

THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

Rector's Reflections

Sunday, February 6, we celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the Consecration of our church. On that date in the year 1875, the Right Rev. Daniel Tuttle, first Episcopal Bishop of Utah, the Rev. James Gillogly, first Rector of this Parish, and the people of Good Shepherd celebrated a wonderful new beginning in the same space where we meet, by God's grace, Sunday after Sunday. It must have been something to experience – and something to see; the appearance of our gracious structure, with all that it represented, in this Wild-West railroad town of ours, situated in the midst of early Utah Mormon culture. All sorts of people probably wondered, "Just what are those Episcopalians up to now?" I am humbled and encouraged thinking about such things.

On February 6, 2005, we will hold one combined service here, at 10:00am. The service of Holy Communion will be celebrated with texts, rubrics, and practices of the Episcopal church in the 1870s. This means that we will be using the 1789 American Book of Common Prayer. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Frederick Quinn. Following the service we will share a festive brunch. Prior to the service that day, while Adult Sunday School will not be held, we will offer an abbreviated Children and Youth Sunday School session, beginning at 9:30am (as usual) to explain the unusual features of this period Eucharist. I think that we'll be surprised at the striking combination of continuity and change.

One thing we will *not* do is to re-enact the male-only clergy thing. This is a bit of history we don't need to re-visit, I'd say. Also, we'll keep to our present practice in terms of Eucharistic invitation: Young children, as always, will be most welcome to participate fully – and, indeed, "all those who need and desire to draw near to Jesus Christ, to receive the life that Christ gives" will also be welcome to receive.

I sincerely hope that as many members of our Parish as possible will be able to be a part of this celebration.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings always.
Adam †

Safety Net

If you attended the Annual Parish Meeting on January 23, you were able to read Jim Hard's report about the parish's web site. I'm pleased that our parish has this great source of information and contact. The site gives all of us the chance to keep up with activities and serves as a wonderful avenue to help welcome new people into our parish life. Jim has done a great job and continually adds more selections and more polish to the site all of the time.

I encourage you to check out the site... I think. My hesitation comes from only one thing. One of the new features to be added to the site is the transcription of sermons given at Good Shepherd. It also seems people will soon be able to listen to the sermons – again, and again, and again, if they wish, by pulling up the site and making their selection. This strikes some fear and trepidation into your Associate Rector. I have images of parish members involved in the following exchanges:

"Hey, do you want me to pick you up for church this Sunday? Nah, I'm sleeping in. I plan on reading through my prayer book later in the day and catching last week's sermon off the web during half time of the game."

Or maybe the following dialogue: "Skip over sermon #3. I can't stand listening to her. Find Adam on there. I think it's #5. Now there's a sermon!"

I suppose in the long run, my ego will find a way to shield itself, but there is one aspect of this whole "Preach on Demand" that truly concerns me. Printed material and recorded sermons take on a life of their own. I think of historical examples where authors wrote for a specific audience at a specific period of time only to have their words used later in unintended ways.

Jefferson, when he wrote the "Compact Theory" protesting violations of freedom of speech and press, never intended for John C. Calhoun, about 40 years later, to use his arguments to support the "Doctrine of Nullification." Calhoun as well, never intended his doctrine – a protest against an unfair tariff – to be used by supporters of secession to argue for the dissolution of the Union. But they were.

Faith building and spiritual growth are, we hope, lifetime efforts. As we move along our paths of spiritual experience, God gives us opportunities to broaden our understanding of

His universe and His love. So, where a sermon may find you on a given Sunday may be different than where it will confront you at a later time. Similarly, the sermons I give (They are not usually written except as crib notes) are signposts of my own spiritual journey combined with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

So, here's what I propose. If you copy off a sermon, or make a tape, remember there is only a 90 day warranty on the *literal* meaning of my words. Moods and experiences change. No fair saying, "She's so funny on the web site, how come she's not that funny in real life?" Or, "She sounds taller on the web site."

On the other hand, the *spiritual* part of a sermon – the part that may touch you to think or to feel; the part where I manage to get out of the way and let God do His thing – that doesn't need a limited warranty. God has already applied a *lifetime guarantee*.

Our hearts and souls, once open to God's voice, can find the Holy Spirit in the scriptures and instruction. All we have to do is listen. When you are reading or listening to sermons on the web site, please remember we are all travelers journeying to closer relationships with God.

