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A QUIET TIME

*The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.
Habakkuk 2:20*

Starting this Sunday, February 5, and continuing thereafter on the first Sunday of the month, there will be an opportunity to pray in silence for the needs of our parish community and for the cares of the world. This time of quiet prayer in the church will follow the 10 o'clock service and will last for fifteen minutes. Members of the Parish Care Committee and the Intercessory Prayer Group are encouraged to attend but all parishioners are invited. Individual votive candles will be lit for specific intentions and a bell will ring signaling the end of the prayer time. Participants may then choose to join the coffee hour or proceed to the Adult Forum.

PARISH NEWS – Feb. 1, 2012

Weekday eucharist: Wednesday, 7:15 a.m.

The Flower Chart for 2012

A new flower chart is posted downstairs in the Common room if you would like to sign up to give flowers in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for a loved one on a particular Sunday. You do not need to provide the flowers unless you would like to from your own garden. There is a special container they must fit into so please stop by the church office to get measurements. If you prefer to have the florist deliver flowers we arrange for that. Suggested donation is \$65 (this covers the cost of the bouquet and delivery). Checks should be made out to Parish of the Good Shepherd with "flowers" noted in the memo area of your check. The office will be in touch as your chosen date draws near to find out how you would like the dedication to read and to see if you have special requests.

Adult Forums

February 5, 12 and 19: Science and Religion

Is there a war between science and religion? And has science won? Or does a proper understanding of the relationship between science and religion leave them both strong, and actually enrich our understanding of not just religion but of God? Charles Foster will lead us in an exploration of the history of the debate between science and religion, and issues such as evolution and Intelligent Design, and neuroscience and religion.

Lenten Forum Series, beginning February 26: The Gospel of John

This Lent we will meditate the riches and mysteries of the Fourth Gospel. We will explore how John differs from the other three gospels; Jesus' unique identity in John; John's version of the Passion narrative, and the difficult issue of John's harsh language about the Jews. Join us for an in-depth reading of a biblical book that has had an enormous influence on the Christian faith.

We never have enough hymnals !

If you would like to give a hymnal in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, please call or email the church office. Hymnals are \$25.

Sir Geoffrey Hill

Former Good Shepherd parishioner Geoffrey Hill, who is now Professor of Poetry at Oxford, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth and is now Sir Geoffrey Hill. Geoffrey's wife, the acclaimed librettist Alice Goodman, is a priest of the Church of England. There was a long and really interesting interview with Alice in the Guardian (UK) on Monday of this week. Congratulations to Sir Geoffrey and Lady Alice.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

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FEBRUARY

5 - 8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM Level I Atrium resumes
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room;
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

12 - 8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room,
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

19 - 8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room,
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

19-25: High School Youth Group will be at Camp Restore in New Orleans, LA

21 - 6:00 PM Annual Parish Mardi Gras Potluck

22 - Ash Wednesday

26 - First Sunday in Lent
8:45 AM: Nursery Open
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9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
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"2011 – A Year in Review", a slideshow presented at the Annual Parish Meeting, has been posted to the Christian Ed blog, True Vine Chronicles: <http://truevinechronicles.blogspot.com> - scroll to the entry for January 22, 2012.

Level I Good Shepherd Atrium resumes this Sunday! We will be reviewing all that we have learned in the Atrium so far this year: how to walk (slowly, with our feet being very careful), how to talk (with a quiet voice so that we can hear God in our hearts), and. Following a couple weeks of review, we will welcome the season of Lent and begin hearing of the parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, including the Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Parable of the Leaven. Children will also begin learning some of the Gestures of the Mass.

Block IV begins February 19 and runs through April 1. Will you consider teaching? We especially need a teacher for the middle school class of sixth through eighth graders. The curriculum is terrific - - and so are the kids! Speak with Patty Morgan or any member of the Christian Education Committee, or Mary Ann Stewart.

Faithfully,
Mary Ann.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
12 noon Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes