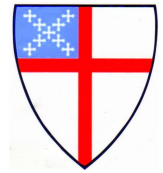




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**February 2011 Newsletter**



**New Service Schedule**

- 9:00 A.M. - Christian Education**
- 10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist**
- 11:00 A.M. - Coffee and Fellowship**
- 12:30 P.M. - Sancta Eucaristia**

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**MINISTRY**

**Bishops:**

Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton  
 Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert

**Vicar:**

Rev. Dr. David Petrash

**VESTRY**

**Sr. Warden:** Sandy McClane

**Jr. Warden** Chris Greene

**Vestry Persons:**

John Burgin  
 Mary Donaldson  
 Wendy Manning  
 Fred Schneider

**Clerk Emeritus:** Reva Arnett

**Treasurer:** Shirley Jasso

**Secretary:** Dennis Moore



**Lay Eucharist**  
**Ministers**

If you are homebound or in the hospital, Fr. Petrash or a licensed lay Eucharistic minister can serve communion from the Reserved Sacrament. If anyone is in need of this ministry, please contact Fr. David at 903-816-3010 or the Church Office (972-932-4646) on Mon, Wed, or Fri, or leave a message on the answering machine.

**PRIEST'S CORNER;**

**The Care and Feeding of a Priest!**

I believe that our little church could congratulate ourselves on our annual meeting this past Sunday. People brought great dishes to go along with the surprise barbeque handled by Jim Woods, outgoing Senior Warden. An exceptional group of talented people agreed to stand for election to the Vestry (Bishop's Committee).

Congratulations to Wendy Manning and Fred Schneider, who will serve three year terms, joining John Burgin (2 yrs), Mary Donaldson (2 yrs), Chris Greene (1 yr), and Sandy McClane (1 yr). Sandy has agreed to serve as Senior Warden (Bishop's Warden), and Chris Greene was elected Junior Warden by the Vestry. Debra Lalumia and Wrenno Wynne were elected as delegates to diocesan convention, with Mike and MaryAnn Sherman elected as alternates. We are fortunate to have our staff of Dennis Moore (Secretary), Shirley Jasso (Treasurer), Elaine Howard (Directress of the Altar Guild), Yolanda Moore (President of the Daughters of the King), and Sheree Woods (Christian Education leader) returning for another year. All of these people depend on a host of other volunteers to get everything done. The whole meeting was very positive, and seemed a good preparation for a great 2011. But even as Laura and I start our third year at Our Merciful Saviour, people still comment on how happy they are that we are here.

This helps me remember how long it has been since there was a resident priest here. Therefore it might be helpful to write down a few ideas about the care, feeding, and nurturing of a priest. There are a few things that congregation can do to make things easier.

1. Pray for the priest and his family. Prayer enables everything good to happen; we depend on your prayers.
2. Volunteer. The ministries of this church depend on help from the congregation.
3. Call your priest if you or a loved one is going into the hospital, or if there has been a death in the family. He will want to fulfill your wishes regarding pastoral care.

4. In case of emergency, call your priest. My cell phone is on 24/7. Soon we will be getting a land line to make local calls easier for those without a cell phone.
5. Help me to respect my Sabbath, which is Monday. I try to spend it on family responsibilities and a day of rest.

I'm sure that there are other important things to do. But these are important. Laura and I feel blessed to be at Our Merciful Saviour. Thank-you for all your love and hospitality.

Faithfully, your priest,  
 Fr. David



**Prayers of the**  
**People**

**For Healing and Guidance**

**....we pray especially for;**

Patrick M., Geneva C., Curtis C., Claudia B., Ray Mc., Stacy M., Judy W., Marilyn S., Carroll P., Eva H., Pam E., Gary S., Tonya T., Molly B., Bill S., Louise M., Polly C., Adan G., Case C., Vivian V., Joshua M., Mike B., Tommy B., Bonnie R., Bonnie and Earl P.

**....and for our Military;**

Joshua, Matthew M., Amy, David, Randy, Alayna, Mike M., Preston, John, Jeremy, Matthew R., Kevin, Dylan, Tony, Richard, Don, Shad, Cody, Lawrence, John, Dewayne, Mike B., and Mike V.

