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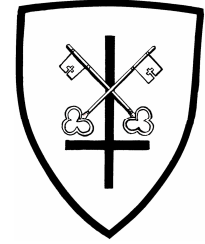
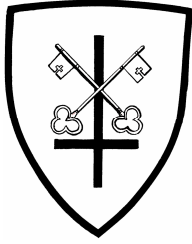
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APRIL PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

April is Usher Team 2: Pete L., Chris A., Don C., Jeff C., Tim H., Jim L., Tom M., James R., Larry S.

	April 5	April 12 - Easter	April 19	April 26
<u>Acolytes</u>				
8:00	Austen A.	Austen A.	Jacqueline M.	Volunteer Needed
9:00	Chrissy R., Corey K., Neil G.	John R., Meredith R., Micaela G., Alex G., Corey K.	Volunteers Needed	Alison B., Kirsten K., Sarah L.
11:00	Claire C., Sarah C., Emily L.	Grace R., Angel H., Sarah C., Sarah L., Claire C.	Volunteers Needed	Jack W., Grace R., Meredith R.
<u>Chalicians</u>				
8:00	Tootie K.	Mike L.	Bill M.	Ed W.
9:00	Thad K. Sharon S.	Kathi A. Laura D.	Georganne J.	Thad K. Sharon S.
11:00	Keith A. Bob W.	Alan B. Jeff C.	Judith L.	Andy O. Paul S.
<u>Lay Readers</u>				
8:00	Suzy W. Rob W.	Bill M. Sharon S.	Jim S. Tootie K.	Lee M. Erika S.
9:00	Elsie G., Kathi A.	Ned S. Erin G.	Audrey V.	Rob G. Kirsten K.
11:00	Bob M. Jim L.	Gail H. Larry S.	Lorraine G. Len N.	Laura D. Carol K.
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
Weekly Capt.	Katie E.	Jessie N.	Suzanne B.	Nan W.
Flowers	Caroline R. Karen S.	Caroline R. Karen S.	Caroline R. Karen S.	Caroline R. Karen S.
<u>Greeters</u>				
9:00	Francine R. and Matt S.	Peter and Karen M.	Need Volunteers	Joe D.
11:00	Catharine G.	Karen S.	Need Volunteers	Dick and Anne J.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

APRIL 2009

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

THE SOMETIMES DREADED CONCEPT OF STEWARDSHIP

Many, if not all, organizations have their own peculiar dreaded concepts. For secret societies, it is disclosure. For derivatives traders, it is transparency. For those who like to make decisions for others behind closed doors, it is the light of day. For professional and perpetual deceivers, it is the plain truth. For way too many Episcopalians, it is evangelism and stewardship.

Taking on both Episcopal dreaded concepts is too much to handle. So, for this article, bringing stewardship out in the open will be our more modest task. My guess is that our most common association for the word stewardship is when it appears, usually in the fall, in front of the word "campaign," and our having a feeling of foreboding, not to say dread, as we anticipate a "stewardship sermon" and somebody calling or coming to see us and handing over a pledge card, and then having the temerity to inquire in a week or so whether we have lost it, or failed to return it. When the campaign is finally over, as it finally is on public radio, we breathe a great sigh of relief, fairly confident that we will not hear any more about it until the leaves again begin to fall.

Stewardship, after all, is not commonplace in our daily vocabularies or understandings. There is something mildly quaint and dated about the word and the concept. After all, in what

familiar context is this word ever used, except in church? "Fiduciary responsibility" is more familiar, but "stewardship?" Not so much so.

Well, those of us who have gone to church for years and heard the Bible read week after week are at least familiar with the parables. And one of the most memorable of those parables is the one about the "talents," whatever those were. For now, just translate "talent" to "money"—it doesn't mean the ability to play a violin or to sing beautifully.

A landowner was going to be away for an extended period of time. He called in his servants and gave several of them differing amounts of money. After many months, he returned and asked these servants what they had done with what they had been given. The one who received the most invested the money and made more money. The one who was given a lesser amount nonetheless did the same. The one who received only one talent dug a hole in the ground and buried it lest it be lost. The owner was pleased with those who chose to invest and multiply what they had been given, and he rewarded them according to their gains. He was very displeased with the fearful one who hid his gift, so he took it away and gave it to the one who made the most, and threw the super cautious one out.

