

# THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

DECEMBER 2005

## Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

### Changing Gears

Almost every time I come to Ogden, I start on Highway 89 for awhile. Then, I turn on Interstate 84 and cut over to I-15. Highway 84 is so different from the surrounding thoroughfares. It's lined with trees and follows the Weber River's path. A nice change from four and five lane Road Warrior driving.

To get on to this road, usually means waiting at a stop light on 89. It's a long light. The traffic rushes by in both directions – full bore, while I sit in my little car and feel the buffeting of semis and SUVs racing past me on both sides.

While I sit there, I can't help but feel as if the whole traffic experience is analogous to life. The rushing in all directions. The sense that if we're not moving in some direction all of the time, we're not progressing. "Be still, and know that I am God." The world clutters our road with the traffic of living, rather than the stillness of prayer.

Advent is the perfect season for our renewed efforts to claim the stillness required to prepare for journeying with our Lord. Times of prayerful silence can help us plan to celebrate Christ's birth and recognize our share in God's kingdom.

At a time of year when the bustle of living seems to increase, STOP. Be still. Be silent. Spend a little less time preparing for the holidays on the outside, and a little more time preparing for them on the inside.

Here's hoping that you have a blessed and peaceful Advent.

Claudia †

### UTO Ingathering, December 4

It is time again for the ingathering of the United Thank Offering boxes. Please plan to bring your little blue box to service on Sunday, December 4, 2005. The spring collection proved to be a wonderful offering of \$476. All offerings are true blessings. It's always nice to remember that we have much to be thankful for. If you have any questions about the

United Thank Offering please talk to me or pick up a pamphlet located in the back of the church.

Thank you,  
Tricia Dirks

Justice – When you get what you deserve  
Mercy – When you don't get what you deserve  
Grace – When you get what you don't deserve

### *Christmas Thank Offerings and Memorials*

*Remember your loved ones by purchasing Poinsettias which will be used to decorate the church. They are available for \$20 again this year, and your memorial or thank offering will be printed in the bulletin for the Christmas services. Order by Friday, December 16 by contacting Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381. Make checks payable to Altar Guild.*

### Episcopal Youth

December 4 – Salgado "Exodus" exhibit at the Leonardo at Library Square (209 East 500 South, SLC). You can meet us there or we can carpool. We are meeting no later than 3:30 on the north side of the building. We will meet for dinner after at Stoneground (249 East 400 South) after seeing the exhibit. Bishop Carolyn has graciously offered to cover the cost of admission and dinner. **An RSVP is required for attendance.**

For more information regarding the exhibit, go to [www.theleonardo.org](http://www.theleonardo.org)

December 11 – We will be going to see "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at the Newgate Mall. We will be going to an afternoon matinee. The exact time will be

determined once the movie opens on December 9. The cost for the movie is \$4.75.

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## Youth Ministries

### Sunday School

- December 4 – 9:30 Regular Sunday School session  
 10:00 Read thru of pageant script  
 Practice pageant hymns with Miss Lori
- December 11 – 9:30 Regular Sunday School session  
 10:00 Blocking for pageant  
 10:30 Children's Eucharist  
 Psalm 126  
 Isaiah 65:17-25  
 1 Thessalonians 5:(12-15)16-28
- December 18 – 9:30 Regular Sunday School session  
 10:00 Dress Rehearsal for pageant
- December 23 – 2:00 Final Dress rehearsal for pageant
- December 24 – 4:00 Children's service with pageant  
 (Please have your child at the church by 3:30)
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## Adult Sunday School

"Dealing with the Bible; Letting the Bible Deal with Us"

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 as our discussions continue:

December 4: First Steps with the New Testament: Why *Four* Gospels?

December 11: Gospels, Part I: Matthew, Mark and Luke (with small groups)

December 18: Gospels, Part II: John (with small groups)

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## Diocesan Affirmation Offering

December 14: at St. Paul's (261 South 900 East, SLC)  
 Advent Quiet Day: "Hidden Wounds, Hidden Wonders"  
 The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish  
 (There is a \$5.00 registration fee and space will be limited. Please call Julia Packard at (801) 322-4131 to register.)

## 2006 Budget Status

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone this year for pledging this year. This report is to inform the parish on the status of the budget process for 2006. The budget is almost ready to submit to the Vestry for approval. We have looked carefully at all expenses and pared them to the bone. Here are some of the more significant items.

**Pledges** are up significantly over 2005. We have had a very successful pledge campaign thanks to Alex and Madeline McDonald.

Our projected income from the **Good Shepherd Foundation** is up due to higher interest rates and a more aggressive portfolio. This is particularly significant considering the age of the structure.

The **Diocesan Grant** has been reduced and will be reduced each year until it disappears. This year it was reduced over 10% which was about \$10,000. This has been expected and we feel it is the right direction for the Diocese, however difficult it is for us.

**Salaries** have been increased minimally in order to keep pace with inflation.

There have been some significant increases in **Health Insurance**. Some of this is due to increased costs and some is due to changes in Diocesan practice.

Our **Youth Impact Grant** has been reduced by \$5,000.

We feel this is a reasonable and balanced budget and that we will not need to take monies from savings next year barring a major problem. We regret the reduction in the Youth Impact grant and would encourage Parishioners with strong feelings for Youth Impact to make additional contributions directly to Youth Impact.

– The Finance Committee

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## The Search is On

... for Acolytes for the Christmas services!

Acolytes – please let either Steve or Barbara know which Christmas service / services for which you would like to be scheduled. Services are: 4:00pm (Children's Pageant), 7:30pm and 10:30pm.

Also a reminder to 10:30am Acolytes, please arrive by 10:15am, so that we may have everyone robed and ready by 10:25am. As always, we very much appreciate those acolytes not scheduled but stop by Sunday mornings offering their services in a 'time of need.'

Thank you!  
 Steve and Barbara

Here's the schedule for the rest of December:

#### December 4

**8:00** Letitia Teneau-Sword  
**10:30** Server: Amy Keys  
 Crucifer: Patrick Campbell  
 Clergy Cross: Sarah LeTourneau  
 Torches: Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill  
 Tori Skiver, Tiffany Arnett

#### December 11

**8:00** John Kunkel  
**10:30** Server: Hope Linton  
 Crucifer: Jeffery Hales  
 Clergy Cross: Matthew Hales  
 Torches: Shayne Moss, Conor Lay  
 Madeline Gale, Andrea Arnett

#### December 18

**8:00** Bonnie Taylor  
**10:30** Server: Kelly Garner  
 Crucifer: Rick Macarelli  
 Clergy Cross: Emily Lloyd  
 Torches: Samantha Marcarelli, Katie Payne  
 Riley Kaye Thomas

#### January 1

**8:00** David Seiter  
**10:30** Server: Doniell Mojazza  
 Crucifer: Sarah Mojazza  
 Torches: Tori Skiver, Tiffany Arnett  
 Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill

## Confirmation Classes

Congratulations to those who're beginning their journeys toward Confirmation. Youth classes meet from 5:30 to 6:45pm on Mondays and Adult classes meet from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Thursdays.

#### Youth:

**December 5** "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 3  
**December 19** A Look at World Religions  
**January 9** A Look at the Different Christian Churches

#### Adults:

**December 1** "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 1  
**December 8** "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 2  
**December 15** "The Story of Anglicanism," Part 3  
**January 12** A Look at World Religions and Other Christian Churches

## Study Groups

### *The Poetry of John Donne – and Then Some*

Please join us as we explore the writings of John Donne (1572-1631) in our December Study Groups. The page references below are from *John Donne: The Complete English Poems* edited by J.A. Smith, Penguin Classics, which we will be using as our primary text. Copies are available for purchase in the Attic.

#### 29 November / 2 December

Introduction  
 Elegy 19, *To His Mistress Going to Bed* (p. 124)  
*Divine Meditation (Sonnet) 19*, "Oh, to vex me, contraries meet in one" (p.316)  
*Good Friday, 1613. Riding Westward* 329)

#### 6 December / 8 December

*Divine Meditation (Sonnet) 7*, "At the round earth's imagined corners, blow" (p.311)  
*Divine Meditation (Sonnet) 13*, "What if this present were the world's last night?" (p. 314)  
*Divine Meditation (Sonnet) 14*, "Batter my heart, three-personed God" (p. 314)  
*Divine Meditation (Sonnet) 17*, "Since she whom I loved hath paid her last debt" (p. 316)

#### 13 December / 15 December

*Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, XVII*  
*Hymn to God my God, in my Sickness* (p. 347)

#### 20 December / 22 December

John Donne the Preacher; extracts from *Sermons*

## Building and Land Plans

All of us are looking forward to the time when we can stop asking whether we will be able to purchase the land we need to expand Good Shepherd, and can, instead, begin a building project. The Vestry, the Clergy and the Property Acquisition Committee are diligently working toward that end.

Once we have the land we need, we will be making many decisions about how to proceed. We will be selecting an architect, a contractor and a building plan to name a few. None of these decisions has yet been made.

As some of you may know, two preliminary site drawings were submitted to Ogden City. These renderings are by no means precise plans and are merely working tools to facilitate our negotiations with the city. City representatives are aware that these drawings are concepts only – not final plans.

Anyone having concerns or questions about the progress of the land acquisition or potential building plans, please contact a member of the PAC committee (Betsy Guyon, Marion Lloyd, Marty Moss, Lucy Stretch, Sandra Corp, Matt Otten), a member of the Vestry, or a member of the Clergy. Be assured, everyone will be considered in the final decisions about this very important issue to all of us.

