

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

April 2015

Saint Clarian

Worship with Joy, Grow in Faith, Act for Justice



*monthly
newsletter*

A Prayer Offering for Genesis

As part of the process to renew the Genesis relationship, a series of three meetings of the governing boards (the Genesis Board, St. Clare's Vestry, and the Temple Beth Emeth Board) will be held in late April. Each of these meetings will begin in a prayer offered by a temple or church member, or both.

On Tuesday, April 21, the day before the first of the three meetings, St. Clare's will hold a 25-hour prayer vigil. The vigil is an opportunity for us to hold in prayer the upcoming meetings of the boards, to pray for renewal of the Genesis partnership, and to offer prayer for all those working to find clarity, common vision, and better procedures to equip the partnership for the future.

We will begin the vigil with sung Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. We will hold Noonday Prayers at noon, Evensong at 6 p.m., and Sung Compline at 10 p.m. The vigil will conclude with sung Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

You are encouraged, invited, and welcome to attend any part of our prayer offering that you are able. We will hold part of it in our chapel, and when numbers suggest it would be better, we will use the sanctuary when it is available. Would you like to help lead an hour? You can sign up online at www.saintclareschurch.org/vigil (you can always call the church office if online sign-ups aren't your thing).

You may lead an hour of prayer by yourself, or with others. You may plan anything that appeals to you. Some may lead recitation of psalms, offer spiritual readings of interest. Some hours will include instrumental music led by musicians among us. Each hour will include some periods of silence. Some might choose to fast for this event.

We will offer a webcam of the front of the chapel during these 25 hours so that you may pray or participate remotely.

Many wonderful people in both congregations are working on the Genesis renewal and clarification process. We cannot anticipate all its turns and discoveries, but we can be confident that God is in it for good.

In a real sense, when one does not work to be reflective and self-evaluative in a relationship,

whether it's a work, business, or marriage/partner relationship, when you finally do so it's like something that is overdue, and carries a certain unpaid "interest burden." Attempts to renew the Genesis partnership in past years have not met with the kind of fruitfulness that I know we can find. Pride at ignoring the regular mechanism to promote relationship renewal in the Genesis Agreement, the "Interfaith Resolution Committee," made it harder to learn and adapt, and to maintain the breadth of relationships necessary for understanding and being in touch with one another deeply. This is a great opportunity to build.

Your prayers are welcome all month, and, while we won't be done with the process when the three big meetings conclude, we hope to be well launched with a good wind at our back.

May spring accompany us in a journey into the promise of God for all people.

In Christ's love,



In this issue:

| | |
|---|-----|
| SAVE THE DATE | 3 |
| NEWS & EVENTS | |
| Music During John's Sabbatical | 3 |
| Breakfast at St. Clare's Café | 3 |
| Women of Faith Share Spiritual Stories | 4 |
| Genesis Grounds Spring Clean Up | 4 |
| The 2015 Ministry Fair: Re-Imagining the Household of God | 5 |
| Prayer Partner Banquet | 5 |
| Chili Cook-Off Winners | 5 |
| Nations Are Healing: Ebola in Sierra Leone | 6/7 |
| Vestry Goals for 2015 | 8 |
| HOLY WEEK | |
| Holy Week Services/Events in April | 8 |
| The Ancient Liturgy of Maundy Thursday | 9 |
| Good Friday | 10 |
| The Great Vigil of Easter | 10 |
| Easter Sunday | 10 |
| CHILDREN AND YOUTH | |
| Holy Week for Kids | 11 |
| Palm Sunday Thank You! | 12 |
| Week of Hope Informational Meeting | 12 |
| Milestones of Faith: Acting for Justice | 12 |
| Summer Opportunities | 13 |
| Happening | 14 |
| April Youth Calendar | 14 |
| PARISH COMMUNITY | |
| April Birthdays | 15 |
| April Anniversaries | 15 |

Save The Date

- **Sunday, May 3**
4th Annual Sunday of Service (SOS)
- **Saturday, May 9 and 16**
Godspell performances



NEWS & EVENTS

Music During John's Sabbatical

Now in his eighth year as Director of Music, John will start a sabbatical on Monday, April 6 (immediately after Easter Sunday). During his sabbatical, he will devote extensive time to composition (and to actually getting published!), some international travel, and time with family and friends. Additionally, he will be developing a curriculum for music education and general musicianship (grades K-8) that could be implemented with our Children's Choir as early as fall 2015. John will take all of his vacation time during the summer, as usual, and will return to St. Clare's on Sunday, August 2.

