

# TOWER TALK

March 6 and 7, 2010

## Lenten Booklet now available

A booklet of daily Lenten thoughts, prayers, and reflections is now available on the table at the back of the nave.



**Easter Memorial Offering**—You may recognize a loved one or give thanks by making a contribution for altar flowers or music for our Easter worship. Just fill out the front of the offering envelope provided in your bulletin, enclose your contribution (of any amount), and pop it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Checks and names are **needed no later than Monday, March 29**, for the Easter bulletins.

## This Week at St. Thomas

### Sunday, 03/07/2010

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice –nave  
 8:45 AM Holy Communion  
 9:50 AM Choir Practice-loft  
 Sunday School-all classrooms  
 Adult Formation-Asbly Rm  
 10:45AM Holy Communion  
 1:00 PM Financial Peace-Asbly Rm  
 5:30 PM Lenten Dinner & Program-Asbly/Nave  
 6:00 PM AA-Rm 137  
 5:30 PM Youth Group-LL  
 7:00 PM EFM-Rm 133/134

Asbly Rm =  
 Assembly Room

### Monday, 03/08/2010

9:00 AM Rowland mtg-Asbly Rm  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg-Asbly Rm  
 5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm  
 7:00 PM Explorers-Rm 134  
 IHN Mtg-Rm 137  
 JCCC Singles-Asbly Rm

### Tuesday, 03/09/2010

9AM-1PM Parents' Day Out-Nursery  
 7:00 PM IHN PC mtg-Asbly Rm

### Wednesday, 03/10/2010

4:00 PM Children's Choir-nave  
 5:30 PM Yoga-Rm 143  
 7:00 PM Lenten Formation with the Rabbis-Asbly Rm  
 IHN Development mtg-Rm 137  
 Praise Band Practice-nave  
 8:00 PM Adult Choir-nave loft

### Thursday, 03/11/2010

11:00 AM Bible Study-Asbly Rm  
 7:00 PM Semi Retired Men's Small Group-Asbly Rm

### Friday 03/12/2010

Happening for Youth  
 Rector's Day Off  
 6:00 PM Cantrill wedding rehearsal

### Saturday, 03/13/2010

Happening for Youth  
 St. Paul's Food Pantry  
 3:30 PM Cantrill wedding  
 5:30 PM Holy Communion

For a listing of more dates, go online to the website ([www.stthomasop.org](http://www.stthomasop.org)) and click on "Calendar." To add a mtg. or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 451-0512 or [calendar@stthomasop.org](mailto:calendar@stthomasop.org).

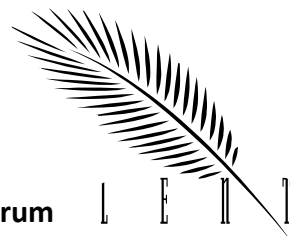
## Passion Readers Needed for Palm Sunday Services



Lots of parts are available to read in the passion readings on Palm Sunday weekend. You will need to come 1/2 hr. before your service to rehearse with the others. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway and take a script to practice your lines.

Parts are also available on **Good Friday**. A signup and script parts for that service are on the bulletin board as well.

## Adult Formation Offerings during Lent!



### Sunday Morning Adult Forum

9:50—10:35 a.m.

### Continues through March 28

Join the conversation as we explore the themes of Sabbath, Reconciliation and Prayer each Sunday morning through March 28. This class will connect with the evening offerings on Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent. What does it mean for the modern person to take intentional time to rest and focus one's life? How do we do this in a 24/7 culture? How do I pray? Does it matter? Will God answer me? What does it mean to reconcile in a divided culture? How does one reach out? We will explore these questions from the standpoint of scripture and our traditions in the Episcopal church. This class meets in the Assembly Room.

### Sunday Evenings

Soup Supper at 5:30, classes at 6:30

### Continues through March 28

Please sign up to bring soup or salad!

### Adult Offering: Connecting our faith to film and music.

Beginning February 28 through March 28 we venture through some of the most profound works that highlight the human desire to connect with God and understand our place in the universe. This class meets in the Assembly Room.

