

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

Mailed March 17, 2011

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

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We have two very big proposals before us at this moment. While typically it might be appropriate to table one in lieu of the other, I believe that it is important for our community to have both happening simultaneously. On February 27, I preached about my desire to find new ways to strive for God's Kingdom. I introduced a program I have been researching in Los Angeles called *Imagine LA*. It is an organization calling on each of the 8,000 faith communities in the area to adopt one of 8,000 homeless families for no less than a period of two years. Its mission is to "empower faith communities to provide homeless families with the support and resources they need to help themselves move into permanent housing, obtain the life skills needed to sustain self-sufficiency, and ensure that their children thrive in the future." While we need to continue to do the work we are doing to provide for immediate needs of people, this program works towards providing a continuum of care that could systematically change the way we help people in the long term.

The other major project on our plate is our building project. We have had plans developed and approved for so long now that many of you may have forgotten that we have them; and for new people, we hope you will be excited by these plans! The Master Building Plan is the result of over five years of work by a committee of St. Michael's members appointed by the Vestry in fall 2002. The committee submitted the Master Plan in May 2008. It is time for us to move forward! The first phase is finishing the upstairs space to create offices, reworking the front office to be more efficient, and opening up the middle offices (what are currently the offices for Bob, Gabe, and Linda) for meeting spaces. We have also added into the plans the necessary work on St. Michael's House roof and a revamp of the choir space in the church. The estimated cost to do all of the first phase of the Master Plan is \$250,000. Please review the building plans for the upstairs offices on Page 7 of this Messenger or peruse the plans displayed in the Parish Hall. Our hope is to "break ground" on May 1st when Bishop Hanley will be with us to close out our Centennial Year.

These two projects are the first steps into our next 100 years — very bold steps. While they may seem independent of one another, I find that they are intricately intertwined. The work that we do on our buildings must impact the work we do in the world; and the work we do in the world must continuously determine the needs of our buildings. As these two projects go hand-in-hand, so must we.

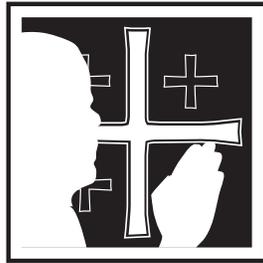
Faithfully,

The Reverend Christopher Craun, Rector

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED ...

- + in thanksgiving for **Benjamin Maurits John Bleckmann**, born on March 7, and his parents **David Bleckmann** and **Caroline Bowles**
- + in thanksgiving for the marriage of **Cash Henry** and **Sundance Wilson**, at St. Michael's on March 5
- + for healing for **Hugh Lovell, Jessie Frazier, Lucretia Gardner, Lin Robertson, Glenn Eaton, and Edgar Cedeño Luevano**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Tom Dunham**, husband of **Roberta Dunham**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Laurie Bebins**, brother and brother-in-law of **Paul LaCroix** and **Pam Shields**, who died on March 8
- + for the repose of the soul of **Daniel Paskie**, father and father-in-law of **Jennie** and **Larry Street**, who died on March 10
- + for the repose of the soul of **Dorothy Short**, mother and mother-in-law of **Marie** and **Dan Bagwell**, who died on March 14
- + for all those affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in Japan



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## APRIL HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN: DAMIEN AND MARIANNE OF MOLOKAI

On April 15, we are asked to remember Father Damien and Marianne Cope, who ministered sacrificially among banished lepers on the island of Molokai in the late 19th and early 20th century. Father Damien was born Joseph de Veuster in Belgium in 1840. As a young adult, he joined the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and was sent as a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands. Leprosy (Hansen's disease) had arrived on the islands and was spreading rapidly, causing King Kamehameha to quarantine those affected by the disease to the remote island of Molokai. Damien was among the first priests to arrive at the leper colony, where he spent the rest of his life living and ministering among the lepers until he contracted Hansen's disease himself and died in 1863. Marianne Cope was a Sister of St. Francis from Syracuse, New York, and a nurse, who arrived in Hawaii in 1883 and met Father Damien in 1884. She cared for him in his final illness before continuing his work among people with Hansen's disease until her death in 1918. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.* (Adapted from *Holy Women, Holy Men*)

## ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER

We are approaching the mid-point of our Lenten journey towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb. For some, time seems to slow down as we lose the inspiration of our first fervor. How much longer for my Lenten discipline? How much longer without saying the A-word? Others are catching a second wind, looking forward to the culmination of the season in Easter, to flowers and festivity and chocolate bunnies!