And our troops all over the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**Sunshine and**  
**Get Well**

Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, and other cards are sent each month. The cards are in the Parish Hall to be signed by all. If you need an address or phone number, or know of anyone who is ill or in need, please call the Church Office. 972-932-4646

## February 2011 Server Schedule

Service 10:00 AM	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>
Altar Guild	Sandra McClane	Billie Morgan	Yolanda Moore	Donnie Munson	Tina Taylor
Acolyte	Layne Greenslade	Scott Edwards	Sonny Arnett	Judy Friedel	
Chalicer	Mary Ann Sherman	Judy Friedel	Sharon Langlais	Mary Ann Sherman	
Chalicer	Ron Landen	Laura Petrash	Tina Floyd	Ron Landen	
Crucifer	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	
Lector	Mike Sherman	Mary Ann Sherman	Wendy Taylor	Laura Petrash	
Greeter	Tina Floyd	Jean Greenslade	Sandra McClane	Sharon Langlais	Yolanda Moore
Prayer for Priest	Wendy Taylor	Sandra McClane	Sharon Langlais	Yolanda Moore	Cheryl Wynne
Usher	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider
Usher	Davis Griffith Cox	Davis Griffith Cox	Davis Griffith Cox	Davis Griffith Cox	Davis Griffith Cox
Hostess	Chris Greene	Elaine Howard	Jean Greenslade	<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Sandra McClane
Hostess	Charlotte Schneider	Sharon Langlais	Betty Richie	<b>BRUNCH</b>	Yolanda Moore
<b>12:30 Service</b>	<b>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Jan 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Jan 30<sup>th</sup></b>
Acolyte					
Lector	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura

Offering Counter	Fred Schneider	Sandra McClane	Wendy Manning	Fred Schneider	Sandra McClane
Offering Counter	Mary Donaldson	John Burgin	Chris Greene	Mary Donaldson	John Burgin

### ..THIS MONTH..

#### Birthdays:

2/10 Yolanda Moore  
2/11 Sandra L. McClane

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

2/04 Fred & Charlotte Schneider  
2/28 Mike & Mary Ann Sherman

### VESTRY NEWS

Vestry meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes of the last vestry meeting and the treasurer's report are posted on the bulletin board by the office.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



From now until March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Christian Education Class is doing an interactive study of the book of Romans, The Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

### Helping Hands



**REQUESTED PANTRY ITEMS FOR February**

The Kaufman Christian Help Center has asked for continuing donations of **dry beans, rice, cereal and peanut-butter.**

A collection basket is in the Narthex.

### Altar Flowers



There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those wishing to remember someone or some event. Please write "flower fund" on your check or envelope. A \$40 donation is requested for floral arrangement purchases.

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**For those of you who keep in touch.**

Updated information on Mal Thompson, former long time parishioner at OMS

Mal Thompson  
% Rosemont #205  
215 Killion Rd. NW  
Yelm, WA 98597

Ph # 360-458-1800

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING 2010 REPORT

The Order of the Daughters of the King at OMS began in June of 2008. There are now 7 members: Tina Floyd, Jean Greenslade, Sharon Langlais, Sandy McClane, Yolanda Moore, Wendy Taylor, and Cheryl Wynne. I could not have kept this group going without these faithful Daughters.

We continued our meetings with prayers, programs by Daughters, and service to the community. We made welcome packets which included "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" tract, an OMS business card with information for newcomers and a ribbon cross.

We would like to thank Claudia Boyd for teaching us to make the crosses, and Charlotte and Fred Schneider for continuing to make the crosses. We also give the crosses to the children of Newcomers.

We asked for Prayer Requests from all members of OMS. We pray for these people every day and make a new list of prayer requests each month.

We participated in the Spring and Fall Assemblies which included the DOK groups of the Diocese of Dallas. It gave those who attended a time of Worship, Fellowship, and a Spiritual boost. The OMS Daughters of the King banner, representing the DOK, and our patron St. Therese of LeSieur, has been placed on the back wall of the church. It has been taken to Fall and Spring Assemblies to be put on display for the day.

We continued to grow through duties given to us by the Vestry and Father David, our priest. We are the greeters who greet you as you come into the service, and invite new comers to join us for coffee and give them an OMS packet. We also pray for Father David (or supply priests) before the service. We visit the sick and shut-in on a monthly basis. And visit others in the Convalescent homes and Assisted Living homes. What a joy to our hearts to see the smiling faces of

those who have few visitors.

The past year we have asked each Daughter to give a program at one of our Monthly meetings. It has been a blessing to see the gifts these Daughters have used. Since our order of DOK is run on donations alone, we try to use our Spiritual gifts to serve Our Lord.

Our first prayer square request was on February 3, 2010. Since the first square, we have had requests for 17 more squares/throws. We have made 14 prayer Throws for the sick, and those in the hospital. 1 Baby Baptism Shawl and 4 Squares for the Military. We are starting the New Year with requests for 4 more throws. The recipients do not give donations because the throw is a gift to them from the Daughters.

