



Chicago Temple congregation responds, raises more than \$10,000 for Haitian Relief efforts

By Stephanie Vazquez

Through the generosity of Chicago Temple members and supporters, more than \$5,555 was raised for Haitian Relief. In addition to the funds raised over the last month, the Temple Fund voted to send \$5,000 to International Child Care.

International Child Care (ICC), a Christian health development organization operating in Haiti since 1967, focuses its work on changing the conditions of poverty that impact health and well-being. Its vision is to provide health and wholeness for children and families in empowered communities.

Chicago Temple members Chuck and Marva Andrews have maintained a close relationship with the people at ICC since their first mission trip to Haiti in 1999. In 2002, a group of FUMC members, and the Rev. Darius Thomas, joined the Andrews on another trip to Haiti to see the work being done by ICC in both Port-au-Prince and Cape Haitan.



Makeshift tent hospital. Photo courtesy of ICC.

ICC operates Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, where the primary tuberculosis treatment program operates in the country. Before the quake, there were approximately 60 in-patient hospital beds for children and numerous out-patient clinics for all ages, providing services to about 300 each day.

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THE SENIOR PASTOR'S COLUMN

Lent serves as a time of preparation and reflection on Christ's poignant Story



When we think about it, it is obvious. If there had been no Easter, there would have been no Good Friday. If something profound had not happened on the third day following the crucifixion (the details of which have been lost in the rich variety of testimonies about Christ being alive), no one would have noted the death of one more unruly Galilean nailed to a cross along with so many others.

And if there had not been a Good Friday,

there would not have been a Maundy Thursday, any remembrance of a Last Supper. There must have been a lot of times when friends gathered to break bread and drink some wine. What would have made this meal in an upper room any different if it had not been for what happened afterward in the garden and then before Pilate?

And if there had been no Easter, no Good Friday, and no Last Supper, then Palm Sunday would have been just a slight disturbance along the streets in Jerusalem as some "hill people" acted unruly, shouting and waving palm branches as a peasant rode on a donkey. At best, it only would have been a misguided celebration of a false hope.

Lent . . . there would have been no reason to
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Classroom after the earthquake.
Photo courtesy of ICC.

The earthquake did not totally destroy the hospital, however the damages sustained make it uninhabitable. As of Feb. 16, the children remaining at the hospital were cared for under outdoor awnings. On Feb. 17, a large tent was erected, which will be able to house the children. Those that remain are orphans. There were 20-25 children as inpatients at the time of the earthquake and one of them was killed.

ICC is very fortunate that the new buildings, which had been constructed within the last 10 years, didn't sustain major damage. On Jan. 12, following the earthquake they

were able to provide limited services.

The mission organization has two goals — first, to restore full services to the patients as quickly as possible and the second, a long-term goal, is to rebuild the facilities that were destroyed by

the earthquake. UMCOR is working with ICC to coordinate medical services through Grace Children's Hospital as well as the rebuilding process. To make a donation to support Grace Children's Hospital through UMCOR, the Advance Special Number is #418520.

To learn more about the organization and donate, go to www.internationalchildcare.org/

Damage to the exterior of a building. Photo courtesy of ICC.



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have a season of preparation if there was nothing for which to prepare. This oldest and holiest season on the Christian calendar was set as a 40-day period during which adults preparing for baptism would fast, pray, and study the scripture to get themselves ready. But obviously, no Easter, no Lent.

And to conclude the point: no Easter, no Christmas. What difference does the birth of a baby in an animal shelter behind an inn make if there is no story to tell about the child in adulthood? There were all sorts of people of meager means trudging about the countryside like Mary and Joseph, often caught off guard by the realities of the day.

In our normal human experience we can say the obvious: there is no death without birth. You have to be born in order to die, that is clear. But in our Christian experience we also can assert that there is no birth without death, there is no story of the birth of Jesus without the stories of his crucifixion and resurrection. In fact, it is all one story . . . the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a single theme, with the peculiarity that in telling it time runs backward. It is the resurrection that gives meaning to the crucifixion, which gives meaning to the birth.

So, in this Lenten season we, like the catechumens of old, prepare ourselves for Easter. It is the defining moment of our Christian faith. There are certain things we can do that the faithful of previous

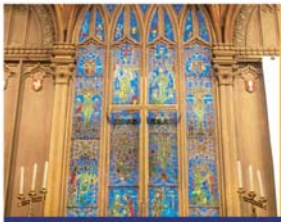
generations have told us help to sensitize us to God's message: pray, read the Bible, fast, attend worship, share our faith with others, and receive Holy Communion.