Regardless of how each of us is experiencing this time, the Church as a whole is settling in to the disciplines and character of Lent even as we begin to shift gears for the celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior in Holy Week. In Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter, we immerse ourselves deeply in the Great Story that has come to form the context of our own stories. The deeper we go, the more clearly we can discern the numberless connections between that Story and our own stories, between God's own Life and our lives. Every word and action in the proper liturgies for Holy Week is like an anchor, meant to take us deeper and deeper below the surface. Waving palms, calling out "Crucify him!", breaking and blessing bread and wine, stripping the altar, venerating the cross, kindling the new fire, speaking and singing and enacting the Great Story.

But some of you might notice that there are no great liturgies or observances between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. What shall we do with these three days set in the midst of such poignant and glorious liturgies? Some communities of faith leave the days to private devotions. Others pray the Daily Office together. This year, I propose that we gather, as you are able, to celebrate a Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. What better way to keep our attention on the events we are remembering, to strengthen ourselves for the most rigorous part of the journey than by celebrating the Sacrament in which we pray and proclaim our Story most vividly, as we participate in the mystery of our communion with God and one another through bread and wine, through invitation and homecoming, through instruction and obedience?

May our continued observance of Lent and anticipation of Holy Week bring us all closer to the Mystery at the heart of creation

— The Rev. Gabriel Lamazares.

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## MESSENGER DEADLINE

Articles for the April Messenger are due by the 19th. Please send them to me at [gloriao@stmaa.org](mailto:gloriao@stmaa.org) as an attachment or in the body of the email. If you don't have access to email, you may drop them by the office or mail them. Thank you!

— Gloria Orellana

## JOYFUL NEWS APRIL 2011

### PALM SATURDAY: A JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES

In the Godly Play classroom, the storyteller tells children, “There are four weeks to get ready to come close to the mystery of Christmas – we call those weeks the season of Advent. And there are six weeks to get ready to come close to the Mystery of Easter – the season we call Lent. The season of Lent is longer than the season of Easter because Easter is an even bigger mystery than Christmas.”

This year one of the ways we are “getting ready” to come close to the mystery of Easter is to host a morning retreat for children and families on Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. **Palm Saturday** is designed for children and their families to experience the Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday. We will conclude our morning retreat of interactive storytelling, art and music with a sacred table liturgy when we share lunch in the Parish Hall.

Please let us know you’re coming to Palm Saturday! The cost is \$5 per family. Sign-ups are in the Gallery. Questions? Please contact Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry with Children and Families at [leslies@stmaa.org](mailto:leslies@stmaa.org). P.S. Don’t forget to invite your grandparents and godparents, too!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**March 19: Family Worship Service on Saturday, 5:00 pm in the Nativity Hall.** Potluck Feast to follow! This celebration of Holy Eucharist is designed for families with young children. Please come and join this growing circle of friends who sing, pray, dance and give thanks for the goodness of God’s creation.

**March 20 & 27: *The Secret of Kells* will be shown** at 10:10 am for Sunday-School-age children and their families. Please join us on the lower level in front of the big mural for snacks and this delightful animated film about the traditions behind the illustrated gospels known today as *The Book of Kells*.

**March 30: Joyful Noise Arts Center begins its Spring Term.** Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 pm for students in the first through fifth grade. Tuition is \$50 per ten-week term. New-comers welcome!

**April 3 & 10: Godly Play continues *The Faces of Easter*** – stories of Jesus’ life and ministry. Sunday School explores many Christian traditions based in Celtic Spirituality.

**April 16: Palm Saturday – A morning retreat for children and families from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.** Journey from Palm Sunday through Holy Week with stories, art, music and worship for children and families as we get ready to come close to the mystery of Easter.

**April 17: Palm Sunday – Sunday School class makes palm crosses.** Godly Play class hears the story *The Mystery of Easter*.

**April 24: Easter Sunday! Festive receptions** after the 9:00 and 11:00 liturgies. Classes resume May 1.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry with Children & Families

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## YOUTH MINISTRY BREAKING NEWS!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL YOUTH VARIETY NIGHT ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, FROM 6:00-8:00 PM

Tickets go on sale on April 1! Prices are on a sliding scale, \$10-\$40 per ticket, and dinner is included

Put it on your calendar! That’s right! Do it now! This is a great spring tradition at St. Michael’s, and we want you to be a part of it. How can you help support youth ministries?

- Buy a ticket to the show
- Volunteer to help in the kitchen
- Volunteer to help sell tickets

If you’re a friend of the Youth Ministries here at St. Michael’s, you won’t want to miss this chance to do your part and help keep a good thing going. The St. Michael’s Youth Group depends on your support, and our Variety/Dinner night has become a fun-filled tradition that sustains our mission trips, First Friday outings, Christian formation endeavors and annual retreats.

— David Berkson, Associate for Ministry with Youth

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## LET’S GO CAMPING!

You can find updated copies of the Diocese of Oregon’s Camp & Retreat Catalog on the information table in the Gallery. This catalog includes information regarding the Diocesan Week at Camp and the Hawaiian Retreat next February; plus, there are over 150 more events for children, youth, adults and families — something for everyone! Full descriptions are online at [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org). For questions or concerns, please contact Beth Dieker, Missioner for Ministry Development, at 971/204-4124 or [bethd@diocese-oregon.org](mailto:bethd@diocese-oregon.org).





## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WRAP-UP

Our Centennial Celebration year will officially come to an end on May 1, the Sunday after Easter, when Bishop Michael Hanley will be with us for baptisms, receptions, confirmations, and affirmations of the catechumens. His visit is especially fitting as he was here with us at the kick-off of our celebration on Pentecost in May 2010! In the next few weeks, look for letters, stories, and photo highlights of our Centennial year on the parish bulletin board.

The Centennial Committee thanks the entire community for your participation, assistance, and enthusiasm for the amazing events of this Centennial year. It was a year for the history books! As chair, I especially want to recognize all the members of the celebration planning committee for their years of service (we started in 2007!) that made this year possible: Caroline Litzenberger, Leslie Sackett, Bob Ullman, Bob Spiers, Shawna Gandy, Barb Miller, Sheri O'Brien, Stephanie English, and Karen Oglesby. This year wouldn't have happened without you, and you have my most sincere gratitude.

— Ann Wetherell, Chair, Centennial Celebration Committee

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: AND THE SPIRIT MOVED. . . .

*Sept. 29, 2111.* A child of St. Michael's sits down with a box of letters written a hundred years ago by a group of people she never met. They were long gone before she was born; but in these letters, she hears distinct voices that tell her about life at St. Michael's in 2011 and the hopes and dreams for the future in which she lives.

We are the letter-writers; we are this child's forebears. What do we tell her about our lives in this community? What do we say about how we came to be here? What are our hopes for this place and for our role in the world as we look toward the future? Envision. Dream. Let the Spirit move you.

We invite you to help carry our collective memories and aspirations forward by writing a reflection or story that can be shared with the congregation and placed in the archives for a future child. Following are a few ideas to help get you started.

What has been the most joyous, touching, or funny event for you at St. Michael's?

Who are your friends here?

What is your ministry and why do you do it?

What person has inspired you?

What do you hope for future generations at St. Michael's? What do you want them to know and to think about?

What drew you to St. Michael's? How did you arrive here? Why have you stayed?

Please write a brief letter or note; you can email it or bring in a hard copy to the church office. With your permission, we'll post it on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall through the end of our Centennial Celebration on May 1. Following that event, we'll place them in the archives for a future generation.

For more information, please call or email Ann Wetherell at 503/249-1104 or [minghua@easystreet.net](mailto:minghua@easystreet.net).

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## THE ST. MICHAEL'S WEBSITE: A WORK IN PROGRESS

Please be patient with us as we undergo a revamping of our website in an effort to improve communication with the St. Michael's and wider communities. We are doing our best to make it user-friendly and to keep listed events and activities up to date; but please check your weekly eblast, Messenger, and bulletin to verify information. Or you can simply call or email the church office if you have a question or concern. I've received inquiries about where to find the church calendar on the website; for now, it can be located at the bottom of the *Welcome* page, under *The Whole Parish Calendar*. Again, things change at the speed of sound around here sometimes, so best to double-check a date or time if you have a question.

— Gloria Orellana

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## GOT MITTS?



The St. Michael's Dragonslayers softball team is growing, and we could use a few mitts. If you have a mitt that hasn't seen any action for a while and may be lying around your house, in the garage — or at the very back of a closet, perhaps — please consider donating it to the Dragonslayers. Mitts of all sizes and in good condition would be greatly appreciated. A collection box is located in the Gallery. Thanks!

