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# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross; Tryon, North Carolina

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## From the Rector

The Rev. Dr. Michael Doty

We are coming to the end of yet another hot summer here in the Foothills and it is time to look forward to the beginning of a new academic year at Holy Cross. Several special events are in the works for September thanks to the efforts of your church staff and vestry. These include the induction of new members to the Order of the Daughters of the King on September 4; special services observing the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 World Trade Center tragedy on September 11; and our official celebration of Holy Cross Sunday on September 18. We will also resume our Wednesday evening dinners, Wednesday evening prayer service, and the adult choir and handbell ensemble will resume their regular rehearsals. Add to that the several educational and spiritual growth programs planned by Faith Weathington (see pages 4 and 5) and there will be plenty going on with something for everyone.

This is also the month when we will direct a great deal of attention to hospitality. You have heard me say many times that we are the best kept secret in the Foothills and we need to be intentional in our hospitality. You have also heard me say that the Kingdom of God is here and now and that we are called to be active participants in bringing it into the world.

Jesus describes what that looks like in Matthew 25:31-40, where he says, *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, **“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”** Then the righteous will answer him, **“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”** And the king will answer them, **“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me***

Though cast in apocalyptic terms, the lesson Jesus has for his disciples is simple: We are to offer hospitality, love and care to everyone. The fulfillment of the Kingdom of God comes when we who are God’s people are all active and daily participants in alleviating hunger, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting and comforting those who are confined. Those are all aspects of following the Gospel and ushering in the Kingdom of God, but since it is all rooted in our lives bound together as the Body of Christ – the Church – it is imperative that our hospitality also draw all others into worship, praise, fellowship and prayer.

Please remember a challenge I gave you several weeks ago: On Holy Cross Sunday, September 18, I asked that everyone bring at least one other person who is not affiliated with Holy Cross to our worship that morning and that every one of them be made to feel especially welcome. It will be a glorious day! ■

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The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross seeks to welcome, love, and serve all people, as we come to know God through Jesus Christ

**Grace Notes**

Thank you, **Penn Dean** and **Jean Moore**, for providing baked goods for the Holy Cross choral workshop last month.

This summer I have worked on planning programs and Sunday School for the coming year. As I did so, I discovered that we have had very dedicated service from a number of those who work with our young people. **Geoff Carey** told me he has taught Sunday School for the last five years, and is next year becoming Senior Warden. I think this reflects the special dedication and effort that he and his family have brought to our church. Many thanks, and we look forward to your coming leadership of the Vestry. Also a prize among our teachers is **Mimi Pospisil**, who has worked her special brand of miracle with the younger Sunday School students for many years. **Mimi** has not only an angelic touch of kindness about her, she also brings wonderful artistic talent and a zeal for sharing. Finally, the skills and patience of **Wanda May** are the glue that keeps things together. She deserves thanks and support for always being there for us. Thanks to those who have served and who are being asked to serve in the coming year. **Faith Weathington**

Thank you **Holy Cross!** School supplies spilled from the container with the items Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry needed to finish getting children ready for school. The backpacks are especially appreciated, and the remaining items will fill the supply closets in each Polk County School. Outreach keeps those closets supplied throughout the school year. Know that you have made a worthwhile and wonderful gift. Your generosity is gratefully received. **Carol Newton**

**Parish Workday**

By Ben Davis

Coming soon (Saturday, September 10)—**Parish Workday 2011** Join your fellow parishioners for a morning of facility and ground maintenance excitement. Hedges will be trimmed, beds will be weeded, closets will be cleaned, walls will be painted, and breakfast will be served. We will begin as early as 7:30am (to beat the heat), but are in a position to appreciate your help starting at a time of your choosing, and plan to wind things up in early afternoon. Please sign up on bulletin outside the Common Room or contact Ben Davis at 864.895.3525 or cbenda-vis@aol.com. ■

You can find program information, weekly schedules, sermons, and more on the Holy Cross website [www.holycrosstryon.org](http://www.holycrosstryon.org)

