

# THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

MARCH 2006

## Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

### Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

Property and building plans continue to move forward. In the coming months (and years) they will take an important share of our focus. The key word, here, may be *share*. As much as we profoundly value our historic facilities – and as much as we will take great care for an appropriate expansion of these facilities – at the core of it, we are a fellowship of persons in spiritual community.

“...You are God’s building...There can be no other foundation than the one already laid: I mean Jesus Christ himself...Surely you know that you are God’s temple, where the Spirit of God dwells.” (1Corinthians 3:9,11,16, *Revised English Bible*)

Each one of us matters; even in our very presence, each has a unique gift to offer. We are a blessing for one another.

The demands of modern life, however, get so much more complicated, don’t they? In spite of all our conveniences designed to save time, it’s precisely time that we seem to have less and less of. It’s easy, indeed, in the midst of contemporary realities, for spiritual community to get lost in our shuffle. And, once being active in church has stopped being part of our regular life-pattern, it can be difficult to start up again. That first Sunday back – and maybe even the first couple of Sundays back – can get to be a big step. Sometimes getting past one’s own internal embarrassment factor is an issue in this, as well.

So...I’m designating this “**Re-Connect with Good Shepherd Month.**” Here’s the deal...

First we’ll make a point of **not** saying stuff like this to one another:

“Where’ve *you* been?”

“Hello, stranger!”

“What took you so long?”

And, in worship, youth ministries, and Christian education, we’ll continue to offer our best. If – in the midst of this reconnection – our church, classrooms, and meeting spaces get full to the point that we’re vividly reminded of why we’re undertaking an expansion project, that’ll be O.K., too.

Here are some suggested rendezvous times:

Saturday, 5:30pm, Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 8:00am, Holy Eucharist (Rite One)

Sunday, 9:30am, Sunday School (for children and adults)

Sunday, 10:30am, Choral Eucharist (Rite Two)

Thursday, 12:15pm, Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

I much look forward to seeing you there. Let’s make a point of remembering Good Shepherd Church in our prayers. For all of us, by God’s grace, may this Lent be a time of renewal.

Blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Adam †

## Itchy

In the Middle Ages and into the early European Renaissance, Christian devotees would often wear hair shirts under their regular clothing. This article was usually made out of prickly wool with something like horse hair woven into the material. Most of us have worn a shirt or sweater, which drives us crazy as it irritates our skin. Imagine wearing something like that all day – everyday. Certainly, this would be considered true penance!

During Lent, we may believe that making a major sacrifice (like a hair shirt) makes us more worthy of God's love. Rather than worrying about whether God loves us or not (God does), or whether God wants us as His children (God does), we need to take the love given and pass it on to others. So, as you are thinking about what you want to do for the season of Lent, think about ways you might increase the love found in the world.

Is there a volunteer program needing your help? Is there someone who needs a visit or a phone call? Is there a favor someone could use? A helping hand that needs to be given?

Surely, making the world a little more caring – a little more welcoming for all of God's loved ones is a true Lenten discipline worthy of the children of God. It sure beats wearing a hair shirt.

Blessings  
Claudia †

## Youth Ministries

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 5: Sunday School @ 9:30  
 March 12: Sunday School @ 9:30  
     Children's Eucharist @ 10:30  
     Psalm 16 or 16:5-11  
     Genesis 22:1-14  
     Romans 8:31-39  
 March 19: Sunday School @ 9:30  
 March 26: Sunday School @ 9:30

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH

March 4: The 30-Hour Famine  
 St. James Church, Midvale  
 March 4 (9:00am) - March 5 (noon)  
 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders

March 19: We will meet at the church at 2:00pm for dinner and leave for Snow Basin at 2:30pm. We will tube at Snow Basin from 3-5pm. Cost is \$16. An RSVP is required so we can plan for food and coordinate transportation.

March 25:           Ogden Police Department  
                     Benefit / Exhibition Game  
                     Ogden High School @ 7:00pm  
                     There are 8 FREE tickets available;  
                     first come - first served

### UPCOMING EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENTS

April 28 & 29: Lock-in: Come for games, friendship, movies and preparation for Chocoholic Sunday. Additional chaperones will be needed. An RSVP is required so we can plan for food and additional adults.

