC
Mar 20	J. Johnson & S. Crow	P-HC
Mar 27	M. Hodgkins & K. Dubiel	P-MP/HC
Apr 3	A. Wallace & B. Short	P-HC
Apr 10	K. Pfohl & A. Leigh	P-HC
Apr 17	S. Stokes & L. Gerlock	P-HC
Apr 21	K. Dubiel & J. Johnson	P-HC
Apr 22	S. Crow & M. Hodgkins	P
Apr 24	K. Pfohl & P. Gwathney	W-HC



RIGHT: Sylvia Crow and Becky Short in The new Altar Guild coats. Looks good!

Bunko For Breast Cancer on March 1 raised over \$400.00!! Thanks to all who worked to make this project a success!



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
 FATHER PAUL AND LINDA**

**...On the birth of their new
 Grandson - William John Gerlock**
 - 5 pounds, 2 ounces
 - 17- 7/8 inches
 - Born March 8 at 8:40 pm
To: Jennifer and David Gerlock