



## The Font

*Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke*

*March/April 2009*

From the Abbot's Prayer Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have been your abbot for four months and already stand amazed at our former abbots Michael, Dwight and Mark. How they carried their appointments to pastor a church or teach at the seminary and serve the Order with such care and grace astonishes me. I am grateful for your prayers as I live with the privilege and demands of serving you, the beloved community.



I invite you to read afresh this description of the Order of Saint Luke from our webpage:

- *The Order of Saint Luke is dedicated to sacramental and liturgical scholarship, teaching, and practice.*
- *As a religious order, we are a dispersed community of women and men, lay and clergy, from many different denominations, seeking to live the sacramental life.*
- *The Order is Wesleyan and Lukan in its spirituality, Methodist in its origins, sacramental in its practice, and ecumenical in its outlook.*

What stands out for you? What words or images stick and beckon for more illumination or conduct electric current in your imagination? I'll tell you what animates my imagination: "*As a religious order, we are a dispersed community...seeking the sacramental life.*"

Our public face is one thing. Our reality is *the same*, but much more nuanced in detail. Together we seek the sacramental life with detached retinas, recovery from heart surgery, painful family estrangements, and grief over the loss of a parent. We cling to the apostolic hope as gay and straight, living with job loss or with having laid someone off, and worrying about a loved one with a dire prognosis. We promote the corporate worship of the church in congregations, seminary, hospital and military chapels, the halls of academia, in our homes, and in our chapter meetings. We accept the call to service as organists, pastors, doctors, choir directors, teachers, college professors, students, and parents. We live for Jesus Christ whether retired or not. The Order is as we say in Hawai'i ['ohana](#)—"family" with illuminating nuances.

We are a dispersed Order so that we can live generously and sacramentally for justice and compassion in over seven hundred places around the globe. And so we pray for one another in our *diaspora*. Bound together by our Rule of Life and Service. I commend you to each other in the circle of Love, the triune God. (See Br. Tom's comments below.) We live in tough times, but, let us remember, the true resources at our disposal are inexhaustible.

Let me simply list several issues for which I ask your prayer and action:

1. The upcoming spring Council of the General Chapter meeting will be in Pittsburgh at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery. It will be a very important meeting. See details elsewhere in the Font. We are grateful to St. Mark's in Mobile and Br. Stephen for accepting this change of venue for economic reasons. We hope to go to St. Mark's in the future.

2. Funding for the meeting will be quite limited and there is a new policy for reimbursement posted on page 4 in this issue of the Font. Chapters, please assist your Prior financially to be able to attend the meeting.
3. OSL Publications (OSLP) has faced a deep and painful crisis. We have closed the editorial position held by Sr. Nancy. The executive officers will bring to the May Council Meeting a proposal for restructure of OSLP.
4. You are the best and most important marketing resource we have! I hope that you saw the four plus pages in the most recent Upper Room Ministries Catalog. We hope that will boost sales, but telling your friends about a book that you value will go a long way toward making our resources known and increase sales. Where and with whom could you act as OSLP's marketing team? See recommended books below.
5. I am already looking forward to the annual October retreat when we will again convene as the General Chapter for the Eucharist and the daily office, for study and learning with Dr. Heather Murray Elkins, and for rekindling the fires of community and common life. I encourage you to make this an important priority.

I conclude with acknowledgement of my deep appreciation for the other executive officers of the Order. They give unstinting service and their counsel has been invaluable to me in these difficult days. Sr. Sue, our Prior General, Br. Brent, our Chancellor, and Br. George, our Provincial General, you are gift and sign of the reign of God at work.

And now, sisters and brothers,  
 I commend you to God  
 and to the word of God's grace  
 which is able to build you up  
 and to give you an inheritance with all the saints.

Br. Abbot Daniel+

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### OSL Spring 2009 Council Meeting



In order to minimize travel expenses, we will be holding the **Spring 2009 Council Meeting** at Saint Paul of the Cross in **Pittsburgh**. The meeting will begin with lunch on **Tuesday, May 12** at noon and will conclude with lunch on **Thursday, May 14** at noon. Note that this is a **change in location** and in dates from our usual Monday through Wednesday schedule!! A key agenda item for this meeting will be the financial status and future structure of OSL Publications.