There is a lot to be learned from this parable, but at the minimum, it is about what we do with what we have been

DATES TO NOTE:

- 1,8 - Lenten Bible Study
- 1,8,15,22,29 - Choir Practices
- 2 - SOME
- 2 - Pastoral Care Meeting
- 2,9,16,23 - The Thursday Ears
- 3,10,17 - Women's Bible Study
- 4,25 - Icon Writing
- 5 - Palm Sunday
- 7 - Region 3 Lenten Program
- 8,22 - Godzilla
- 9 - Seder
- 10 - Good Friday Liturgy
- 10 - Stations of the Cross
- 10 - Meals on Wheels
- 11 - Easter Vigil
- 12 - Easter Sunday
- 13, 14 - Office Closed
- 17,18,19 - Shrine Mont Weekend
- 21 - Vestry Meeting
- 21 - Third Tuesday Lunch Group
- 23 - Trivium After Work
- 25 - Christmas in April
- 25 - Men's Breakfast
- 27 - Prayer Group

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given. It is about stewardship, *not* about a campaign in the fall to raise money to support the budget of a parish church.

Giving money to a parish church is but one way of giving back to God some of what we have been given. It is an acknowledgement that we do not think everything we have received is of our own making. Maybe the money is (note the “maybe”), but not the good earth, not the sunshine and the rain, not the freedom to act as responsible moral agents, not a loving and forgiving spirit, not the fecundity that surrounds us in such abundance in this good land. So, the proper response is gratitude and generosity, not pride or a sense of privilege.

And each of us has also been given one life to manage, and only one. We do have responsibilities and fiduciary duties to family members and others, but these are just a part of the one life we have to manage.

Managing our lives is our stewardship. Are we responsible? Responsive? Compassionate? Loving?

Forgiving? Reconcilers? Peacemakers? Generous? Caring? Dutiful? Reliable? Trustworthy?

We only come this way once, and we only get to do our lives once. There are no second chapters, no reruns. How we live our lives is the story of our stewardship. It is what we do with what we have been given.

As for the money that we give back to God through a parish church in the fall? That is your Vestry’s stewardship and they are your agents. You elect them to do this on your behalf.

But the focus, the real focus in stewardship, is how we live and manage our lives as human beings made in the image and likeness of God. It is how we live as Christians.

For each of us, this is our stewardship.

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. Phillip Cato

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN —

I had the privilege to watch St. Peter’s (the building) and St. Peter’s (the people) in action this past month as the musical transformed the sanctuary and the Sunday School into a stage set and back, and as a new luncheon group transformed (on a more modest scale) the chapel into a dining room and back. A cast of over 70 children and their myriad adult helpers, parent and non-parent alike, poured their energy into *Narnia*, entertained a weekend audience of over 1000, and then put the church back more or less the way it was before. When it was all over, however, the cast and crew did not change back entirely to the way they were before. They were transformed in ways big and small by the experience. Newer members of the church strengthened their sense of belonging, longtime parishioners renewed their commitment to a new generation of youth and to each other, and the cast members forged relationships both among themselves and with the adults that will last for years.

Then, just a few days later, the chapel was the setting for the kickoff of a new event, the Third Tuesday Luncheon. The chapel, which had served as a Sunday School room and a “green room” on the previous two Sundays, now sported festively decorated luncheon tables with music, candles, and conversation. Afterwards the chapel went right back to looking like a chapel, thanks to our hard-working staff, but I like to think that the people who shared a meal and laughter there were changed a bit by the opportunity to strengthen and renew ties of fellowship.

In both these events I think we can see the outlines of our mission statement: *Called together in Christ, transformed by God’s grace, and sent out to serve*. Certainly both the musical and the luncheon called many of us together and I believe transformed the participants. The musical’s sizeable audience was composed largely of non-parishioners, and can be seen as service to our local community. I am grateful that we at St. Peter’s are blessed with so much energy and skill to serve God in our church, transforming our physical surroundings to fit our mission, and in the process allowing ourselves to be transformed.