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We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

## From the Organ Bench. . .

By Susie Mahnke

**T**hey're back! The Holy Cross Choir has regrouped after a summer's vacation, and we are glad. We began our 2011-2012 program year on August 20 with a Saturday morning workshop. This gave the choir the opportunity to reunite and to welcome new choir member Barry Maguire. Thanks to church member and photographer, Don Bush, we also had photographs made for our new Holy Cross website. The rest of the morning allowed time for a preview of some of the choral anthems that we will learn and sing in the coming months. Thank you, Penn Dean, for preparing the choir folders and assisting the choir in getting started this year.



### Music Encompasses September Events at Holy Cross

September 7 - Wednesday Night Dinner, 6:00 pm - After dinner, Mark Schweizer, composer, musician, and author, will present his famed Liturgical Mystery series.

September 11 - Commemorative service observing the tenth anniversary of 9/11 at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Kevin Brode will play the bagpipes for the opening voluntary. Special music will also be provided by Holy Cross musicians and choirs.

September 18 - Holy Cross Day - Worship services at **8:30 and 11:00 am**, with breakfast feast at 9:45 am. Note time change for late service!!

### Improvements in Holy Cross Sanctuary

If you entered the sanctuary during the week of August 15-19, you probably saw the ghostly specter of large sheets of plastic draped over the organ facade pipes. For several years, plaster has been flaking from the walls inside the organ pipe chamber, causing a fine white powder to drift within the chamber. This plaster damage was due to moisture in the plaster which occurred before the new roof was in place.

Thank you so much, Ben Davis, for overseeing the successfully coordinated effort between the John Dower Organ Company and Leslie Lueck Plastering. And sincere thanks to the Finance Committee and Vestry of Holy Cross for their support of this project.

*Susie has been organist and choir director at Holy Cross since June 2010. She and her husband, Kym, have been members of Holy Cross for over four years. Kym, an attorney with Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough Law Firm in Greenville, is a dedicated choir member and a pianist. They have two adult sons, Fritz and Byron.*

## Wednesday Night Dinners Begin September 7

By Greg Wright

**O**ur first Wednesday night dinner of the fall will be held on September, 7 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Subsequent dinners will be held on October 5 and November 2. Our delicious, homemade meals are prepared and served by Holy Cross volunteers. Along with the usual delicious main dishes like meatloaf and beef burgundy, we'll serve great side dishes, salads, and desserts. We'll provide iced tea and water, please feel free to bring your own wine if you desire. At each Wednesday dinner we will celebrate those with birthdays during that month. To cover the cost of the food, we ask for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 12. Where in the world can you find that kind of meal for \$5—it is the best bargain around.

Our Wednesday dinners offer a very casual and friendly environment to share a wonderful meal and enjoy warm and un-hurried fellowship with the Holy Cross community. You'll have time to chat with old friends, make some new friends, and enjoy the programs cooked up by Faith Weathington and Wanda May. Look for the menu and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Common Room. To help us plan, please sign up by the Monday prior to the Wednesday you plan to attend. If you are inviting families, friends and neighbors, remember to include them when you sign up.

To produce the Wednesday dinners, we need lots of help, 15 or so volunteers are needed each week for shopping, cooking, set-up and clean-up. Some of the jobs only require a few minutes, others (like shopping and cooking) a few hours. Those who work in the kitchen always end up in lively conversation, working together offers another wonderful way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners. If you'd like to volunteer to help out in any way, please contact Greg Wright at 828-817-2538. We are in particular need for people to help with clean-up after the dinners.

Please plan to join us on Wednesdays. You'll have a wonderful meal for only \$5, and you'll spend a few minutes with some of the most wonderful people around! ■

# Fall Programs & Events at Holy Cross

September-December 2011

By Faith Weathington

It is time for a new school year to begin and Holy Cross has special programs for all ages. Our Program Committee, our Fellowship Committee and our Music Program have lined up wonderful special events we can all enjoy. The Youth will participate in classes and happenings at Holy Cross and within the Diocese.

As the Vestry member working on Programs and Christian Formation, I am very excited about all these program choices. We hope you will take advantage of these offerings and get to know your fellow parishioners a little better in the process. Make this year a time to get involved for fun, spiritual growth and Christian celebration. ■

## Crossings

Thursdays at 10:00 am. Father Doty will kick off this new group in September. Each "course" will run for four to six weeks. Several of the sessions are taken from *Daily Practices For God's People*, a program developed by talented persons within our own Diocese of Western North Carolina. This is truly an excellent course of study. We will use sections of this throughout the next year.

**September 1 to September 29** The first session will be on *Hospitality*. Holy Cross prides itself on being a warm, hospitable place where strangers feel at ease. Come and learn about the biblical foundations of hospitality and how we can live into that gift as we welcome new people to share in our life and fellowship.

**October 6 to November 10** Controversial evangelist Ron Bell challenges conventional theology with this very refreshing look at what Christians are called to do. His book, "Love Wins" has caused great consternation and reprisals from other ministers. Come hear what the fuss is about! This exciting session will be led by Fr. Michael Doty

**December 1 to December 22** A chapter of the *Daily Practices for God's People*, this unit is entitled "Simple Living". It will be led by Faith Weathington. A most appropriate topic for the Season of Advent, we will explore what it is to live simply, and by doing so, find a spiritual path to a fuller, more abundant life.

In **January**, *Crossings* will kick off the new year with a 4-week book study using the books *Home* and *Gilead* by Marianne Robinson. These two novels regard two ministers who are longtime friends and neighbors. The story is told from each of their points of view. This book group will be led by Wanda May.

## Wednesday Dinner Programs

**Mark Schweizer** September 7. Mark Schweizer, composer, musician, and author, will present his famed Liturgical Mystery series.

**Mission Trip to Haiti** October 5. Katy Wall will present a program about her mission trip to Haiti. Katy grew up at Holy Cross and is special to all who know her. She now lives, works and attends church in Greenville at Christ Church.

**Handbell Choir Presentation** November 2. Margaret Leach will lead our Handbell Choir in a short presentation after supper.

## Commemorative service observing the tenth anniversary of 9/11

On this Sunday, Holy Cross will remember all those who were killed by the terrorist attacks ten years ago in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Tryon Police and Fire Departments will participate as we honor their sacrifice and service to us all. Special music will be a part of these services as well, including Kevin Brode, who will play the bagpipes. Special music will also be provided by Holy Cross musicians and choirs.

## Foyer Groups

Second Sunday of each month (September 11, October 9 November 13, December 11) 6pm to 8:30pm. Foyer Groups provide a wonderful way to get to know your fellow church-goers a little bit better. The groups stay together for three months, then are re-grouped. In December there are two larger gatherings for all of the participants. Do think about joining a foyer group. Contact Katy Murphy for more information. 864 895-3525

## Holy Cross Day

September 18 - Worship services at **8:30 and 11:00 am**. Our parish name is honored on this Sunday. Service times are adjusted to allow for a joint breakfast between the two services. We will have a breakfast feast in the parish hall from 9:45 to 10:45. Start your year off by joining us for fun, fellowship and of course, great food!

## Author's Tea featuring Gwen Suesse, author of *Womansong*

September 23 - 2:00 pm in parish Hall. We are privileged to have Gwen Suesse, local Tryon author join us to talk about stages of every woman's life and the blessings and challenges that accompany them. *Womansong* is a beautiful book which describes the stages of life as different musical interludes and movements. It is generously illustrated by Renée Locks, who may be familiar to you as



the artist who paints *BrushDance*. Gwen, now president of the Tryon Concert Association, is a former music teacher of high school students, a talented choral director, a wonderful mother and grandmother, an HR consultant and much more!

This event includes a lovely afternoon tea and the opportunity to buy autographed copies of *Womansong* for your mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends. This is a ticketed event. Tickets may be purchased in the church office for only \$5.00.

