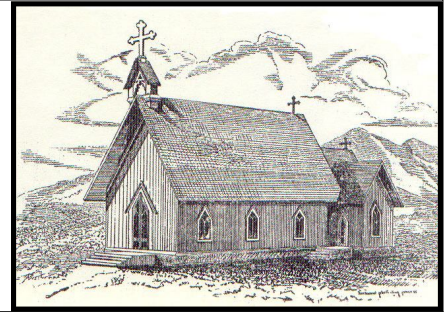


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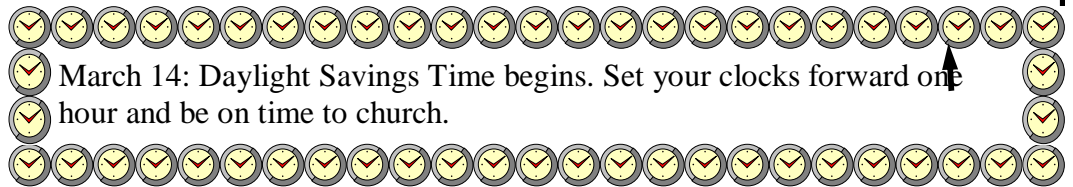
Spring is on the way after a relatively mild winter. With the coming of spring, we are already well into the season of Lent. Please mark your calendars for all the important events that are coming up at St. Stephen's and plan to participate.

Due to the editor's schedule, this is a combined issue for March and April. Please keep it handy for reference so you don't miss any of the events planned through Easter.

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## Important Dates in March and April

Lenten Service and soup suppers continue on March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. Please join us in the chapel for a short service lead by Rob Palmer and stay for soup and fellowship during this special season. 



March 14: Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks forward one hour and be on time to church.

March 27: Ethan Bigelow and Hannah Philip will be married in England. The Banns of Marriage between Ethan Kenneth Bigelow of Haines, Oregon, USA and Hannah Frances Holly Philip of Lakeside Road, London, England were published on February 14, 21, & 28. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. Rev. Aletha G. Bonebrake, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Baker City, Oregon, USA.

March 28: **Palm Sunday**

April 2: **Good Friday Service**—Stations of the Cross; 5:30 PM

April 4: Easter Sunday—There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the service. A BIG Thank You to the Palmers for organizing this event again this year. The Bigelows, Palmers, and Countrymans will host coffee hour. Mark your calendars, bring your children & grandchildren and plan to join us on this special day.

*Please remember to bring a flower to decorate the cross.*

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## It Takes a Family...

Connie and I were away from town during the time of our annual meeting. When we returned, I found out that I was appointed Senior Warden. That's the last annual meeting I am going to miss.

I have the unfortunate task of following Joel Bigelow as Senior Warden. Our parish, both the physical structure and the parish family, experienced a wonderful degree of refurbishment during Joel's tenure. He is going to be a tough act to follow. With God's blessing and your assistance, I am sure that we can continue to move forward.

As we begin this fiscal year, I am concerned about the drop in the total of our stewardship pledges. This is not unexpected as the great recession muddles forward. This drop in pledge funds will create a degree of belt tightening. We are going to need to look very carefully at the many services we provide to our worshipping members. Again, with God's blessing and your help, I know that this also can be accomplished in an equitable manner.

I began writing this piece many years ago when I last served as your Senior Warden. Over the years this column has morphed into "It Takes a Family." I enjoy doing this piece because it has been wonderful watching the parish family grow into the dynamic group that it is today. We all played a part in that growth and will continue to do so.

As I attempt to serve this family as your Senior Warden, this will morph back toward a vestry report because you deserve to know what your vestry is doing. I will continue with the general theme of "It Takes a Family" because I just cannot help but to admire and to praise God for all that you do.

We are blessed.

