



# Church of the Epiphany

## FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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### THE CLERGY "GATHERING"

With the news of the end of March departure of our Bishop Mark from the Diocese, the clergy agreed that a meeting would be advantageous. On February 20th and 21st we met at the Madonna Center in Albuquerque to assess our current situation and to pray for the future of the Diocese of the Southwest.

Fr. Pete Falk from Christ the King Anglican Church organized the meeting and 27 of us responded. We spent Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning in a super "gathering" to discuss our feelings of where we are now and where we would like to go with a new bishop.

One of the immediate concerns for the Diocese was the ACNA's Executive Council meeting in El Paso on the 19th to discuss the viability of this Diocese. This meeting was scheduled well in advance of the news of the retirement of Bishop Mark and his leaving brought into question the viability and sustainability of the Diocese. Could we make a go of it in calling a new bishop? The Executive Council is composed of six clergy and six lay delegates from around the ACNA. Gus Haddad from St. Clement's is a lay member of long standing on this Council and he had prepared a presentation of the Diocese and then adjusted it to cover the new situation. Questions were asked about events in our past and information was corrected. The meeting at St. Clement's was well planned and the Council was taken to Juarez to see the "Seminario" there and to hear of the missionary work growing strong south of the

border. Gus explained to the Council that the Diocese of the Southwest is not a Diocese that would be found on the East or West coasts. The Diocese of the Southwest has its own distinct DNA and we are very unlikely to ever reflect a traditional Diocesan venue. The motion passed unanimously to allow us to remain as we are and to proceed with a search. A vote by the Bishops of the ACNA now has approved the Council motion. God is good all the time.

Friday afternoon began with the report from the Standing Committee on the arrangement made with the Bishop to facilitate his departure. His plan is to someday return to Albuquerque for retirement. Some time after Easter we will have a celebration to acknowledge his ministry in this Diocese.

We then broke into small groups to discuss what qualities each of us considered the very basic requirements for a bishop. We got back together and listed these items and came up with fifteen or so attributes from *Pastor* to the *advisability of some Spanish language ability* and all the attributes you could think of in between. We assembled all of this on a newsprint pad and the list will be winnowed down as a basis for a beginning profile for our search material packet.

After Evening Prayer and dinner we reassembled to break into intense small group prayer and got to know each other better than we ever had. We discussed ministry triumphs and failures and hopes of the future within our congregation and facilities. There were praise

## Pastor Fred continued

reports and prayer concerns and collectively together we lifted them to the Lord.

Some shared information is worth reporting. Christ the King Church Albuquerque has run into clear Title problems but they can be overcome to finish the purchase of their new building. This relocation has all the handiwork of God on the proceeding. A Church that is closing finds a church that needs a building and together they have reached a satisfactory decision. The Church of the Good Shepherd wants to expand their Spanish ministry and found an unused small church in a San Angelo Spanish neighborhood. But due to the continued legal property struggle between Good Shepherd and the Episcopal Church USA they were unable to enter into any further property agreements. We pray that they may be able to reach an agreement to lease the building and share costs to continue the ministry.

Another of the positive reports was the growth of the Anglican Church in Mexico. In addition to the four existing Churches there is now the possibility of planting two more as deep in Mexico as Puebla and Veracruz. This would stretch the Diocese from Cortez, Colorado, USA to Puebla Mexico, a distance of 1830 miles. With this expansion The ACNA is now doing a study into the possibility of a new ACNA jurisdiction in Mexico and Canada.

We were joined this weekend by Fr. Farhid Adabache who was at Gran Pastor and is now assisting Rev. Margaret Short at Good Shepherd at Hill NM.

Pray for the Diocese of the Southwest and our way forward. We are blessed by God and we can continue our work for the Lord in the Diocese and at Epiphany.

Keep a Holy Lent.

Clergy Conference at  
the Madonna Center,  
Albuquerque  
February 21-22



From Fr. Frank

## LENTEN SHARING

Last month I wrote a few paragraphs and added the title **WHICH METAPHOR WORKS FOR YOU?** I suggested that our focus during our Friday evening sharing time during Lent might well be on how metaphors and other figures of speech are used in Holy Scripture for particular purposes.

No other competing ideas or suggestions have made their way to the forefront since then. Accordingly, that is where our discussion and sharing will begin on Friday, February 28, beginning at 5:00 PM. After 30 minutes or so, we will move on to Stations of the Cross. Please join us at the Church on Friday afternoon. Each discussion will be independent, so missing the first Friday or any of them along the way is not a problem. Even if we looked at your favorite metaphor at a prior session, we will lovingly pick it up again for examination with fresh eyes and ears. We will continue each Friday through Lent, but not on Good Friday.