— Your Dragonslayers Management Team



# El Porvenir

Dedicated to sustainable development in Nicaragua

## EL PORVENIR RICE & BEANS DINNER AND AUCTION

You will not want to miss this fabulous event on May 21. Tickets are now available for \$20 to the dinner and auction. Here is what you will get: A Nicaraguan dinner prepared by our own resident expert on Nicaraguan cuisine, Bob Tongue; wine or soft drinks; a chance to visit and share tales with El Porvenir veterans as well as hang out with our EP coordinators, Jimmy Membreno and Catalina Ruiz, in town from Nicaragua thanks to Mary Lou Hennrich; and a fun auction conducted by the always charming and entertaining David Berkson. Get your tickets at St. Michael's or from Bev Hoefler, Joy Young, Ron Geason, Gretta Grimala or Kathy Bang.

Please think about what you might offer up for the live and silent auctions. Be creative! Items might include letting someone stay at your summer home for a weekend or come along for a weekend fishing trip on the Deschutes. Pass your ideas along to Bev, Joy or Ron, and we'll include them in our auction brochure and make all the arrangements.

— The El Porvenir Team

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Please consider attending one or both of these events sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).

**Earth Care Leaders Coffees, March 31, 8:00 to 9:30 am** at First Unitarian Church, Portland. EMO's [Oregon Interfaith Power & Light](#) (OIPL) is holding informative gatherings for clergy and lay leaders on resources and initiatives for congregational action for Earth Care. RSVP preferred; contact Alison Warren at [awarren@emoregon.org](mailto:awarren@emoregon.org) or 503/221-1054, ext. 210.

**Climate Ethics and Equity Forum, May 14, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm** (registration at 9:00) at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., Portland. This forum will bring together ethicists, religious leaders, energy experts, indigenous voices, and clean-energy jobs leaders to explore some of the most pressing ethical issues of climate equity on the local, regional and global levels. Our keynote speaker will be Kathleen Dean Moore, author of *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*. This event is free, but donations will be welcome for OIPL's match grant. The forum is sponsored by [Oregon Interfaith Power and Light](#), Planet Church of First United Methodist, and Wayne Morse Center of University of Oregon. [Register securely online at http://www.emoregon.org/events.php](http://www.emoregon.org/events.php). For more information or to register by phone, please call 503/221-1054.

## OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

The Outreach & Justice Ministries Council has recommended that our parish explore becoming part of two faith-based organizations which have a goal of inclusion for gay and lesbian people in the life of the church. Integrity is based in the Episcopal Church; Welcoming Congregations is non-denominational. We already have a congenial relationship with Integrity and look forward to another joint picnic one day this summer — hopefully, on a warmer day than last year. We are a welcoming congregation — we know it, but joining would mean that others, perhaps those looking for a parish home, would know it, too. A FORUM is planned for April 3 to hear from representatives of Integrity and of Welcoming Congregations who will speak to us about their mission and what it would mean to St. Michael's to join them.

Another FORUM, on April 10, will be in support of those who want a single-payer health care plan rather than what we currently have. To that end, House Rep. Michael Denbrow has submitted the Health Care for All Oregon Act HB3510, and Sen. Chip Shields has submitted SB888 to the Senate. We are anxious to hear what single-payer entails and how we could all benefit.

May 15 will be *Bread for the World Sunday* at St. Michael's. We hope to generate a flood of letters asking our representatives in Congress to ensure that foreign aid goes to the millions of hungry and poverty-stricken people in poor countries. Why handwritten letters? Because staff tells us that they are read and logged, whereas e-mails, though important, are sometimes overlooked. Information and statistics about world hunger can be found on the Lenten table tents available on the lunch tables during Lent and in the Gallery.

The Northeast Emergency Food Bank is extremely grateful for the drivers from St. Michael's who bring food from Trader Joe's to them. In 2010, they hauled 52,591 pounds of food, about 10% of the total food received and well over 10% of meat and fresh produce received. The center, located at NE 72<sup>nd</sup> and Wygant, could use some help sorting and packaging on the first and second Saturdays. Loaves and Fishes, too, could use more volunteers, especially at the MLK and Killingsworth site and for special events such as the *Valentine-O-Gram* days and the *Buy-A-Meal* fund drive. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, these organizations could use your help.

If your spring and summer calendars are showing some openings, start thinking now about volunteering to tutor with the ESL program at St. Michael's. Spring term is April 12 to June 7, and summer term is June 28 through August 16. If you don't want a full-time commitment, consider substituting in the summer for tutors on vacation. Contact Cathy Searls at [SearlsC@comcast.net](mailto:SearlsC@comcast.net) for more information.