During April, parts of May and June, and July, **Charlotte DeVries** will provide music during the 9 a.m. services. Charlotte and her husband, Ray, are members of St. Clare's and Charlotte has been the musician for StorySong families for a couple years.

Brock Tjosvold will work with the Adult Choir and play at the 10:30 a.m. services through mid-May.

Sally Messner will work with the Children's Choir and the cast of *Godspell* during John's sabbatical, and she will also cover the 10:30 Sunday services towards the end of John's sabbatical. Sally has served the church as a professional musician in a number of roles for almost 15 years. She has worked with both children and adults in a variety of churches. Sally earned a Bachelor of Music degree in voice performance from Valparaiso University (Indiana), and a Master of Sacred Music degree in choral conducting from Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minnesota). She has sung professionally in choirs and as a soprano soloist. Sally currently teaches voice and piano lessons in Dexter.

In May and June, our musicians will be **Cary Dumas** and **Michele Johns** (more about them in next month's newsletter).



Breakfast Served at St. Clare's Café

Sunday, April 12, 8:30 to 10:25 a.m.

Once a month during the school year, several volunteers work with our youth to prepare and serve a delicious breakfast at St. Clare's Café. Enjoy a delicious breakfast with fellow St. Clarians between 8:30 and 10:25 Sunday morning (food will be served until 10:15 a.m.; please plan to finish eating by 10:25 a.m.). Make a donation (suggested donation is \$7 per person) and proceeds will benefit the youth program. St. Clare's Café serves on March 1, April 12, and May 3.

—Christine Modey and John Prescott

Women of Faith Share Their Spiritual Stories: Christian, Jewish and Muslim

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

What do our religious texts and traditions say about women? What's expected of female leaders in faith communities? What is it like to grow up female in a community of faith? Men and women alike are invited and encouraged to come together to hear three distinct, personal answers to these and other questions. Cantor Regina Hayut of Temple Beth Emeth, Gigi Salka of the Muslim Unity Center, and the Rev. Beth Scriven of St. Clare's will share their own perspectives and experiences of being women leaders of faith. (Moderated and organized by Cilla Tomas, member of Temple Beth Emeth.)

Cantor Regina Hayut, a graduate of Hebrew Union College, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, arrived at Temple Beth during Summer of 2014 from Bergen County, NJ, where she lived and served several communities both as a student and an ordained cantor since 1999.

Gigi Salka was born in Lebanon and currently lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI. She has a background in Finance and Marketing from the University of Michigan and has worked in multiple international companies. Currently, Gigi is a Program Coordinator at "Zaman" a non-profit organization in Detroit, serving marginalized women.

The Rev. Beth Scriven has been an Episcopalian all her life, from her childhood in Ohio to her studies at Smith College and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, before arriving at St. Clare's in 2008.

Cilla Tomas has been a member of Temple for 17 years. She is originally from Switzerland and came to the U.S. in 1983. Her background, being a second generation of a Holocaust Survivor and having a father whose family escaped the pogroms of Kishinev, motivated her to try to make a difference in the world.

–Beth Scriven

Help Wanted: Genesis Grounds Spring Clean Up

Sunday, April 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Come when you can, leave when you must. Only an hour to spare? Perfect!

– Your Genesis Grounds Committee: Linda Annesley, Leonore Gerstein, Penny Griffith



The 2015 Ministry Fair: Re-Imagining the Household of God

Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

Save the date for this Diocesan event, which brings together the best elements of two previous events—Becoming the Household of God and Ministry Fair.

Tom Brackett will serve as keynote speaker. He's the missionary for church planting and ministry development for the Episcopal Church. In addition, you will be able to choose from over 25 workshops, all of which explore how we live out the 5 Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The Ministry Fair booklet is available online [here](#). More information and registration details can be found at www.edomi.org/household/. Registration deadline is April 24.

Prayer Partner Banquet

Sunday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.

If you've served as an adult prayer partner for one of our youth this year, please join us in the social hall for a banquet to celebrate your ministry. The youth will serve a fantastic dinner to show our gratitude (and youth will have the opportunity to sit down and chat with their prayer partners during the evening as well). Don't miss this night of fun and fellowship!



