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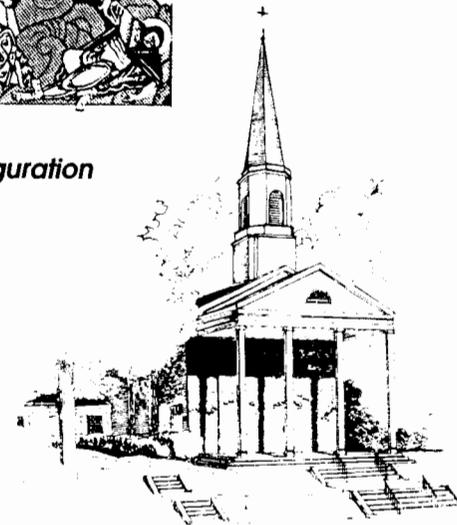
## February 2004



*The Transfiguration*

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## ***In the Interim . . .***

### **The Stewardship of our Common Life**

Some of you know that I recently led a Healthy Congregations workshop at Procter Conference Center titled "Healthy Congregations Develop Generous People" (six from Good Shepherd participated). It was the first time I had led this particular one in the series of six Healthy Congregations workshops; and in preparing for and leading it I found my understanding of stewardship considerably broadened and changed.

Some time ago, I came to understand *stewardship* as the way in which I pay attention to and use all the *gifts that God has given me: my time, my talents, my things, my money.*

What broadened and changed my view came from a study of the word STEWARD itself. I learned from Peter Steinke that the word "steward" comes from the old English 'STIG' (HOUSE) and 'WEARD' (KEEPER). A STEWARD is literally 'THE KEEPER OF THE HOUSE. Peter goes on to say "A steward is a foreman, servant, decision-maker, provider, administrator, a keeper of something belonging to another." He also notes that the early Christians met together in houses and that still today we call our church buildings "the house of God."

As steward I am a keeper of the house and ***the household*** be it my family, workplace, neighborhood or church. I know that my behavior, how I act and treat others in the household, has an effect, influences them **and the whole household**. So as a Christian I am concerned with the exercise of two forms of stewardship: not only using my gifts but also ***how I use my gifts*** in order to build up and not tear down the household.

In February we begin in earnest the Vision Discernment process; we begin to look at 1) how we at Good Shepherd have been stewards of our church in the past and 2) how we want to be stewards of this household of God in the future. We will look at not only ***what*** we have done, but ***how*** we have done those things; not only at ***what we will do***, but ***how we want to go about doing those things*** as the people of God. The whole process is a study in Stewardship.

On each of the five February Sunday mornings up to twelve people will take a look at ***what we are doing and how we are doing*** in a **Ministry Assessment** from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Hobson Lounge. You may

sign up for one of these Sunday gatherings in church or by calling the church office (593-6877).

Then on the Sundays in March and the first Sunday in April, there will be opportunity to explore further with me the broad and deep understandings of Stewardship as I lead the five one hour sessions titled ***Healthy Congregations Develop Generous People*** also from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Nehls Hall. I look forward to that exploration with many of you.

***Michael Jupin,***  
***Interim Priest***

**"FROM LIGHT TO DARK:  
THE TRANSFIGURATION"**

**A Morning for Contemplative Prayer  
as Epiphany ends & Lent begins**

Leader: Michael Jupin

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9:30 a.m. - Coffee, etc., Hobson Lounge  
10:00 a.m. - Gather in Church for Prayer  
Noon - End

Sign up in church or call the church office  
Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>

## Senior Warden Comments . . .

Let's just cut to the chase. The Annual Parish meeting was fun! Is that possible? The Treasurer did not look like St. Sebastian shot through with arrows after his report. Each retiring Vestry member received a list of kind thoughts about his/her years of service and a marble paperweight with the Episcopal crest on it. Wait. Am I talking about the Annual All Parish Meeting? Each new Vestry member received a bouquet of flowers from the Altar Guild. People smiled. Lunch was served. Money was donated. Never mind the "no change" policy.

