

VISION

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINTS ANDREW AND
MATTHEW

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Celebrate Carnival Sunday February 18!

Carnival Sunday 2007 will be celebrated on February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

On the threshold of Lent, we worship with great festivity in the spirit of the Mardi Gras and Caribbean Carnival traditions. In this joy-filled, but solemn celebration of song, dance, word, prayer, and Eucharist, let us give thanks for the transforming power of God's love in Christ. Then with uplifted spirits, may we embark upon the profoundly spiritual journey of Lent.

All are invited to wear appropriate garb.

Make plans now to attend this festive Eucharist.

Four Ash Wednesday Services, February 21

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Holy Eucharist at 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Choral Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Taizé Prayer Services on Tuesdays during Lent

As Lent begins, you may be asking yourself what you can do to more fully experience the meaning of the season.

This year we will hold contemplative prayer services in the tradition of Taizé (pronounced teh-ZAY). With the ever increasing stresses in our lives, the Lenten prayer services will focus specifically on God's love, mercy and compassion for us.

What is Taizé prayer?

Taizé prayer is a quiet simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. These meditative candlelit services include simple chants sung repeatedly; rich silence; and prayers of praise and intercession.

Taizé services emerged from an ecumenical community of monks in Taizé, France. Brother Roger, Taizé's founder, arrived in the French village in 1940. In the midst of World War II,

he dreamed of creating a community where reconciliation was a daily reality. He began by giving shelter to refugees of the war, especially Jews. Brother Roger recognized that the search for reconciliation was within each individual as well as within the community. Taizé is a sign of reconciliation. People from around the world, especially young people, come to Taizé looking for meaning in their lives as they prepare for responsibilities in their own communities.

During this Lenten season, be renewed by God through prayer, silence and searching. Taizé prayer is a wonderful way to become more peaceful and centered amidst a busy life.

Services will be held on Tuesdays during Lent beginning at 12:15 p.m.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Back in January, on the Sunday of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, SsAM presented its Fifth annual Interfaith Concert for Peace.

We present it to benefit one of our designated “Partners in Mission,” Delaware Pacem in Terris. This is a faith-based community organization working for peace and justice regionally and throughout the world.

It is fitting, of course, that this be held at the time that we remember Martin Luther King and his quest for unity, peace and justice in the world. Each of these concerts has been inspiring to say the least, and this year’s certainly was no exception.

It did my heart good to hear a Muslim Imam chanting the traditional Qur’anic “Call to Prayer” from the balcony, and to hear a Rabbi’s chant from the Torah all in this same sacred space!

“It can be done!” I heard myself say.

The highlight of the concert was the mass choir made up this year of people of Ba’hai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, and Jewish traditions. How beautiful their voices blended singing songs of our common longing for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

It can be done.

Interspersed between this thrilling, sometimes plaintive choral music, religious representatives read or chanted prayers and verses from their respective scriptures, extolling and calling forth the virtues of love and peace within the individual soul, in homes and communities and in the world at large. Some invited the audience to join in the chanting.

It can be done.

In fact, I could feel our vibrant energy becoming more and more in tune with the emotions of the singers, mounting almost to fever pitch as the evening wore on – sometimes on our feet, clapping and joining in with the singers and all there who were yearning for peace. This had become an occasion for uniting – for the moment at least – everyone in that church. It felt like we all were ready to go and “wage peace.”

It truly was a beautiful evening. SsAM has a lot to be thankful for. Not the least of which is that we have become recognized as a gathering place where folks in this community of all of our religious traditions can come and safely share with one another our waters from that River of Truth from which we all drink. Hopefully events such as these will soon lead to other joint activities and actions for addressing the ills right here in Delaware and in the wider world.

At times during the concert, I found myself musing about the fact that considering how divisive a force religion has been in many times and places, including in our own country, it will take people of faith to reverse the trend of mistrust and hatred which are at the heart of the arrogance, belligerence, terror, and war that this world is experiencing.

What a force for world transformation faith communities really could be.

“If it can be imagined, it can be done!”