Chili Cook-Off Winners

The big winners of this year's Chili Cook-Off were our youth groups: the cook-off and youth service auction raised over \$2000 for this year's pilgrimage and youth programs! Thank you to everyone who participated, whether in bidding, entering chili or cornbread, or judging the entries.

Here's a tally of the chili and cornbread winners.

- MILD CHILI (AKA wimpy): Stephanie Smith
- MEDIUM CHILI (a tie): The Emenheiser and Wilson/Barry Families
- HOT CHILI (and Overall Winner): Travis [Millar] & Jacob
- VEGETARIAN CHILI: Dana Nichols
- CORNBREAD: Grace Vandenberg
- HONORABLE MENTION (for the most Hannah-friendly cornbread): Gail Jungbluth



Nations Are Healing: Ebola Treatment in Sierra Leone

On the 3rd Sunday in Lent, still waking on African time, I read the lectionary Psalm before dawn, “the heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands...they have no speech, they use no words, yet their voice goes out into all the earth.” (Psalm 19:1-4). Thanks be to God. I’ve been straining to voice my memories of Sierra Leone’s skies, trees, sparkling children’s eyes, and meager health settings. I’m off the hook! God’s got this; God’s handiwork has the last word, as always.

Even through three pairs of gloves, a baby with a high fever feels palpably hot. In thick-nylon-tarped arms, late at night I held a sleepy, febrile toddler while my colleague, a Sierra Leonean (SL) nurse, slid drops of liquid Tylenol into his mouth. Tenderly, my hands braced his warm arms away from my face-shield, lest he awaken and reach beneath. I held him a few more minutes, then laid him down on the Lappa-clothed mattress, next to his sleeping brother. They stirred, briefly, and gazed into each other’s eyes before drifting off to sleep again.

In an Ebola Treatment unit (ETU) in SL, the peaceful sweetness of sleeping toddlers surrendered quickly to a knowing dread; those little boys had Ebola and were near death. Soon, disparate emotions yielded to a necessary mindfulness. Every moment in the Personal protective equipment (PPE), my life and the lives of others depended on my being focused and self-aware. One brush of a glove against a sharp surface, or a heat-induced collapse would be a “high risk breach”—an exposure that would send me to isolation and endanger many others. What an ironic gift: neither my healthcare expertise nor my altruism mattered more than my careful attentiveness.

Disease has a “preferential option for the poor” and the Ebola virus presents this injustice in “HD.” At the 5-day WHO training in Freetown, we heard firsthand tales from survivors, about the fears, stigma, 60% death rate, and myriad horrors of this last year in their land. Alongside national staff as well as my cohort of 15 Partners In Health (PIH) colleagues, here we also learned the meticulous tasks of PPE donning, doffing, and Ebola treatment protocols. After 7 days of training and travel, my cohort and I arrived at our assignments: various treatment centers supported by PIH. I spent a week in the main ETU, then joined the CCC (Community Care Center= ETU holding center) team. We travelled 1–3 hours a day, often on dirt roads, to check on supplies and accompany the national staff workers at 8 CCCs. And just before I left, we aided in the deconstruction and burning of several CCCs and the reopening of public health units (primary care clinics). Together we sang, “We will overcome, someday!”

Working and learning alongside national staff—nurses, doctors, sprayers (of chlorine in the ETU) and cleaners—is what PIH calls “accompaniment” and was, to me, the greatest gift. Informal connections abounded as well, with 60+ expatriates from more than 15 nations housed in a Danish army-built tent city. In a tiki-hut-styled dining hall, over beer and tasty Danish food, we shared best practices and emotional support. Like a family feast, this was a great celebration of social justice and public health.

continued on next page

Though trees and fields are parched in Sierra Leone's dry season, mangos, coconuts, bananas, pineapple and palms grow—albeit more abundantly along riverbeds. Yet, deforested, dry highlands do not have the last word. In a similar image, pastor-poet John penned these last words: "Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb... the Tree of Life was planted on each side of the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit, a ripe fruit each month. The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations. Never again will anything be cursed." (Revelation 22:1-5) St. Clare's prayer partners, Jesus-followers and justice-bearers: be nourished in hope by the crystal bright River, this Easter and always. Nations are healing, one Spirit-fruit and one act of mercy at a time.