This is not necessarily the stuff of miracles. The people of Good Shepherd have worked together in so many ways to get to the jumping off place where we are today. It strikes me that this journey we are traveling as a parish family has required our participation in the increasing opportunities we have been offered. As a parish we have identified those opportunities: Mid-week Eucharist, Adult Education Hour Offerings, Contemplative Prayer, workshops at Procter, Healing Services, new directions for our youth to explore, the list goes on... There is a hunger that has been identified. The continually steady number of participants for these new opportunities may be viewed as proof of the spiritual hunger.

Today I had the distinct honor of writing The Marthas Annual Report for this year simply because, after pointing out its absence at the Annual Parish Meeting, I offered to write it. I'm sure this chance is not accidental. In my interview with Julie Nehls, I asked questions about the activities of Sr. Faith Margaret and the Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit and their relationship to The Marthas. I was given insight into a very remarkable bond. The Marthas are, some would say, the unsung heroes. They work hard through the various fundraisers they create to contribute to the household of Good Shepherd: the kitchen improvements, carpeting a copier... household items. And yet, the funds that they have raised also finance the ministry of Sr. Faith Margaret, six visits in 2003. The Marthas perceived a spiritual longing. They continue to plan for ways to raise funds so that both the physical and spiritual needs of the household of Good Shepherd may be met. I now consider that I have done my part to make The Marthas "the sung heroes." Thanks to them for looking out for all of us.

**Christy Ortman**  
**Senior Warden**

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## From the Organ Bench

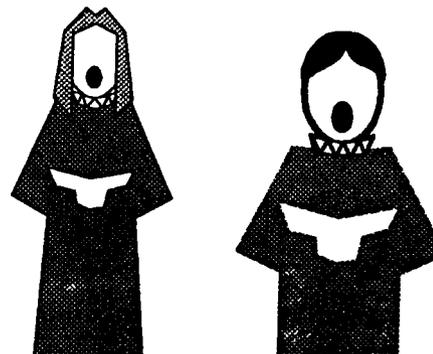
On Epiphany 6, February 15<sup>th</sup>, there are many images of trees in the lessons. The first lesson compares those who trust in the Lord to a tree planted by water that sends its shoots out in all directions. Psalm 1 carries this theme further – especially vs. 1, 2, 3.

The anthem for this same Sunday – “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” continues this theme. The text for this anthem can be found at #749 in *Wonder, Love & Praise*.

About this text, the writers of the commentary to *Wonder, Love & Praise* say:

*The delightful text “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” began a new chapter in its life when it was included in The Cambridge Hymnal (Cambridge University Press, 1967), a bold collection that dared to insist upon texts which “dignify their religious purpose, not be excused by it.” Apples have long been an important cash crop in New Hampshire, and the ubiquity of apple trees makes them a handy, easily understood metaphor. The trees themselves tend to be gnarled and twisted, looking ancient beyond their years; moreover, apple orchards are always changing: from the dry twigs of winter, to the leafy green of early spring, to the intoxicating snow of blossoms which give way to hard little globes that redden and ripen throughout the summer, coming to match the flaming hues of autumn foliage.*

The Choir schedule for February is: rehearsal on Wednesdays – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m. No rehearsal on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. A brief rehearsal will be held following Church on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the Ash Wednesday service.



**Marsha Reilly,**  
**Music Director**

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## **View from the Terrace**

I must say what a pleasure it was to attend an Annual Meeting where there was no posturing, no sulking, no acrimony, and people were actually nice to each other!

While scanning the *Annual Meeting Report, January 18, 2004*, into the Church website I discovered that my new computer (a Christmas gift to myself) has software that reads aloud. Thinking of Clarissa Campbell, I decided to put the computer's efforts on cassette. Rather than the expected mechanical drone, the machine has surprisingly good inflection; though it became terribly confused with Jack's budget tables (don't we all!). The computer is a bit chauvinistic and has a male voice, which is a bit too low and boomy. Apparently there is no option for a female voice. So the next time, Clarissa, we will jack up the treble. Complain to the folks at Adobe, not to me.

This year's *Annual Meeting Report* is a rather long read, so I set the machine to start from the top, and monitored its progress as I went about my own business. Between reports there is that double line separator which the machine interprets as "a-block-from-an-unknown-creator-of-an-imageplus-in-text" (is that you, Glenda?) and there is the occasional "asterisk-asterisk-asterisk."

