



The Beacon

March 2014

St. Christopher's
Community Church
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**Sunday Worship
and
Sunday School
10:30 am**

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Quote for the Month

*I in them and you in me, that they
may become completely one....* John
17:23

“Jesus speaks about the intimacy he shares with his heavenly Father. He prays that his followers will also have this intimacy. The Father and Jesus are one: the Father lives in Jesus, and Jesus lives in the Father. In order for Jesus’ followers to have this oneness with God, with Jesus, and with each other, Jesus must live within them.

In order for Jesus to live within us, we must have space for Jesus. So many things can distract us and fill our time and thoughts. We can easily give ourselves over to busyness. But what we thought was

taking up space also takes something of us with it. All of these thoughts, concerns, things, or problems eventually leave us empty.

Jesus does not leave us empty. He fills us with his life-giving love and hope. When we make a space for Jesus to dwell in us, we discover that the space grows to allow more love and less busyness. We feel at peace, at oneness with God and with our brothers and sisters around us.”

From *Forward Day by Day*,
March 8. Written by Mary
Koppel an Episcopal priest serving in Austin, Texas.



Education Hour on March 9th

On March 9, Deacon Patti Sells will be leading the education hour from 9-10am. This week's class is "Theological Reflection: bringing our Christian faith into dialogue with our daily life. We will be looking at a piece of scripture and considering our 'action' response (that which we do and experience), our 'position' (that for which we consciously argue), our 'culture' (the attitudes and opinions generally held in our society), and 'tradition' (referring to the content of the Christian heritage.)"

Theological Reflection

Please check e-mails for more March classes.

For Your Calendar

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday, Souper Supper 6:30pm

Friday, April 18—Good Friday, Stations of the Cross and Worship

Sunday, April 20—Easter Day

Follow Michael and Marilyn's Hike



Follow Michael and Marilyn's hike on the Appalachian Trail at:

www.trailjournals.com/michaelandmarilyn

This link will take you to the **last** entered journal entry. There are tabs above the entry;

First Next Previous Last

Click on them to get where you want to go. There is also a drop-down list of dates under our photo on the left, and a "Journal" that can be used. **Please remember sign: our "Guest Book"!**

We'd love to hear from you!

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Group

The men's breakfast group meets every other Thursday morning at 7:30am at the IHOP in West Olympia (1520 Cooper Point Rd. SW) for good company, good food, and conversation about our faith. This month we'll gather on **March 6th and 20th**. All are welcome!



Monthly Financial Check-in

A regular glance at our budget, our giving, and our finances in general.

	Actual Giving	Giving Required for "Balanced" 2014 Budget
February 2014	\$8,810	\$13,057
Year-to-Date	\$18,876	\$26,113
2014 Total	N/A	\$156,679

Please know that your giving is vital to all aspects of our ministry. Thank you for your stewardship of all that God has entrusted to you.



Camp Michael Fundraiser

Camp Michael is a summer camp located on Hicks Lake in Lacey and is sponsored by the Diocese of Olympia. The last few years, St. Christopher's has sponsored food bank kids so they could attend the five-day camp.

Please consider providing baked goods, bought or homemade, for our Rest Stop fundraiser to support the camp. Baked goods need to be dropped off at church by Friday, March 14th. Please mark them "Rest Stop".



There are still openings for people who can host at the rest stop. The booth has a heater and lock, and there are outlets if you want to bring electronics. It's fun and the time passes quickly. Call Lindy at 870-5994 if you have questions or want to sign up to help.

Join in Worship Leadership This Season

Our worship is so much richer with many voices and hands helping to lead us. There are many ways to help lead: welcoming people to worship as a greeter, reading the scriptures, and serving

Communion are all vitally important—and they're even fun, too. Contact the church office or Deacon Patti for more information.



Easter Lilies and Easter Eggs

Later in March the Easter Lily envelopes will be on the kiosk to purchase Easter Lilies for \$15 to decorate the Altar for Easter. Please be sure to list on the envelope: In Thanksgiving of....or In Memory of

Also later this month, the plastic Easter eggs will be out. Please fill and return them for the Easter egg hunt open to the community.



Stations of the Cross

It is a custom at St. Christopher's for individuals or families to "adopt" one of the Stations of the Cross on the church grounds trail and prepare it for Holy Week and Easter. This year there are a few stations that are available to adopt. See the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the Greeter station or check with the office if you are interested in adoption.



Help Take Pictures

In this time of transition, let's remember to keep things fresh and to not let things get stale. How can we accomplish this? One way is to take pictures at church, during worship, fellowship, work parties, youth activities, etc. and post them on the church Facebook page. That way new people searching for a church will see that things are constantly happening at St. Christopher's. If you don't have a Facebook account, feel free to send your picture to the office@stchristopherolympia.org, so it can be posted.

