

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1579 South State Street  
Clearfield, UT 84015

TO: ALL PARISHIONERS – APRIL 2010

“Every morning is Easter morning from now on.  
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone.”

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday: 7pm with Holy Eucharist/ washing of the feet  
Good Friday: Services at noon and 7pm

Easter Sunday: Services with special music at 10:30am  
(Easter Egg hunt after services.)

UR needed to prepare and distribute the church newsletter – the “KEYS”  
If you have a computer and are interested, please talk to Judy Gabourie.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church                      Sunday Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.  
Phone: 801-825-0177                              Thurs. Healing Service 1:30 p.m.  
ST. PETER’S LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – APRIL 2010

DATE	VESTRY PERSON	COFFEE HOUR	LAY READER	CHALICE BEARER	USHER GREETER	ALTAR GUILD
APRIL 4	Dave F.	Jim & Dave	Kirk K.	Phil K. Dave S.		Judy G.
APRIL 11	Mike H.	POTLUCK Brianna L.	Judy G.	Mike Mc Dave S.		Kathy T.
APRIL 18				Dave S. Shirley W.		Sara D.
APRIL 25				Mike Mc Phil K.		Sue W.

Please sign up for shared ministry opportunities and please get a substitute if you cannot serve as scheduled.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. Artists Guild
Thursdays	11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Thursdays	1:30 p.m. Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

April 11<sup>th</sup> Potluck Sunday – bring your favorite dish to share.

May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. “Walk About” at Good Shepherd, Ogden  
All invited to interview with bishop candidate finalists.

***JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. Time change for Sunday Service***

**CAMP TUTTLE 2010 SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

<b><i>July 6-9</i></b>	<b><i>Mini Camp \$295</i></b>
<b><i>July 11-16</i></b>	<b><i>5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp \$325</i></b>
<b><i>July 18-23</i></b>	<b><i>7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp \$325</i></b>
<b><i>July 25-30</i></b>	<b><i>High School Leadership \$350</i></b>
<b><i>Aug. 6-8</i></b>	<b><i>Family Camp \$75 per person</i></b>

Note: Age groups are based on what grade the child is going into for the 2010-2011 school year. Information: [www: Episcopal-ut.org](http://www:Episcopal-ut.org) or call the Episcopal Diocese with any questions.

Newsletter deadline is the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month for articles to be included. If you have an interest in preparing the newsletter, call Judy at 825-0939.

**PARISH NEWS:** Bishop Carolyn's visit turned out smashing – even the weather cooperated. Bishop Carolyn gave an interesting sermon that resonated with me when she quoted from a book by Patterson that said our “good behavior does not put us in God's debt.” Bishop Carolyn dedicated our beautiful mosaic and praised it as giving light and beauty to our lives. An enormous potluck followed with lots of (too much) good food. After our meal, a landscape of nature, entitled “Beauty” was presented to the Bishop. “Beauty” was painted by our resident artist, Pat Magee, and named by Sam Harris, Jr. The Bishop was pleased with the landscape as she loves nature with the peace and serenity found there.

**PLEDGES FOR 2010:** Pledges are needed to plan our budget. Please put in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church.

**ARTISTS GUILD:** Pat Magee and her crew are working on beautifying our parish hall with symbols and colors of the church. She welcomes new people to help with this project.

**BISHOP CANDIDATES “WALK ABOUT”:**

*On behalf of the Transition Committee facilitating the process of electing the next Bishop of Utah, you are invited to attend an interview with the Candidate Finalists during the “Walk About” at Good Shepherd, Ogden on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. During the meeting, each candidate will give a statement, followed by a set of questions they will answer. This will be followed by questions from the floor. You may submit a question in advance for consideration by logging on to [www: winray at Comcast.net](http://www.winray.com).*

*If you plan to attend, please let Sam Harris or Nate McCord know so we can get a headcount.*

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME CHANGE:**

Regular Sunday church services will begin at 9:30 a.m. beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow Claudia to cover both our service and St. Michael’s in Brigham City when Ivan and Deanna Sue are not available.