Imagine such an interfaith event as this concert being part of the new strategy for diplomacy. Suppose that such events became the context for international negotiations for curbing the use of nuclear arms, exchange of prisoners and hostages, territorial issues, and other conflicts. The diplomats together with religious representatives of their respective nations would begin by sharing from the wisdom and prayers of their traditions, then they would join together in singing stirring and hopeful songs that have been pre-selected and agreed on by their pre-conference planning teams. After that, they get on with their discussions. At scheduled times throughout the negotiations, or when things get hot, they follow the same pattern.

I bet that it would make a positive difference in the outcomes of their meetings. Anyway, it’s worth the try. It sure beats the current alternative.

Peace,

World Day of Prayer



On Saturday, March 3, Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will host the Church Women United (CWU) World Day of Prayer. This year’s theme is “United Under God’s Tent.”

Each year the worship service is written by women of a different country. This year’s service is written by the women of Paraguay. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. on March 3 for coffee, and for the 10:30 a.m. service.

The theme will be explored in two other annual CWU events. In addition to the internationally celebrated Day of Prayer, CWU sponsors a May Friendship Day, and World Community Day.

ECW member Lu Soukup is vice-president of the New Castle County unit of Church Women United.

Need a Ride to Church?

The church has a van ministry which will pick up anyone needing a ride to SsAM on Sundays. If you need a ride, give Joyce Matlock at call at 994-2320. Please call no later than Friday.

Plan Now for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on February 20, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The menu will be chicken legs and breasts (fried or baked), green beans, macaroni & cheese, pancakes, a variety of desserts, and a beverage.

The cost for tickets to this popular event is \$8.00 each. They may be purchased from any ECW

member after Sunday services or through the church office. For ticket information, call Pat Griffin, 764-8468.

Volunteers are needed to help with serving and preparation. If you would like to volunteer, call Pat Hampton, 764-7907.

You may dine in the Auditorium, or do take-out.

Recent Addition in the Auditorium

A painting by Stanley Arthurs, a well-known member of the Brandywine School, entitled "A Study in Red and Black," which was donated to the church some years ago, has been rehung in the Auditorium recently.

This painting was commissioned to accompany a story appearing in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, March 1919. The original article may be found in the Delaware Art Museum Library. The setting is clearly the sanctuary of old St. Andrew's Church. Notice the pews and the windows on the lectern side of the aisle. The two men who are models were neighbors of Arthurs.

Arthurs shared studio space with Frank Schoonover, N. C. Wyeth and others at the corner of Rodney Street and 16th Street. All were men who studied under Howard Pyle. The studios, now owned by John Schoonover, Frank's grandson, are open to visitors by appointment.

The artists of the Brandywine school were primarily illustrators and there was great demand for their work. They were thought of as commercial artists, but in the decades to follow, recognition of their talents as serious painters has grown substantially. John Schoonover and Mike Neville have recently examined the painting and say that it is in stable condition, although cleaning and slight restoration would greatly enhance its effect.

Come, take a look, over the fireplace.



A popular tradition following the Supper is a Rite of Burning the Palms (Preparation of the Ashes for Ash Wednesday).

Bequest Received from Marielousie Williams

We have been informed by the Wilmington Trust Company that the church has been named as sole beneficiary of a term insurance policy owned by Marielousie Williams, who died on November 8, 2006. Ms. Williams was an employee of Wilmington Trust for many years but was not, as far as we can determine, a member of this congregation or of either of our former parishes.

We can conjecture that Ms. Williams had a connection with some ministry or program of our church that made a profound impact on her.

Whatever the reasons for her action, we are extremely grateful for her thoughtfulness and generosity. It is our understanding that after a few expenses are covered the church will realize over \$60,000.

Infant Baptism Schedule



Infant baptisms are scheduled to take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. and at the Bishop's Visit, Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Baptismal classes will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m., and Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Call the church office for more information.

Soup's On Again! Calling All Soup Makers!



Souper Bowl Sunday will again be held on Sunday, February 4.

In the past, we have had 8-10 members of the parish (not just women either) who have brought in a pot of soup to serve to those attending services that day.

The Community Advocacy Committee will again be organizing this event where cups of soup

are sold for \$1 each. After everyone has been served (including Canon Casson), we will then sell the remaining soup in pint containers to take home. Alice Smith will be available at the end of the 8:00 service to serve any soups that come in during that service, so those who attend the early service can join in the fun!

If you are willing to make a pot of soup, please contact Alice Smith (home phone/leave message: 376-0200) or email alice@dcul.org. Leave your name and the type of soup you will be bringing.