Comprehension is a bit different via the ear as opposed to silent reading to oneself. Returning to the good feelings above, as I listened, it was great to hear about so many accomplishments abundantly sprinkled with words such as "a big thank you..." or, "we are a strong family..." and throughout, hearing those encouraging words about the exciting challenges ahead. Just maybe something is at work here folks.

**Ted Foster,  
Newsletter Editor**

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**Copies of the 2004 Annual Meeting Report are currently  
available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.  
Call 593-6877, if interested, while supplies last!**

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Church of the Good Shepherd  
Nehls Hall**

**sponsored by the Good Shepherd Choir**

**all proceeds benefit the  
New Copier Machine Fund**

**INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED OR  
RECEIVED INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
when Bishop Price makes his Visitation to  
Good Shepherd on May 2<sup>nd</sup>?**

Sessions to prepare for Confirmation or Reception on that date will be held on Sundays in March and April and led by Marsha Dutton and Interim Priest Michael Jupin.

If interested please speak to Michael or leave word with Glenda at the Parish Office at 593-6877.

## ***The Marthas Annual Report***

The Marthas represent the backbone of Good Shepherd hospitality. In order to relate the scope of their service, the following account of their activities of 2003 is a necessary addition to any publication concerning the life of this parish.

Hospitality for The Marthas of Good Shepherd includes the needs of the spirit as well. It's not all about flea markets and potlucks. Therefore it must be mentioned that the ministry of Sr. Faith Margaret of the Community of the Holy Spirit is made possible through the support of The Marthas who provide the means for her airfare and honorarium. At the time of this writing there are eight parishioners of Good Shepherd who have become Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit. However, all are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Quiet Days, conferences, and Healing Services that have become a welcome part of our parish life when Sr. Faith Margaret travels to Athens from her home in New York City.

The schedule and events of 2003 for The Marthas and for the ministry of Sr. Faith Margaret are presented together below:

**January** – Sr. Faith Margaret arrives in Athens to conduct a Healing Service and hold conferences with individuals seeking spiritual counseling. She attends our Annual All Parish Meeting and leads the worship service at Lindley Inn that same day.

**February** - Sr. Faith Margaret, in this Athens visit, attends the Vestry Meeting, leads a Vestry Retreat, and preaches at our Sunday worship service.

**March and April** – The Marthas accept the job of hosting the various Interim candidates and supply clergy. Each visiting clergy person is taken out for meals, shepherded about, and welcomed. This list of clergy includes: Rev. Thomas Shaver, Rev. Judith Moore, Rev. David McCoy, Rev. Archdeacon James Hanisian, Rev. Cliff Atkinson, and Rev. Archcanon Steve Muncie. March 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> - Sr. Faith Margaret leads a Lenten Retreat at Procter Farm. April 26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Flea Market – the proceeds amount to over \$900.

**May** – Mary 4<sup>th</sup> – The Marthas host a potluck to welcome our new Interim Priest, Rev. Michael Jupin, and his wife, Barbara, to Good Shepherd; May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Sr. Faith Margaret attends another Vestry meeting, holds conferences, takes part in a Healing Service; May 17<sup>th</sup> – The Marthas host a Spring Celebration Supper and raise \$905; May 20<sup>th</sup> – The Marthas cook and serve the Spanish Awards Banquet as another fundraising activity; May – The Marthas purchase a new printer for the parish office.

**June** – The Marthas meet with our Interim Priest, Michael Jupin. The Vestry appoints The Marthas to be the official stewards of the kitchen. A committee made up of members of The Marthas is chosen. They are Sally Spero, Helen Marsh, Betty Larson and Julie Nehls.

**July** - Sr. Faith Margaret meets with the Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit, holds conferences, leads a Quiet Day, and preaches for our Sunday worship service.

**October** – October 18<sup>th</sup> – Fall Flea Market

**November** - Sr. Faith Margaret takes part in a group meeting for the Associates, a Healing Service, personal conferences, and leads the worship service at Lindley Inn.