Catharine, Senior Warden

PARISH NEWS —

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 9: Annual St. Peter's Seder and Stripping of the Altar - 6:30 p.m. (Please RSVP)

Good Friday, April 10: Good Friday Liturgy and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified - 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross (appropriate for all ages) - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11: Easter Vigil for Region 3 Churches (St. Peter's) - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12: Services: 8:00 a.m. (Rite I), 9:00 a.m. (Rite II Family Service), 11:00 a.m. (Rite II)
Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00 a.m.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN LENTEN SERVICES

Lent is fast approaching and it's time to get some important dates on your calendars. We are holding services specially designed with you in mind! We know it's difficult to get to them, but it is so important for you to make every effort to attend. By doing so, you are teaching your children the importance of Lent and Holy Week and helping to develop their spirituality. So please mark these dates:

Maundy Thursday, April 9: Traditional Seder dinner followed by Holy Eucharist (probably more appropriate for elementary school children and older)

Good Friday, April 10, 6 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (appropriate for all children) beginning in the outdoor chapel. You and your children will learn about the events that occurred on the last day of Jesus' life. This service is designed for all ages, so don't worry; it'll be appropriate for everyone and you will find that you understand Easter in a deeper way after experiencing Good Friday.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist with a children's sermon; an Easter egg hunt will follow the service

ST. PETER'S MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER

With Lent upon us, it's not too soon to think about the parish Seder on Maundy Thursday (April 9) in Holy Week. Our Seder is modeled after a Jewish Passover Seder; it's a meal-cum-religious service that finishes with Communion and the stripping of the altar in the darkened church. Usually about 150 parishioners come, and it's a participatory event: we need lamb-roasters, parsley-washers, table-setters, cake-bakers, Costco-shoppers, and a wide variety of other task-doers. There are jobs to be done at home, at church, in advance, on the evening—there's probably something you could do to help. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex over the next two or three weeks. If you have any questions, call the church office or e-mail Catharine G.

TRIVIUM AND ST. PETER'S 20s/30s EVENTS

There's always plenty going on for our young adults! In April we will hold a Holy Saturday meditation and hike on Saturday, April 11. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's for their brief Holy Saturday service, then we'll leave for our hike at Great Falls. Bring a bag lunch and we'll eat overlooking the falls, then the Rev. Elizabeth Marie M. will lead us in a meditation. We should return to St. Mary's by mid-afternoon. Then join the whole region for our Easter Vigil service at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's. Then on Thursday, April 23, we'll meet for our monthly After Work gathering. This month we'll be at Whitlow's on Wilson. Look for the BCP on the table! Finally, the 20s/30s group at St. Peter's is going for brunch one Sunday a month after the 11 a.m. service. We'll gather Sunday, April 26, in the narthex around 12:30. Let the Rev. Mary Demmler know if you're coming to brunch.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL 2009 - REBUILDING TOGETHER

When: Saturday, April 25, 2009

Time: 8 a.m., rain or shine—Please note, we'll ask participants to specify **morning** or **afternoon**

Where: Arlington, Virginia—**You Have to Ask a House Captain for further details.**

Sign-up: In the Narthex at St. Peter's, or e-mail a House Captain

Tools Needed: Gloves are a good idea, and we'll have most other things you'll need; tasks include painting, clean up, and light carpentry (no outside work)

Food: Coffee and doughnuts and lunch (Rocklands Barbecue)—Provided

We still call it Christmas in April because that's how it got its name when a homeowner in Midland, Texas—upon seeing what a team of motivated volunteers could do to a home on the last Saturday in April—exclaimed, "It's like Christmas." Since then, similar efforts occur each year around the country. In Arlington and Fairfax, more than 2,000 volunteers will spend the last Saturday in April fixing a home to make it more livable.

Christmas in April is sponsored by the St. Peter's Mission Commission as one of our outreach programs. It's local and takes only the part of the day that you can share. It's the week after Shrine Mont—a very different parish experience—so there's no schedule conflict with that. Working side by side with another St. Peter's parishioner, someone you may not really know, when helping someone else is a very special experience.

Homes are picked carefully by the staff of the Rene Pierre Johnson Housing Development Corporation, an Arlington-based nonprofit that focuses on affordable housing in our area. This year we have a group home that is a shelter for women and their children in transition. *We can't put the address on the announcement and sign-up sheets because to do so might expose the residents to danger.* The home can house between three and five families, and while those living there will not be in the house while we are there, each St. Peter's parishioner will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement pledging not to disclose the location. The local community is very supportive of the work done at the home (it looks very much like other homes in the neighborhood) and a number of other groups donate time and expertise to keep the place in good shape.