If you do not have a favorite soup recipe to contribute, why not bring in a can of soup which we can contribute to Friendship House?

Souper Bowl Sunday is a compassionate alternative for those wishing to participate rather than spectate for the Super Bowl. Souper Bowl Sunday is a charity drive by church congregations nationwide to help feed the hungry in their communities.

This "Souper Bowl of Caring" was founded by the Rev. Brad Smith, an associate pastor at the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. His concept was straight-forward - congregations simply ask parishioners to give \$1 each as they leave worship that Sunday. Churches have expanded on the concept, with many, like SsAM, selling soup made by members of the congregation.

Tuesday Lenten Lunches Begin February 27

Every year in January a group of women here at SsAM start enthusiastically planning for the annual Lenten Lunches. It is with this same camaraderie that the lunches began at the old Saint Andrew's over sixty years ago. At that time, they were served five days a week for fun, fellowship and fundraising and in order to give the downtown workers a delicious home-cooked meal.

Oyster stew and scallops were among the early dishes. As the years progressed, it was gradually cut back to serving just one day a week due to all the work involved.

The new church of SsAM has continued this tradition.

Lunches are served on Tuesdays in Lent with prep work such as making soup stock and baking pies done on Monday morning at the church. Tuesday morning the food is finished, and serving begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m.

Some of the popular items include the tuna, chicken, and egg salad, and fresh baked turkey sandwiches. Chicken with rice and cream of mushroom soups, as well as lemon meringue, key lime, and pecan pies are also favorites.

It takes many volunteers to complete all of the tasks. There are people from other churches that have been helping through the years and there are church newcomers as well as members that have been volunteering for over fifty years, and a group of retired men that also help serve and bus the tables.

If you would like to volunteer to work or donate a home baked dessert, please contact Dot Dorsey (chairperson) or one of the other committee members. Betty Townsend (co-chair), Nancy Ware, Gloria Conner-Bungy, Carolyn Haon, and Susan Murphree comprise the remainder of the planning committee.

The lunches complement the noontime worship, which this year will feature contemplative prayer services in the

tradition of Taizé. See page one for more details.

Even if you don't have time to help out, please plan on coming to SsAM each Tuesday during Lent to enjoy homemade lunches as well as the service.

Singles' Valentine Day Dinner Scheduled



The Downtown Committee will host its annual Singles' Valentine's Day Dinner on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Details are still being finalized, but we plan to partner with Rev. Aaron Moore and Manna Christian Fellowship Church as we have in the past.

Tickets are expected to be \$10 a person.

Keep the Date - March 31

The Pastoral Care Ministry will have a dinner for Friendship House gentlemen on March 31.

Please reserve the date. Details will follow in the Weekly Vision.

Surviving on Wilmington Streets: Friendship House Is There to Help



Many of you heard Bill and Marcie Perkins speak at a recent Sunday service. Friendship House, Bill and Marcie's labor of love, provides a sanctuary and stepping stone for 150-200 homeless individuals and families.

In the first eight months of 2006, Friendship House saw more clients than in all of 2005! What's going on?

According to a recent article in their newsletter, the majority of the individuals who seek help at Friendship House are driven by the difficult economic climate in which they strive to live. Several factors contribute to this problem:

*"Tougher to get a job you can live on." Permanent jobs are scarce, and often individuals do not have needed skills. The outsourcing of blue-collar jobs to temporary employment services that pay no benefits and tolerate no absences has created a problem. Landlords deny these individuals housing because they won't accept temporary jobs as a stable source of income.

*An influx of new clients, persons who recently became homeless; persons crossing state borders to access Delaware's welfare reform program who have exhausted their benefits elsewhere; persons simply seeking "new pastures."

*Recently incarcerated individuals. People without stable jobs or homes are more likely to lose everything if they are arrested or incarcerated. Upon their release, they must start over with nothing. Forty percent of the Friendship House Day Center clients are involved with the Department of Corrections in some way.

*Notably higher proportion of mentally ill clients. Most people who remain homeless for more than three months tend to destabilize. Shelters typically require applicants to have a mental evaluation and be on prescribed medication to be admitted.