**December** – The Marthas host a reception directly following the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. They sell tins filled with delicious homemade cookies as well as a variety of other handcrafted items.

The Marthas members are: Zelma Coleman, Ruth Cox, Phyllis Dean, Lynn Graham, Pat Grean, Doris Green, Cynthia Kaldis, Betty and Larry Larson, T. J. Luce, Helen Marsh, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, Christy Ortman, Roseanne Ruchti, Terri Sherman, Sally Spero, Mary Anne Swardson, Jamie Tevis, June Wieman, and Joanne Worstall. New members are always welcome. Hospitality needs many helping hands.

***Respectfully submitted by:  
Christy Ortman***

## ***Worship Committee Notes . . .***

The Worship Committee met Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and have meetings planned for Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon in Hobson Lounge.

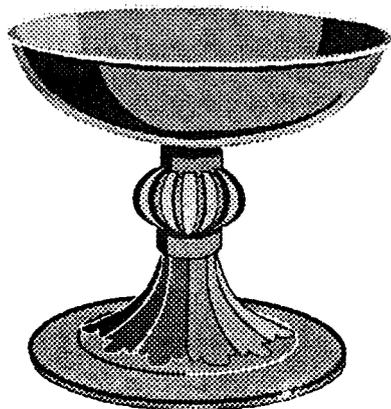
A former parishioner has agreed to fund the installation of an Aumbry Light in honor of her parents. Leslie Flemming and Rev. Michael Jupin worked together to secure this donation. The Aumbry Light will be a hanging electrical model. The installation and dedication will take place in 2004.

The committee set the dates for the Commissioning of Altar Guild members and for the Vestry. The Altar Guild members were commissioned on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry members will be commissioned on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be Transfiguration Sunday and the traditional burying of the alleluias by the youth at the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir will have their annual fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, with the serving of pancakes from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year the proceeds will benefit the new copier machine fund. On February 25<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday will be observed. The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Wednesday Eucharist will continue during Lent followed by a simple soup and bread meal. Rev. Jupin will lead those present in visioning and discernment exercises.

The members of the Worship Committee are Matthew Adeyanju, Leslie Flemming, Glenda Frost, Lynn Graham – Chair, Rev. Michael Jupin, Julie Nehls, Christy Ortman, and Marsha Reilly.

***Lynn Graham***  
***Worship Committee Chair***



## **WEDNESDAY LUNCH REPORT:**

As a member of the kitchen crew of the Wednesday Free Lunch Program, I need to add a footnote to our written Annual Report. There are three ingredients that make this community wide ministry of our parish work: the volunteers who do the work, the food that comes from dollars and other sources, and the experience of community we share with people who come to eat together on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.

At the heart of this feeding ministry are the volunteers that drive it. We have recently lost the loving services of two of our vibrant workers. The few of us now doing the cooking, serving and clean up very much need new people to assist on a weekly or once-a-month basis. We can give you recipes for do-it-at-home casseroles. We relish dishwashers! We can use all kinds of help. Sign up in Church on Sunday or speak to me at 592-3404.

Second, the food that comes from dollars and other resources: As noted in our Annual Report we served 3,120 meals this past year – and that can only grow. We try to be frugal in our shopping and have been able to keep our cost to \$1.25/meal. Thus the cost of the program last year was about \$4,000. The Church budget provided \$1,000 and we received \$1,000 from the Episcopal Community Services Foundation and \$500 from the Athens Foundation. Of the foundation grants \$200 went for a freezer and \$800 for a stove. Dollar and food donations from you, parishioners of Good Shepherd and others covered the rest, for which we are very grateful – Good bless you!

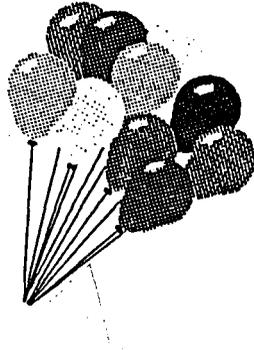
This year we will again receive \$1,000 from the parish budget and \$900 from the Episcopal Community Services Foundation. We are also pursuing other options for food purchases such as the Community Food Bank in Logan. And we continue to count on the generosity of Good Shepherd members in making possible the continuation and growth of this important ministry. Checks to Good Shepherd and marked for "The Wednesday Lunch Program" can be put in the offering plate on Sunday or given to Glenda in the office during the week.

