



# March@Trinity

## Tuesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. "Well, well, well!" Tuesdays at Trinity's March program presents Phil Swain, director of Upland Hills Health's Wellness Center, who will discuss how the Center's programs—including acupuncture, massage, tai chi, and yoga—can help you stay healthy. Free; all are welcome. (See pg. 5.)

## Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24

6:00 p.m. Lenten devotions, followed by a soup and bread supper in the undercroft and videos of Church history. See pg. 7.

## Sunday, March 7

9:30 a.m. As is usual on the first Sunday of the month, all contributions at coffee hour go to the Mineral Point Care Center's "Dimes for Bingo" program.

## Tuesday, March 9

1:00 p.m. Trinity Guild meeting in the undercroft. All parish women are invited to attend.

## Sunday, March 14

2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring forward!

## Monday, March 15

7:00 p.m. Vestry meeting in the undercroft. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## Wednesday, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick, bishop.

## Friday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

## Thursday, March 25

Feast of the Annunciation.

## Holy Week, beginning March 28

Please see the schedule at right and watch your bulletin for more information.

## Birthdays

- 2 Heather Johnson
- 5 Larry Hector
- 6 Kathy Madigan
- 11 Fr. John Edwards
- 14 Tess Oberhauser
- 20 Ann Chapman
- 23 Jenna Breckon



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Lenten Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. devotions, followed by a soup and bread supper in the undercroft and videos of Church history. See pg. 7.

### Palm Sunday—March 28

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

### Maundy Thursday—April 1

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

### Good Friday—April 2

1:00 p.m. ecumenical service at Trinity.

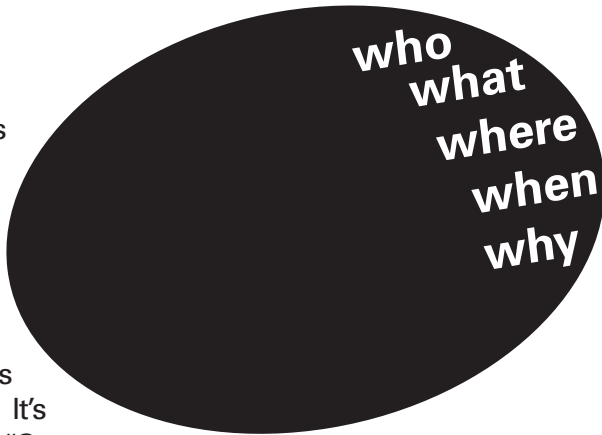
### Holy Saturday—April 3

4:00 p.m. Lighting of the New Fire, renewal of baptismal vows.

### Easter Sunday—April 4

9:30 Holy Eucharist, followed by reception in the undercroft.





■ For everyone who was drooling over **Barbara Hector's** incredible cinnamon rolls at coffee hour on February 14 (and that's everyone who was there!), here's the recipe, which Barbara is kindly sharing with us. It's from the January issue of "Something Special," the newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Madison, and is credited to Jennifer Green Johnson.

**Super-Easy Caramel Rolls**

*(to be started the night before)*

- 24 frozen white rolls
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 small box butterscotch pudding (not instant)
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar

*Directions*

Butter a 9x13 pan (sides too), and sprinkle with pecans. Place 24 rolls in pan and dust with dry pudding mix. Melt butter, mix with the brown sugar, and drizzle the mixture on top of the pudding-dusted rolls. Cover with buttered wax paper and leave on the counter overnight. They will rise quite nicely. (Push them down some so they "stay in the pan" for cooking.) In the morning, bake at 375° for 20 minutes. Yum!

■ **Fr. Hector** reports that Bishop Miller has us on his calendar, and will join us to participate in this year's Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 12.

■ The minutes of the December 2009 Vestry meeting, as published in the February 2010 *High Notes*, were approved at the Vestry's February 15 meeting. Citing a full 2010

calendar, the Vestry also voted at that meeting not to invite the All Saints' Gospel Choir of Milwaukee back for another Gospel Fest this year, although next year is a possibility.

■ **Ann Chapman** writes that she "attended *Love Bites* [at Shake Rag] which was great fun and ended up being sold out." And she notes, "I wrote a poem for the Valentine's Day contest . . ." [Ed. Note: And it won third place!] *The Butterfly leaps at the flame*  
*My heart begins to burst*  
*In a trance I cry*  
*Remember the magic,*  
*The candle draws the breeze*  
*The memory lingers.*

■ Retired Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong, who has been called "a hero to some, a heretic to others," will deliver the annual Lyons Lecture on April 10 at First United Methodist Church, Madison. Early registration is advisable (go to <http://www.wisconsinumc.org/madison-firstumc> or call 608-256-9061). Registration for the all-day event is \$50 and includes a box lunch.

■ We have received a check for \$27.61 from Piggly-Wiggly, which represents our share of the 2009 church rebate program. ❖

**Books**—con't from pg. 3

*Vestry of Trinity Church, Mineral Point for the use of the rector for the time being.*"

At first nothing clicked. Then I turned the books on their sides and saw what I had missed: Most of them were stamped, "Trinity Ch Mineral Point."

Slowly the full import of what I was holding in my hands roared through me. I held books that had been printed in 1757, sixty-six years after the archbishop's death in 1694.

And now that we know what we have, comes the challenge of trying to discover how they came to be property of Trinity, how did they ever leave our possession; and finally, how did they ever wind up in Glee's basement?