*Difficulty in getting client IDs and birth certificates. With the passage of the Homeland Security's Real ID Act, it is almost impossible for the homeless to get birth certificates, social security cards and state IDs. Meanwhile clients are in limbo and unemployed. To overcome this barrier, Friendship House is spending more money and staff hours than before.

*Street drugs seem to be much stronger and more addictive. Some persons who were able to function on weaker dosages now become dysfunctional.

Want more information on how to help?

*Take a tour of Friendship House programs. At the end of ninety minutes, you'll have a good idea of all that they offer. Please call Lu Johnston at 652-8033 to set up a time convenient to your schedule.

*Participate in a "street retreat." Participants gather at 6:00 a.m. at the Women's Center at SsAM for prayer, orientation and meeting their mentors. A typical street day is 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. when participants return to the Center. Wear comfortable shoes! Call Bill Perkins or Roxane Blake at 652-8133 for details and scheduling.

*Make a contribution. Friendship House neither seeks nor accepts government funding. To meet its 2007 budget, \$50,000 of projected expenses had to be eliminated.

Send contributions to Friendship House, P.O. Box 1517, Wilmington, DE 19899.

Birthdays

February

2	15
Eudel Drain	Eugene McGowan
3	Cheryl Tyree
Paul Gaskell	16
5	Judith Jones
Sheila Dorsey	17
Thomas Kerr	Lloyd Casson
6	Jasmine Hargis
Wanda Smith	19
E. Jennifer Christy	Erica Jones
Bert Nicholls	23
8	Patricia Richmond
Theodore Spaulding	25
12	Tona Huiner
Courtney Streett	26
14	Willard Johns
Linda Hunter-Moss	27
Evelyn Poe	Sierra Dorsey
Diana Myers	Lois Ridout
	28
	LaVerne Cheatham

March

5	24
Christa Heyward	Vern Bethea
Thomas Roberts, Sr.	25
6	Steven Hengel
Deborah MacKelcan	Orlen Washington II
8	27
Sylvia Banks	Steven James
Mary Elizabeth Feasel	28
10	Alice Sawyer
Paul Ellison	Gwenita Walker
14	29
Harvey Jones	Shawn Dorsey
Carl Webster	Sara Hengel
18	30
Audrey Butler	Tyler Hastie
19	31
Joseph Hargis	Carson Bethea
20	
Rachel Gaskell	
23	
Myrdis Dyton	



Join Us on the Lenten Journey to Easter



The Lenten Journey to Easter begins on **Ash Wednesday**, February 21, 2007.

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist is at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS IN LENT

Lenten Lunches 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages.

Taizé Prayer Service 12:15 p.m.

Contemplative prayer services in the tradition of Taizé. With the ever increasing stresses in our lives, these services will focus on God's love, mercy and compassion for us.

Meditation Class 7:00 p.m.

"Be Still and Know."

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Healing Service 12:30 p.m.

Laying on of Hands, Anointment and Prayer with Holy Communion.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

The purpose of Holy Week is to provide experiences which enable us to be present in the final events of Jesus' life.

Through processions, story and dramatic liturgy, in darkness and light, the past and the present are joined. We are there; then becomes now.

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 1

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion and Homily

10:30 a.m. - Choral Eucharist and Sermon

Dramatic presentation of the Passion according to St. Mark; music by the Adult Choir and Choral Scholars. This service features a festive beginning with the blessing of palms and procession, re-enacting Jesus' triumphal and final entry into Jerusalem amidst happy cheers of the crowds; then shifts to a poignant, dramatic presentation of the Gospel account of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 2

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

The service of the Stations of the Cross adapts an ancient custom observed by Christian pilgrims in Jerusalem since the fourth century: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city which are traditionally associated with the events of Jesus' sentencing to death, his agonizing walk while bearing his cross through the streets of Jerusalem, and his crucifixion, death and burial. As participants process around the church, they stop at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross for scripture readings, prayers and meditation.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 3

12:15 p.m. - Noonday Prayer

7:00 p.m. - Guided Meditation

This quiet period of guided meditation begins our gradual descent into the depths of Holy Week, and into ourselves.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 4

12:15 p.m. - The Ministry of Healing and Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae

Music by the Men of the Adult Choir with musical improvisation by Ana Hernandez and Ruth Cunningham.