The death of Matthew Robinson, one of our faithful Wednesday attendees, made us realize how important the sense of community is to us and to our guests. We want not only to continue but strengthen this vital ministry of Good Shepherd in our community.

**JOANNE LARSON**

## February Birthdays:

2/3 Gordy Ruchti  
 2/5 Katie Irwin  
 2/6 Eliza Riffe  
 2/8 Michelle Parsons  
 2/13 Deborah Burk  
 2/16 Amy Hillard  
 2/17 Lee Palmer  
 2/19 Mark Enlow  
 2/20 Cherita King  
 2/21 Brooks Purdy  
 2/22 Madeleine Sinclair-Maupin  
 2/26 Lindsay Beetem  
 2/27 Ronald Isele  
 2/28 Chris Coleman  
 2/28 Sandy Oney



## February Anniversaries:

2/3 Henry & Caroline Dean  
 2/20: Kenneth & Martha (Dean) Rupp

## A Letter of Thanks

Sally Spero received a note from the Salvation Army and it reads as follows:

*From your community and The Salvation Army, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of Church of the Good Shepherd for their participation in our Christmas stocking program. This year we served over 400 children and their families. With your help each child received a stocking for Christmas morning. Thank you for thinking of others.*

God Bless,  
 Janet Kelsey

## February Worship Schedule

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Nave

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Eucharist  
 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Evening Prayer  
 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Nave  
 Lindley Inn Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Eucharist  
 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Nave

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Eucharist  
 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Nave  
 Lindley Inn Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Liturgy of Penance  
 & Holy Communion  
 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Nave

## February Worship Service Participants

### **February 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Lectors – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Alex Buckley, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Leaders – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Debbie Hillard, 10:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Ministers – Debbie Hillard, Marsha Dutton  
Ushers – Matthew Adeyanju, James Anastas, William Kaldis, Al Topping  
Acolytes – Michael Adeyanju, C. J. Auflick

### **February 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Lectors – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Sandi White, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Leaders – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Leslie Flemming, 10:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Ministers – Jack Flemming, Leslie Flemming  
Ushers – Matthew Adeyanju, James Anastas, William Kaldis, Al Topping  
Acolytes – Bethany Miller, Ilona Carlson

### **February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Lectors – Robert Glidden, 8:00 a.m., Bob Shelly, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Leaders – Robert Glidden, 8:00 a.m., T. J. Luce, 10:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Ministers – Debbie Hillard, T. J. Luce  
Ushers – Matthew Adeyanju, James Anastas, William Kaldis, Al Topping  
Acolytes – Michael Adeyanju, C. J. Auflick

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Lectors – Robert Glidden, 8:00 a.m., Karen Evans-Romaine, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Leaders – Robert Glidden, 8:00 a.m., Jack Flemming, 10:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Ministers – Jack Flemming, Lynn Graham  
Ushers – Matthew Adeyanju, James Anastas, William Kaldis, Al Topping  
Acolytes – Paul Denton, Shannon Parsons

### **February 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Lector – Bob Shelly  
Prayer Leader – Leslie Flemming  
Eucharistic Ministers – Jack Flemming, Leslie Flemming  
Ushers – Jim Mowery, Arvin Wells  
Acolytes – Michael Adeyanju

### **February 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Lectors – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Arvin Wells, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Leaders – Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m., Marsha Dutton, 10:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Ministers – Marsha Dutton, Ann Shelly  
Ushers – Matthew Adeyanju, James Anastas, William Kaldis, Al Topping  
Acolytes – Michael Adeyanju, Ilona Carlson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Ministry Assessment Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
Noon – 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Vestry Retreat  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Ministry Assessment Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
Noon – 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Worship Committee Meeting  
Noon, Hobson Lounge

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Ministry Assessment Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
Noon – 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Ministry Assessment Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge  
Brief Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 a.m., Nave

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
Noon – 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave

**Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>:** Ministry Assessment Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge