

# St. Patrick' Shamrock

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## BISHOP DAN EDWARDS CONSECRATED!



Episcopal bishops, local interfaith leaders, native American "smudgers" and drummers, choirs and churchgoers from throughout Nevada gathered January 5 to participate in the consecration of Dan Thomas Edwards as the 10th bishop of Nevada. The celebration at the Henderson Convention Center was led by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori who served as Nevada's ninth bishop. The celebration began with a litany, written by Edwards, which recalled the visionary leadership of the late bishop Wesley Frensdorff, seventh bishop of Nevada, who "planted the seeds for the vibrant, diverse and life affirming ministries that can be found in Episcopal congregations large and small around the state," a diocesan news release said.

Bishops participating in Edwards' consecration were: Kirk Smith of Arizona; Neil Alexander of Atlanta; Jerry Lamb, retired of Northern California, who has been assisting in Nevada for the past year; Robert M. Anderson, Assistant of Los Angeles; Harry B. Bainbridge, III, of Idaho; Barry L. Beisner of Northern California; Michael Garrison of Western New York, a former priest in Las Vegas; Carolyn T. Irish of Utah; Bavi (Nedi) E. Rivera, Suffragan of Olympia; and James E. Waggoner, Jr., of Spokane. Edwards, 57, was previously rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Macon, Georgia. He was elected from a field of six nominees on October 12, 2007. Upon receiving the news of his election, Edwards said,

*"My sisters and brothers in Christ, with utmost humility and deep joy, I accept this call to serve as your bishop. Together we can engage in our many different ministries, ever mindful that we are all essential parts of the one Body of Christ, that all of our ministries serve one mission: to reconcile all people to God and each other in Christ. For the love and glory of God, we can build bridges across whatever divides us.*

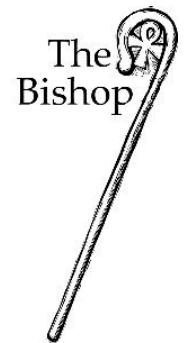
*"Nevada is already an exciting, creative, trail-blazing diocese," Edwards continued. Referring to Frensdorff, Nevada's diocesan from 1972 to 1985, Edwards added: "Together, we can keep faith with Bishop's Wes's dream of the church, consolidate Bishop Katharine's achievements, and share God's love with more people than ever before. We can build a house where all are welcome. We can support a rising generation of young Episcopalians who have enough courage to shape the future with faith.*

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Bishop Dan Edwards, continued



*"With God's help, the Church in Nevada will become ever more mission-minded and spirit-filled, ministering to those in need and advocating for those who are despised by the world but beloved of God. May the Lord strengthen, inspire, and unite us to do the work God has given us to do."*

Edwards grew up in Texas and practiced law in Colorado and Idaho. After serving as regional director of a Migrant Law program, he later became statewide director of a Native American Law program. His ministry has been with a diversity of congregations --- urban and rural, liberal and conservative, traditional and contemporary. He was an intern at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, and with the FisherFolk. After assisting in a large downtown church, he became rector of St. Francis' Macon, Georgia.

At St. Francis', Edwards promoted servant leadership, Millennium Development Goals, and racial reconciliation. An advocate for ministry development, Edwards co-directed a diocesan program to train spiritual directors, taught in St. Luke's (Atlanta) Pastoral Institute, and supervised aspirants in field placements. As convocation dean, he mentored other clergy and coordinated regional church activities.

Edwards ...promoted interfaith/ecumenical dialogue in his role as diocesan ecumenical officer. A former college chaplain, he has led retreats for church and college groups.

Edwards and his wife, Linda, have two married adult daughters. The bishop's wife is the Macon Professor of Law at Mercer College, Macon, Georgia and will become a visiting professor of law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas in September 2008. Her areas of expertise include property law, legal analysis and legal writing. She is one of the foremost published authorities of legal writing in the United States.

The Diocese of Nevada comprises about 6,000 Episcopalians worshipping in 34 congregations, including one in the neighboring state of Arizona.

*Excerpts from an article written by Jon Davidson*

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## LENT & HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, February 6:** Ash Wednesday—12:15pm in the Chapel; 7:00pm in the Church
- Feb. 14, 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20:** Thursday Lenten programs, 5:30pm-7:00pm (Library, Chapel)
- March 16:** Palm Sunday, 8:00am and 10:00am
- March 17-19:** Holy Eucharist in the Chapel—7:00pm
- March 20:** Maundy Thursday Eucharist in the Church—7:00pm
- March 21:** Good Friday Service in the Chapel—12:00pm
- March 22:** Saturday, Family Eucharist—5:30pm  
Easter Vigil in the Church—8:00pm
- March 23:** Easter Sunday—8:00am and 10:00am



## *Absolute, Number One Goal for 2008:*

### *Burn the Mortgage!*



In 2007, St. Patrick's received over \$54,000 in contributions towards burning the mortgage. When those deposits are all made, our mortgage balance will be right at \$323,000. Our capital campaign, which begins now but will be in full swing just after Memorial Day, is aiming to pay that off completely. The reason is simple: by doing that, we will accumulate funds that would have gone for mortgage payments, diocesan asking, and columbarium sales. Add that to our Millennium Development Goal collections and — if 2007 is any indication — St. Patrick's Church will be spending over 50% of our budget on outreach alone!

What kinds of things could we do as early as 2009? As our Mentor has said, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.*" In other words, the pure neediness of the world far surpasses our ability at St. Patrick's to heal it. *However* — we could make this world a better place in our lifetimes in many, more modest ways.

Tanzania is a country of about 35 million people. They have over 2 million orphans. The reason, of course, is that many HIV/AIDS mothers die in childbirth. What most people don't know is that two out of three of those babies have only the mothers' *antibodies* (not the virus). So, after six months, those babies are healthy. *If* they're taken care of.

There is a crying need in the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro (yes, that's the one with the famous mountain and the Serengeti Plains you see on Animal Planet) for orphanages to provide for the orphans' critical first year or two of life. Held, played with, clothed and fed and educated by local staffs, these babies will have a fighting chance to live a normal life if they are appropriately placed in foster homes (another mission of the orphanages).

Humanitarian missions like these have a great and positive snowballing effect, especially for the little girls. There is little disagreement that a Third World girl, properly educated, has fewer and healthier children. She will also have a dramatically higher chance of maintaining good maternal care and a dramatically lower chance of dying in childbirth.

Here's the point: St. Patrick's Church — *by itself* — could fund and help build an entire orphanage in the village in Tanzania in *one year*. Providing, of course, we pay off our mortgage. That's the only thing standing in our way. Just that.

*Let's do it.*



## ST. PATRICK'S PAROCHIAL REPORT 2007

Every year all Episcopal parishes are required to submit a "*Parochial Report*" to the diocese, who then forwards it to the national church. Here's ours for 2007:

### **Membership, Attendance and Services**

Increases in membership during 2006:	21
Decreases in membership during 2006:	24
Total active baptized members:	194
All communicants in good standing:	180
Communicants in good standing under 16:	30
Average Weekend attendance:	90
Easter attendance:	132
Total Saturday & Sunday Eucharists:	156
Weekday Eucharists:	57
Private Eucharists:	12
Daily Offices on Weekdays:	9
Marriages:	6
Burials:	5
Baptisms:	3
Confirmations:	8
Total church school students:	24

### **Stewardship and Financial Information**

Pledges:	68
Actual revenue (pledges, plate):	212,795
Revenue from investments:	7,038
Other income (rentals, etc.):	83,743
Outreach contributions:	28,033
<b>Total all revenues:</b>	<b>\$331,609</b>
Funds to the Diocese of Nevada:	39,544
All other operating expenses:	\$270,309
<b>Total all expenses:</b>	<b>\$309,853</b>



## 2008 Budget

### Income

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Pledges	206,000	220,000
Plate	30,000	27,500
Trans. Des. Fund	40,000	20,000
Interest income	1,000	0
Investments	15,000	10,000
Fundraising	15,000	25,000
Day school	14,420	14,420
Rentals	5,000	3,000
Weddings	5,000	3,600
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$331,420</u></b>	<b><u>\$323,520</u></b>

### Expenses

2 Clergy	\$118,049	\$106,650
Music	29,050	34,900
Parish Admin.	16,000	16,000
Building	103,088	96,508
Programs	3,900	4,950
Diocese	39,000	37,750
Operations	26,695	22,854
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$335,782</b>	<b>\$319,612</b>
<b>Projected Cash Flow:</b>	<b>-\$4,362</b>	



## ***KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS***

*Do you love to knit or crochet? Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday From 1—3 p.m. in the church library!*



The holidays have come and gone, but the many lovely items of clothing made by the members of the Knitters Guild are keeping families in the North Tahoe communities of Incline Village and Kings Beach warm. The coordinators of the Holiday Giving Program here in Incline Village came to the December 5th guild meeting and selected things they thought would be welcomed by the families in the program. The completed items were displayed on the library tables, and it was an impressive sight! In addition to sweaters, mittens, baby layette components, hats and scarves, 13 lap robes were taken to be given to seniors.

Then, three boxes filled to the brim with more things were delivered to the North Tahoe Family Resource Center in Kings Beach . In all, 198 items were donated in this latest distribution! In January, when classes at school resumed, an assortment of hats, scarves and mittens were delivered to the counselor at Incline Elementary School. She'd noticed some children who needed things to keep them warm when outside for recess, so she asked me if the members of the guild could help. We did!

Weekly knitting classes have resumed for fourth and fifth graders at the school. Each Wednesday, after the guild meeting, several members go to the school and meet with the participants in the Knitting Club, as it is called. The enthusiasm of the students, both beginning and intermediate, is heartwarming to the teachers. The children have chosen to make small caps for premature infants as a project.

The Knitters Guild will have many beautiful things on display for the next art exhibit here at St. Patrick's, so we hope you'll enjoy seeing examples of the things made by this dedicated group of ladies!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site address for the group is [www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/](http://www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/). Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.