The subject doesn't require any particular study or preparation. You only need bring a willingness to listen and share your own experience of how Scripture has spoken to you.

Rev. Frank K. Wilson  
Associate Pastor



## Parish News

### March certainly came in "like a lion!"

Our apologies for a late newsletter - seems Cloudcroft was visited by a late winter snowstorm on Tuesday, March 3 that brought everything to a stand still! On top of snow the electricity was off and on again throughout Tuesday and Wednesday which made using computers etc. rather difficult. The Community Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 4 was cancelled. We are thankful for the moisture as always and we hope everyone stayed safe and warm. The weather reports now are good for the weekend so we hope to see everyone at church on Sunday morning for service and potluck.

**Remember to set your clocks forward on Saturday evening!**

### Epiphany Visits

In February, we visited with Sue Williams, who is recovering from a broken leg at Good Samaritan White Acres in El Paso. She is doing very well. On March 2, we had a good visit over lunch with Wally Skidmore in El Paso. He is busy and still manufacturing marble boards for donations to Epiphany. He hopes to visit Cloudcroft this summer.

On February 23, Dominick Rankin worshipped with us. He was baptized at Epiphany on Easter Sunday last year. Ironically, After basic training, he is now stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso (his hometown!)

Dominick Rankin  
Sunday,  
February 23



## Thank You's

We are so grateful to everyone who helped with the service on February 9 and to Fr. Frank who took the service. Pastor Fred and Nancy had a lovely visit with Becca Price and her son, Doug, in San Antonio. We attended several activities and Sunday services at The First Presbyterian Church with Becca. Doug has enlarged his model train hobby with two locomotives and a "ride on" car - see photo below. Believe or not - there are ranches in Texas that have tracks laid for these trains and a following of hobbyists.



Doug and Becca Price with Doug's locomotives

We are grateful to Fr. Frank who took the service on Sunday, February 23, in Pastor Fred's absence because of illness.

We thank musicians, Stan and Sandy Thomas, who played on February 9 and Mike Shinabery who provided music for our Ash Wednesday service. Mike is also helping us out by recording music on our Yamaha electronic piano for Sundays, March 1 & 8, in Esther's absence. We are grateful to Paul Fazenbaker who has puzzled out the directions for using the USB drive for recording more than 3 songs.

Deacon Dwight informed us of Marge's successful knee replacement which occurred on their wedding anniversary, February 24!

## Parish News

### Lenten Schedule

**Bible Study with Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays during Lent beginning,**  
**February 28 - 5 pm**

**Community Lenten Luncheons with Speakers**  
**Wednesdays at noon during Lent**  
**beginning Wednesday, February 26.**

Held at the Cloudcroft Methodist Church sponsored by the Sacramento Mountains Ministerial Alliance.

**Pastor Fred will speak on March 11 and**  
**Fr. Frank will speak on March 25.**  
**We will need pots of soup for these two**  
**dates.**

The Lenten Luncheon on March 4 was cancelled because of the snow storm.

### Time Change

**Sunday, March 8**

**Please set your clocks forward one hour!**  
**or you will miss church and potluck!**



### Prayer for the Selection of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Speakers for Community Lenten Luncheons

March 11 - Pastor Fred Griffin, Church of the Epiphany

March 18 - Pastor Jim Bailey, retired

March 25 - Fr. Frank K. Wilson, Church of the Epiphany

April 1 - Pastor Frances Gonzales, Cloudcroft Methodist Church

April 8 - Pastor Shelby Moon, Westminster

Presbyterian Church, Alamogordo

Talks will be on the Seven Last Words Of Christ.

### Praise Reports

For Dannette Heeth's recovery from pneumonia

For Maggie Fazenbaker's graduation from police dispatcher's course in Santa Fe.

For musicians, Stan and Sandy Thomas and Mike Shinabery in Esther's absence.

For Susan Scott's successful surgery

For Sue Williams continued recovery

For Marge Harp's successful knee surgery

### Prayer Concerns

For the Diocese of the Southwest and the Standing Committee as we begin a search for a bishop

For Bishop Mark and Cindy as they enter a new phase of their ministry.

For successful surgeries for Karli Sorensen, and Fr. Carl Brenner.

For Lynne Skinner

For Margaret Bailey and the Fazenbakers.