**SPIRITUALITY**

**Silence is golden:** *“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grow in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.”*

*Author: Mother Teresa*

## ***LORD, PURGE OUR EYES TO SEE***

*Lord, purge our eyes to see  
Within the glowing egg  
a bird,  
within the shroud,  
a butterfly  
Till, taught by such we see  
Beyond all creatures,  
Thee*

*Author: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

## ***DEFINITIONS***

*Tithing: What must I give?*

*Vocation: What must I be?*

*Evangelization: Whom can I reach?*

*Faith: How can mine be made real and operative?*

*Prayer Book: What does it tell me to do?*

*The Bible: Is it for the shelf or for the hands?*

*Life: A succession of days and years, or a thrilling adventure in  
spiritual maturity?*

*The Church: Is it an organization or an organism?*

*Charity: What is it – heart and hand, or purse and penny?*

*Christ: A misty figure lost in the dimness of centuries, or  
A living, present being of power and light and love?*

*(Taddled from Colorado's Journal as read in the Anglican Digest)*

### **BUY AMERICAN:**

The following article is copied from St. Elizabeth's (Whiterocks) newsletter: "One Light Bulb at a Time" A physics teacher in high school, once told the students that while one grasshopper on the railroad tracks wouldn't slow a train very much, a billion of them would. With that thought in mind, read the following, obviously written by a good American. Good idea...one light bulb at a time...

Check this out. I can verify this because I was in Lowes the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. There were made in USA. Start looking. In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else – even their job. So after reading this email, I think this lady is on the right track. Let's get behind her.

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is marked made in Mexico now. I do not buy it any more. My favorite tooth paste Colgate is made in Mexico...now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything. This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally was an off-brand labeled, 'Everyday Value.' I picked up both types of bulb and compared the stats – they were the same except for the price. The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in Mexico and the everyday Value brand was made in – get ready for this – the USA in a company in Cleveland, Ohio. So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use everyday that are made right here. So on to another aisle – Bounce dryer sheets. Yep, you guessed it; Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce I have been using for years and at almost half the price! My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA – the job you save may be your own or your neighbors. If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buy from overseas companies. We should have awakened a decade ago. Let's get with the program. Help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA"

Dear Parish Family

Here we sit in Eastertide. So, what is this Jesus thing all about? Just what are we talking about, singing hymns about, getting dressed up about? Is Easter season really anything more than just the adaptation of an ancient pagan ritual celebrating the rite of spring? Of course, you know, that in my line of work – I have to say yes. But let me assure you, that as a rational, well-read, thinking individual – with or without the collar wrapped around my neck – the answer would still be yes. Easter is more than just a time to shed the chill of winter, and Jesus is more than just a word heard in church or with an exclamation point after it.

It's easy to understand why we might ask whether Easter or Jesus have any consequential meaning for us. It often seems as if the majority of people in our world have either shrugged off their religious attire, or wear it so tightly wound around them that it has cut off their spiritual circulation, leaving them cold hearted and lacking the necessary oxygen for spiritual thought. L. William Countryman, in his book *Living in the Border of the Holy*, writes that the world is characterized by “hostility along the dividing lines of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion and class: by complex economic and political justifications for arrogance, selfishness, and greed . . . by new forms of homicidal absolutism in the world religions; by an intense desire to prove ourselves always in the right and our enemies always in the wrong . . . “ If this is so, (and I think it is) then it's not difficult to understand how easily the message of Easter – that Jesus has cut our bonds of slavery to sin and shown us a living Christ who offers us eternal life – might be a message that doesn't get through.

Perhaps it is just too easy not to recognize that Jesus continues to cut these bonds of slavery and offers eternal life every second of every day. Our lives can be full of worries and mishaps – a thousand voices urging us to be angry and defensive – encouraging us to see others as objects to be avoided or exploited rather than as Christ's people in community with us. It is too easy to find ourselves feeling powerless and alone. But each time we make a decision, determine whether to help or hinder someone else's progress, speak truth to power, or consent in silence, we determine whether we are seeing Jesus as the risen Christ or not. Faith is a two way street. The love of Christ is offered – but we have to decide to accept it. That means allowing the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the love that Christ gives, to count enough in our own personal court that we permit ourselves to be

made new. Our choice determines whether or not we understand how enslaved we are to a thousand things and actions that keep us from the constant companionship of an ever faithful Lord. Christ's offer of redemption is ongoing. Jesus' loyalty to us is unfailing – even when we forget to return the favor. Christ says to us, over and over and over again. I am with you always. I forgive you. I love you. Powerful messages intended to empower us every day.

We look out the window and see the rite of spring happening all around us. New growth, new life. God's creation. Is it really so hard to imagine, that like the earth after a long winter, Christ provides us a way to begin new too. Over and over and over again.

May the Blessings of the Risen Christ Be Yours

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