April 30: Chocoholic Sunday: We need youth to cashier and to help fill orders.

## CHOCOHOLIC SUNDAY

April 30, 2006

Mark your calendar for April 30! The Good Shepherd Youth Group will be sponsoring yet another opportunity to make up for all the chocolate you didn't have during Lent. There will be all kinds of chocolate goodies to choose from as well as chocolate-related raffle items. Please let Letitia know if there are items you would like to donate for the goodies table or the raffle. Thank you in advance for helping to support your youth group.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
 APRIL CALL WILL BE  
 MARCH 20.**

## Adult Sunday School

### “Elements of Faith: Conversations with Paul”

March 5: “The Good News”  
 March 12: “Salvation Begins”  
 March 19: “Living In Between”  
 March 26: “The People of God”  
 April 2: “How Do We Live?”

Please join us at 9:30am on Sundays in Tuttle Hall.

## Aid Given to Buddhist Temple by Episcopal Church Women

This past ECW Bazaar was a huge success and as a result, we were fortunate enough to be able to disburse funds to many worthwhile causes which desperately needed attention. Many thanks go out to all of those people who not only devoted their time and energy into making the bazaar such a success, but also to those of you who attended the bazaar and brought along your family and friends.

Last fall, our youth were scheduled to attend a presentation at the Buddhist Temple in Layton. We arrived to find that the planned tour of this sacred temple had been pre-empted by a gathering of the congregation in an attempt to sort out a “theft” of not only a monetary nature, but more importantly, a theft of the “soul” of the Temple. The congregation found itself in the midst of a financial bankruptcy, and extortion of monies which had occurred without their knowledge. The impact of this bankruptcy was evident in the cries of the people who had trusted and had faith in an appointed official to manage the funds correctly. It was overwhelming and saddening to be a witness to such an occurrence. These individuals are a very humble people.

Thanks to the bazaar proceeds of the Church Women of Good Shepherd, I was privileged to return to the Temple last Sunday with a check for the amount of \$500.00.

I went into the Temple unprepared for the events which were to unfold. I expected to hand the donation over to the proper authority and leave the premises. Instead, the check was placed on a silver platter and blessed before the people. I was then asked to present the offering to the people, speak a few words about our parish and the origin of this donation, and then to offer the blessed platter to the Buddha.

I could not help but think that such a sum of money might sound quite small compared to the losses that these people have suffered. Yet, there was an overwhelming sense of gratitude being extended to our parish for their generosity.

Once again, there were many tears and hugs. Yet, unlike the tears of our last encounter, (the tears of despair, disbelief and disrupted faith), these tears were of joy, and of a renewed faith in humanity. They were flowing freely through the rivers that connect who we all really are as humans. There were no differences in our “religious” beliefs that Sunday afternoon. There was nothing separating us, we were graced with common good: the good that comes from reaching out to another in need. I was reminded that no matter how large or how small the contribution may seem, when we are able to assist another in some form or fashion, it does indeed make the world a better place to be. I feel humbled to have been able to experience this event, and grateful to have had the opportunity to represent our church family in such a manner.

In Peace,  
Cecile Lloyd

## Angel Wings

The Christmas Pageant angel wings are looking a bit like The Littlest Angel has been in charge of their upkeep. The material itself is in pretty good shape, but they need a different look and way to be attached to the costumes. This call is going out to all of you who sew to take 2 or 3 of these wings home so they can be refurbished in time for the next pageant.

Please call or e-mail Letitia for details.

## Christmas Eve 2005 Pictures taken by Cecile Lloyd

Prints Available in the Attic  
All Proceeds go to Episcopal Youth

Prints  
 8 x 10 \$5.00 ea.  
 5 x 7 \$3.00 ea.  
 Postcards \$2.00 ea.

## Affirmation Offerings

There is a \$5.00 registration fee for each of the following unless otherwise noted. Space will be limited. Please call Julia Packard at (801) 322-4131 to register. Most offerings are available regionally upon request. If your parish would like to host an Affirmation or training, please call the Diocesan Center.

