



The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – April 2006

Labyrinth Construction Approaching

The Big Bend Mission will soon have a Labyrinth located near St. James' in Alpine. This is a call for volunteers from St. James' and St. Paul's. Help will be needed to lay rocks to make the paths and spread the granite gravel, simple food and servers to feed the volunteers on the day of construction, plant donations and good conversationalists and maybe a singer or two to help pass the time on construction day. We will put in effort - but it will be great fun to work on a project together. Please contact Mimi Smith in Alpine or Libi Rhodes or Shere Whitley in Marfa for more information.



A labyrinth provides a traditional Christian way to reflect on spiritual growth. "Your life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation, continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way. You're on a path... exactly where you are meant to be right now... And from here you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, of healing, of courage, of beauty, of wisdom, of power, of dignity, and of love" *Caroline Adams*

Labyrinth Organizers



Libi Rhodes



Shere Whitley



Mimi Smith

"We are all on a path, exactly where we need to be. The labyrinth is a model of that path. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering, but purposeful path. The journey to the center of the labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. It is a metaphor for life's journey. It creates sacred space and place and takes us out of our ego to 'That which is within.' (continued on back of calendar)

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Nancy Antrim to Speak at Oxford Forum

Nancy Antrim, Professor of Linguistics at Sul Ross, and parishioner at St. James' has been invited to give a paper at the Oxford Round Table on Bilingual Education on March 20th.

The roundtable is a forum sponsored by Oxford University and is by invitation



only. It is limited to 40 participants. Nancy's paper is entitled "Beyond the handbook: The influence of L1 in the language classroom." The forum is held from March 19-24.

In August, 1989, the Oxford Round Table (continued on back of calendar)



Miller Family Baptisms

On Saturday February 25th, members of Bob and Mary Miller's family gathered at St. Paul's for Holy Baptism. Two of Bob



and Mary's grandchildren were baptized, Spencer Carpenter, son of Paula Carpenter, and Sarah Claire Arenson, daughter of Keith & Azure Arenson. The service was followed by a reception at the home of Jack and Greta Murray.

Question: What do you call a nun who just passed her bar exam?

Answer: A Sister-in-law!

Land Raffle to Benefit Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua is raffling off 5 acres of donated land on Ter-



lingua Ranch. The land is located off of highway 118 in the vicinity of Nine Point Mesa. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing for the land will be in April. To purchase tickets and help the club, send a check to Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua, P.O. Box 421, Terlingua, TX 79852. Be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. For more information on the land, contact Beth Garcia at 432/371-2333 or 432/371-2304.

Desert Chihuahuan Challenge Lets the Dogs Out

On Saturday March 4th, area residents gathered at the Terlingua Ghost town for the Third Annual Desert Chihuahuan Challenge to benefit the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend and the Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua. This whacky event assembles pure bred Chihuahuas and part-breds for a race to the finish along a hundred yard course. There were several heats and winners were established in different categories. The day also included a dog costume contest and a benefit auction. The auction sold items donated by local businesses and drawings by Boys & Girls Club members. Over \$1500 was raised to benefit the Boys & Girls Club and the Family Crisis Center.



Seder Supper

April 13th following the 6pm Maundy Thursday Service at St. James'

Relive the Exodus as a personal spiritual event!

See how this tradition has shaped our liturgy.

Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday, April 9th - Regular Service Times
Maundy Thursday, April 13th (see box at left)**

Good Friday, April 14th

St. Paul's - Noon | St. James' - 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15th

St. Paul's 7:00pm

Easter Day, April 16th - Regular Service Times

Last Month's Question: Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?

Answer: From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.

This Month's Question: Why do we not use our freedom as we should?

2005 Big Bend Mission Special Giving Tops \$15,000

The generosity of Big Bend Mission parishioners supports a variety of outreach ministries including the Community Assistance Fund, the Maxine Haislip Memorial Fund, the Church in Jerusalem, the Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua, English as a Second Language Classes, Non-emergency medical transportation, the United Thank Offering, The Big Bend Mission Discretionary Fund, the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, The Otra Vez Thrift Shop and more. In 2005, your donations to these ministries in cash and other donations exceeded \$15,000. Congratulations.

Brother Lawrence Sends Thanks

After leading our retreat last month, Brother Lawrence sent this note of thanks.

"I had such a wonderful visit with all of you. Thank you for inviting me. I think I was a bit long winded, but it fit in with the outdoor atmosphere. We can only pray the Holy Spirit blew harder. The immensity of the Texas landscape and the telescopes on the mountain were only exceeded by the kindness and hospitality all of you showed me." In Chirst, Lawrence, OHC.

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Labyrinth (continued from page one)

A labyrinth is not to be confused with a maze. A maze is like a puzzle to be solved. A labyrinth has only one path that leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out again. To walk a labyrinth the choice is whether or not to walk a spiritual path. Whenever one walks a labyrinth and prays there is always the possibility of a new insight. By God's Grace our labyrinthine spiritual journey through life takes you to your center for true insight and to prepare you to bring your gifts back out into the world. To 'love your neighbor as yourself', you must first find your true nature so as to love yourself and then go forth into the world empowered to love your neighbor. The labyrinth has many more lessons to teach. Let the Labyrinth teach you." *from Lessons4Living.*

Listening and Hospitality...

Listening provides a place of welcome and an atmosphere of trust for another human being.

Nancy Antrim (continued from page one)

convened in Oxford, England for the first time to consider major issues in contemporary educational policy in the United States, the United Kingdom and other selected countries. The membership of this meeting was limited to Ministers of Education from several nations and a number of governors from the United States. Based on this experience and the associated initiatives, the participants of the Oxford Round Table considered further meetings to be highly desirable and even necessary to examine educational issues at both the national and international levels.

The purpose of the Oxford Round Table is to promote human advancement and understanding through the improvement of education. To this end, the Oxford Round Table provides a forum for the study and consideration of current issues facing state and national systems of education. The Round Table meets periodically and at each session is comprised of a small select group of leaders from both the public and private sectors of several countries.

Invitations are sent to selected persons throughout the country. These individuals are identified through several screening processes: by nomination of previous participants in the Round Table; from recommendations to the Round Table directors who, also, are actively involved in higher education and public school leadership; from recognized presentations and awards of state and national organizations; and, by invitations to an individual in a successful university or school district. The foundation of the success of the Round Table is the assurance that this learning community will be composed of outstanding educational leaders. Past membership has included Ministers of Education, State Governors from the United States, Members of Parliament, Executive Officers of international corporations, educational administrators, pastors, attorneys and academicians from major universities.



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