Our jobs include painting (two bedrooms, one large and one small, and a small bathroom), carpentry (installing built-in shelving and fixing the stairs and stair railing to the basement), and other fix-up activities (including replacing sliding closet doors, replacing a light fixture, and installing hooks in a bedroom). There will be furniture to move and protect from the paint. The major difference this year is that because of the size of the home, we will ask participants to specify morning or afternoon. Lunch will be served at noon, so both morning and afternoon crews can eat together.

If you have a question, call or e-mail your House Captains: Tony P., Allen S., or Bruce J.

DINNER IN DIALOGUE, SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 6-8 P.M.

Our friends from the Rumi Forum will be joining us once again for an evening of Christian/Muslim conversation. We'll share a meal and then they will present on the pillars of Islam and the life of Mohammed, followed by a time of conversation and sharing. As before, our guests have graciously offered to provide the meal. We need only to supply salads and drinks. In deference to our guests, please remember not to bring anything containing pork products or alcohol. Our first Dinner in Dialogue was held a little over a year ago and was such a success that we all wanted to hold another one. Please join us for this informative and enjoyable evening. A poster and sign-up sheet are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

THIRD TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, NOON

Our new luncheon program for our 65-and-older members continues in April with a conversation with our church architects about St. Peter's long-range planning. Lunch is provided, so please let us know if you will be attending. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Since this is a new program at St. Peter's, we want your feedback! What are your ideas? What kind of programs would you like us to have? Do you know anyone who would be a great speaker for the group? Please let the Rev. Mary Demmler know..

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT, FRIDAY, MAY 1, TO SUNDAY, MAY 3

Let's head for the hills, folks! Our sixth through eighth graders are going to Canaan Valley, West Virginia, for a weekend of fun, games, spiritual reflection, and an all-out good time. We leave from the church parking lot after school on Friday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday. A \$25 deposit and registration is due by Wednesday, April 22, and we need at least 5 students to make this trip a go. A poster with more information and sign-up sheet are available on the youth bulletin board in the narthex.

A FRIEND IN NEED

In times of trouble, we look to caring Christian friends to listen to us while we work through our feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or to someone you know. St. Peter's Stephen Ministers have studied crisis care situations (such as unemployment, severe financial setbacks, divorce, or hospitalization), as well as chronic situations (such as persistent pain or living with a degenerative disease). Moreover, they continue to study and prepare to care for people. They are committed to providing Christian care for others experiencing many different needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, contact Kathi A.

JUNIOR HIGH OUTREACH CAMP

St. Mary's has invited us once again to participate in their junior high outreach camp. Last year we had several campers attend "One Camp" and learn about the Millennium Development goals. This year the camp is titled "Seven Baskets" and will be looking at agricultural outreach and sustainability. We'll be visiting a farm that utilizes sustainable farming practices, a cattle ranch whose beef exclusively goes to food banks, a farm for gleanings, and maybe a trip to the new Heifer International site in Maryland. The dates for the camp are August 24-28, so mark your calendars now! Registration information will be available in the coming months.

NARNIA!

Seventy-one of St. Peter's youth, from grades 2 through 12, performed *Narnia* to a sold-out house the weekend of March 13-15, 2009. With the great support of the parish, including the staff and clergy, Director Lorraine Gandy, Music Director Kim W., and Stage Manager Ruth Peters led the cast to a fabulous musical interpretation of the C. S. Lewis book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The performances brought over 1000 people to St. Peter's. Fifty-one families were represented by the cast. For 15 high school seniors and juniors, *Narnia* was their final St. Peter's Production, and they closed by setting the highest standards in every aspect of the play. The cast at every age was superb. Parents and parishioners joined to create a magical stage, set, costumes, makeup and lighting. Thanking each cast member, parent, parishioner, and St. Peter's staff member who made the play not just possible but a smashing success would take more space than is available in the *Key*. The cast and parents thank everyone who made *Narnia* possible, but particularly Lorraine G., Kim W. and Ruth P. Heartly thanks also to Ed W., Business Manager of St. Peter's Productions, a.k.a. Company Manager, for his tireless efforts in support of making the *Narnia* production possible at St. Peter's.

VESTRY NEWS —

Vestry Highlights—March 18, 2009

At its March meeting, the St. Peter's Vestry:

Learned that St. Peter's has reached its pledging goal for 2009 of \$760,000. Jack S. reported that 193 pledging "units" agreed to contribute this year, including 17 new units.

Heard that St. Peter's first Third Tuesday Lunch for seniors was a resounding success. Junior Warden Gretchen G. and Assistant Rector the Rev. Mary Demmler said about 20 members over 65 attended and are looking forward to next month's program.