Sandy McClane has kept track of all of the throws from beginning to the giving of the throw to the recipient. And the Daughters have all helped to select, make, and deliver the throws.

God has been with us through this continuing part of our journey and we give Him thanks.

FHS, (FOR HIS SAKE)

**Yolanda Moore,  
President of DOK at OMS 2010**

I would like to thank all of you who participated in Daughters of the King gatherings.

We will vote in new officers in May for the New Year beginning in June.

The officers serve for three years. And to our past officers, May God continue to bless you.

The February meeting will meet for coffee on Saturday February 5th 2011 at 9:15 a.m. and will begin our meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Our meetings are open to all women of Our Merciful Saviour.



## .....Thought of the Month.....

*Be ye fishers of men.  
You catch 'em and  
God'll clean 'em.*

*Exercise daily,  
walk with the Lord.*

*Lead me not into temptation,  
I can find the way myself.*

### From the Editor

Do you have contributions or suggestions for the next newsletter? Articles and news items are welcome. [Articles may be edited].

Please email your articles and/or pictures to the editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. ([schneider3@gmail.com](mailto:schneider3@gmail.com))

Anyone wishing to subscribe or read the latest copy of the Dallas Esprit can go to [HTTP://espritdallas.com](http://espritdallas.com)

**Deadline for the  
March newsletter will be;  
Thursday, February 24th.**

# Upcoming Activities:

**Please Join Us for the**  
**Fifth Annual**  
**RURAL CHURCH**  
**GATHERING**  
**SHARING IDEAS**  
**To**  
**SPREAD THE KINGDOM**

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**  
**8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church  
800 North Johnson Street, Mineola, TX 75773-1816

Presented by the Rural Church Ministry Committee

## **The Plan for the Day**

### **Morning:**

Praying Twice: Providing Church Music in the Rural Church  
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The morning will be spent in fellowship, worship and sharing Information about church music. Getting the right church music for the rural churches has been a challenge we've all faced. Professional Church Musician Michie Akin, who grew up in Terrell and began his career at St. John's in Corsicana, will talk about how to provide worship music even if there's no budget, no instrument, or no musician available. Audio Engineer Robert Wellborn will address the challenges of sound amplification, and discuss the most efficient ("most bang for your buck") ways to enhance your audio capabilities.

### **Afternoon:**

Praise God! How Rural Churches are Growing.  
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After lunch we'll share some music and celebrate our rural church growth! Ron Studenny, our first Titus postulant, will review his journey through the Titus Project. Chuck Hinton will share stories of the tremendous growth of the food pantry in east Texas, and how we can all learn to lead, in order to make a difference in our communities. Then we'll hear a "construction report" from two rural churches who have enlarged their facilities.

## **Agenda**

- 8:00 AM** Registration & Coffee  
**9:00 AM** Morning Prayer Introduction & Opening Comments  
"Praying Twice: Meeting the Challenge of Church Music", Michie Akin  
**10:00 AM** Break  
"Can You Hear Me Now?", Robert Wellborn  
Panel Discussion, Sharing Options for Church Music  
**Noon** Break for Lunch  
"Sprinting to the Start", Titus Update from postulant Ron Studenny  
"Lead to Make a Difference", Chuck Hinton  
"Praise God for Our Growth: A Construction Report"  
A Little Traveling Music  
**2:00 PM** Adjourn

**If you are interested in going,**  
**Contact Fr David for details.**

## February 2011 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30. 9:00 A.M. – Christian Education</p> <p>10:00 A.M. -- Holy Eucharist <i>Choral Eucharist</i></p> <p>11:00 A.M. -Coffee &amp; Fellowship <i>Last Sunday Brunch &amp; Annual Meeting</i></p> <p>12:30 P.M. - Sancta Eucaristía</p>	<p>31. <i>Fr. Petrash's family day</i></p>	<p>1.</p>	<p>2. 5:30 P.M. <i>Prayer Group</i></p> <p>7:00 P.M. <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>3.</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>5. 9:15 A.M. <i>Daughters of the King Meeting</i></p>
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<p>20. 9:00 A.M. – Christian Education</p> <p>10:00 A.M. -- Holy Eucharist <i>Choral Eucharist</i></p> <p>11:00 A.M. -Coffee &amp; Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 P.M. - Sancta Eucaristía</p>	<p>21. <i>Fr. Petrash's family day</i></p>	<p>22.</p>	<p>23. 5:30 P.M. <i>Prayer Group</i></p> <p>7:00 P.M. <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25.</p>	<p>26.</p>
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