Blessings
Claudia †

Rector's Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - noon, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.
Fridays the office will close at 3:00pm.
Phone: 392-8168
Fax: 627-7026
Email: GoodShepherd@quantium.net
Website: www.goodshepherdogden.org

From a newspaper contest where entrants ages 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."

Once, I wept for I had no shoes. Then I came upon a man who had no feet. So I took his shoes. I mean, it's not like he really needed them. –Age 15.

Adult Sunday School

Continuing through February, we will be viewing and working our way through the acclaimed PBS series, *The Question of God*, which includes presentations and panel discussions which open up well to group reflection and conversation.

The Question of God explores two views of human existence through the lives of Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis. Both wrote passionately on the subject of God's existence, relentlessly pursuing truth, and both displayed courage and conviction in the ways they lived their lives.

The series raises several fundamental questions: Does God exist? How does one decide what is moral? What does it mean to love your neighbor? How are we to understand suffering and death? Through storytelling and re-creations, Freud and Lewis debate these questions, and a panel of seven men and women, from diverse walks of life, confront these issues in their own lives.

February 6

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Consecration Anniversary)

February 13

Session 4: *The Exalted Father*, Part A

February 20

Session 5: *The Exalted Father*, Part B

February 27

Session 6: *Why Believe?*

Share Your Love Sunday February 13

The ECW is again sponsoring Share Your Love Sunday on February 13, just in time for Valentine's Day. Just \$1 will purchase a lovely red, white, or pink carnation for your Valentine. Just \$5 will buy a beautiful bouquet. All proceeds from the carnation sales will be given to the Clergy Discretionary Fund. You can show your love for your sweetheart with a flower, and also show your love for those in need. Come to Tuttle Hall after both services on February 14 and Share Your Love !

Finance Committee Report

All of the expenses for 2004 have been paid and we are reporting that expenses exceeded income by a mere \$1,623. Most items were under or close to budget except for Church Property where there were several unexpected items. The church air conditioners required replacing, the newly exposed wall to the east of the property required painting and we were surprised by Property Insurance that is paid by the Diocese. Perhaps we have been a little lax in budgeting for the unexpected property expenses, but we just don't know what is going to "break." Diane Lowe should be commended for a magnificent job as property manager with a limited budget and an ancient plant.

Every Member Canvass Comparisons

The following figures are from raw nameless data from the office. They are presented for what they are and without making a judgment. Some of those who have dropped their pledges have left the parish or died. There are parishioners who don't make a pledge, but make regular contributions. The contributions are not factored in.

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Pledged	\$122,898	\$134,438	\$146,586	\$138,978	\$147,281
Number of Pledges	83	89	90	78	86
Average	1,480	1,510	1,629	1,782	1,713

Comparing 2005 with 2004 there were:

19 new pledges totaling: \$11,955
 12 dropped pledges totaling: \$17,480
 4 reduced pledges for a **reduction** of: \$1,420
 32 increased pledges for an **increase** of: \$11,872

– Alan Joslyn, Finance Committee Chairman

Episcopal Youth Calendar – February

Saturday, February 12 @ 5:00pm – Join us for dinner, the 5:30 service and the movie "Big Fish". We should be finished between 7:30 and 8:00. There will be popcorn and drinks during the movie.

Sunday, February 13 – No Sunday School for Jr. And Sr. High folks. You are, however, expected to fulfill your acolyte obligation.

Saturday, February 26 @ 12:00 to 2:00 – Join us at the church for lunch and then help sort donations for the care packages that are being sent to units of service members from our parish who are stationed overseas. We will also be making Easter cards, decorated eggs and candy bags to add to the boxes.

NOTES: We will need a family to provide dinner for 2/12 and lunch for 2/26. Call Letitia: 392-8168 or 479-4983. Check the Sunday bulletin and the website (www.goodshepherdogden.org) for time and location changes.

Thank you to Cecile Lloyd, the Wildes and the Merchels for providing dinner the past few months.

– Letitia Teneau-Sword, Director

Sunday School Calendar

February 6

Nursery: Easels and paint; puzzles; Ground walnut shells/containers; doll house/people

Pre-K/K, Primary, Intermediate: Ash Wednesday Lesson

Jr./Sr. High: 30 Hour Famine Lesson

February 8

Everybody: Shrove Tuesday Dinner @ 6:00pm

February 9

Everybody: Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 12:15 and 7:00 pm.