For Healing: John and Susan Scott, Wayne

Conine, Patricia Broom, Machele Lackey,

Helen Resindez, Tom Carteaux,

Scooter Roof

For new ministry opportunities for Epiphany

For church plant plans within the diocese

Good Shepherd, Hill NM (Rev. Margaret Short)

UNM ministry (Greg & Noel Pfeifer)

## March Service Schedule

### LEMS & Lectors

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor  
The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

#### Sunday, March 1 - 10 AM

##### Lent 1

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Donya Conine

#### Sunday, March 8 - 10 AM

##### Lent 2

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

#### Sunday, March 15 - 10 AM

##### Lent 3

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Donya Conine

#### Sunday, March 22 - 10 AM

##### Lent 4

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Nancy Griffin

#### Sunday, March 29 - 10 AM

##### Lent 5

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Paul Fazenabaker

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5  
Maundy Thursday, April 9 - 5 pm  
Good Friday, April 10 - Noon  
Easter Sunday, April 12

## March Events Schedule

**Sunday, March 8 - Potluck and board meeting  
after the service**

### Community Lenten Luncheons and Speakers

Wednesdays at noon at Cloudcroft Methodist  
Church

**Wednesday - Noon, March 11 - Pastor Fred**

Soups need to be there by 11:30 am

**Fridays in Lent - Bible Study and Stations  
of the Cross 5-6 pm**



### March Coffee Hour

March 1 - Nancy Griffin

March 8 - Potluck

March 15 - Evelyn Leonard

March 22 - Donya Conine

March 29 - Machele Lackey

Sign-up sheets are on the table in narthex.



### March Birthdays

Wally Skidmore - 1

Jessica Williams - 7

Charles Stigall - 26

Lydia Fyock - 29

### March Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to all with March Anniversaries

## Lectionary for February

### ACNA Anglican Lectionary A

#### Lent 1 • March 1

Psalm 51:1-12  
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17  
Romans 5:12-21  
Matthew 4:1-11

#### Lent 2 • March 8

Psalm 33:12-21  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-16

#### Lent 3 • March 15

Psalm 95  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 1:16-32  
John 4:5-26, 39-42

#### Lent 4 • March 22

Psalm 23  
1 Samuel 7:4,8-16  
Ephesians 5:1-14  
John 9:1-13, 28-38

#### Lent 5 • March 29

Psalm 130  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 6:15-23  
John 11:8-44

#### Palm Sunday • April 5

Psalm 22:1-11  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:36-27:66

## The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ

### The Anglican Church in North America,

The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

### Diocese of the Southwest,

The Rt. Rev. J. Mark Zimmerman, Bishop

### Church of the Epiphany

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Paul Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Wayne Conine, Treasurer

### Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar

Donya Conine Annette Fazenbaker

Carolyn Wilson Patrick Zima

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

*Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.*

### Church of the Epiphany Prayer List

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt. Rev. Justin Welby, and the Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church in North America, The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest; Bishop J. Mark Zimmerman

Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Pete Falk, Deacon John Bowers, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of Our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Rev. Michael Kline); Christ Church, Farmington (Rev. Carl Brenner, Rev. Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's Church, El Paso, TX (Rev. Bill Cobb, Rector, Rev. Travis King, Rev. Rick Milliorn, Deacon Don Morrill); Rey de Paz, El Paso (Rev. Ken Hanna.); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal C. Scott, Rev. June Smith); St. Stephen's, Roswell, (Rev. Bob Tally); Holy Trinity, Silver City (Rev. John Price); St. Augustine's, Deming (Deacon in charge Tom Guerra); All Saints & St. Paul's, Midland (Rev. Tom Finnie); Church of the Epiphany, Cloudcroft, (Rev. Fred Griffin, Rev. Frank K. Wilson); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalupe, Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Calientes, Mexico (Rev. Maria Del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Rev. Elias Rosales Mendez); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); Good Shephard, Hill, NM (Rev. Margaret Short.) Iglesia Anglicana, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Rev. Jack Wehrs); St. Mark's, Amarillo (Rev. Tom Johnson).

**For:** Karli Sorensen, Sue Williams, Wayne and Donya Conine, Susan and John Scott, Macele Lackey; Helen Resindez; Scooter Roof; Will Seyffert; William Swain; Lynne Skinner; Joel and Esther Fyock; Margaret Bailey; Tom and Gail Carteaux; Trevor Conine; Eddie Aguilar; the Zima family; Kelli; Kathleen Paige; Patti; Ethan; Lisanne Fyock; Harry Duval,

**For:** Creed Napier; Alonso Marquez; Dominick Rankin, Mason Gregg, Gabriella Murley, Colin Tomlin, and all service men and women, all police and first responders.