Tenebrae is a Latin word, signifying "darkness," "shadows." The name is taken from the words in the Gospel describing the scene at Jesus' death: *Tenebrae factae sunt*. Darkness covered (the whole land when Jesus was crucified).

Throughout the service there is a progressive extinguishing of all lights in the church except one candle. Psalms, lessons and prayers form a prolonged experience of abandonment, judgment and death, with an obscure hint of resurrection symbolized by the remaining candle.

Upcoming Musical Events

Festival Choral Evensong - Te Deum

Sunday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Featuring the world premiere of *Te Deum* by David Schelat. Commissioned to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, Mr. Schelat will conduct the Adult Choir,

Free-will offering; reception following.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Annunciation

Sunday, March 25, 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir and Choral Scholars sing music celebrating the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary and her response to God – a response which serves as a model for the church and the world.

Free-will offering; reception following.

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 5

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily
7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Washing of Feet, Holy Communion and Sermon, Strip-ping of the Altar
Music by the Choral Scholars

The name for this Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning “commandment,” after the traditional reading at this service from the Gospel of John: “This is my commandment: that you love one another even as I have loved you.” On this night, we re-enact Jesus’ washing of the disciples’ feet, as he did at his last supper with them; and following his mandate, we wash one another’s feet. At that same supper, Jesus shared with his disciples the bread and wine as his Body and Blood, and commanded them: “Do this in remembrance of me.” We commemorate this Institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist with solemn simplicity. (The consecrated bread and wine from this service is reserved in a temporary shrine, before which worshipers may pray and meditate for a time during the hours following the service.) At the end of the service, all candles are extinguished, the altar is stripped bare and the church rendered austere, reminding us of Jesus’ sudden arrest. The church remains bare and without candlelight all day Friday and Saturday, except for a large, crude wooden cross.

FRIDAY IN HOLY WEEK -GOOD FRIDAY - April 6

12 noon - 3:00 p.m. - The Three Hours - Meditations and Sermons on the Seven Last Words of Christ, featuring Dubois' *Seven Last Words*.
Music by the Adult Choir and members of community choirs and choruses.

The Three Hour service is a very recent descendant of the Passion Plays, such as in Oberammergau, Germany, and held on the day and time traditionally considered as the actual hours during which Jesus hung on the cross. During these hours we hear and reflect upon his final words spoken from the cross. In its shadow, he speaks to us through sermons, prayers, hymns, anthems and silence. At the end, the church bell tolls thirty-three times for each year of Jesus’ life.

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy - Veneration of the Cross

At the evening service, the ancient Good Friday Liturgy includes the Passion reading and solemn prayers for the whole world, and features the special rite in which each person present may express devotion to the cross by kissing, bowing, kneeling or lying prostrate before it. “We glory in your cross, O Lord, for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world.” Communion is administered from the Reserved Sacrament from the Maundy Thursday Shrine.

SATURDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 7

12:00 p.m. - The Service for Noon Day
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Rite of Reconciliation

The Service for Noon Day is a time of prayer and silent meditation as Christ rests in the tomb. At the Rite of Reconciliation (the Sacrament of Penance), opportunity is given for those who wish to make a personal and private confession.

7:00 p.m. - THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Music by the Choral Scholars

On Easter Eve, “this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life,” we celebrate the most ancient of all of these services. Exiting slowly from darkness into the brilliant light of the resurrection, we experience anew the victory over the powers of darkness that is ours in the Light of Christ. In the early church, this was the traditional time for baptizing new Christians, symbolizing their passage from an old life of sin to new life in the Risen Christ. The service begins in darkness with the kindling of new fire and the lighting and procession of the Paschal Candle. Chanting of Psalms and readings from scripture in candlelight are followed by Holy Baptism or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Then, with sudden bursts of light, shouts of “Alleluia,” hymns and anthems, the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY - April 8

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily with Hymns
10:30 a.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist and Sermon
Music by the Adult Choir and Choral Scholars



With great solemnity, music and fanfare, the Church proclaims the Good News: “Alleluia, Christ is risen!” “The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!” Celebrating with joy the principal festival of our faith tradition, we acknowledge the very foundation of our existence. This festival begins the Fifty Days of Easter concluding with Pentecost. During this season, we reflect on the meaning and implications of this faith for our lives as individual Christians and as the Body of Christ in the Church and in the World.

