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John and Charles Wesley



John was the fifteenth, and Charles the eighteenth child of Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth, Lincolnshire. John was born in 1703, and Charles in 1707. As the founders of and leaders of the "Methodist" or evangelical revival in eighteenth century England, John and Charles' influence continues to resound throughout the world and is felt in many churches.

It is through their hymns - especially those of Charles, who wrote over six thousand of them - that their religious experience, and their Christian faith and life, continue to affect the hearts of many. Both Wesleys were educated at Christ Church, Oxford. It was there that they gathered a few friends to join in strict adherence to the worship and discipline of the

Prayer Book, and were thus given the name "Methodists." The two brothers went to Georgia in 1735, John as a missionary of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel, and Charles as secretary to James Oglethorpe, the Governor. Shortly after their return to England, they both experienced an inner conversion, and so their revival was born. The later schism of the Methodists from the Church of England occurred after the death of the two brothers, but John's uncanonical ordinations of the "elders" for America (bitterly opposed by Charles) doubtless set the basis for it.

Lord God, you inspired your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the sanctification of souls, and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle in your Church, we entreat you, such fervor, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, SOUP SUPPER AND LENTEN STUDY WITH FR. KIRK, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Join us every Wednesday during Lent for a fun, relaxed look at our own personal beliefs in relation to other world religions. Volunteer help for set-up and break-down is always appreciated. Suggested donation \$5. Proceeds will go to Haiti earthquake victims through Episcopal Relief & Development. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, 6:00 PM, St. Paul's the Prospector, Virginia City.

Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26, THE WAY OF THE CROSS, 6:00 - 6:30 PM, St. Pauls, Sparks. A custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayers at a series of thirteen stations in the city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death, adapted to local observance during Lent. St. Paul's Sanctuary. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28, LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES WITH REV. CHIP, 15:15 - 1:30 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks.

Theological perspectives during the Lenten season through the film *Grapes of Wrath*. Lunch included. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 20, 21, & 31, EPISCOPAL YOUTH COUNCIL (EYC) meets at St. Paul's, Sparks for Service

Projects and a Holy Week gathering, For information and a more detailed schedule call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 775-329-4279, or 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, THE SECOND SEMESTER OF CHRISTIAN BASICS: AN OUTLINE OF THE FAITH begins at 1PM, St.

Peter's Church, Carson City. All are welcome to attend. The theme for this semester will be "The Community of Reconciliation" and will feature a study of the Church, Ministry and the Sacraments. Please contact the Frensdorff School at frensdorff.school@gmail.com to register for the course and get this semester's book list.

Mar 12, RENO BIGHORNS VS. UTAH FLASH SEMI-PRO BASKETBALL, 7:00 pm, St. Paul's, Sparks.

Tickets \$6.00, Faith and Family Night. Episcopal ticket sales organized by St. Paul's, Sparks. Open to all Episcopalians. For information call Linda Devon at 775-750-4029, or email lsd4764@hotmail.com

Mar 13, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by

Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, Christ Church, Las Vegas. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Mar 13, LENTEN QUIET DAY AT GRACE led by Rev. Mary Bredlau, 9:00 AM - 12 noon, concluding with the

Eucharist, and then a simple soup lunch in the parish hall. Please RSVP directly to Rev. Mary at RevMaryB@cox.net or 702-540-3012, by two days prior.

Mar 13, TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, 5:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5

for children 5-12; free for children under the age of 5 - for the benefit of St. Paul's Food Pantry. Includes Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert, beverages, including homemade beer by Dan Bouzek.

Mar 13, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have never had this training, 10:00 AM - 12

Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church Reno. For questions, please contact Rev Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

Mar 17-19, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. An important opportunity to develop leadership skills, strengthen our congregations, and start the process of transforming our community.

No charge. Mar 17; 7:00 - 9:00 PM, *Pressures on Las Vegas Families* - Join a discussion about the forces working against family life here. 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas. Mar 18; 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (lunch included), *How Broad Based Community Organizing Strengthens Congregations*- especially for clergy, vestries, and outreach committees, 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas. Mar 18; 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *Elements of Broad Based Community Organizing* - an approach that re-vitalized many cities, including San Antonio, Nashville, and Memphis, University United Methodist Church, 4412 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas. Mar 19; 9:00 AM - Noon, *Strategy Session for Moving Forward* - Help plan how we move forward in the coming 18 months to build an organization to change the way that Las Vegas supports its families. 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho, Las Vegas. To attend email lvvisc@gmail.com

Mar 19 - 21 THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World. Presenter: Rev. Michael Dowd, America's evolutionary evangelist. Dowd's inspiring

message expands the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world. Cost for the Saturday workshop is \$100 for registrations received by Mar 10; \$115 for later registration. Continental Breakfast and lunch included. Introductory lecture on Friday evening; Rev. Dowd will preach on Sunday. The weekend is sponsored by St. Peter's, Carson City. For more information, or to register contact tov. Kim Morgan at kamorgan@pyramid.net. 775-883-1681.

Mar 19-21, YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND, Camp Galilee - An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp and provide volunteer work - prepare the camp for the summer camping

program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend, as well. Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell, and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register, call 775-749-5546.

Mar 20, MOUNTAIN VESPERS CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, Lenten Retreat 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks

Mar 20, SPRING RUMMAGE SALE, 10:00 AM, Epiphany Education Center, Henderson.

Mar 21, THE LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS, under the direction of Dr. Jocelyn Jensen, in concert at Christ Church, 7:00 PM, presenting "English Nights 2." Please see Kathi Colman for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mar 22, WORDS OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND THE MUSIC OF BACH, 7:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, Las Vegas. A multimedia musical dramatization presented by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Seven local organists will perform the music of Bach, three actors will tell the story, and 275 visual images will be projected on a large screen. A free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses.


Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.


Mar 27, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have had this training. 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. For questions, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

Mar 28, PALM SUNDAY - CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee. The program will begin Friday, May 28 with dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.

Apr 1, BLESSING OF CHRISM, Bishop Dan Edwards, 12 Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks.

Apr 11,  MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund. 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas. Our special guest will be Rev. Lauren Stanley, Bishop Jean Zache Duracin's coordinator of relief efforts in the United States. \$10 admission fee, reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

Apr 25,  MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund, 4:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. \$10 admission fee, reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

May 1, THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. They will be celebrating 125 years of service. Please contact your chapter president if you plan on attending.

Jun 12, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely. The workshop will look at the roles of laity,

priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

 Forward to a Friend



Anglican Women Gather in New York for 54th Annual UNCSW

Thousands of women from around the world, including more than 90 representing the Anglican Communion, will gather in New York March 1-12 for the 54th session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women to undertake a 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The CSW is the oldest U.N. standing commission. It meets annually to examine a different theme as it relates to gender equity -- global poverty, economics, peacekeeping, human rights, etc. -- from the lens of the most vulnerable and exploited communities, mostly women and children, said Alessandra Peña, a consultant for the Anglican United Nations Thematic Working Group on Women's Right and Empowerment.

"This year is a review year ... there was a five-year review in 2000 and a 10-year review in 2005," she said. "Beijing (is important) because it is still considered the most comprehensive platform on issues of gender equity ... the MDGs were informed by the Beijing platform."

In September 1995, the U.N. convened the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, which focused on action for equality, development and peace and during which 189 U.N. member governments adopted the declaration and platform for action. The 12 critical issues included in the platform influenced the eight U.N. Millennium Development Goals adopted in 2000.

Anglican Observer at the United Nations Hellen Wangusa and her office coordinate the commission's Episcopal-Anglican delegation. Prior to the commission meeting, delegates were


asked to familiarize themselves with the overall objectives of the Beijing platform and the MDGs; to deepen their understanding of the Anglican theological perspective on the issues raised in the platform; and to select one of the platform's critical issue and write a five- to seven-page report documenting the advances and obstacles to implementation in the delegate's home country. This was to prepare the delegates to make reports and answer questions in meetings with U.N. bodies, NGOs and church officials, and to advocate effectively with their national government's representatives.

"When we bring women, we are using our voice as a critical resource. Critical in the sense that it brings persons from all over the globe, and being the largest women's delegation, and most comprehensive, we believe that the impact is going to be very visible, and is going to be very useful," said Wangusa, in an interview at her office in the Episcopal Church Center. "We are using the same voice to raise critical challenges; they have to do with the conceptual development of what we have been using as tools to advocate for women's empowerment, women's issues, girls' issues ..."

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Differences Between Colds and Allergies

Characteristic	Cold	Allergy
Duration	three-14 days	Days to months -- as long as you are exposed to the allergen
Time of Year	Most often in the winter, but possible at any time	Any time of the year -- although the appearance of some allergens are seasonal
Onset of symptoms	Symptoms take a few days to appear after infection with the virus.	Symptoms can begin immediately after exposure to the allergen
Symptom	Cold	Allergy
Cough	Often	Sometimes
Aches	Sometimes	Never
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fever	Rarely	Never
Itchy, watery eyes	Rarely	Often
Sore throat	Often	Sometimes
Runny or stuffy nose	Often; usually yellow mucus	Often; usually clear mucus


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Although there are some differences, cold and allergy symptoms overlap quite a bit. The most important difference is that colds don't last longer than 14 days. If you still have symptoms after two weeks, these may be allergy symptoms.

NEWS BRIEFS

Three youth from the Diocese attended the Chrysalis Weekend on Feb. 19-21. They are looking forward to sharing stories about their experience with other youth in the Diocese. Chrysalis is a United Methodist Church movement 15-20 years old. It is a short course on Christianity. The next meeting is on Labor Day Weekend. For information contact Bill Leonard at slohiker@cox.net

The fourth quarter newsletter from the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago is available on the companion diocese website <http://philippines.diocesen.v.org/> Please click the Diocese of Santiago link.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Incline Village, is spearheading a regional fundraising effort for Haiti relief with a \$15,000 matching fund. Tax deductible donations can be sent to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Haiti Relief, PO Box 3158, Incline Village, NV 89450. Funds will go to support Food for the Poor, and Doctors Without Borders. For information contact Jim Beebe at padre775@gmail.com, or 775-831-1418.

Please welcome Fr. Jun, Our New Priest for Saturday Night Eucharist at Christ Church, Las Vegas.

Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God." Holy Trinity, Fallon

An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holocaust Studies", Grace in the Desert, 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains;

meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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