### Parish Picnic

October 1 - 4:00—7:00pm at the Meeting Place, Skyuka Road. Our Parish Picnics are always a treat. We gather outdoors and enjoy food, music, great conversation and fellowship. Bring a covered dish or two and your musical instruments. Bring your friends and relatives. The more the merrier!

Choral Evensong November 6 at 6:00 pm in honor of All Saints' Day

### Thanksgiving Services

Nov. 20 Community-Wide Service Location TBA                      Nov. 24 Holy Cross 6:00 pm

### Advent Quiet Day

December 1. Get away from the hustle and bustle before it overtakes you and focus on the spiritual side of the Advent Season. This is a time of calm, waiting and watching. Come away for a day of prayer and meditation, led by Deacon Marilyn Walters. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Make reservations by calling Wanda in the office. 859-9741

### Advent Recital Series with a Bach's Lunch

Wednesdays at Noon during Advent. Tryon musicians will offer a 30 minute recital in the Holy Cross sanctuary on Wednesdays at noon during Advent. Enjoy a box lunch, while you listen (*available for purchase*).

### Christmas Services

Dec. 24 Early Service 5:00 pm; Dec. 24 Midnight Mass 10:00 pm; Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am

## The New Holy Cross Website

Lori Walter has worked very hard over the last few months to rebuild the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrosstryon.org](http://www.holycrosstryon.org)) and it looks great! The website includes lots of general information and fun facts about Holy Cross, and it has up-to-date information about all of our programs and events. You can check out the lay schedule, read past issues of the *Messenger*, listen to sermons, learn about musical programs, see Sunday bulletins, view the liturgical calendar, peruse the Sunday readings, learn the history of the church, see our stained glass windows, see what is on the calendar for the coming week, and more. Make [www.holycrosstryon.org](http://www.holycrosstryon.org) your homepage and you'll never miss another Holy Cross event. ■

## Hospice Needs You

By Cam Lawrence

The excitement of summer and the heat wave are almost over. Something other than your garden needs you. It's time to volunteer! Please think about how you can fit into the picture.

All types of volunteer opportunities are waiting for you.

- \* Greeters for the Hospice House
- \* Patient care volunteers - always a big need and a great reward
- \* Hospice Barn volunteers, call 457-7348. Training is given every Monday at 10 am.
- \* Donating volunteers - **personal care products** such as no rinse shampoo (available at Walmart), no rinse body wash (moisturizing, unscented), Gillette custom plus disposable razors, shaving cream (moisturizing, unscented) are always needed for home patients.
- \* Give **something special** to add to the comfort of the patients at the Hospice House, please see the list posted in the hallway at the church.
- \* Advertising Volunteer! Has your family or friend benefited from Hospice Care? If so, please share the Hospice concept so that more people will benefit from this excellent program during times of difficulty.
- \* Literature is available on the racks outside the Common Room.
- \* Give as your heart allows!

Next VOLUNTEER TRAINING will be 9/27, 29, 10/4 & 6.

Please call Hospice at 894-7000 to register or learn more or your Hospice Good Samaritan Volunteer, Cam Lawrence at 457 4469 ■

## Reflections from the Breakfast Table

By Dolores Zeese



*Reflection is that attunement of the imaginative and the intuitive parts of our inner being, giving yourself over to openness, freedom and vulnerability. It means walking through very ordinary days with a heart that is open to surprises and wonders, graced by the insight of the moment and aware of the feelings that accompany that insightful moment. Out of the daily stream of busy-ness and activity, the here and now, there will often be a revelation of God and His will for us. (Sr. Joyce Rupp)*

As I write this, it is almost Labor Day and I'm reminded of the hymn we sometimes sing, "Come Labor On, who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today." Somehow I don't think that just physical work is being indicated. This is a wonderful old hymn. It reminds us that God is always watching us and that even when we fall asleep on the job, He continues to watch. And even during times of trepidation, when we are filled with doubt, dread and fear, we are urged to lean on our faith in Him.