SsAM Soul Kicks into High Gear in 2007

It's 2007 and we give thanks for SsAM and the SsAM Soul Youth Group.

We are already pretty busy this new year. Our focus remains on education, leadership, mission and worship. Our officers, Nikki Annan, Jordan Hastie, Alex Oates, and Phil Glass continue to provide leadership for our group. And we are excited to welcome new member, Tyler Byrd.

There's a lot going on. Be sure to note your calendar for our regular meetings, now twice per month, volunteer/outreach opportunities, movie and brunch dates, trips and the 1st Annual Spring Family Banquet/Fashion Show scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Keep your eye out for our flyers, mailings which will keep SsAM teens up to date with our plans and specific dates to set aside.

This month we place the 'Spotlight' on Gloria Williams.

We invite you to join in the fun and be part of our group. If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, you are invited to attend our meetings and participate in our activities. Also, remember this newsletter is the first place to look to find out what's going on with and for SsAM teenagers. Please share this newsletter with your family and friends.



Youth Confirmation Class Announced

Preparation for full membership in the Episcopal Church. Minimum age: 12 years. Classes begin 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 10. To register or request more information, please call the church office, 656-6628.

Youth Calendar of Events

February

11	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Teen meeting
20	After school	Pancake dinner
21	Various times	Ash Wednesday
25	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Teen Meeting

March

10	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Youth Confirmation class
11	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Teen meeting
17	10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Acolyte & Choir Festival, Cathedral of St. John
18	12:30 p.m.	Brunch at Olive Garden
25	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Teen meeting
31	All Day	Camp Arrowhead

Saint Valentine Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 you are known as the God of Love,
 and today we are celebrating St. Valentine –
 Teach me how to make use of the gift of love.
 Let me love you above all
 and others in and for you.
 Make me faithful to my loved ones,
 loyal, dedicated, compassionate, and concerned.
 Let me overlook their human failings
 and dwell on their good points.
 Enable me to love them
 not so much for what they can do for me
 but for what I can do for them.
 Amen.

Spotlight on Gloria Williams



Gloria lives in Newark with her mother, step-father and brother Forrest. Gloria's nickname is Sissy. She is 15, a ninth grader and attends the Pencader Charter High School. She is a cheerleader. Her favorite subjects are Science and Economic Application.

According to Gloria, the words that best describe her personality are funny, nice and sweet. She spends her free time

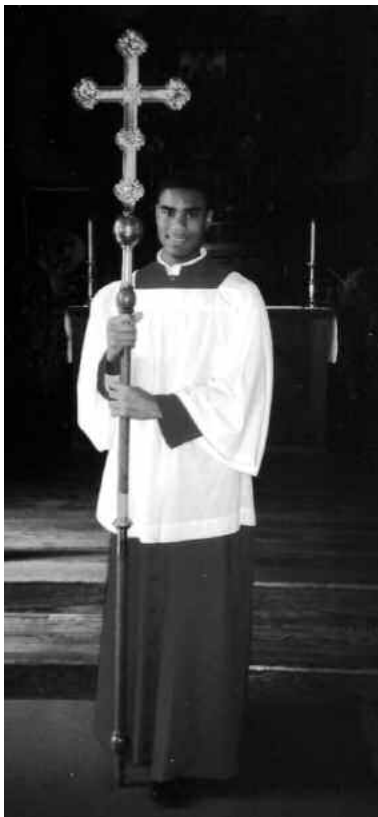
hanging out with her friends and family, listening to music, watching television and spending time on the computer. Her favorite celebrities are Beyonce and Cassie.

Gloria can be seen at SsAM on Sundays with her family including her grandmother Gloria Conner-Bungy assisting the Sunday School, helping out with coffee hour and serving as an acolyte and usher. She has also attended PeaceKids Camp.

Gloria was confirmed last year by Bishop Wright and is an active member of our SsAM Soul teen group. Gloria's goal is to be successful in life.

Gloria, the entire SsAM faith community supports you!

2007 Diocesan Acolyte and Choir Festival



The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware and the Diocese of Delaware proudly present the 2007 Diocesan Acolyte and Choir Festival for Children and Youth (ages 9-18) at the Cathedral Church of Saint John, on March 17.