### *Creation Theology in a New Era*

The Right Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish  
 March 3, 6:30-9pm, Ascension St. Matthew's – Price  
 March 31, 6:30-9pm, Grace – St. George

Human beings have long responded to the natural world, "our island home" with fear and wonder, manipulation and appreciation, contempt and reverence. Christian theology has only recently begun to face into the full challenges of living faithfully in God's household. This class offers an occasion to reflect on some of these challenges and to discover their implications for present and future generations.

### *Lenten Retreat for Men and Women*

The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy  
 March 10 - 12 (Friday evening through Sunday noon)  
 Our Lady of the Mountains

Lent invites us to slow down and enter deeply into the mystery of the Spirit, to contemplate the mystery of Christ within. During this weekend we respond to Lent's beckoning, through movement and stillness, conversation and silence

Registration deadline: Friday, March 3. Retreat limited to twenty people. Each retreatant will have a private room.  
Cost: \$115, includes two nights lodging and five meals. \$35 deposit non-refundable after Friday, March 2.  
To register: Please call Julia at the Diocesan Offices.

## "When they had sung the hymn" A Good Shepherd Parish Lenten Program

A Lenten program on Bach's St. Matthew Passion will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, from 9:00am until noon on Saturday, March 18.

During the first hour the Rev. Dr. Frederick Quinn, historian, the Rev. Adam P. Linton, Rector of Good Shepherd Church, Ogden, and Mrs. Lori Linton, church musician and choir director, will discuss the biblical St.

Matthew's Passion (Chapters 26-28). The second hour will be an introduction to one of the season's best-known musical works, Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" (1736). Originally written for parish choirs and available local soloists, the music was largely based on popular Lutheran tunes of the time, pop music of the Baroque period, "what people might have played on their Ipods back then," Quinn remarked.

Several well-known choruses and arias will be examined, listened to, and discussed. Words and music will be provided and no prior musical training is necessary.

The program's final hour will be an old-fashioned hymn sing. Those attending are invited to select favorite Lenten hymns drawn from English, American, and German sources in the 1982 Episcopal hymnal, which contains hymns of recent origin and those dating back to the Protestant Reformation.

"The great music of the Lenten season was first of all popular music. Many tunes were drawn from folk melodies, expressing the deepest feelings people encounter. They have endured through the ages and are easily available to us," Dr. Quinn remarked, adding "We can not encounter death, especially Christ's death, in silence. Music helps us approach the mystery of death and life eternal. That is what Bach and the great hymn writers were trying to do."

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## Confirmation Class Schedule

### YOUTH

March 1

Worship– Ash Wednesday Service

March 11, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Retreat – Saturday Lenten Quiet Day of Reflection  
*Jesus of Nazareth*

March 27, 5:30pm

Class – *The Book of Common Prayer*, Part 1;  
 Introduction to Holy Week

### ADULTS

March 1

Worship – Ash Wednesday Service

March 11, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Retreat – Saturday Lenten Quiet Day of Reflection  
*Jesus of Nazareth*

March 23, 7:00pm

Class – *The Book of Common Prayer*, Part 1;  
 Introduction to Holy Week

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If you have not filled out an information sheet please do so as soon as possible. Remember to include your email address!!

## Buy a Coke, Build a Church

As you are aware, Richard Brown purchases all of the pop for the machine downstairs and up until now any monies made have been designated for the youth. Due to our new expansion plans, Richard has decided to reassign the profits to the building fund. With a capital campaign looming in our very near future, this is a fine time to advance thanks for his help.

### A Request from the Attic

**Our desk is on its last legs – literally – only three left!! If you have, or know of anyone with a large office desk you could donate, please contact the office, or any of The Attic staff. Thank you for your “support”.**

## Interfaith Works

The February meeting of Interfaith Works was held at UCC Church in Ogden with a presentation by Linda Wansgaard from the Weber County Library. The library has many programs available to the public including computer training, help with job applications, adult literacy, translation services, recommended reading lists, notary public and paralegals. For children there is a preschool introduction to computers class, chess club and homework assistance as well as a summer reading program.

## Join the Food Co-op

The food co-op got off to a great start in February! Thanks to Marty Moss and Steve and Sue Bauter for all of their help. Keep in mind a home-bound friend or neighbor who you could sponsor by buying them a food share. We are all about community!

The deadline for applications for March is the 17<sup>th</sup>. Distribution will take place on March 25. For more information and an application, please contact Nancy Groshart.