This old hymn then urges us to claim our calling as Christians and bear the Gospel message to all who will listen, not just by words, but by the holy relationships we have with one another. There are many ways that Christ is made known to us, including the reading of scripture and sharing of the Sacraments. I believe it is also in the way we reach out to others in His name, the way that we love and care for one another; it is in the way we enter into each others lives and change one another in profound and unexpected ways by our interactions over time. We shape one another when we love and care for one another to be sure, but we are also affected when we let each other down or hurt one another as a result of our imperfections and sins. It is my belief that even when we fail one another, Christ can be made known through repentance, forgiveness, and new resolve. Nobody will make me believe that some of these things are not hard work and what better time to begin to work on them, than Labor Day.

We are winding down a long hot summer, and before we know it, we will be complaining about the cold. (When they're predicting snow in the Upstate, let's try to remember these past few weeks.) With Labor Day also comes the reminder that the church will be shifting into another season, a new year, and with that comes the reminder to fulfill our mission and Practice Outrageous Hospitality. Come, Labor On! Reach out to that stranger, welcome that visitor, smile at the person you don't know well and make it your mission to get to know them. Make a phone call to that person you've been thinking about; send a card to that shut in. Not only will you make them feel good, it could even change your life in unknown ways. There's a song from a play of many years ago that went in part like this:

*"People come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow, if we let them, and we help them in return. I don't know if it's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you, I have been changed for good."*

As I think back over my years at Holy Cross, I know these words are true for me. I've met and interacted with some of the most wonderful people here. As we move forward into this new season, take time to think about the people in your life, how you've affected them and how they have affected you. Then welcome those who are still waiting to pass through your lives. ■

Hugs from Dz

*O God, by your Grace you have called us in this Church to a fellowship of faith. Bless us all that your Word may be truly heard and faithfully received. Heavenly Father, in you we live and move, and we humbly pray that you will guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in the midst of all our cares and concerns, we may not forget you, but remember that we are always walking in your sight. By your Spirit grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Mothering Across Continents

By Cam Lawrence

Patricia Shafer of Tryon, executive director of Mothering Across Continents, will describe the work of this non profit organization during a 3 p. m. presentation on Sunday, October 9, at the Landrum Library. The organization sponsors projects benefiting women and children on three continents. Often these projects involve small loans to help women set up micro-businesses.

The Landrum Library and the Dark Corner Book Club are sponsoring the event to raise awareness of how individuals and groups can impact educational, nutritional and economic conditions in impoverished areas. A list of suggested non-fiction and fiction books focusing on these conditions will be available at the program. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Landrum Library, 457-2218 or Cam Lawrence, 457-4469. ■

## A Profile of Ann Smith Curtis

By Hoppy Long

Ann Smith was born in Johnston, SC in Edgefield County. She attended school in the same building from kindergarten through high school which was only eleven grades back then. Ann had three brothers and one sister and she relates that for fun they swam in Salter's Pond, which she doubts is in existence now. The biggest treat as a child was when Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe arrived in their horse and buggy and the children were taken for a ride. Ann's mother was a musician and graduated from Winthrop College with degrees in piano and organ. Ann says she did not inherit those genes. When asked what her main interest was in school, she quickly replied, "Boys." She said when they had a date, she and the boy sat in the front porch swing. Ann was the Salutatorian when she graduated from high school.

She grew up in the Methodist Church, but on Sunday nights they would go over to the Baptist church where there were more young people.