—Belinda Fish



Vestry Goals for 2015

Vestry members and clergy spent time at our annual retreat thinking about goals of service for 2015. This year's theme is "Pray and act for an abundant harvest." We have grouped specific goals into three categories. First, we want to invite church members to a feast of grace and fellowship by fostering a greater sense of belonging in everyone. This includes helping individuals get more involved and making more personal contacts. Second, we seek to share the feast of God with others by coordinating outreach and social justice activities among existing ministries to increase their impact and by exploring new ideas for ministry. Finally, we aim to "feed and be fed" by deepening St. Clarians' commitment to prudent and thriving financial stewardship of the feast of salvation.

–Jim Etzkorn on behalf of St. Clare's Vestry

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Services/Events in April

(see also Holy Week for Kids on page 11)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in St. Francis Chapel
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Agape Feast (see page 9)

Good Friday, April 3

11:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross for Families with Young Children (see page 11)
 12:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross (see page 10)
 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Sermon
 1:15 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
 2:30 p.m. Meditation and Silence

Holy Saturday, April 4

6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (see page 10)

Easter Sunday, April 5 (see page 10)

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist



The Ancient Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.

On the Thursday evening before Easter, we will engage in an ancient liturgy recalling Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Two wonderful liturgical innovations came out of that meal. One of them, the Eucharist, or communion, is familiar to us all. We share this symbolic meal every Sunday. But the other liturgy, foot washing, only takes place once a year - on Maundy Thursday.

The foot washing liturgy has variations in different places. Sometimes, the priest washes the feet of the people and sometimes people wash one another's feet. This year at St. Clare's, we will offer both options, when we gather on Maundy Thursday in the social hall for a dinner, Holy Eucharist, and foot washing. We invite you to have your feet washed, even if you have never done it before. Sometimes people feel uncomfortable about this. The disciples, especially Peter, did not want Jesus to wash their feet; it was too demeaning a task, a task reserved for slaves. When Peter protests, Jesus tells him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me" so Peter relents. I urge you to relent and engage in the whole liturgical experience of this ancient liturgy. Think of Jesus kneeling at the feet of his disciples, and what it must have felt like for the disciples to look down at him. Put yourself in their place.

If having your feet washed is nothing new to you, I invite you to consider going to the One Another Station where people will wash each other's feet. After you have your feet washed, you will kneel and take the place of the one who washed your feet, and wash the feet of the next person in line. Thus, each person will experience liturgically what Jesus experienced, as well as what his disciples experienced. You can see what it is like to serve and be served.

Following the Eucharist and foot washing, we will engage in another ancient and solemn ritual: the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

— reprinted from an article by the Rev. Martha Wallace, originally printed in the April 2006 St. Clarian



Good Friday

Friday, April 3

- 11:15 a.m. – Children’s Stations of the Cross**
- Noon – Stations of the Cross**
- 1:00 p.m. – Good Friday Sermon**
- 1:15 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy**
- 2:30 p.m. – Meditation and Silence**

Good Friday recollects the death of Christ. In many churches, the three hours Jesus is on the cross are observed as a time of worship and meditation. We begin with a creative Stations of the Cross liturgy, a remembering of Jesus’ journey to the tomb.

The Good Friday sermon is regarded as one of the major sermon events in most Episcopal Churches. The liturgy for Good Friday in the Book of Common Prayer is a quiet service of prayers and readings, including the Gospel story of the Passion.

Nursery care will be provided for children up to 5 years old from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Good Friday.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 4, 6 p.m.

This is the principal and ancient worship service of the Christian year, an experience of illumination by the light and love of God. The service begins outside as we light a fire and from it the Paschal Candle. We follow the Candle into the church, hear the Exsultet chanted, light our own candles from the Paschal Candle and hear the stories of God working with God’s people in the world. We celebrate Baptism (with the baptism of Lucas James Spotts) and renew our own Baptismal Covenant. Full lights come on and it’s Easter! We celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Then we do what makes sense: we have a party. Please bring party food to share in the Core and rooms 7/8 following the vigil. And bring bells to ring in Easter!