Funding for this meeting will be very tight. You (or your chapter) will need to cover transportation cost from your location (including meals while in transit) plus \$120 for two nights lodging and seven meals. It is possible, but not probable, that some of this will be reimbursed (see page 4).

If you will be attending, you need to do two things. First, either send a check for \$120 (to cover your meals and room) to Br. Brent Sturm, 25 Tressel St., White Sulphur Springs WV 24986-2568 or call him at (304) 536-1291 to put this on your credit card. Second, send an email to Sr. Sue Moore at: [esmoore@alum.mit.edu](mailto:esmoore@alum.mit.edu) to let her know that you will be there. (We must provide the monastery a list of attendees during the first week of May). If you don't have email, just ask Br. Brent to let Sr. Sue know you are coming.

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## OSL Publications

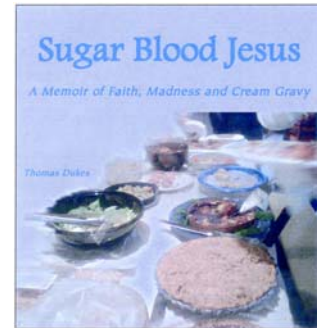
Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L. - Publisher Pro Tem

Now available: "[Sugar Blood Jesus](#):  
A Memoir of Faith, Madness and Cream Gravy" by Thomas Dukes.

*I have been dying for 35 years. So far, thank God, I haven't pulled it off.*

So begins the testimony of Thomas Dukes. He writes with humor and grace about his faith journey from a conservative Baptist closeted gay diabetic of the South to a liberal Episcopalian out gay diabetic of the North.

Dukes' wordsmithing is wittily brilliant, honest and very Southern. As one reviewer says, he "swings us arm-in-arm down a spiritual path shared by Anne Lamott."



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1-800-972-0433; product code DRSL61, \$19.95

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Here are some other outstanding books that you might be interested in purchasing from OSL Publications. Go to [www.upperroom.org/bookstore](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore) or call 1-800-972-0433.

Title	Order Code	Author	Price
<a href="#"><u>The Banquets' Wisdom</u></a> The eucharist, the Lord's supper, is a sign of Christian unity. Yet, since the time of the Reformation, the celebration of the communion remains the greatest barrier to that unity. Christians have a much longer history of unity than disunity.	DRSL50	Gary Macy	\$19.95
<a href="#"><u>Earthly Good - Reflections of Life and God</u></a> Sterne invites us to pay attention to the often ridiculous and sometimes tragic predicaments of biblical proportions in which we find ourselves. She encourages us to pay attention to the truth and beauty of other people who are so often prophets and angels in disguise and to heed the nips, taps and caresses of the spirit.	DRSL47	Martha Sterne	\$16.95
<a href="#"><u>Ordo: Bath, Word, Prayer, Table</u></a> Twelve ecumenical colleagues write essays in honor of Gordon W. Lathrop, Professor Emeritus at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Their tribute honors the impact of Lathrop on liturgical theological and ecumenical dialogue. Contributors include Edward Schillebeeckx, Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Don Saliers, Anita Stauffer, Samuel Torvend, Gail Ramshaw, Dirk Lange, Melva Wilson Costen, Gláucia Vasconcelos Wilkey, Dwight Vogel, and Herbert Anderson.	DRSL52	Dirk G. Lange, Dwight W. Vogel	\$19.95
<a href="#"><u>Poetic Justice - Meditations on Year A</u></a> In this volume of poetry Wilson ponders the biblical text, inviting the reader into deeper dialogue with the lectionary passages. <i>Poetic Justice</i> offers opportunities for individual prayer and reflection, small group lectionary study, and deeper reflection for sermon preparation.	DRSL56	Jim Wilson	\$24.95
<a href="#"><u>Two Ways of Praying</u></a> It may come as something of a surprise to some readers to hear that there are at least two ways of praying - with different concepts of what prayer itself is. So dominant has one particular spirituality become in nearly all Christian traditions today that many people are completely unaware that there might be such a thing as a liturgical spirituality or another way of understanding or organizing their worship and prayer life.	DRSL59	Paul F. Bradshaw	\$19.95