## Welcome All Knitters

The shawl-knitting group will meet on Saturday, March 4 at 10:00am and on Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm at the church. All knitters and knitters-in-training invited and welcome.

## March 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. Amanda Coy, Roxanne Pierce, Matt Wallace
2. Stella Packard
5. Bertie Jesser
6. Tricia Dirks
7. Mason Cox
8. Russ LeBaron, Ruby Miller
18. Roberta Mauterer
19. Ian Harden
21. Helen Cox
23. Bill Bangert, Jacque Bergstrom
24. Betsy Guyon
27. James Gillespie
28. Sue Bauter, John Kunkel
30. Belle Schwarzenbach
31. Brian Davis, Brooke Roylance

## March 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)*

1. Kevin & Lori Merchel
7. James & Bettye Gillespie
9. Dick & Darlene Nelson
21. John & LaVon Gardiner

# The Attic

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2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden

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Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Thursdays Noon - 1:00pm

## March Acolyte Schedule

Thank you for your service as an acolyte. Remember if you cannot attend the time scheduled, please find someone to fill in for you, and contact Steve or Barbara!

### March 5

**8:00** Letitia Teneau-Sword  
**10:30** **Server:** Ethan Roberts  
**Crucifer:** Patrick Campbell  
**Clergy Cross:** Sarah LeTourneau  
**Torches:** Madison Paine, Katie Paine  
**Director Assistant:** Amy Kees

### March 12

**8:00** John Kunkel  
**10:30** **Server:** Haylee Hennessy  
**Crucifer:** Alex Bray  
**Clergy Cross:** McKenzie Bray  
**Torches:** Shayn Moss, Zachary Bray  
**Director Assistant:** Emily Lloyd

### March 19

**8:00** Bonnie Taylor  
**10:30** **Server:** Ethan Roberts  
**Crucifer:** Robert Fairchild  
**Clergy Cross:** Natalie Fairchild  
**Torches:** Tori Skiver, Tiffany Arnett  
 Melissa Fairchild, Andrea Arnett  
**Director Assistant:** Amy Kees

### March 26

**8:00** Dan Johnston  
**10:30** **Server:** Hope Linton  
**Crucifer:** Alex Bray  
**Clergy Cross:** McKenzie Bray  
**Torches:** Madeline Gale, Tori Skiver  
 Connor Lay, Shayn Moss  
**Director Assistant:** Emily Lloyd

### April 2

**8:00** David Seiter  
**10:30** **Server:** Daniel Wilde  
**Crucifer:** Sarah Guyon  
**Clergy Cross:** Betsy Guyon  
**Torches:** Shyanne Thornsby, Brianna Thornsby  
 Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill  
**Director Assistant:** Amy Kees

## A Note about our Music Program

Shane Fellows, who undertook an educational leave from Good Shepherd in the Fall of 2003 to study in Austria, will be returning as our organist as of June 1, 2006. As many are aware, health issues delayed the beginning of Shane's project. These plans, however, were able to be carried forward in time and he had the opportunity to further develop his already substantial skills with work in Gratz, Vienna, and elsewhere. He has just recently returned and much looks forward to resuming his duties with us.

Dr. Rulon Christiansen, whom we hired to cover for Shane during the leave, will serve with us through the end of May. Here at Good Shepherd we have a long and affectionate relationship with Rulon. We are thankful for his dedicated efforts in our music ministries in this time of longer than expected interim. The music program, in all its elements, will be provided with continuity – and maintain its full level of activity.

Liz Brooks, who recently began her own service as our choir director, will continue to serve in this capacity upon Shane's return. We are truly grateful for all of them: Shane, Rulon, and Liz, for their gifts and their leadership in this very special dimension of our parish life.

Adam †

### 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 to 4:00pm  
 Fridays the office will close at 3:00pm.  
**Phone:** 392-8168  
**Fax:** 627-7026  
**Email:** goodshepherd -ut@qwest.net  
**Website:** www.goodshepherdogden.org

## Altar Guild

To provide altar flowers for thank offerings and memorials at any time in the year, or to contribute to the keeping of the sanctuary lamp, please contact Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381. The cost is \$30 for flowers, or \$3 per week for the lamp. Please make checks payable to "Altar Guild."