Nursery care will be provided for children up to 5 years old, although children of all ages and abilities are welcome in the service.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

Services at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

This is it: the heart of our faith. We celebrate resurrection and new life with wonderful celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, and music at all services. *Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The children will adorn a cross with flowers during the opening procession at 9:00 and 10:30. We will have flowers available or you can bring your own.

Nursery care will be provided for children up to 3 years old during the 10:30 services for those families who wish to use it; please note that children of all ages and abilities are welcome in all services at St. Clare’s!



Holy Week for Kids

This is an incredibly powerful journey that we invite you take with your children. It is important to us that kids be a part of our worship during the week and that they get to experience the deep love of Jesus expressed during each service. Here is an outline of the services with the highlights for children:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.:** This service is unique. We share a meal together throughout the worship service. It is a sit-down meal so parents get to relax a bit! During this service, we'll have a time of foot washing as well, to remind us of when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We have highchairs for little ones.
- **Good Friday, April 3, 11:15 a.m.:** This is a Stations of the Cross service specifically for families with young children. We'll journey through the same visual stations as the grownups but with age-appropriate ways to visit each station in word and song. From 11:45 until 2:30 (during the Stations of the Cross service and the Good Friday liturgy), we will have nursery care available for children up to 5 years old in the Family Room. Feel free to pack a lunch for your children to eat in the Family Room if you will be attending the Stations of the Cross service for families with young kids and leaving your children in nursery care while you attend the remainder of the Good Friday services.
- **Easter Vigil, April 4, 6 p.m.:** The climax of our week together is the Easter Vigil service. This service is family friendly although longer than our usual services. At the beginning of the service there is a beautiful chant, the Exsultet. During the Exsultet, Xan will invite the youngest among us (2 to 5 years) to join her in the Family Room for an introduction to what this service is all about. The children will return to their families to hear the story of God's people. One of our readings will be a skit and all children are invited to take part. Often we have baptisms during the Easter Vigil service. We'll also have bells to ring as we bring the "Alleluias" back into worship. Nursery care will be provided for children up to 5 years old throughout the service.
- **Easter Morning, April 5:** Our Sunday morning services will happen as usual. Children will be invited to cover a cross with flowers at the beginning of the 9:00 and 10:30 services. We'll have plenty of flowers but you are welcome to bring your own if you'd like. We will have an Easter Egg hunt after the 9:00 and 10:30 services for children in 4th grade and younger. There will be no church school on Easter morning and nursery care will be provided for children up to 3 years old during the 10:30 service.



Palm Sunday Thank You!

A huge thank you to Danielle LaMoreaux who helped to make the Palm Sunday Party meaningful and accessible to all ages. Thank you to all those who hosted tables, to Jayin Wavrik for leading the skit, and to the Children & Youth Commission for helping with set up and clean up. It is great working with you!

–Xan Morgan



Week of Hope Informational/Paperwork Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Everyone planning to go on this summer's mission trip to Grand Rapids, MI (June 21–26) should bring a parent to the paperwork/informational meeting on Sunday, April 19, at 9:45 a.m. in rooms 9/10. If you're still unsure about going to Grand Rapids, come to the meeting and get all your questions answered! Cannot attend? Contact Karen Slagell so you don't miss a detail!

–Karen Slagell & John Little

Milestones of Faith for 3rd & 4th Graders: Acting for Justice

Saturday, May 2, 3 to 6 p.m.

What does the Lord require of us? To do JUSTICE, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Serving and seeking justice for others is a critical part of following Jesus. At our baptism, we promise to serve Christ in all people, respecting the dignity of every human being. Children will explore God's heart for justice while learning about real world issues on Saturday, May 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. On Sunday, May 3, the 3rd and 4th graders are invited (and strongly encouraged) to serve together to conclude their milestone of acting for justice during our Sunday of Service as a church. More information to come! Connect with Xan Morgan and Hannah Rhodenhiser for more information.

–Xan Morgan



Summer Opportunities for Children & Youth

Mark those brand new calendars for these exciting opportunities (listed in chronological order with target age group noted in the description):

Vacation Bible School, June 16-18 St. Clare's, St. Andrew's, Blue Ocean Faith, and First Presbyterian join to offer a fabulous VBS from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The children "travel" back to Bible times and experience what it was like to be one of first followers of Jesus. Register at www.saintclareschurch.org/vbs. *VBS is for kids who have completed grades K-5.*

Jr./Sr. High Mission Trip, June 21-26 This year's community service mission trip participants will go to Grand Rapids, MI. A terrific way to help people in real need while having a great time with new friends from across the country. *The trip is open to kids who have completed grades 6-12.* Contact Karen Slagell for details.