— Lynn Baker, Outreach & Justice Ministries Co-Coordinator

## BROADWAY NIGHT, TAKE 2

Great fun was had by all at the *Broadway in Hollywood* fundraiser dinner for the Music Ministry here at St. Michael's on February 12. Performances from *South Pacific*, *Chicago*, *The Sound of Music* and many others spanned the history of the American musical theater. Members of the St. Michael's Singers made us laugh, cheer, and entertained us beyond our wildest expectations. Theater lights, a stage, black backdrop, and lighted table centerpieces also did their part to create the "dinner theater" atmosphere. Dinner was delicious, with lasagna starring as the main course and New York cheesecake, naturally, as the encore.

A host of choir and youth volunteers made the evening go without a hitch so everyone could fully enjoy the three 25-minute sets of fine and fun musical theater. Many richly deserved thanks go to Daryl Cole, who guided the entire effort; Bob Tongue and his masterful coordination of the dinner; Lynda Garner and Amy Valentine for creating the perfect theater experience; Michael Berkson, ably assisted by Terry Milner, whose expertise created a fast-moving, well-executed show; Scott Tuomi for all the musical coaching; emcee Sarah Hauser, who set all the scenes; Jennie Street as captain of the servers; Chad Southwell, who captained the bar; Mitch Oglesby and the Men on Wednesday for wrangling the stage; Duncan Tuomi and friends for lighting help; and special thanks to Steve and Trudy Sargent. And thank you to all the choir volunteers who helped set up and clean up the "theatre" after the production; purchased, prepared, and served the food; washed dishes and cleaned the kitchen; washed the table linens; and served in a variety of other ways to make this Broadway night truly a special event.

And thanks to your wonderful response, the event was a financial success as well. When all expenses have been cleared, the evening will have netted around nearly \$5,000 for the Music Ministry. So the biggest thanks go to you, the parishioners of St. Michael's who generously embraced our efforts to "sing for our supper."

— Lynda Garner and the Music Ministry Team

P.S. Did you take home the wrong tan trenchcoat from the dinner? If so, please contact the church office to arrange a swap.



## SHROVE TUESDAY THANK-YOUs



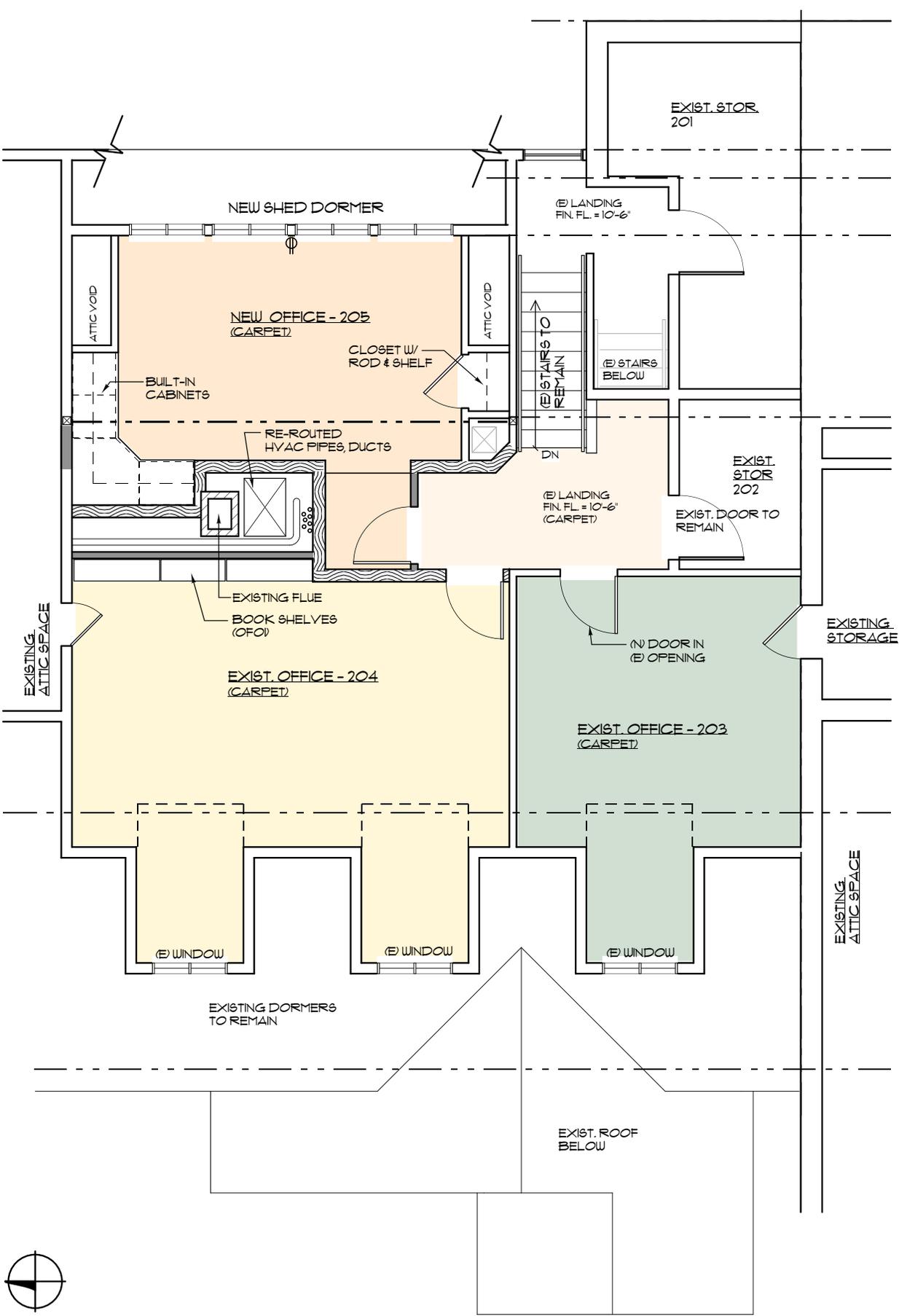
Over 150 folks ate pancakes and ham, listened to some great live music, and enjoyed each other's company at the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thank you to all the Vestry members who pitched in, and to everyone who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up. I'd like to offer special thank-you to Alison Lentz for bringing MOMO and da'Coup (her *a cappella* group from Lewis & Clark College) to provide some wonderful music, and to Leslie Sackett for providing children's activities for the evening.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## INTRODUCING LINDA ROYAL, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