***From the Chancellor General***

*Br. W. Brent Sturm, O.S.L.,*

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**Council of the General Chapter Expense Policy**

With the May meeting of the Council of the General Chapter fast approaching, we need to be reminded of our new policy concerning the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by Council members. Please be aware that, because our finances are currently very tight, only a small portion of the amount budgeted for this meeting will be available.

- The General Chapter of The Order of Saint Luke will offer financial support to members of the Council of the General Chapter in attendance at the annual May meeting, but no such financial support is offered for the annual October meeting.
- Chapters and Associations of The Order are expected to fund the attendance of their representatives at the meetings of the Council of the General Chapter.
- The four elected general officers will have their travel, room, and board costs for the spring meeting reimbursed as a “first claim”<sup>1</sup> on the Council meeting budget.
- The general officers appointed by the Abbot may have their travel, room, and board costs for the spring meeting reimbursed as a “second claim” on the Council meeting budget.
- Up to three Provincial Companions may have their travel, room, and board costs for the spring meeting reimbursed as a “third claim” on the Council meeting budget.
- Chapter and Association representatives whose chapter or association has not been represented at the spring meeting for at least 5 years may have their travel room and board costs for the spring meeting reimbursed as a “fourth claim” on the Council meeting budget.
- Chapter and Association representatives may have their travel, room, and board costs for the spring meeting reimbursed as a “fifth claim” on the Council meeting budget.
- The General Chapter funds semi-private accommodations; the extra costs for a private room, or to bring along another person, are not reimbursed.
- Mileage will be reimbursed at the “federal rate”.
- Council members living within 500 miles of a meeting will have their airfare reimbursement limited to the amount they would have received if they had driven.
- Council members are expected to use great care and due diligence in their planning, taking advantage of all available discount programs, various forms of public transportation, and making early reservations.
- Carpooling is highly encouraged.

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<sup>1</sup> It is assumed here that all “First Claim” expenses are paid before any “Second Claim” expenses are considered. Likewise, all “First Claim” and “Second Claim” expenses are paid before any “Third Claim” expenses are considered, etc.



### ***From the Provincial General***

Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L, [revgrc@yahoo.com](mailto:revgrc@yahoo.com)

The season of Lent is upon us, a time for spiritual disciplines and reflection as we prepare for Easter. Perhaps this is a good time for each chapter and association within the Order to spend intentional time in deepened prayer and engage in reflection on your life together.

Here is the chapter news, following our new pattern of rotation, drawn from reports made to the Provincial General last fall. Your chapter is always welcome to provide the latest information (or corrections) about their events by directly submitting an article to *The Font*.

The **Gatch Farms Table Chapter** at Asbury Seminary meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-9:00 a.m. during the fall and spring semesters (48 meetings per year). The content of our meetings consists of the Service of Word and Table patterned after the service in the UMC Hymnal most times, but a couple times per month, we do an Anglican service with a local priest serving. We will also provide a Morning Prayer Service on the days that we do not have someone to preside over the Lord's Table, possibly four different days over the semester. Sr. Teresa Lucas, who graduates in May of 2009, is moving after the spring semester. She is the chapter's prior and sole member. Dr. Lester Ruth serves as the Faculty Advisor.

The roster of leaders and members of the **Dwight Vogel Chapter** (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary) remains the same as it was in the spring. One addition is that Sr. Anne Ferguson has agreed to be Chaplain for our chapter. The chapter continues to hold Tuesday night Compline at 9:40 p.m. and Wednesday morning Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. The group planned an all day prayer vigil for Election Day (Nov. 4), including praying the daily office. We are planning to invite the general seminary population to join us in prayer on that day.

The **Illinois Great Rivers Conference Chapter** meets from September through May, excluding December, on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the United Methodist Center in Springfield. We have a covenant group that focuses on the daily office that meets at 9:00 a.m., followed by the local chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. The local chapter meeting includes Morning Prayer, business, a seminar usually led by one of our members, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Conference staff often shares the Eucharist with us. We conclude the day with lunch. Last year six of our meetings were devoted to individual sections of The Rule of Life and Service. This year we intend to offer seminars that focus on different ways of praying: *lectio divina*, prayer beads, etc. Our conference has a February gathering of the clergy, and our local chapter has met for lunch before the gathering begins. We also have a luncheon at annual conference. We celebrate the Eucharist each morning before conference sessions begin. We assist in the administration of the Eucharist at conference worship services.

The **New Jersey Chapter** began this year of meetings with a retreat in Ocean City, NJ, with worship and Eucharist, in a small Chapel. We then listened to Rev. Pat Bruger, (who directs CUMAC-ECHO, a large endeavor reaching out to the needy with food, clothing, and small appliances, located in Paterson, NJ). Pat led the discussion of a book we were requested to read titled *take this bread* (no caps) by Sara Miles, a spiritual memoir of a twenty-first century Christian. Our meeting in November will have us beginning our reading of *Listening to the Heartbeat of God* by J. Philip Newell. Chapter officers are Br. Kenneth L. Smith, Prior and Sr. Shirley Mitchell, Chancellor.

The **Oklahoma Chapter** generally holds quarterly meetings, but has not had a meeting this year (2008). Chapter officers are: Jim Edmison, Prior; Eric Snyder, Sub-Prior/Formation Officer; David Mingus, Chancellor. The chapter has 20 members.



The **St. Francis Chapter** has experienced a successful merger with the United Chapter and we continue to meet on a monthly basis, rotating between a UM church in the West Ohio Conference and United Theological Seminary. We gather for Noon Prayer and Eucharist (when the Seminary is in session) on Tuesdays, usually the second Tuesday. Our attendance is between 5-8. We usually enjoy a brown bag lunch and discussion after Eucharist. We met daily at Annual Conference at 7:15 a.m. for Eucharist and fellowship. This gathering was, of course, open to the entire Conference. Several members of the Conference attended sporadically. Officers are: Br. Alan Brown, Prior; Sr. Barbara Lee, Chancellor.

One of our newest groups is the **Southeastern Georgia Association**, chartered in May 2008. From their Covenanting Document, here is their plan of action: Our plan of action includes regular contact between members via email, monthly phone discussions, and occasional meetings, possibly every three months. One of the occasional meetings during the year will be the official meeting that will be reported to the council. Also, during those occasional meetings, we will have worship and celebrate communion, have an agape meal, and discuss any topic relevant to the order, to theology, to the UM Church, etc. We also plan on choosing books to read together for discussion which will take place primarily through email. Contact with others about the Order will be made at the South Georgia conference in June. Flyers in both English and Spanish are being prepared for outreach.

**Perpetual Reminder:** If the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, or if you are the contact person and you move to a new assignment or change your internet service provider (AOL, MSN, Yahoo, etc.), please be sure to provide the Provincial General with updated contact information.

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#### ***From the Officer for Pastoral Care***



Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Sisters and Brothers:

Today has been a rather difficult day, actually. We spent what turned out to be the entire day in trips to two different doctors' offices. My wife, your Sr. Amy, has just recently noticed a suspicious clouding in the corner of her vision in one eye. Turns out she has two torn retinas, one already partially detached. "Spot welding" with a laser in the right eye this afternoon and more involved surgery coming day after tomorrow to repair the greater damage in the left one. Weeks of recovery to follow.