Agreed to a proposal from the Building and Grounds Committee to form a new Planning Team. The team would be a subcommittee of B&G that would work on space assessment, adult forums, charrettes, outreach and other matters stemming from St. Peter's needs to renovate, improve and possibly expand its building.

Heard that the Fellowship Committee is considering a replacement for the annual bazaar. While other ideas are under consideration, an old-fashioned church fair is a strong contender for early fall.

Approved the 2008 Parochial Report. All Episcopal churches make this report to their dioceses and the national church. Of all the numbers contained in the report, Priest-in-Charge the Rev. Phillip C. said average Sunday attendance is most important, and St. Peter's average is up significantly.

Heard that St. Peter's production of *Narnia* was a hit in attendance. However, contributions have not yet covered costs. Ward LeHardy announced that pre-sales of the *Narnia* DVD have passed the break-even point, and pressed the point that all further sales will go to support the performance.

COMMISSION NEWS —

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Please be thinking about the two Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington drives coming up in May and June. On the five Sundays of May, in honor of Mother's Day, we will be collecting women's toiletries and "walking food." A collection box will be placed in the Narthex and we will have lists available on the table in the Narthex in May. (In June, we will be collecting items for men in honor of Father's Day.)

The parish sends out a huge THANK YOU to Lisa M. for organizing the Emergency Winter Shelter cooking and driving crews, as well as to the crews themselves!!! These wonderful folks have given their time and effort selflessly from November through March cooking for the homeless people in Arlington County's Emergency Winter Shelter. St. Peter's is routinely told that the clients most look forward to Thursdays, when it is St. Peter's turn to cook.

The Samaritan Ministry keeps a wish list of miscellaneous items for their clients and their offices. Below are some of the items that they need. Please contact Suzanne B. to arrange for collection of any items that you might have that you can donate. (You might clip this list out and save it for future reference in case you come across items that you can donate later in the year.) Thank you!

Samaritan Ministry Wish List:

Reading glasses, all powers from +1.00 to +4.00; white, button-front dress shirts for men and women, all sizes; black or khaki chino pants for men; dress socks for men and women; new men's and women's underwear; day planners; small folding umbrellas; briefcases or portfolios; lawnmower (for the Samaritan Ministry office in Southeast Washington); small stepstool (for the Northern Virginia office); large clay flowerpots for spring flowers (for the Northern Virginia office); vacuum cleaner (for the office in Northwest Washington); and office supplies. Needed office supplies include: white and color printer/copier paper, Post-It notes, two-pocket folders, letter-size manila folders, envelopes (sizes #10, 6x9, 9x12, 10x13), hanging file folders (letter size), ruled pads, paper clips, binder clips (all sizes), Scotch tape, batteries (AA and 9V), pens and pencils.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE —

April 5

Palm Sunday, no Adult Forum

April 12

Easter Sunday, no Adult Forum

April 19

Annual Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont, no Adult Forum

April 26**Option I: Building Vision and Planning—Led by Gretchen G.**

This session will provide another in an ongoing series of opportunities to hear about the building vision and planning process. If you missed the March 1 session with a group of architects from among our parish family, then be sure to attend this session to hear the latest.

Option II: Christianity and Cosmology: Galileo's Conflict with the Church—Led by Doug M. and Jeff C.

This year is the International Year of Astronomy—a global effort by the International Astronomical Union and UNESCO to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the universe, thereby engaging a personal sense of wonder and discovery. NASA recently announced that its next flagship mission will be to send a robotic probe to Jupiter's moon Europa, which is set to be launched in 2020 for arrival in 2025. None of this would be possible without the work of two pioneering scientists, Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) and Galileo Galilei (1564-1642). Copernicus was a church administrator and spare-time astronomer as well as one of the most famous polymaths of the Renaissance. His hypothesis of a sun-centered cosmos instead of a universe that revolved around a fixed earth was published at his death in 1543. A few years later, Galileo would verify Copernicus's theory through direct observation (of Jupiter's moons), as well as offer mathematical proofs that would become the foundation of modern science. Galileo's findings placed him in direct conflict with the Church, which tried him for heresy in 1633, and he spent the rest of his life under house arrest. We'll discuss how the work of both men overturned the Ptolemaic-Aristotelian view of cosmic order embodied in Roman Catholic theology through the writings of Thomas Aquinas. Most historians agree that the Protestant Reformation gave decisive encouragement to science and independent thought in general, although it should be noted that both Luther and Calvin opposed the Copernican hypothesis. We hope that you will join us for a historical reflection on science and faith.