Sandra Corp  
Senior Warden

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## Thanks from the ECW

Greetings, Y'all – It's been awhile since I have visited with all of you. This visit is to thank everyone for the wonderful response to the "What Not / Why Not Treasure Adventure" section of our Annual Christmas Bazaar!! Everything was a pleasure to put out on display for sale – you really held to the "gently used or new" requirement. Thank you so very much for all of your cooperation and participation. I want to give special thanks to Lori Linton and Anita Brooks for all the time spent the day before the Bazaar pricing all of the items – as well as a big thanks to my young Grandson, Wil Backus, for all of his help, not only in pricing, but in so many other ways. Wil was with me the whole day of the Bazaar helping out and I was also privileged to have Courtney Thornsbury as the Cashier for our sale and she really added sparkle to the proceedings – as well as knitting away on a beautiful afghan in between taking money. My thanks also to June Wallin for being such a big help the Monday after the Bazaar in packing up and putting away all the items that had not been sold. As usual, the real success of the "What Not" Sale belongs to the great Parishioners of Good Shepherd, who, as usual, came through mightily with items and help.

THANK YOU ALL – EVERYONE – BIG AND TALL  
– SHORT AND SMALL –

Jan Shanklin, Coordinator  
The What Not Why Not Treasure Adventure  
ECW

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## Thank you, Thank you!

As you are aware (we've been talking about nothing else for weeks) we just held the ECW annual bazaar. The committee would like to thank everybody who participated – donors and buyers. It was a great success, and we couldn't have done it without you. We plan to have the few items that were left available for sale on Sundays leading up to the holidays, so watch for them in Tuttle Hall. Also mark your calendars:

## ECW Annual Meeting Saturday, January 14

This will be the time when we vote not only for new committee members, but also for where the money raised gets used.

– The ECW Bazaar Committee

# The Attic

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden

## Gifts ~ Books ~ Jewelry

Open Sundays 9:00am - 1:30pm  
Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Thursdays Noon - 1:00pm

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## The Twining of the Greens

Come one and all for the Twining of the Greens! Mark your calendars on December 22 for the annual "Greening of the Sanctuary and Hall". We will plan to meet at Good Shepherd by 5:30pm to join in the various work parties of your choice. There will be a team to twine the greens and then place them in the Sanctuary and cleanup after they are placed; there will be team to decorate Tuttle Hall and cleanup after the decorating; a team to prepare the meal, setup and cleanup following the meal. We will also have a team of members to place all the wooden supports for the greens prior to this evening activity.

We all share a wonderful meal after all the decorating and cleaning up has been done.

We hope all will plan to join us for the fun of working together to prepare our worship and social spaces (as well as your own hearts) and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Watch the bulletin board outside the Office and Attic for the sign-up sheets.

The social committee is also planning an Epiphany Brunch on Sunday, January 8 after we take down all the decorations and put them to "bed" until our next holiday season.

Billie Wilson

# Christmas Services

**Saturday, December 24**

**4:00pm - Holy Eucharist and  
Children's Pageant**

**7:30pm - Holy Eucharist with Carols**

**10:30pm - Festival Choral Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 25**

**9:00am - Holy Eucharist**

## December 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. Anita Brooks, Bobbie Clark
6. Erik Gill, Dan Johnston
8. Jim Hard
9. Robert Arnett, Richard Bauter, Bettye Gillespie, Anna Johnston
10. Jon Gill, Jr.
12. Christina Clark
13. Alexander Anderson
14. William R. Doe, Shayn Moss, Elisabeth Torghelle
15. Jacob Guyon
17. William Doe
18. Rollan Tonkinson
21. Marty Moss
23. Gary Crolla
26. Joshua Crockett
28. David Dirks, Barbara Wilde

## December 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)*

28. Michael & Connie Janis

29. Jay & Lucy Stretch

## *Nativite*

*Immensity cloystered in thy deare wombe,  
Now leaves his welbelov'd imprisonment,  
There he hath made himselfe to his intent  
Weake enough, now into our world to come;  
But Oh, for thee, for him, hath th'Inne no roome?  
Yet lay him in this stall, and from the Orient,  
Starres, and wisemen will travell to prevent  
Th'effect of Herods jealous generall doome.  
Seest thou, my Soule, with thy faiths eyes, how he  
Which fills all place, yet none holds him, doth lye?  
Was not his pity towards thee wondrous high,  
That would have need to be pittied by thee?  
Kisse, him, and with him into Egypt goe,  
With his kinde mother, who partakes thy woe.*

*John Donne (1572-1631)*

from the Holy Sonnets

(From *The Complete Poetry and Selected Prose of John Donne*, edited by Charles M. Coffin, The Modern Library, 2001)

## Quotable Notables on Music

“Genius is eternal patience.” – Michelangelo

“Study Bach.. There you will find everything”  
– Johannes Brahms

“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words  
and that which cannot remain silent.”  
– Victor Hugo

“All anyone needs to know about prizes is that Mozart  
never won one.”  
– Henry Mitchell

“First, there is theology, just below that, there is music.”  
– Martin Luther