Doug

Once again St. Stephen's put on an outstanding Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the community. We're guessing this is at least the 60<sup>th</sup> year we have ushered in the Lenten Season for Baker City with our traditional ham, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk, and all-you-can eat buttermilk pancakes, with real butter and syrup. People tell us they like the real butter. Even though our advertising was sketchy this year, people remember the night. We see the same families and old friends showing up to celebrate with us each year. This is a very special occasion for members of St. Stephen's because everybody needs to pitch in to make it a success, and everyone does. The Mardi Gras decorations grow more fabulous every year under the artistic eye of Charlene Chase. Lots of us come and go all day Tuesday helping with decoration and setting tables for the first round. Keith McGonagill always wields the ham knife; Bruce Countryman, Mike Chase, and Jim Tomlinson hold down the fort at the dishwasher; Mark Johnson mixes giant buckets of batter which Joel Bigelow and Rob Palmer turn into mounds of golden pancakes. We have servers, table setters, beverage and applesauce management teams keeping everything flowing. Some people are especially good at harassing the cooks to keep those pancakes coming. Marian Brown is always our gracious greeter at the door and Jill Spofford works beside her as cashier. Even several people who had to go to the school board meeting were pitching in for the busiest first round until the clock struck 5:55 p.m. We officially served 85 people this year and once again covered our costs, which is all we ever wish to do. At \$4 for adults, \$1.50 for children or \$10 per family, we brought in \$393 to cover \$418 in expenses but have \$31 in unopened applesauce jars ready for next year. Lots of butter and applesauce, opened and well-stored, are ready for our monthly brunches, too. Thanks to every single member of St. Stephen's for a fabulous success.

Written with gratitude by your organizer, Aletha.

## The Clergy Corner

Lent to me is a time for listening in quiet times for the spirit of God to speak to me. If we are to grow spiritually we must be open to hearing what God has to say to us. I have had times when I act on what I hear and the outcome has been positive. This mostly has been at times when the Lord has put a thought about a person into my head. Many times I have been told that the person I was thinking of needed that call at that time. I encourage you to call when the thought of someone enters your mind; if not call, at least pray. I believe that when we think of a person or persons "out of the blue" that God is speaking to us and we should say a quick prayer for them as I believe that prayer is powerful. Those times that I don't act immediately, I sometimes find out I should have and I feel guilty. With prayer comes spiritual growth. Spiritual growth comes when we plant seeds by showing love and acceptance to newcomers, to those who knock on our doors asking for help or just a place to sit, or come to worship with us on Wednesdays

or Sundays. We must not be exclusive and sit in our comfortable places, converse only with the people with whom we are most comfortable. We must stretch ourselves if we are to grow our parish. We must make it comfortable for them. We need to make sure they know what hymnals we are using and what the prayer book is. We need to be aware of those who are sitting alone and sit with them or ask them to sit with us to make them welcome. For the most part we do this well. We can do better. We need to go beyond our doors and minister to the needs of the community.

I have watched with awe as God has taken hold of people's hearts and minds and they have made the decision to go a step further and become more active in the ministry at St. Stephen's. Seeds were planted, nurtured and now we watch with grateful hearts as we see them blossom. Be sure to thank those who have taken that step of faith and made commitments to keep St. Stephen's growing. As we minister to others we plant seeds of spiri-

tual growth in them also. We plant the seeds when others see us having care and concern for all those around us. As we are told in Mark 4:26, we plant the seeds and God does the rest of the work and "marvelous are his works".

Spiritual growth comes when we read from the Day by Day booklets, daily as they are designed; and take it one step further and actually open the Bible and read the assigned readings for the day. This is a place where I have not been as disciplined as I should. I hope to do better in 2010.

I have a long way to go to become the person God wants me to be, but I believe he knows my heart and my desire. I need your prayers and you have mine.

Love in Christ,

**Connie**

**St. Stephen's Worship Schedule  
March 2010**

Date Time	March 7 9 AM	March 14 9 AM	March 21 9 AM	March 28 9 AM
Sunday	Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday
Service	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Morning Prayer Rite II	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant/ Sermon	Rev. Michael Chase	Doug Boone	Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
Deacon/ Lay Leader	Rev. Connie Boone	John Shukle	Rev. Connie Boone	Jill Spofford
Lector/ Greeter	Sue Richard	Keith McGonagill	Rob Palmer	Barbara Prowell
Music	Choir		Choir & Guitar Sunday	Solo by Lynne Burroughs
Acolytes				
Altar Guild	Beth Bigelow	Beth Bigelow	Patty Calloway	Sue Richard

**St. Brigid's in the Pines  
Worship Schedule  
March 2010**

Date Time	March 7 11 AM		March 21 11 AM
Sunday	Third Sunday in Lent		Fifth Sunday in Lent
Service	Holy Eucharist Rite II		Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant/ Sermon	Rev. Michael Chase		Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
Lay Leader	Jay Phillips		Jay Phillips

**St. Stephen's Worship Schedule  
April 2010**

Date Time	April 2 5:30 PM	April 4 9 AM	April 11 9 AM	April 18 9 AM	April 25 9 AM
Sunday	<b>Good Friday</b>	Easter	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday Of Easter
Service	Stations of the Cross	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Morning Prayer Rite I	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant/ Sermon	Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	Rev. Richard Thew	Doug Boone	Rev. Michael Chase	Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
Deacon/ Lay Leader	John Shukle	Rev. Connie Boone	Jill Spofford	Rev. Connie Boone	John Shukle
Lector/ Greeter		Nancy Buehler	MacKenzie Warner	Sue Richard	Keith McGonagill
Music		Choir			
Acolytes		Ashley Calloway			
Altar Guild	Sue Richard	Sue Richard	Karen Zimmer	Karen Zimmer	Karen Zimmer

**St. Brigid's in the Pines  
Worship Schedule  
April 2010**

Date Time	April 4		April 18 11 AM
Sunday	Easter		Third Sunday Of Easter
Service	Holy Eucharist Rite II		Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant/ Sermon	Rev. Richard Thew		Rev. Michael Chase
Lay Leader	Jay Phillips		Jay Phillips

## Items of Interest

### Spring Cleaning for St. Brigid's

Spring cleaning time will soon be upon us. Please keep *St. Brigid's Memorial Day Yard Sale* in mind as you get started on this yearly activity. If you think we can sell it, save it. You can call Barbara Taylor 541-894-2473 to arrange a pick-up. We appreciate your help.

### Sean Update & School Supplies needed again—from Mary Tomlinson

We had a delightful, long phone call from Sean in Kandahar. The best news is there are 2 schools now that can use school supplies. (More details below).

Sean is working as his company, C Company's Executive Officer, or XO. He's doing mostly administrative stuff at the FOB, accountability for equipment, etc. Things need to be cleaned up with record-keeping, so they are putting in long hours at the office. He put up and enjoys a Dilbert calendar that he received in a care package. Sean works with the other LTs—platoon leaders who are still out in the field. The guys are pretty agreeable. Weather has been gorgeous – sunny, and even up into 60 degrees during the day and above freezing at night.

A school has just re-opened about 200 yards from his Company's combat outpost. The guys knew Sean had supplies and came to him, so the remaining boxes sent by Baker schools, family and friends around the country supplied the school children. Hooray! That school has 3 – 4 teachers, and is now up and running, which is really great. Sean will try to get some pictures and send them, although he will not be visiting the outpost itself frequently, because there is so much to do at the FOB. There is another school a bit farther away that the soldiers hope to help open soon. It will open in tents, but needs supplies.

Sean would really appreciate any school supplies our family, friends and school kids could send again. Basics like paper, pens and pencils are most needed. If you are able to send school supplies, you would really be helping. Thank you SO much!

His address:

1 LT Jay S Tomlinson

5/2 SBCT

1-17 IN BN, C Co. [no longer need to put 4th PLT]

FOB Frontenac

APO AE 09355

One aspect to know about the XO assignment is that it *may* change the date of his return to the states. He may return before or after the planned return date of approximately July 10th this year. His role would be to ensure he facilitates return of men and equipment to Ft. Lewis. Another LT who came in October (later than he and the others deployed in July) has volunteered to stay, so he *may* get the early return! We'll keep those prayers going for the early return.

Thanks for your support.

Love,

Mary and JT

# Announcements

## Coffee Hour Hosts—March

- March 7 Men's Group Breakfast
- March 14 Jill Spofford
- March 21 Rob & Betty Palmer
- March 28 Kim, Charlie, & Luke Tracy

### April

- April 4 Lynne Burroughs, Beth Bigelow, Betty Palmer will host Easter coffee hour.
- April 11 Nancy Buehler
- April 18 Joel & Beth Bigelow
- April 25 Heather Palmer-Johnson

## NA Meeting Times

- Mondays 8-9 PM
- Tuesdays 8-9 PM
- Wednesdays 12:05 - 1:05 PM
- Thursdays 8-9 PM
- Fridays 8-9 PM

## AA Meeting Time

- Mondays 12:05 - 1:05 PM

*Please call Jill @ the office with any changes or additions to the birthday or anniversary lists.*

**1LT Jay S. Tomlinson**  
**5/2 SBCT**  
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Please join us for Lenten Service in

## Lenten Service

the Chapel on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 6 PM. Then stay for soup supper hosted by: Mar. 3: Bruce & Katie; Mar. 10: Michael & Charlene; Mar. 17: John & Patty; Mar. 24: Doug & Connie; Mar. 31: Nancy

## Prayer Corner

### Please pray for...

- ♥ Arnold Coe
- ♥ Hazel Hansen
- ♥ Fr. Ken & Sabra
- ♥ Heather Spofford
- ♥ Si Saunders
- ♥ Lena Mae Hamilton
- ♥ Ben Burroughs
- ♥ Marguarette Norwood
- ♥ Sean Tomlinson
- ♥ Karen Combes (John Shukle's aunt)
- ♥ Bob & Kay Totten

If you would like to have your name removed from or added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 523-4812 or let a church member know.

## Prayer Chain

- ♥ **Beth Bigelow** 856-3334
- ♥ **Rev. Aletha Bonebrake** 523-6025
- ♥ **Rev. Connie Boone** 523-4459
- ♥ **Marian Brown** 523-4991
- ♥ **Rev. Michael Chase** 523-5163
- ♥ **Keith McGonagill** 523-9203
- ♥ **Barbara Prowell** 523-4813
- ♥ **Sue Richard** 523-7965
- ♥ **Gloria Sheehy** 562-5206
- ♥ **Jill Spofford** 523-6571

## Happy Birthday to:

- March 26 Jack Wilson, Kial Richardson
- March 30 Aletha Bonebrake
- March 31 Grant Johnson, Fred Warner, Jr.
- April 1 Mary Tomlinson
- April 9 Barbara Taylor
- April 11 Lynn Price
- April 15 Jyoti Kay Totten
- April 17 Quincy Scott Warner
- April 18 Ethan Bigelow
- March 1 Charlene Chase
- March 7 Katie Countryman
- March 9 Dick Edmondson
- March 11 Mike Smietana
- March 14 Sandra Price, Joel Richardson, Barbara Warner
- March 20 Trace Richardson
- March 21 Joe Smietana, Destiny Lynn Duvall

- April 19 Mary Basche
- April 23 Jill Spofford
- April 25 Orrin Bigelow, Warren Whitnah
- April 26 Mike Durgan
- April 30 Wayne Phillips, Jr.

## Anniversaries

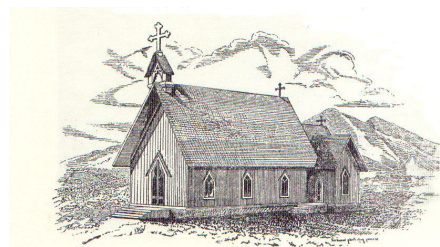
- March 22 Jack & Meredith Wilson
- April 17 Mark & Heather Johnson

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## March/April Schedule

March 17

**March 2 Vestry Meeting @ 5:30 PM**

**March 3 Choir practice @ 5 PM; Lenten Service/soup supper @ 6 PM**

**March 7 Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM; Sumpter @ 11 AM**

**March 10 Choir practice @ 5 PM; Lenten Service/soup supper @ 6 PM**

**March 14 Morning Prayer @ 9 AM; Daylight Savings Time begins**

**March 17 Choir practice @ 5 PM; Lenten Service/soup supper @ 6 PM**

**March 21 Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM; Sumpter @ 11 AM**

**March 24 Choir Practice @ 5 PM; Lenten Service/Soup Supper @ 6 PM**

**March 28 Palm Sunday; Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM**

**April 2 Good Friday Service—Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 PM**

**April 4 Easter; Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM; Easter Egg Hunt, coffee hour; Sumpter @ 11**

**April 6 Vestry Meeting @ 5:30 PM**

**April 7 Choir Practice @ 5 PM; Bible Study @ 6 PM**

**April 11 Morning Prayer @ 9 AM**

**April 14 Choir Practice @ 5 PM; Bible Study @ 6 PM**

**April 18 Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM; Sumpter @ 11 AM**

**April 21 Choir Practice @ 5 PM; Bible Study @ 6 PM**

**April 25 Holy Eucharist @ 9 AM**

**April 28 Choir Practice @ 5 PM; Bible Study @ 6 PM**

**Lenten Service  
in Chapel  
with Soup Supper  
following  
continues  
through Lent**