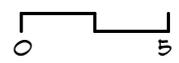
Please join us in welcoming Linda Royal as our new Finance Administrator. She comes to us from Ascension Catholic Church, where she is a member and Business Manager. She has worked for Ascension for 11 years, handling everything finance-related there. At St. Michael's, she will be responsible for all of the duties that used to belong to Gloria Orellana, including handling contributions, expenses, financial reporting, and stewardship. Gloria and Linda will be working together during the transition period, but please send all check requests and other questions or concerns to Linda at [lindar@stmaa.org](mailto:lindar@stmaa.org) or 503/284-7141, ext. 320. Her hours at St. Michael's will be approximately 3:30-5:30 Mondays, 3:30-7:30 Tuesdays, and 3:30-5:30 Wednesdays.

— Chris Craun and Gloria Orellana



**EXISTING UPPER LEVEL OFFICES**

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**WALL PLAN SYMBOLS**

- NEW INTERIOR PARTITION - SOUND WALL:  
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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- MARCH 20 10:10 am FORUM: Gabriel Lamazares' recent trip to the Holy Land**
- MARCH 27 10:10 am FORUM: Writing Letters to the Future, with the Centennial Committee**
- APRIL 3 10:10 am FORUM: Outreach & Justice Ministry – Integrity and Welcoming Congregations**
- APRIL 10 10:10 am FORUM: Outreach & Justice Council – Single-Payer Health Care**
- APRIL 16 Palm Saturday – Children And Family Retreat, 9:30 am–1:00 pm**
- APRIL 17 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 10:10 am, Intergenerational Palm-Cross Folding**
- APRIL 21 Maundy Thursday – 6:00 pm, Agapé Supper followed by Liturgy of the Last Supper (7:00 pm)**
- APRIL 22 Good Friday, church is open all day 7:00 am - 8:00 pm, with principal service at 7:00 pm**
- APRIL 23 Easter Eve, 8:00 pm – Great Vigil of Easter, followed by fiesta**
- APRIL 24 Easter Day services at 9:00, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm**
- MAY 1 Bishop Hanley here for baptisms, confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations at 9:00, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm**  
**10:10 am Cake Auction, Nativity Hall**

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR A FULL OFFERING OF UPCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS, AND CLASSES:  
[WWW.STMAA.ORG](http://WWW.STMAA.ORG)