These actions, in and of themselves, do not save us. There is no merit in praying, for example, imagining that logging so many minutes a day in prayer somehow will impress God. Rather, to be in an attitude of prayer really is a discipline we assume so that we might be more receptive to the impulses of God's love. And, so it is for the other "means of grace," as the Church has called them.

Therefore, now hear the formal invitation: "I invite you, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word." As we engage in these faithful disciplines as we move forward toward Easter, may we better understand our story as it flows backward from the defining moment of Easter to give meaning to all that has gone before.

Peace,

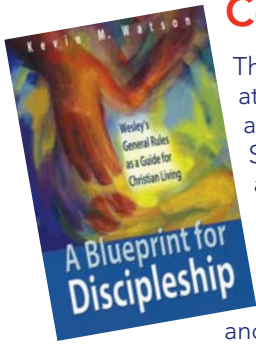
Phil Blackwell



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LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Coffee shop talk



The Rev. Cheryl Magrini invites you to join her at 9 a.m., during the Saturdays of Lent for study and fellowship at Lavazza, 27 W. Washington St., just one block east of the church. Explore and meditate in a new environment on *A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living*, by Kevin M. Watson, which is a practical guide to renewal of maintaining a sense of balance within the Christian faith. For information, contact Rev. Magrini at Cheryl@chicagotemple.org

Mid-week worship and music break

Those who work in the Loop can experience a Wednesday noon service featuring guest speakers and enhanced in song by Temple Organist Barry J. Wenger and a stellar roster of accompanists. Break away from the day's stressors during Lent and come join us.



March 3

Sermon by *The Reverend Dr. Jon McCoy*, senior pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood. Special music by Derek Handley, cello.



March 10

Sermon by *The Reverend Dr. Alan Ragland*, Senior Pastor of the Third Baptist Church of Chicago. Special Music by Matthew Coley, hammered dulcimer.



March 17

Sermon by *Eboo Patel*, the founder and Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a Chicago-based institution building the global interfaith youth movement. Special Music by Brandi Berry, Baroque violin.



March 24

Sermon by *The Reverend Dr. Robert A. Hill* of Boston University, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Chaplain to the University, and Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology. Special music by Brad Opland, string bass.



March 31

Sermon by *Dr. Margaret M. Mitchell*, Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature, Divinity School at the University of Chicago. Special Music by Janelle Jansen Lake, harp.

Holy Week and Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28 – Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary. Procession of the Palms / Special music with children and adult choirs, "Song of the Three Children"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 – Holy Communion – 7:30-9 a.m. Noontime Worship – 12:10 to 12:45 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Noontime Worship – 12:10 to 12:45 p.m.
6 p.m. – Worship and Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 from Noon to 3 p.m.
"The Seven Last Words from the Cross" (In 25-minute segments)
The Praetorium Sign Language choir from Stone Temple Church, directed by Rev. Carole Clemons-Clark, will join the Chicago Temple Choir for a powerful musical and visual expression of the *Seven Last Words*.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3: Easter Vigil – 5 p.m. in Dixon Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Easter Sunrise Services – 6, 6:30 and 7 a.m. – Chapel in the Sky
Easter Breakfast – 9:30 a.m. in James Parlor

FESTIVAL SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY – 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Special Easter music by the Chancel Choir, a brass quintet, and organ
Nursery will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. but there will be no Sunday School classes for children and youth on Easter.

J. S. Bach's birthday

March 21 is J. S. Bach's birthday. In celebration of this gifted composer, organist Barry Wenger will play Bach's music for prelude or postlude.

Pew Profiles . . . **Abbie Riehs**

Name: Abbie (Abigail) Riehs

Age: 14

Future goals: To attend Northwestern University and study history, specifically the Renaissance and Shakespeare's work.

Hobbies: Swimming, reading and biking

In the spirit of Facebook's Random Facts feature, we asked Abbie to share a few tidbits with Carillon readers:

1. My sister, Madeline, is 6 years older than I, yet I am taller than she.
2. Favorite quotes: "Defy Gravity" from "Wicked," and "I am amazed and know not what to say" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (one of my favorite plays.)
3. I broke my arm when I was 7 years old falling off a scooter; I broke my hand when I was 12 years old falling off a chair.
4. I took acting classes when I was 8 and 9 years old. One of my teachers was a judge on "High School Musical: Get in the Picture." One of my classmates was the daughter of an Oscar-winning director.
5. Dave Koz's niece was in my 3rd and 4th grade classes. She got the Grammy-nominated saxophonist to come and give an assembly at our school.
6. I have memorized Puck's closing monologue from "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and will recite it for you at the slightest provocation. "If we shadows have offended..."
7. For my birthday, my brother, Carl, bought tickets to see Taylor

Swift in concert. He went with me to the concert, AND we got upgraded to the front section.