Living Water Ministries Day Camp, June 22-26 Back by popular demand, St. Clare's is hosting the Living Water Ministries Day Camp again this year! June 22-26, five- through twelve-year-olds are invited to be a part of this week of faith formation. This week is full of fun for only \$140 if you register before May 1st. Register at www.saintclareschurch.org/daycamp. *Day Camp is for kids aged 5 through 12 years.*

Summer Camp: Living Water Ministries at Stony Lake, July 19-24 With the closure of Camp Michi-Lu-Ca, we will enjoy summer camp at Stony Lake, on the west side of Michigan. Campers will learn about God and themselves by exploring the wonders of nature, trying new activities at camp (such as swimming, arts & crafts, nature walks), and participating in a fun Bible study time. Campers sing around the campfire, learn about themselves, and worship daily. It will truly be an experience they'll never forget!

Episco-Week at Stony Lake is *July 19-24*. Eric Travis (diocesan youth missionary) and Lizzie Anderson (youth minister at St. John's Royal Oak) will accompany kids to camp. A bus will be available to pick up campers at a to-be-determined location closer to home and transport them to camp. All registration can be completed online at www.elcalivingwater.com/register, and when you visit the website, see how many St. Clarians you can find in the photos! *Programs available for elementary, junior high, and senior high, including a "First Timers Camp" which is shorter (July 19-22) and for children who have completed 1st through 3rd grade.*

Bass Lake returns! It's shorter and more grassroots this year, but it's happening, July 31-August 2, at Stony Lake Camp. *For youth who have completed grades 8-12.*

Music Theater Church Camp: August 31–September 4 Ninth annual Music Theater Church Camp at St. Clare's. Join us for a week of singing, acting, swimming, and growing in our faith. This week put on by St. Clare's staff is a great way to spend the last week of summer for kids and parents alike! Register by June 1 for the early bird price of \$170 for the week at www.saintclareschurch.org/mtcc. *MTCC is for kids who have completed grades 1-7. Teens who have completed grades 9-11 can apply to be counselors.*

Happening

April 24-26, St. Paul’s, Lansing

Happening is more than a Youth Event. It’s an experience. You’ll find yourself telling your friends, family, and complete strangers of the things that happened at Happening! Happening is a retreat program for high school youth used throughout the Episcopal Church. We do everything from praying to playing, and from singing to sleeping. There are talks, small groups, free time and fun. We come together to praise God in an amazing environment, and hope you will join us this year too! Happening begins on Friday, April 24, at 6 p.m., and continues through Sunday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. Happening is for students in 9th-12th grades.

Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Registration Deadline: April 13



April Youth Calendar

| Date | Time | Event |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday, April 5 | Easter! No Youth Groups | |
| Friday-Saturday, April 10-11 | 7 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday | Happening team prep |
| Sunday, April 12 | 8:30 to 10:25 a.m. | St. Clare’s Café |
| | 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. | Youth Groups |
| Sunday, April 19 | 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. | Week of Hope Informational Meeting |
| | 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. | Youth Groups |
| Friday-Sunday, April 24-26 | 6 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Sunday | Happening! at St. Paul’s, Lansing |
| Sunday, April 26 | 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. | Youth Groups |