Note: Additional Information about Pastor Martin Niemöller

Further to the February 8 adult forum on Pastor Martin Niemöller: the U.S. Holocaust Museum currently has a special exhibition called *State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda*. The exhibit includes the famous picture of Pastor Niemöller in his study at the Lutheran Church of Dahlem, Berlin, and his Continental typewriter on which he composed his sermons. The exhibit also contains graphic and lurid examples of poster art, books, films, and signage of the Nazi propaganda and misinformation campaign against Jews, Gypsies, Communists, the mentally retarded, and other minorities targeted for persecution. The museum (www.ushmm.org) is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, next to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Metro stop: Smithsonian. Admission is free. —Doug M.

MUSIC AT ST. PETERS —

He Lives

1933

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:6

“Why should I worship a dead Jew?” That question—and a dreadful sermon—inspired this hymn.

Alfred Henry Ackley was born in Pennsylvania in 1887.* He showed great promise as a child, and his musician-father personally tutored him before sending him to New York City to study music. From there, it was on to the Royal Academy of Music in London. Ackley then returned to the U.S. to attend Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland, and he was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry in 1914. After pastoring a church in his home state of Pennsylvania, Ackley was called to a congregation in California.

It was there in 1932 that Ackley met a Jewish man to whom he began witnessing. But the man resisted the Christian faith, saying, “Why should I worship a dead Jew?”

That statement played on Ackley’s mind as he prepared his Easter Sunday message. Rising early to prepare for the day, he flipped on the radio as he shaved and was astonished to hear a famous liberal preacher in New York say, “Good morning—it’s Easter! You know, folks, it really doesn’t make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I am concerned, His body could be dust in some Palestinian tomb. The main thing is, His truth goes marching on!”

Ackley wanted to fling the radio across the room. “It’s a lie!” he exclaimed. His wife rushed into the bathroom, asking why he was shouting so early in the morning. “Didn’t you hear what that good-for-nothing preacher said?” he replied.

That morning, Ackley preached with great vigor on the reality of Christ’s Resurrection, and he did the same at the evening service. But later that night, he was still exercised over his friend’s question and the morning’s radio sermon. “Listen here, Alfred Ackley,” his wife said at last. “It’s time you did that which you can do best. Why don’t you write a song about it and then maybe you’ll feel better?”

Ackley went to his study, opened the Bible, and re-read the Resurrection account from Mark’s Gospel. A thrill went through him, and he began writing the words to *He Lives*. A few minutes later, he was at the piano putting it to music, not dreaming it would become one of the church’s most triumphant Easter hymns.

* His older brother, Bentley Ackley, was also a renowned gospel songwriter who traveled with the Billy Sunday/Homer Rodeheaver evangelistic team as pianist. Bentley later became a composer and editor of the Rodeheaver Publishing Company, writing over 3,000 hymns and gospel songs.

This article about the hymn *He Lives* is part of an ongoing series of articles about hymns that appear monthly in the *Key*. Thanks to Jan G. for the contribution.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>APRIL 2009</h1>			1 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	2 6:00am- SOME 10:00am - Thursday Ears 7:30pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	3 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	4 12:00pm - Icon Writing
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8am- HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II	6	7 6:30 pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (St. Michael's)	8 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:00pm - Godzilla 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	9 10:00am - Thursday Ears 6:00pm - Seder	10 7:30am - Women's Bible Study 11:00am- Meals on Wheels 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (For families.) 7:30pm - Good Friday Lit- urgy	11 7:30pm - Region 3 Easter Vigil (St. Peter's)
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Easter Egg Hunt 11am - HE Rite II	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	16 10:00am - Thursday Ears	17 <i>Shrine Mont</i> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	18 <i>Shrine Mont</i>
19 <i>Shrine Mont</i> 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 11am - HE Rite II	20	21 12:00pm - Third Tues- day Lunch Group 7:00pm - Vestry	22 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30pm - Godzilla 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	23 10:00am - Thursday Ears 6:00pm - Trivium After Work	24	25 8:00am - Christmas in April 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 12:00pm - Icon Writing
26 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II	27 7:30pm - Prayer Group	28	29 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	30 10:00am - Thursday Ears		