### Children and Youth Offerings are listed on the back.

### Wednesday Evenings with the Rabbis

7– 8:30 p.m. on March 10

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn will be with us on **March 10**, and will lead us in a discussion of spiritual practices and prayer. This class will meet in the Assembly Room. Childcare will not be provided.

**Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn**, was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and ordained at Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio). He hails from a line of Hasidic Polish rabbis who emigrated to Brazil in 1929. His maternal grandfather came to Uruguay in 1930 where he became one of the founders of that Jewish community. Rabbi Cukierkorn is the spiritual leader of the New Reform Temple in Kansas City where he is committed to Classical Reform Judaism. He also serves as Vice-President of the [Society for Classical Reform Judaism](#) and as former President of the [Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City](#).

## Apostle news

FYI—with the recent cutbacks at the US Postal service, the Shawnee Mission branch no longer processes bulk mail. All bulk mail is sent to either Kansas City, Missouri or Des Moines, Iowa. This means that our newsletter will not arrive in your mailboxes in a timely fashion. Now it takes up to 2 weeks for our news to arrive in your mailboxes from the time the newsletters are mailed in Shawnee Mission.

Please note that once the newsletter has been mailed, it will be posted on our STA website under "News." So, about two weeks after any deadline, you can start looking for a pdf file on the web. Read it there, or print and read at your leisure.

Rosemary Abbott, **Apostle** editor

# Sunday Lent Program for Children and Youth

Now through March 28

**5:30pm Dinner      6:30pm Program**  
**7:30pm Prayer in Nave**

## Children's Program

Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kid's Station of the Cross  
Meets in Blue Room 134

Our children will enjoy many activities throughout this unit that include: Art, Baking, Singing, Story Telling, Dramas, and more! Using the Stations of the Cross as a way for our Children to better Understand the season of Lent.

## Youth Program

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>: The Last Supper  
Meets in Lower Level Youth Room

Our youth will enjoy discovering what Jesus did with his friends during his last moment of freedom. We will discuss topics like; Servanthood, Humility, Sacrifice, Friendship, Trust. We will read and discuss the four Gospel stories of the last Supper. We will also prepare to provide St. Thomas with an Agape Dinner on Maundy Thursday.

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**Prayer Chain Update:** After many years of faithful service on the Prayer Chain, Mary Birkhead has decided to step down. For all future prayer chain requests, please call Therese Greene, 913-338-2952 or email - [thgreene@everestkc.net](mailto:thgreene@everestkc.net); or Diane Monteen, 913-268-7788 or email [dmonteen@hotmail.com](mailto:dmonteen@hotmail.com). Include your phone number in case they have any questions. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, call the church at 451-0512.

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**St. Thomas Parents' Day Out** is starting enrolment for the Fall of 2010. The program will be offered Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 to 1:00. The program will run from Sept. through May for children 12 months and walking, through the age of 3. If you are interested in more information please contact Anne Thompson at 913-231-9101 or [athompson@stthomasop.org](mailto:athompson@stthomasop.org). Reserve your spot now!!!

**The St. Thomas Nursery** is available for all children birth through 3 years of age. It is open 8:30 to 12 every Sunday and for most all parish events. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Anne Thompson at 913-231-9701 or [athompson@stthomasop.org](mailto:athompson@stthomasop.org).

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## ChristCare Small Groups Update

The Lunch Bunch small group has changed its name and meeting time. The group is now called "Coffee with a hint of Christ." Our group now meets during the morning from 9am-10:30am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for a coffee break. We enjoy our time by supporting the Backsnack program, getting to know one another and studying scripture. Please join us for a cup of coffee. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 3rd from 9-10:30am at St Thomas.

Any questions, contact Jean Adam at 402-4392 or [Jean\\_adam2004@yahoo.com](mailto:Jean_adam2004@yahoo.com).