PARISH COMMUNITY

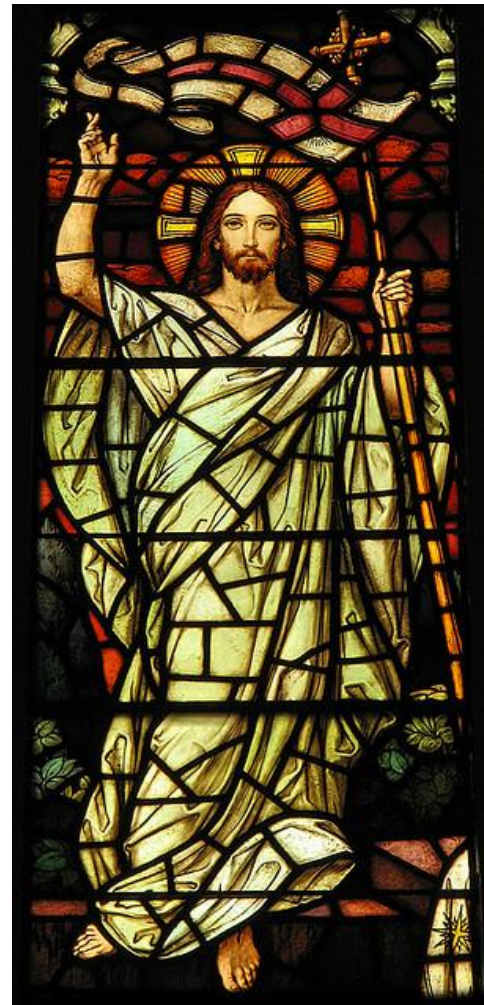
April Birthdays

| | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Riley Jackson, Winnie Sathe |
| 2 | Bekan Hill |
| 3 | Travis Millar |
| 5 | Brian Jodon |
| 6 | Leah Casper |
| 7 | Matthew Coolidge, Gabriel Walters |
| 9 | Jim Etkorn, Dora Scoville |
| 12 | Maddie Curtis, Elena Jodon |
| 13 | Stephen Brown, Grant Shafer |
| 14 | Judie Erb |
| 15 | Laura Kozminski, James Rhodenhiser, Rick Rodems |
| 16 | Theo Bales, Linda Klimach |
| 18 | Dan Barry, Sydney Weissinger |
| 20 | Mary Margaret Hatt, Loren Jackson, Thana Millar |
| 21 | Janie Little |
| 23 | Julia Cooper |
| 25 | Jonathan Potter |
| 26 | Abi LaMoreaux |
| 27 | Emmanuel Morgan |

April Anniversaries

| | |
|----|---|
| 6 | Cathy & Rob Stone |
| 7 | Patti & Rodger Wolff |
| 23 | Barbara Beaton & Steven Dykstra |
| 24 | Colleen Flanagan & Rob Scoville, Liz & Rick Rodems |

Is your birthday or anniversary missing (or, heaven forbid, wrong)? Contact the church office to update St. Clare's database! (662-2449 or office@saintclareschurch.org)



Use the St. Clare's Mobile ready response number!

CALL: 734-358-5141

This number will not be published to the public, but will allow any member or visitor to contact any member of the staff or office ministry team Tuesday – Friday 9am to 5pm. It will ring the landlines in the office, and every staff and office servant volunteer mobile phone able to answer. It will also allow you to leave a message if all of us are unavailable to speak.

Visit the Church Calendar online at:

www.saintclareschurch.org/calendar

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact James Rhodenhiser or Beth Scriven. If you would like us to share personal support requests with the parish, please tell us, and any "where," "when," and "how" information. If you are hospitalized or want prayer, please contact the church office.

St. Clare's Staff

James C. Rhodenhiser, *Rector*

Beth Scriven, *Associate Rector*

John Goodell, *Director of Music*

Xan Morgan, *Director of Children's Ministries*

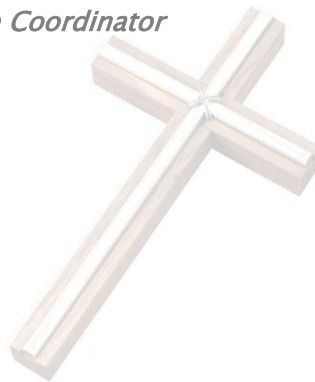
Karen Slagell, *Parish Administrative Coordinator*

e-mail contact:

firstname@saintclareschurch.org

Church Office:

office@saintclareschurch.org



St. Clare's Vestry

Christine Modey, *Senior Warden*

Mark Davis-Craig, *Junior Warden*

Ann Putallaz, *Junior Warden*

Dana Nichols, *Junior Warden*

Chris Ballard

Anne Casper

Jim Etkorn

Rachid Hatem

Gail Jungbluth

Linda Klimach

Rick Rodems

Mary Wright

Karen Slagell, *Clerk*

The St. Clarian is published monthly. Contributions are welcomed; send by e-mail (to the editor at editor@saintclareschurch.org), U.S. mail, or drop off at the church office. The deadline for the May 2015 issue of the St. Clarian is Wednesday April 15.