**Many questions, few answers**

Of course, conjecture runs rampant, but unfortunately I've been unable to find any specific information to date. Bishop White, for whom the library association that gave the books to Trinity was named, fought with George Washington during the Revolutionary War and served as the first chaplain to the U.S. Senate. Perhaps more important to our story, he was also the mentor for Fr. (later, Bishop) Jackson Kemper, who was his assistant at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Could Bishop Kemper have brought these books to us as a gift when he consecrated Trinity church in 1855?

Or maybe the Rev. Richard Cadle brought them with him when he came to Southwest Wisconsin after

*(Con't on pg. 6)*

# Trends in Episcopal Church Membership

Excerpted from *Episcopal Life Online*

At its meeting in Omaha on February 21, the Episcopal church's Executive Council heard that church membership and Sunday attendance continued to decline in 2008, but also heard a call for the church to promote knowledge of the characteristics of growing congregations.

During his statistic-laden hour-long report, Kirk Hadaway, the church's program officer for congregational research, told the council that congregations grow when they are in growing communities; have a clear mission and purpose; follow up with visitors; have strong leadership; and are involved in outreach and evangelism.

Congregations decline, he said, when their membership is older and predominantly female; are in conflict, particularly over leadership, and where worship is "rote, predictable and uninspiring."

The primary source of the statistics for Hadaway's report is the canonically required (Canon 1.6.1) information filed annually with diocesan bishops by each congregation. The so-called parochial reports are due by March 1 of the following year . . . .

The 2008 parochial reports show overall church membership at 2,225,682 people, with a total average Sunday attendance (ASA) at 747,376. Those totals compare with 2007 membership of 2,285,143 and total ASA at 768,476. The dioceses in the United States saw a 2.8 percent drop in membership and a 3.1 percent decrease in ASA. Overall church membership—including 10 non-U.S. dioceses—was down 2.6 percent and attendance dropped 2.7

percent for the entire church.

Hadaway suggested that "If we're going to turn this around—or at least turn around the decline—more attention needs to be paid to the things that result in growth, rather than to the broader cultural factors that are affecting our current patterns." Those cultural factors include

such things as an aging population with declining birthrates and an increase in the number of Americans who claim no religious affiliation," he said. "It's a caretaker sort of ministry, which is good and helpful, but it's a prescription for continuing decline."

Hadaway agreed with council

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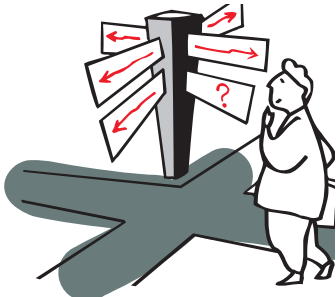
**Free!**

# Well, well, well!

**Acupuncture? Massage? Tai chi? Yoga?**

*Find out how Upland Hills' Wellness programs can help you stay well.  
Phil Swain has the story.*

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**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
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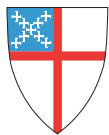
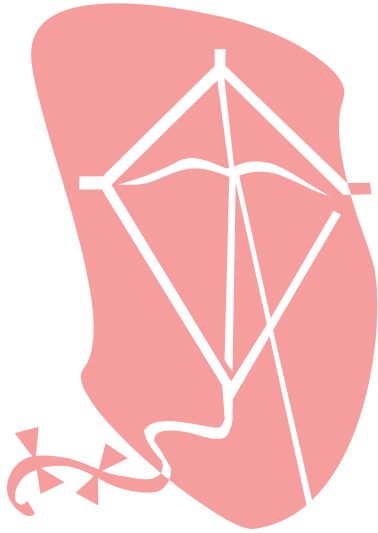
**A FREE "Tuesdays at Trinity" presentation.**  
**All are welcome.**





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# Trinity Church

*The Episcopal Parish in Iowa County, Wisconsin*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** . . . . .

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and laying on of hands for healing  
 9:30 a.m. Christian Formation for children

**WARDENS** . . . . .

Jan Johnson, *Senior Warden* (2010)  
 Fred Bowden, *Junior Warden* (2010)

**VESTRY** . . . . .

Brent Bowers (2010)  
 Joan Faull (2011)  
 Carolyn Hunt (2010)  
 Bob Oberhauser (2011)  
 Mark Prouty (2012)  
 Susanne Southwood, *Clerk* (2012)

**ALSO** . . . . .

Le Hector, *Altar Guild*  
 Sara Hector, *Treasurer*  
 Dorothy Prouty, *Musician*  
 Marjorie Roberts, *Trinity Guild*

News deadline for *High Notes* is the 20th of the month preceding publication. Please send your news to Susanne Southwood, [deltadirect@earthlink.net](mailto:deltadirect@earthlink.net).

## Trinity elects new Vestry members

At the annual Parish Meeting, held this year on January 31, **Mark Prouty** and **Susanne Southwood** were elected to succeed themselves and serve further three-year terms on the Vestry. **Kate Martin**, whose term was to expire in 2010, indicated that she was no longer able to serve, and **Carolyn Hunt** was elected to serve the remaining year of that term.

“We are grateful to Kate for her years of faithful Vestry service,” said Senior Warden **Jan Johnson** “and we look forward to continuing our work, with Carolyn.”

At the same meeting, Jan Johnson and **Fred Bowden** were re-elected Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively; **Sara Hector** was re-elected as Treasurer; Jan and Susanne were elected to represent Trinity at the Deanery Convocations; and Jan, Fred, **Barbara Hector**, and Susanne were elected to represent Trinity at the Diocesan Convention in Milwaukee next October.