Bishop Wright will lead the acolytes and choristers as they rededicate themselves to the service of God's church.

Please contact Linda Jackson, 302-762-2400, linron3@cs.com, or the church office 302-656-6628 for more information or if you plan on attending.

Learn about Pastoral Care

In our effort to continue to explore and participate in the various SsAM ministries, we are learning more about the Pastoral Care Ministry from Pastoral Committee Chairperson Carolyn Haon and Diaconate Inquirer/Parent Michelle Hastie.

During our regularly scheduled teen meetings, they are training and preparing us to participate in visitations to our sick and homebound SsAM members.

We are looking forward to our visits and think of them as a way to introduce ourselves and support our members who are unable to attend church services on Sundays.

Calling All Teen Volunteers

Tuesday, February 20th is the date of SsAM's annual Pancake Dinner sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women. Your help is needed! Come after school and help with serving, preparing take-out dinners, and in the coat room.

Youth and Family Banquet/Fashion Show Scheduled



You are invited to join us as we celebrate families during the 1st Annual Spring Family Banquet/Fashion Show, Saturday, April 21, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, sponsored by the SsAM Soul teen group.

The location: SsAM auditorium. Tickets: Adults \$10.00, children under 10 - \$5.00.

While you dine on a delicious full-course meal, the red carpet will be rolled out for our youth, from our

youngest tots to high schoolers. They will model the latest fashions, featuring the latest casual and upscale styles and trends, for the spring/summer season.

Please call Linda Jackson 302 762-2400, the church office 302 656-6628 or speak to a SsAM youth member if you are interested in participating in the Fashion Show or purchasing tickets. Make plans to bring your entire family and make this a fun-filled event.

The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew

*Membership Classes for Adults- Spring 2007

MONDAY EVENINGS (February 27 - May 14, 2007) 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

and Saturday morning, May 26, from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

“EMBRACING LIFE IN FAITH”

discussions for inquirers on the history and traditions of the Christian Faith,
scriptures, spirituality, and ethics for daily living

February 27	Class I "What do you seek?" - Exploring our personal mission.
March 5	Class II "At the Center:" Encountering Jesus of Nazareth
March 12	Class III "At the Center:" Encountering Jesus of Nazareth- Part II
March 19	Class IV "The Christ of the Church:" The Creeds
March 26	Class V "A great cloud of witnesses:" A brief history of the Christian Church and our Anglican heritage.
April 2	Class VI (Monday in Holy Week; class follows Stations of the Cross) "On these shores:" The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.
April 9	(Monday in Easter Week) NO CLASS
April 16	Class VII "Divine Inspiration:"The Holy Scriptures
April 23	Class VIII "The Body of Christ:"Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, the Book of Common Prayer
April 30	Class IX "Servants of God, Ministers of the Church:" Laity, Bishops, Priests and Deacons
May 7	Class X "Go forth into the world..:" Christian Discipleship. Our place in the church and the world.
May 14	Class XI "Go forth into the world..:" Christian Discipleship. Our place in the church and the world. Part II
May 21	NO CLASS
May 26 (Saturday)	Class XII "The Visitation of the bishop:" Preparation for the service.

*These classes are for anyone wishing to inquire about the Christian Faith, the Episcopal Church and the particular mission of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. *They are required for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows*, to take place at the Bishop's Visit, Sunday, May 27, 2007, 10:30 a.m. *Adults may choose to be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.*

Call the church office to register for classes 302-656-6628.

Communication Committee Reports on Latest Meeting

We had ten people attend our meeting on January 14. Ideas were in abundance and, we're glad to say, folks actually volunteered to make some of these ideas a reality, God willing. Below is a summary of what we decided, an ambitious list of ideas that seemed possible at the time. To learn more, or to update an entry, contact the committee chair, Danny Schweers, at 475-0998

Internal Communications

Weekly News Gathering

Gathering the news is our most important need at the moment. Three members - Joyce Bembry, Ken Francis and Jim Linderman - have volunteered to gather the news of SsAM each week, so it can then be e-mailed to everyone, put on our On-Line Events Calendar, published in the *Weekly Vision* and the monthly *Vision*, posted on a bulletin board at church, and echoed in Diocesan publications.

