

# The Stone's Throw

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# March

## News from The Dohns

Something Different this Month

We have something a little different this month. The ten people in the church group that were detained when leaving Haiti with a group of children and charged with child trafficking have been in the news a lot recently. We do not know any of the specifics about that group, but obviously something went very wrong. We thought it might be good at this point to reassure our mission partners concerning a few principles to which we try to adhere.

During our pre-field training, we were sequestered at a remote site in Colorado for several weeks with other new missionary families from various denominations going various places around the world as long-term missionaries. The team responsible for our training covered a plethora of issues that ranged from tips for learning a new language; to responding to terrorism and military coups; to maintaining our personal prayer and spiritual lives, for instance. They also imparted a few helpful rules, three of which were:

- ü Do not get involved with bribes
- ü Obey the local law
- ü Respect the sovereignty of each nation

There are gray areas (unjust laws or the distinction between “bribes” and “fees,” for example), but these three rules have served us well. Tom, one of the members of the training team who had years of mission experience in South America, summarized the concept:

“You are sojourners and guests. You are metaphorically in someone else’s house and you should not just do what you want. What you might think makes sense to do in your own home might not be appropriate in someone else’s home.”

For long-term mission, one key to success is often how well the missionary can “fit in.” Whatever we are trying to accomplish, ignoring these rules tends to alienate the local people and create divisions. And that is not helpful.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

## Episcopal Relief Efforts Featured in Web Series

Two popular web series - Power of Partnerships and Friends of Episcopal Relief & Development - highlight the importance of partners and supporters in furthering the agency’s mission to help heal a hurting world. This month’s installments focus on work that is being done in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12.

The ongoing partnership between Episcopal Relief & Development and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti has been invaluable in facilitating an expedient and effective response to the Haiti quake. March’s Power of Partnerships article goes into more detail about this partnership and its continued evolution in the wake of the disaster. It also provides a bit more insight about the difficulties that Episcopal Relief & Development and the Diocese of Haiti have faced in responding to this extremely complex situation.

The response to the Haiti crisis from the Episcopal community has been overwhelming. Dioceses, parishes and individuals from around the country and the world have shown their support for Haitians with an unprecedented outpouring of generosity. Episcopal Relief & Development would like to thank everyone who has lent a hand in helping Haitians during a time of emergency.

To assist those suffering in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti, make a donation to the Haiti Earthquake Response Fund at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Please write “Haiti Earthquake Response Fund” in the memo line of all checks.

Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. The agency takes its mandate from Jesus’ words found in Matthew 25.



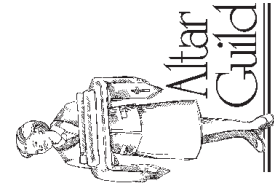
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 PM AlAnon	2 7:00 Lexington Heights Civic Association	3 6:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Joyful Noise	4 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Bible Study	5	6
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<b>5 Lent</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 9:00 Christian Formation 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour	22 8:00 PM AlAnon	23 3:30 PM Building & Grounds	24 6:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Joyful Noise	25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Bible Study	26	27
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 10:30 Holy Eucharist II	29 8:00 PM AlAnon	30	31 6:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Joyful Noise			



# Serving Our Lord at Saint Stephen's March 2010



## ALTAR GUILD (Altar-Linens):

**March 7** Lisa Elmendorf, Lisa Elmendorf  
**March 14** Joan DeLisse, Joan DeLisse  
**March 21** Sharon Franklin, Bebe Hales  
**March 28** Lisa Elmendorf, Shirley Dillon

## Lay Ministers

Lectors (L), Intercessors (I), Chalice Bearers (C)

**March 7** Molly Bailey (C), Vivian Templin (C),  
 Carina Spindel (L&I)  
**March 14** Pieter Elmendorf (C), Sharon Franklin (C),  
 Lisa Elmendorf (L&I)  
**March 21** Don Welti (C), Carina Spindel (C),  
 Molly Bailey (L&I)  
**March 28** Pieter Elmendorf (C), Sharon Franklin (C),  
 Vivian Templin (L&I)



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MINISTERS



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

**March 7** Dick and Jeanne Meagher  
**March 14** Nancy McCarthy and Vivian Templin  
**March 21** Pat and Mike Murphy  
**March 28** Louise Selden and Bebe Hales

**HEAD USHER:** Chuck Healy



## GREETER

**March 7** Arlene Gahn  
**March 14** Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz  
**March 21** Bebe Hales  
**March 28** Arlene Gahn

## Reaching Fr. David

The best (and most effective) way to reach Fr. David is by calling his cell phone (310-0127). When Fr. David is out of town or otherwise unavailable, please call the Sr. Warden who will contact the priest on call. Please do not call Fr. David's home telephone number for pastoral care issues.