8. I've visited London, England; Nice, France; Barcelona, Spain; Naples, Florence, Rome and Venice, Italy; Santorini and Athens, Greece; Dubrovnik, Croatia.
9. My grandfather is a United Methodist minister and baptized me. I've been going to church as long as I can remember.
10. I like the Chicago Temple for the people, the history, the architecture, and the birds and squirrels in the ceiling of the sanctuary.
11. My favorite holiday is New Year's Eve because I get to stay up late, and New Year's is a time of starting over.
12. As for my faith journey, I've been happy going to church almost every Sunday (except when I have swim meets.) Church has always been a part of my life. It's been really exciting to be a part of the Temple, and the Open Hands Youth Fellowship. I like that I've gotten to know people from all over the city. I like being an acolyte, too. It makes me feel like I'm an important part of the worship service.
13. I've started to spell Abbie with an 'IE' instead of a 'Y'. It was intentional.



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In Memoriam . . .

Renowned missionary has ties to FUMC at the Chicago Temple and the world

Members of FUMC at the Chicago Temple remember the work of Lorraine E. Gribbens, 89, a former member and missionary who served as a pharmacist in underdeveloped countries most of her life. She passed away Dec. 30 in Asheville, N.C.



Born to Emma and Lee Earl Gribbens in Chicago, Ms. Gribbens found herself dealing with struggle at a young age. Her parents died when she was eight and she had to be raised by different relatives until adulthood.

Never discouraged, she rose from this struggle to work in various jobs until she landed a position at the University of Illinois at Chicago as a laboratory worker. This position would change the course of her life and lead her to a career in pharmacy. She graduated with a pharmacy degree from the university in 1953.

But Ms. Gribbens felt she had a higher calling, but what? She said in a 1999 Christianity and Pharmacy article, "Many hours of prayer and meditation were spent seeking God's will for my life. I actually had to stop praying to hear His voice. Then he spoke so loudly that I could not do anything but what He put in front of me."

Upon seeing a film on missions, she heeded the call to apply to

the Mission Board of the Methodist Church. From there, she said in the article, she found her way on to adventure.

Ms. Gribbens' work took her to Christ Hospital in Sarawak, which is one of two states on the island of Borneo in Malaysia, for 18 years. The Temple supported her efforts throughout by collecting plastic pill bottles for prescriptions and raising money to air condition the hospital's pharmacy to counter the heat and humidity, which was melting pill coatings.

Other assignments took her to Fiji, Harlan, Ky., in the Appalachian Mountains and after retirement, she volunteered for more than three years at the Hopital Lumiere in Bonne Fin, Haiti.

On the homefront, Ms. Gribbens was active in the Temple's United Methodist Women group as well as in her Asheville church.

Her timeless words from the article resonated, even today: "Many things have changed over the years, but not the fact that there is always work to do for the Lord. All we have to do is be willing to reach out and touch someone . . ."

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Let's get connected! Are you interested in joining with fellow FUMC members to eat at different ethnic restaurants, do scrapbooking, go golfing, attend the opera or plays? Please join us in James Parlor on March 14, following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services as we explore new small group fellowship opportunities. This will be a 3-F event – food, fun and fellowship.

March Seminar on Christianity 101

During this Lenten season we are offering a special seminar on the basics of Christianity with Bishop Sharon Rader and Dr. Philip Blackwell. This discussion will take place every Sunday in March at 9:45 a.m. in Pierce Hall.

CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

Please Remember These Persons In Your Prayers

Peg Isaacson's father
Ralph Neyland
Nati Oro
Marti Zimmerman
Lisa Lenoir's parents,
Ausbie & Etta Lenoir
Sheila Lockhart
Amy Schutt
Dorothy Emmons
Ed Gabriel
Joann Contos
Marilyn Dugas
Ponnamma Benjamin
Annie M. Geiger
Randy Heller & Maureen
Moroney, friends of
Ron & Diana Johnson
Anita Phillips
Dorothy White
Jason Chamberlain
Pat Patton's friend Ruth
Stamper's son Scott Austin
Chili Shears' father & sister
Verlane Franklin
Maria & Elizabeth Elizondo

Beth Jacobs' mother
Louise Foote
Azucena Munoz Tressler,
and her mother and sister
Yvonne Scott
Stella Amaefule
Aida Roque
Jessica Taylor
Martha & Rudolph Chavez
Darlene Grass' grand-
daughter, Abbey
Doris Galloway's sons,
Erik & Allen
Joyce Rimel
Edith Smith's husband
Tim Weiss
At Home
Barbara Schubert
Delbert Brown
Florence Bos
Teresita Crisostomo

Extended Care or Rehab
Edna Walters
Henrietta Brown

James Humble
Mildred Kretz
Esther Penaloza
Edward Clay Jr.
Irene Stull
Alice Inouye
John Romans
Priscilla Zapatka
Virginia Schuler
**Mourning the loss of
a loved one**
Lina Parangat and John
Cerovac, mourning the
loss of John's mother
John Benjamin in loss of
his mother Ponnamma
Julian Ramos, father of
Eunice Cronin and broth-
er-in-law of Remedios
Yambao
Flora Amaefule, in loss
of her mother, Elder Mrs.
Janet Okoronkwo

Members Celebrating A Birthday

March 1
Charles Hawk
Kimberly Fraher
Virginia Schuler
Johnathan Barnes
March 3
Frances Lee
David Mohr
March 5
Vernon Walters
Crystal Jackson
David Ploeg
March 6
Cynthia Clark
March 7
Christine Jasch
Darlene Bennett
Renee Krueger
Sherry Cook
March 8
Karen Warner
Wilma Smelcer

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Mary James
March 10
Rob York
March 11
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Brian Krob
Glynnis Zywicki
Kennan Carnegie
Duke Smaroff
Bryan McBlaine
March 12
Karmy Kays
March 13
Bill Murray
Carol Myford
Anna Lee
Jennifer Booth
March 14
Jacqueline Rivera
March 15
Charles Massey

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Jeffrey Flock
Renee Fernandez
March 17
George Gardner
Kate Hansen
March 19
Leslie Robinson
Logan Zywicki
Lina Nacu
Frances Spencer
Merrie Bunt
March 20
Christopher Rodkey
March 21
Ann Friesema
March 22
Michael Starks
March 23
Linda Cordero
Joni Ferneau
Charles Montgomery

March 24
Christie Miller
March 25
Krista Cobb
Betsy Benito
Emily Greta
Kent Hansen
March 26
Nithin Santhanackumar
Wendell Bennett
Sandra Pillar
March 27
Erica Burgner-Hannum
March 28
John Taylor
Mason Porter
March 29
John Henstock
March 31
Evan Portee
Gene Mendoza

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Monday, March 1

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

Tuesday, March 2

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 11 am-Mary Martha Circle. James
 6 pm-Staff Parish Relations Committee. James
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, March 3

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Jon McCoy
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, March 4

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Friday, March 5

6:30 pm-TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE. Dixon

Saturday, March 6

9 am-Lenten Study. Lavazza on Washington
 12 noon-Supplemental Church Council Meeting. James
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, March 7

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-College-Age Group. 420

Monday, March 8

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, March 9

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2

6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm

Wednesday, March 10

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Alan Ragland

3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce

6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, March 11

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, March 13

9 am-Lenten Study. Lavazza on Washington
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, March 14

Daylight savings time begins (spring forward)
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm- Small Group Ministry Celebration.
 James
 12:15 pm-Temple Strings. Choir Rm.

Monday, March 15

12 noon-Aid Society Meeting. James
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James
 6 pm-Finance Committee Meeting. 420
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, March 16

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, March 17

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 Guest Speaker: Eboo Patel

3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce

6 pm-Tutor Training
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, March 18

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel
 6 pm-Church Council. James

Saturday, March 20

9 am-Lenten Study. Lavazza on Washington
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, March 21

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Mabuhay Fellowship. Choir Rm.
 12:15 pm-College Age Group. 420

Monday, March 22

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, March 23

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, March 24

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 Guest Speaker: Robert Hill
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, March 25

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, March 27

9 am-Lenten Study. Lavazza on Washington
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.

8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Monday, March 29

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, March 30

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, March 31

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 Guest Speaker: Margaret Mitchell
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

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