Jr./Sr. High: 30 Hour Famine Lesson

February 13

Nursery: Easels and crayons; Playdough; soft serpent / bears/ caves; blocks / zoo animals

Pre-K/K, Primary, Intermediate: Valentine's Day Craft, Children's Eucharist

Jr./Sr. High: Valentine's Day Craft

February 20

Nursery: Fingerpainting; Car mat / vehicles

Jr./Sr. High: 30 Hour Famine Lesson

February 26-27

Senior High Retreat @ All Saints Church in SLC
 Participate in the 30 Hour Famine and raise funds for World Vision

Study Groups

February 8 & 10: No Study Group

February 15 & 17: "Martin Luther" film and discussion

February 22 & 24: "Martin Luther" film and discussion

Interfaith Works! Book Drive
for
Ogden Area Community Action
Agency

Head Start Program

Here's how you can participate:

1. Donate money to be used to order books from Scholastic Book Club.
2. Bring "gently used" books to church.
3. Buy new age-appropriate book(s) and bring them to church.

Nancy Groshart will be collecting your donations for Interfaith Works! during January and February.

Guidelines for choosing books:

- Books should be pre-school or first grade level reading books with pictures.
- Books should not be about commercialized characters such as Disney, where children could be influenced to by the shoes, the toys, the video, etc.
- Spanish books are in great need for our Spanish-speaking children and families.
- Books should be non-stereotyping, non-racist, and show men and women in non-traditional roles, with as many races and cultures represented as possible.

Questions? Contact Nancy @ 399-1692.
Thank you for your support of these children!

The Good Shepherd Concert Series

Presents:

Saturday
February 5th
at 7pm

2374 Grant Ave
Ogden UT
(801) 392-8168



Christina Linton
assisted by *Rulon in Recital*
Christiansen



Featuring works by:

Monteverdi	Strauss
Gluck	Lili Boulanger
Bellini	Carlisle Floyd

Admission is Free

February Birthdays...

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

1. Patrick Linton
3. Trelynn Anderson
6. Hope Linton
7. Carol Mansfield
8. Dorothy Leon, Andrea Pierce, Billie Wilson
10. Joshua Stump
11. Michael Janis
13. Shelise Stump
15. Bart Stump
16. Samantha Hall, Laura Clark
19. Robert Fairchild
20. Diane Fairchild, Peter Sword
23. Logan Wilson
24. Arno Bosley, John Gill, Muriel Hardy, Bill Tabor
25. James Davis
28. Emily Guyon

February Anniversaries...

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)

2. Russ & Carlisle LeBarron
7. Vernon & Jacque Bergstrom, John & Rhonda Gill
9. James & Carol Mansfield

The English language certainly is complicated...

The bandage was wound around the wound.
 The farm was used to produce produce.
 The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
 We must polish the Polish furniture.
 He could lead if he would get the lead out.
 The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
 Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
 A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
 When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
 I did not object to the object.
 The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
 There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
 They were too close to the door to close it.
 The buck does funny things when the does are present.
 A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
 To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
 The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
 After a number of injections my jaw got number.
 Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
 I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
 How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Sunday, February 6
130th Anniversary Celebration
of the
Consecration of Good Shepherd

Holy Communion at 10:00am
followed by Brunch in Tuttle Hall

Please join us as we mark this special occasion! For brunch, please bring along the following to share:

Surnames beginning with A through I : fruits or a salad
 J through R: bread
 S through Z: a potato dish

Welcome to our new Vestry Members

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting. We discussed the reports submitted by our hard working ministry chairmen, and elected three new members to the Vestry. Congratulations to Dave Dirks, Mark LeTourneau and Marty Moss. Our new Senior Warden is Sandra Corp, and the new Vestry has elected Matt Otten to serve as Junior Warden.

Please feel free to contact any of the Vestry members, or the wardens with any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the year. Their names are printed in the bulletin each Sunday. To propose any items you wish the Vestry to consider, please contact a member of the Executive Committee prior to their monthly meeting, during which the agenda is set. Meeting times will be printed on the calendar.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6:00pm

Tuesday, February 8

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 9

12:15 and 7:00pm

Coming in March to Study Groups the poetry of **Gerard Manley Hopkins** (1844 - 1889)

Hopkins, known during his lifetime as a Roman Catholic priest and Classics scholar, left behind a delightful collection of poetry and essays. Join us for a three-week journey into works by a master of original style, an innovator in poetic language and rhythm, and one of the most 'powerful and profound of our religious poets.' (W.H. Gardner)