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**Parish Leaders, you are invited to a leadership workshop with The Rev. Michael Battle entitled "Leading a Spirit of Reconciliation in the Congregation"**. This will take place on March 13, 2010, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels, 6630 Nall Ave. Mission KS 66202. Call 913-236-8600 to rsvp by March 10.

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**Articles for "Tower Talk" are due by NOON EVERY MONDAY.** Articles will only run for a duration of two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth by e-mail [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org), put a note in her box in the Communication Room, call her at 913-451-0512, or hand it to her directly.

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## - OUTREACH AT ST. THOMAS -

### EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

#### NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S

Just a reminder that we are concentrating on personal hygiene items at the present time: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, razors, shampoo, etc. None of these items can be purchased with food stamps, so they are very much needed. Large containers of cooking oil, sugar and flour are always needed also.

Remember that St. Thomas tries to help staff the pantry on the second Saturday of each month, so mark your calendar for March 13. Look for a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

St. Paul's Volunteer Meeting and dinner has been postponed one week to Saturday, March 13, due to a scheduling conflict.

#### HUNGRY SHUT-INS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR SPECIAL DELIVERIES

If someone you know were homebound and hungry, you'd bring them a meal, wouldn't you? An elderly relative, a lonely neighbor, a disabled retiree—they'd be most fortunate to know you and to receive your generosity.

**But what about those who don't have someone like you?** They are "the poor, the friendless and the needy" recalled in the Book of Common Prayer. They need you more than ever.

Episcopal Community Services needs you in our Meals on Wheels ministry. Volunteer drivers deliver meals to shut-ins in Midtown and Kansas City's East side. Drivers pick up nutritious hot meals at the Kansas City Community Kitchen (housed at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral), and are provided with directions and a route, which takes about an hour to complete.

You can deliver just once or twice a month—or more, if you like. For most of our clients, this is the only substantial meal of the day—and you are the only friendly face they see. Maybe your Small Group or Book Club would like to take on this ministry!

#### Openings for the month of March include:

**Mondays: 8, 15, 22 and 29                      Thursdays: 11, 18**  
**Tuesday: 30    Fridays: 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**Wednesday: 10**

Find out more by contacting Meals on Wheels coordinator Peggy Salts at [psalts@kc.rr.com](mailto:psalts@kc.rr.com) or call her at 913-484-5216.

#### - HOST-

**(Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)**  
**Part of JoCo IHN—a ministry to homeless families**

#### EXTRA SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SPRING BREAK

Our next HOST week will be March 14-21 which happens to be Spring break. The kids will not be in school so we need some extra food for lunches- things like lunchables. Please check the supply sign up in the Narthex for a complete list of items we need.

STA volunteers will cover Sunday, March 14 and Saturday, March 20. Positions are still open so please check your schedule and see if you can help.

Volunteers must have completed one IHN training session. The next training will be Sat., March 6, 9:30-noon at Southminster Presbyterian, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village. New volunteers are needed and always welcome. Volunteers can attend training at any location.

For more information, see [www.jocoihn.org](http://www.jocoihn.org). If you have questions, contact Dola McNown, 913-541-9226, Suzanne Hicks, 913-768-0940 or Becky Bullock, 913-338-1573.

#### UTO (BLUE BOX) IDEAS

Did you pick up a United Thank Offering (UTO) blue box as part of your Lenten discipline? (If not- it's **not** too late! Pick one up in the narthex at church). Here are some ideas for how to fill that box up quickly. Who knows, you might need a second or third box!

- ◆ If you gave up something for Lent (chocolate, soda, Starbucks), put the money you would have spent on it into the blue box.
- ◆ Do you have books you have purchased but no longer need? Why not take them to Half Price books and sell them?
- ◆ Skip a lunch or dinner out this week and drop the money you saved into the box.
- ◆ Pick up a roll of coins at the bank and use the coins to "count your blessings," daily. Put a coin in for each of the blessings you can think of, and also pray for those people around the world who will be touched by one of the many UTO grants. (This is a great way for your children/grandchildren to participate).