To while away the time I knew I would be spending in waiting rooms, I took along a book I have been reading, Barack Obama's *Dreams From My Father* – which I highly recommend, by the way. So, while I'm sitting there trying not to get too freaked out, I come across the following reflection from his first trip to Africa to meet family he had never seen before:

*What is a family? Is it just a genetic chain, parents and offspring, people like me? Or is it a social construct, an economic unit, optimal for child rearing and divisions of labor? Or is it something else entirely: a store of shared memories, say? An ambit of love? A reach across the void?"*

Powerful questions, I think you would all agree, calling any of us to search for answers along many lines at multiple depths. For me, one (though certainly not the only) answer came when I knew with certainty what I wanted to do first upon returning home after such a long day. I opened my email and sent off a post to the Cyber Chapter requesting prayer. Then, having done that, I realized that a deadline was

coming soon for material for *The Font*; that the next few days will probably keep me from my computer more than usual and that I'd better get this written and sent to Sr. Sue without delay.

It is not for nothing that we address one another as Brothers and Sisters. We are most definitely a family. More than a genetic chain. More than a social construct or economic unit. We assuredly hold a store of shared memories. We are an ambit (sphere, or circle) of love. As a community in dispersion we are constantly learning how love reaches across the voids of time and space.

There is, too, another dimension of our family that (now) President Obama did not mention in that passage: We are a community of prayer. When I opened my email tonight, before posting my own request I found and responded to the requests of some others that had come in during the day. That is precious; being a family where all of us are on both the giving and receiving end of each others' prayers. As the poet said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." That is our experience under the Mystery.

Some news of our community follows. As always, do be in touch with me if you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. I am especially interested in hearing from those of you who do not participate in the Cyber Chapter, as that has been my major, but incomplete, source for hearing from folk. Write me at [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com) or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, it's my practice to check all items ahead of time with the brother or sister concerned.

Peace,  
Br. Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care

## News

In September, in Columbus, OH, **Br. French Ball** participated in a Midwest Interfaith Immigration Summit, representing the East Ohio UMC Conference and the Ohio Council of Churches. Each day began and ended with prayer led by representatives of some fifteen several faith traditions that participated. Both of Br. French's opening prayers and an interview with him are included on a video of this event. The link to the video is: <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>

### AND:



**Br. French** is a new, first-time Grandpapa! *Lincoln Alexander Ball* was born on January 27, 2009 in Cincinnati, son of Br. French's son *Gwydion* and his wife *Amanda*. Br. French drove through an ice storm to meet them at the hospital, arriving safely. He writes that, "All is well. Baby is fine. Healthy set of lungs. Things are good." [fball@bright.net](mailto:fball@bright.net)

**Br. Tony Griffin** has shared his excitement and asked for our prayers for a pastors' continuing education event. He is sharing with Nazarene pastors in South Texas about worship and spirituality shaped by the "Ordo of bath, word, prayer, table." He is using materials developed by Bros. Dan Benedict and Don Saliers along with others. [tgriffin@snu.edu](mailto:tgriffin@snu.edu)

Prayers, please, for **Br. Stephen Ball**, his wife *Becky* and their families. Becky's father died recently and the memorial service was held February 21 - the same week that Stephen's father was scheduled for open heart surgery to repair a leaky valve. And if that wasn't enough, Br. Stephen's Mom has had hand surgery. [stephenball@mindspring.com](mailto:stephenball@mindspring.com)

**Sr. Amy Beveridge** underwent surgery in mid-February for torn retinas in both eyes, one having become partially detached. [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Prayers, please, for **Br. Joseph Piccirillo** and his wife *Sandy* who was recently hospitalized. [revjpic@snet.net](mailto:revjpic@snet.net)

Prayers, please, for **Br. David Roberts** and his family. Br. David's wife *Sarah* underwent cardiac double bypass surgery on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Surgery went well and their two 20-something sons will be sharing shifts to make sure she is well-attended during her 6-8 weeks of recovery. [mlpmchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mlpmchurch@gmail.com)

**Br. Robert Fletcher Thomas, Jr.** died on October 30, 2008 after an extended illness. A music educator, he taught at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC. Br. Robert has been a member of The Order of Saint Luke since October, 2005. Apparently he left no immediate family.