## **NORTHWEST MISSION DISTRICT RECEPTION FOR BISHOP DAN EDWARDS**



On January 12<sup>th</sup> the NW Mission District had a wonderful day celebrating with our newly consecrated 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Nevada. At 2 P.M. over 250 people gathered at St. Catherine of Siena in Reno for a Service of Welcome and Holy Eucharist with Bishop Dan and Linda, his wife. In the congregation were worshippers from all over the northern Nevada area including the Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno and a Baptist pastor, and inter-faith leaders from Hebrew, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Baha'i and Paiute Nation traditions. Each of these representatives spoke and/or sang words of welcome to Bishop Dan. Music was provided by a combined NW Mission District choir including our own Sally Hammel and former St. Pat's parishioner, Barbara Edwards. Bishop Dan presided at the eucharist accompanied by clergy from the NW Mission District.

Following the service everyone was greeted by Bishop Dan and Linda, and then was treated to a lovely reception in an adjacent area. A highlight of the reception was when The Rev. Jane Foraker-Thompson presented Bishop Dan and Linda with western hats!

We hope that Bishop Dan and Linda will be as happy being in Nevada as we are to have them here.

Connie Skidmore, St. Pat's NW Mission District Rep.



***Knitter's and Weaver's Art Show!***

What a delight it has been for us to see the artwork from the youth of our community in our hallway art gallery. We give special thanks to all the young people who participated in honoring God's gift of art with us!

It is now time to welcome our next artists' group, knitter's and weaver's, to adorn our St. Patrick's gallery area. Please bring all knitted or woven items to the church office by Tuesday, February 12, with your name on the back of each item. **There will be artists' receptions on Saturday, February 16 from 4:30pm-5:30pm, and Sunday, February 17 from 11:00am-12:00pm.** Please contact Lainie, Caroline, or Deb if you have any questions.

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***Pre-Plan for Peace of Mind!***

Is there something you have been planning to do, but just haven't gotten around to it? ***PRE-PLAN FOR PEACE OF MIND!*** Yes, planning your final resting place. May I suggest our beautiful Columbarium?

Planning your inurnment now eliminates worry for your loved ones and assures your peace of mind that your wishes be followed. Decisions made *today* can save needless emotional stress and financial hardship *tomorrow*.

Remember, a substantial percentage of your purchase is tax deductible and each niche will hold the cremation boxes of two people without the need to purchase fancy urns. There is a one-time payment that includes the name plaque and any future name or date changes.

If you have never visited our Columbarium, stop by and see what a beautiful, peaceful place it is and then talk with your family. Don't put it off any longer. Call me for information and appointment:

Nancy Joslin, Columbarium Director  
(775)831-2716

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***Children and Youth of St. Patrick's  
Begin a New Year***

Godly Play is back in full swing after the holidays! This year there will be two (instead of three) groups of children: Both groups will meet at the same time---after Saturday Night Alive and dinner in the Library. This leaves plenty of class time: from 6:45p.m. until 7:30p.m. Here's more about each group:

- Children fifth grade and up will meet with the Vomund's (Kathy and David) and Caroline Cutler.
- Children younger than fifth grade will meet with Deb Beebe and Judy Morrison for Godly Play. Our children, who range in age from 3 years to 11 years, are a lively, interested group. They enjoy hearing the Bible stories which we tell, and afterwards, our craft session where they can exhibit their creativity. Please call Deb or Judy if you have any questions about Godly Play.

Judy Morrison (831-1564)





## "Hat"

By Jim Beebe

It was Holy Week, eight years ago. My wife got the chance to be with Sara, our two-year-old granddaughter and the two of them were looking for something interesting to do. So they went to the store and bought two dozen brightly colored plastic eggs in a basket, for the whopping sum of \$1.69. Well, it turned out to be a stroke of genius. Little Sara played with those eggs all day long. And when I got home after work, there she was, at the bottom of the steps, with the basket on her head. "Hat!" she exclaimed.

Hat, indeed! It got us to thinking how wondrous the thinking of a two-year-old who was not held captive to the linear, cognitive, dreary Age of Reason. For Sara, the basket wasn't a basket anymore — it was a hat! It's no wonder that Jesus insisted that if we don't approach the Kingdom of God as a child, we won't see it, even if it knocks up upside the head. The Resurrection is a perfect example of God thinking outside the box. Just when everybody had taken to the hills, sure that their last three years had been wasted...even before the total, shameful devastation of their teacher dying such an awful death on the cross had even hit home...just then did all the walls fall off their box. *Hat!*

God broke out of that box 30 generations ago. He's gone ahead of us. He's out there, waiting for us. As the young guy in the white robe said long ago, "Don't be afraid. You're looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. He's out there, waiting for you." "Hat!"

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### ***Need Snow Removal or Building Excavation?***

***Call Mitch Jordan at 742-9406. Mitch has helped keep the parking lots clear of snow at St. Patrick's Church for years and recently excavated for the garage project at the Rector's house! Mitch operates a fleet of plows and loaders and is very economical.***