March Youth Events

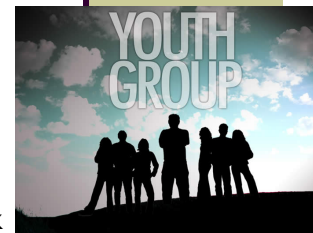
Sunday, March 9 and 23 —Confirmation class (5 – 6:30pm)

Sunday, March 9 and 23—Youth group meeting (6:30 – 8pm)

Friday, March 14—St. Patrick Dinner & Games (6:30—9pm)
at Good Shepherd—for senior high youth

Tuesday, March 25—Service day at Thurston County Food Bank
(3:30 – 5pm)

March 28-30— Spring HYC @ St. Luke's, Vancouver, WA



Christikon Deposit Due Now

In order to guarantee our spot at Christikon, July 12-18, we are required to send in our deposits now. The deposit of \$50 per person is non-refundable, but can be applied to a different attendee. Christikon is available for youth completing 6th—12th grades. For more information www.christikon.org. Deposits are due by Friday, March 14th.

St. Patrick Dinner and Games

The senior high youth (grades 9-12) are invited to join their Good Shepherd peers for an evening of Irish-inspired food.

Good Shepherd will provide a traditional Irish dinner of stew,

mashed potatoes, and soda bread.

Fellowship and a few games will follow the dinner. Please RSVP office@stchristopherolympia.org by Wed., March 12th.



Save the Date for Camp Michael

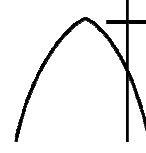
Camp Michael is Tuesday, July 22nd—July 26th. It's a residential camp for kids completing 1st—6th grades. 7th and 8th graders may enroll in the counselor-in-training programs. There is also

an option for the younger ones to be day campers only. It's great fun! My boys both love Camp Michael and can't wait to participate annually!





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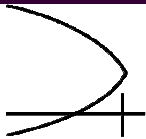


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:30am	3	4 Office Hours 1:30—5pm	5 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm AA—8pm	6 Men's Group 7:30AM Office Hours 9am—noon Choir—7pm	7	8
9 Ed Hour 9am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:30am Confirmation 5-6:30pm Youth Group 6:30—8	10 Vestry Council 7pm	11 Office Hours 1:30—5pm	12 Garden Group 7pm AA—8pm	13 Office Hours 9am—noon Choir—7pm	14 Camp Michael Rest Stop Fundraiser Cookies Due YG St. Patrick Dinner@ Good Shepherd 6:30pm	YG15 Camp Michael Rest Stop Fundraiser
16 Education Hour 9am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:30am	17 Camp Michael Rest Stop Fundraiser	18 Office Hours 1:30—5pm	19 AA—8pm	20 Men's Group 7:30AM Office Hours 9am—noon Choir—7pm	21	22 Congregational Leaders Day
23 Ed. Hour 9am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:30am Confirmation 5-6:30pm Youth Group 6:30—8	24 Beacon Articles Due	25 Office Hours 1:30—5pm YG at Food Bank 3:30—5pm	26 AA—8pm	27 Office Hours 9am—noon Choir—7pm	28 Spring HYC @ St. Luke's Vancouver, WA	29 Spring HYC @ St. Luke's Vancouver, WA
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March Sunday Service Schedule

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Greeter	Nancy S./ Sherry C.	Wyatt & Becky	Annette E./ Ann G.	Parkers	Bonnie F./ Nancy S.
Acolyte	Wheeler	A. King	Boysen	S. Settle	A. Quast
Chalice Bearer	Michael W./ Lee M.	Michael W./ Patti S.	Sharon P./ Linda B.	Patti. S./ Lee. M	Patti S./ Linda B.
Reader	Bruce W.	Ann G.	Carolyn S.	Greg S.	Audrey K.
Coffee Hour	Plughoff/ Pitcher	Penner/ Parker	Schaub/ Schreck	Reimer/ Settle	D. Smith/ S. Smith
Children's Ministry	Charlotte/ Sarah	Sharon G./ Debbie	Betty K./ Sarah	Dixie R./ Sarah	Lisa A./ Sarah
Altar Guild	Marilyn	Lisa	Cindy & Annette E.	Sherry & Bonnie	open
Altar Flowers	open	Lent Greens	Lent Greens	Lent Greens	Lent Greens

**Reminder: If you are unable to provide service on the day scheduled, please make arrangements to find a replacement or trade places with someone.
Thank you.**



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Office Hours

Tuesdays 1:30—5 pm
Thursdays 9:00—noon
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Sunday Worship Hours

Worship and Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m.,
with nursery care