**Br. David Taylor** died on December 22, 2008. He had been a member and took great pride in the work of The Order of Saint Luke for over 60 years. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Arete L. Taylor, Westbury Homes, 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335 or his daughter, Ann Doyle, 8355 SW Sexton Mtn. Ct., Beaverton, OR 97008

**Br. Edwin Pun** will be married in a civil wedding on 5th March 2009, in Hong Kong, with a wedding blessing, probably in the Philippines, late this year or early 2010. His bride's name is Carmel. [pun.edwinp@gmail.com](mailto:pun.edwinp@gmail.com)

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***From the Historical Task Force***

*Br. David Eichelberger, O.S.L.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters: The new appointment season will soon be upon us with lots of boxing and closet sorting. If you come across some OSL related materials which you don't wish to carry forward to your new location, don't toss them out--send them the OSL Archives at the General Commission on Archives and History. We are especially keen to have information from the early days of the order--minutes of meetings, letters from officers, pictures of gatherings with names attached, etc. to add to the collection. If you have material relating to your local chapter and would like that saved too, send it in. Br. David

***From the Community of Saint Luke***

*Br. David Eichelberger, O.S.L.*

Three members of the Community were present in South Carolina during the retreat. We were able to attend the funeral of Mr. William Tyson, father of Betsy McGucken, whose spouse Stephen is a member of the Community and of the Order. We invite members of the Community to plan to meet during the Council meeting in May to discuss the future activities of the Community.



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***From the Prior General***

*Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L.,*

Mark your calendars now for the **2009 Retreat** which will be held on **October 12-15** at **St. Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA.**



Our leader will be **Dr. Heather Murray Elkins**. Dr. Elkins is Professor of worship, preaching and the arts at The Theological School and Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University. Her teaching and research interests include liturgical theology, arts and liturgy; feminist studies in liturgy and homiletics; and Appalachian studies. She is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

She began her teaching career as an instructor in the first bi-lingual independent school on the Navaho Reservation. During her pastoral career she has served as a local church pastor, a truck stop chaplain, a university chaplain, and an academic dean. She taught Liturgical Theology at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul Korea, and offers a cross-cultural course in Appalachian Studies every other year. Her current research is in the area of cultural studies, liturgy. and preaching.

Dr. Elkin's book, **Holy Stuff of Life: Stories, Poems, And Prayers About Human Things**, published in 2006, has been described as "A narrative 'treasure hunt' for the implicit holiness of human things and a quest for a transformative encounter that turns consumption into consecration."

In our time together, Dr. Elkins will lead us through story and reflection and conversation to consider anew the ways we as individuals and as an Order are called to see holiness and to turn consumption into consecration.

Those attending the Council Meeting (Elected officers, appointed officers, chapter priors, and provincial companions) should plan to arrive by noon on Monday. Those just attending the retreat should arrive in time for dinner on Monday. The retreat will end with lunch on Thursday. Those staying on for the remaining session of the Council meeting should plan to leave on Friday morning.



## Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

### MARCH

**S 1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent P**  
**M 2 John Wesley W**  
 T 3 P  
 W 4 P  
 T 5 William Me Kendree P  
 F 6 P  
 S 7 Perpetua and her Companions P

**S 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent P**

M 9 Gregory of Nyssa P  
 T 10 Harriet Ross Tubman P  
 W 11 Thomas Ware P  
 T 12 Gregory The Great P  
 F 13 P  
 S 14 P

**S 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent P**

M 16 Lucy Rider Meyer P  
 T 17 Patrick P  
 W 18 Cyril of Jerusalem P  
**T 19 Joseph, Mary's Husband W**  
 F 20 P  
 S 21 P

**S 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent P**

M 23 Martin and Henry Boehm P  
 T 24 Ida Bell Wells - Barnett P  
**W 25 The Annunciation W**  
 T 26 Richard Alien P  
 F 27 P  
 S 28 P

**S 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent P**

**M 30 Charles Wesley W**  
**(Transferred)**  
 T 31 John Dunne, Francis Asbury P

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Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