Weekly E-Mail

Diane Clarke Street and members of our Youth Group and their parents (including Jennifer Glass) are tentatively involved in gathering e-mail addresses that will be used to send out a weekly e-mail of announcements. Danny will contact members of the Vestry to see if sending out a weekly e-mail might be one of the duties of the yet-to-be-hired administrative assistant.

Update On-Line Events Calendar

Judith Gregory has volunteered to add the most significant events to our On-Line Events Calendar, including music events.

Bulletin Board of Announcements

Judith Gregory volunteered to maintain a bulletin board where events will be posted. She may have said she won awards in high school for three-dimensional boards.

External Communications

Newspaper Advertising

Pat Hampton and Danny Schweers agreed to propose newspaper advertising for the year now that other Episcopal churches are no longer doing a cooperative ad. Our current

budget is about \$3,000 a year. By January 21, Pat and Danny will propose what events will be advertised through March. By mid-February, they will have a budget for the whole year. Suggested events to be advertised are February 11 Evensong-Te Deum; Pancake Supper; Mardi Gras Sunday; Lenten Lunches; Easter services; Lloyd's farewell; June 30 SsAM Downtown Festival

Diocesan Publications

Judy Gregory volunteered to keep the Diocese informed of our activities, using what she can find in the *Weekly Vision* and what our news gatherers send her.

One Big Publicity Project

The Communications Committee should have one big publicity project this year, a push that will get the attention of all Wilmington. David Christopher's suggestion: SsAM's Downtown Festival on June 30.

Flyers and Door Hangers

The idea is for these to be distributed by hand or by mail to our neighbors. Danny told about the Youth at Westminster Presbyterian going door-to-door collecting canned goods and leaving flyers as they left each door. Someone else told about a week-long distribution of doorhangers, with each distribution followed by a meal together. David Christopher talked about him, personally, distributing flyers throughout the neighborhood and was very positive that a few people could distribute many. DESIGN: Liz Hutchinson, a professional graphic artist, could be asked to do special designs, for about \$100/each. Other designs might come from our Youth, from nearby Delaware College of Art and Design (DCAD), as a class projects or contests.

Updated Outdoor Sign

The idea is to more effectively use the outdoor sign on the corner of 8th and Shipley. Challenge is to do this in a timely manner. Usually the idea for a sign comes too late to implement.

Danny Schweers, Chair

Piffaro: Sweet Pipes: the Art of the Recorder



On Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m., Piffaro returns to SsAM for another in their concert series.

The dulcet sounds of the recorder in its myriad forms and sizes will predominate in this program of music from the late medieval through the early

Baroque periods, with Piffaro's plucked strings, double reeds and brass as supporting characters.

From the soft solo piping of a medieval recorder in early 15th century repertoire, to the glorious organ-like sounds of the full consort from contra-bass (not one, but two!) to soprano in music of the late 16th and early 17th centuries, this program will illustrate the recorder's richness and versatility.

With guest artists Daphna Mor, Priscilla Smith and Doug Milliken. Also making a special appearance will be the winner of a recorder competition for middle and high school students sponsored by Piffaro.

For tickets or more information call (215) 235-8469 or visit www.piffaro.com.

Tickets: \$25 Preferred, \$20 General, \$15 Students/Seniors.

Upcoming Activities & Events

February

- 4 10:30 a.m. AIM Sunday
- 12:30 p.m. Forum on Church Organ, Crypt Hall
- 10 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting
- 11 6:00 p.m. Festival Choral Evensong, *Te Deum* premieres
- 14 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Dinner
- 18 10:30 a.m. Carnival Sunday
- AIM Sunday
- 20 4:00-7:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 21 Ash Wednesday services
- 25 2:00 p.m. Regal Healthcare Center
- 4:00 p.m. Piffaro concert

March

- 4 10:30 a.m. AIM Sunday
- 10 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting
- 18 10:30 a.m. AIM Sunday
- 4:00 p.m. Tribute to Dan Ridout, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 25 2:00 p.m. Regal Healthcare Center
- 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, Feast of the Annunciation
- 31 TBA Friendship House dinner

The Daily Parish Calendar can be seen on the SsAM website—www.ssam.org.

Tribute to Dan Ridout

Sunday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1503 W. 13th Street

A special musical tribute to one of the area's most prolific and beloved African-American composers. With a special chorus directed by David Christopher.



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