## Change Your Clocks on March 14

It's that time again! Spring Forward and change your clocks to Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14 . . . OR, if you go to bed earlier, move your clocks AHEAD one hour before retiring for the night on March 13. Just make sure you don't oversleep and miss church!

## Potluck Groups 2010

Two potluck groups have been selected. Check with the others in your group to see who is going to host first.

Group #1 - Duane and Shirley Dillon, Lou and Bebe Hales, Piet and Lisa Elmendorf, Dick and Jeanne Meagher, Vivian Templin

Group #2 - Fr. and Molly Bailey, Chuck and Nancy Healy, Tom and Sharon Franklin, Bart Jones, Louise Selden, Don Welti

## Small Listening Groups

As mentioned in last month's Stone's Throw, we're hosting a series of small listening groups with Fr. David to talk about what brought us to St.

Stephen's, what keeps us here, and what we would change if we could. The first two groups have had interesting and provocative discussions.

There are still a couple of dates available if you have not yet attended a group and would be interested. See the signup sheet on the hall bulletin board for dates and times.



## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28 PALM SUNDAY: There will be ONE service on Palm Sunday, beginning at 10:30 AM. Weather permitting, we will process with palms from the parking lot into the church.

Thursday, April 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY: The Maundy Thursday service begins at 7 PM. We will observe the liturgy of foot washing, the institution of the Lord's Supper, the procession to the Altar of Repose, and the stripping of the main altar. The church will be open for private prayer before the reserved Sacrament from the end of the service until midnight.

Friday, April 2 GOOD FRIDAY: The church will be open at 7:00 AM for private prayer before the reserved Sacrament. We will follow the Way of the Cross at 11:00 AM. The Good Friday liturgy begins at noon, and will include the Passion according to St. John, special music, and Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

Saturday, April 3 HOLY SATURDAY: The proper liturgy for Holy Saturday will be observed at 9:00 AM.

[Note: This year there will not be an Easter Vigil service]

Sunday, April 4 EASTER !! We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

## Altar Flowers

As some of you are aware, we are re-evaluating the way we do altar flowers. At the moment, we just don't have enough flower arrangers to do the flowers on a weekly basis. Some of the ideas we are discussing include:

1. If you are interested in arranging flowers, but not confident in your flower arranging abilities, St. Stephen's will pay for a flower arranging class at Felss to help you get started. If 2-3 people want to do this, we'll arrange for a class. See Lisa Elmendorf if you think you're interested. Once you're part of the team, you'll be assigned to flowers no more than one Sunday a month.
  2. We'll allow people to donate the flower arrangements on any Sunday they want. There will be a flat fee (\$25 or \$30). If you choose to do this, you will need to call Felss to order the arrangement and either a) pick up the flowers and take them to church or b) call the assigned Altar Guild person for that week and let them know you've ordered the flowers and they will pick up and take to church for you.
- We're still working thru the details. For Lent, of course, we don't use flowers. We'll let you know more about how it's going to work in the April Stone's Throw.

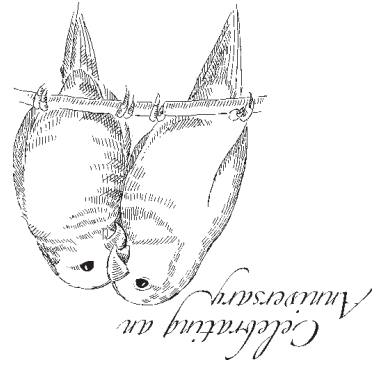
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Gordon and Ann Grant  
Bill and Nancy Kuhn

March 18  
March 29