### APRIL

W 1 P  
 T 2 P  
 F 3 P  
 S 4 P

**Eve of Passion/ Palm Sunday**

**R/P**

**S 5 Passion /Palm Sunday R/P**

**M 6 Monday of Holy Week R/P**

**T 7 Tuesday of Holy Week R/P**

**W 8 Wednesday of Holy Week R/P**

**T 9 Holy Thursday R/P, W for Eucharist**

**F 10 Good Friday R (stoles only)**

**S 11 Holy Saturday R/P- am (stoles only)**

**W - pm Vigil of Easter**

**S 12 Easter W**

**M 13 Easter Monday W**

**T 14 Easter Tuesday W**

**W 15 Easter Wednesday W**

**T 16 Easter Thursday W**

**F 17 Easter Friday W**

**S 18 Easter Saturday W**

**S 19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter W**

M 20 W

T 21 Anselm W

W 22 W

T 23 W

F 24 Samuel Wesley W

**S 25 Mark R, PM-W**

**S 26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter W**

M 27 Peter Boehler W

T 28 W

W 29 Catherine of Sienna, Laura Askew Haygood W

T 30 W

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- The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

*ORDO prepared by Br. John P. Fahey, Prior  
New York Conference Chapter*

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### **Addendum to Doxology**

The following “Note to Readers” was inadvertently left out of the recent issue of *Doxology: A Journal of Worship*, Volume 25, 2008. You are invited to print these notes and insert them in your copy.

### **Note to Readers**

“To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master’s will.”  
(UMH 413)

This familiar stanza by Charles Wesley, with an emphasis on “To serve the present age,” provided the overarching theme for the 2007 meeting of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies. With reports, papers, and panels from representatives of the global Methodist family, Methodist theologians, biblical scholars, ethicists, historians, and liturgists explored what, on the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, it might mean for us to take up and to keep this charge from Fr. Charles.

And yet, we might well have paired Charles’ text with one by the twentieth-century Methodist hymn writer Fred Pratt Green:

“The church of Christ,  
in every age beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.” (UMH 589)

Taken together, these two texts invite us to reflect on how we interact with “the present age”—with the growing disparity between the wealthy and poor both within the United States and globally, the often uncritically received cultural influences of a commercialized “popular” culture, the declining influence of “mainline” or “oldline” church traditions—and how, in the midst of this age we find ways to speak and practice “gospel.” In a church context that has made a tradition of being anti-traditional, how do we both “claim and test” our heritage as Christian communities as we sing, pray, celebrate, and serve? If we are paying any attention at all, we know that there are no easy answers to these questions.

And, dear readers, do not begin to think that such answers are contained in the articles and reviews that follow!

Our opening reference to the 2007 Oxford Institute was intentional given the articles that follow. The first three were all presented in the Worship and Spirituality Group at Oxford. Sarah Mount invites us to “claim and test” the North American Methodist heritage of the campmeeting, looking at the particular

gifts such gatherings offered in their particular time and place and exploring what we may now be missing in our present time and place. Ken Loyer, through an exploration of Charles Wesley's hymns on intercessory prayer, invites us to reflect on the ways in which such prayer is a means by which we may participate in God's purposes for the world. Haejung Park introduces us to the relatively brief history of worship books in the Korean Methodist tradition, surveying the development of the most recent book with an eye to both its strengths and its limitations. One article not from Oxford and not addressed to a specific ecclesial audience, is Don Quantz' exploration of the development and maintenance of a hymnic canon in a cultural context of "commercial" Christian song. He helps us think about how we claim that canon as means of stability in our life together and how that canon will and must continue to adapt to serve not only the present age but also that which is yet to come. Susan Smith's article on the psalms invites a similar kind of reflection on the scriptural canon as she draws us into a critical and creative conversation about the use and interpretation of the psalms in Christian worship.

Finally, a word of welcome to Dr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, who earlier this year graciously accepted responsibilities for our book reviews. Heather earned her ThD in liturgy and liturgical music at Boston University and currently serves as director of music ministries and the music ministry program at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

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