After high school, Ann attended Winthrop and majored in business. Following college, she moved to Columbia, SC and proudly landed a job as the executive secretary to the commanding general of Fort Jackson, and this is where she met her future husband who was stationed there in the army. She had a blind date with Doug's friend, and her friend went out with Doug on that first date. Very soon Doug called Ann, and she says that was when 'it started'. They were married at the army post in PA where Doug was stationed before being sent overseas. Ann continued with her job at Ft. Jackson, and when Doug returned, he enrolled at the University of Michigan and they moved to Ann Arbor. They had no housing when they arrived so Ann went to the Dean of Women and got help in renting a room with kitchen privileges from a lovely lady who took them in as family. The rent was \$8 a week. They had no car and walked everywhere they went. Everyone was friendly, and Doug and Ann lived near Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harmon, Tom was a football player for Michigan. The Harmons later had a son named Mark Harmon who also played for Michigan, Mark is currently the leading actor in the TV series NCIS.

Doug had served in the army with Julian Cheatham who became the founder and president of Georgia Pacific. He contacted Doug and hired him and they moved to Augusta, GA. In time along came two sons, and then daughter Cathy, whom many of you have met, and finally another son. Through the years these children grew up and gave Ann and Doug seven grandchildren, and in September Ann will become a great grandmother. When Georgia Pacific moved their headquarters to the West Coast, Doug declined to move with the company, so he started a wholesale lumber business. Doug took care of the sales and Ann kept the books and raised the children.

Doug was an Episcopalian, and Ann was confirmed at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta. In no time Ann became very involved in church and the diocese. They lived in North Augusta, SC, and having no Episcopal church, they decided to start one, and Ann's father, who was also in the lumber business, donated the lumber for the church.



Ann Curtis, shown with Bishop Taylor and the Rev. Michael Doty, was recognized October 7, 2006 as the Honored Woman of the Year by the diocesan ECW.

woman of the year in 2006. She has served as Junior and Senior Warden, Altar Guild Chair, ECW Diocesan President, UTO Chairman, Chalice Bearer, Lay Reader, Lay Eucharist Minister and five time delegate to General Convention. She has finally slowed down somewhat but still serves as treasurer for her condominium homeowner's association, which she has done since she moved there in 1988.

Ann, our lives have been blessed and enriched by your loving presence and your devotion to God and church, and we are thankful for you, and we wish you God's peace and blessings. ■



When Ann's father died, they moved back to Johnston to run the family lumber business. They bought the family home and her mother lived with them. The four small Episcopal churches in that area became a cluster church, and Ann and Doug again became very involved. These clusters sprang up in areas where small separate churches struggled. Ann was elected as president of the Women of the Diocese, and she visited every single church in that diocese. Ann recalls that in 1978 she was elected to General Convention in Denver. The delegates were asked to dress up as "flappers" and Ann brought along a dress which her mother had worn in the '20's. All dressed up she and a group walked from their hotel to the convention center, and Ann was stopped by a woman who walked up to her and said, "Move over, sister, this is my territory!" That incident made several newspapers.

A few years later they decided to look around the mountains for a place to retire, and finally landed in Tryon. They bought their condo in Hunting Country Trails in 1988 before ground was even broken, and had a say in the design of their unit.

They joined Holy Cross right away and Ann became very involved once again in the church and the diocese of WNC. She was recently recognized as being a Daughter of the King for 55 years. She was also awarded the title of ECW

# Parish Picnic

You are invited to the  
**Holy Cross Parish Picnic**  
 on Saturday, October 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
 at the Meeting Place Senior Recreational Center on Skyuka Road

Please bring a covered dish with plenty to share, and a serving utensil. Beverages and paper products will be provided.

## Directions from downtown Tryon:

- ◆ Take highway 108 to Columbus
- ◆ Go to the first stop light in Columbus and turn left on Houston Road.
- ◆ Go approximately .1 mile on Houston Road until it intersects with Skyuka Road
- ◆ Go straight on Skyuka Road for approximately .9 mile. The Senior Recreational Center is on the left, visible from Skyuka Road. Turn left on Carmel Drive and turn into parking area.

## A Noteworthy Anniversary

by Hilary Giner-Sorolla



During 2011 celebrations are going on throughout the world to mark the 400th Anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible.

After the death of his cousin, Elizabeth 1st, her successor to the English throne, the newly crowned James 1st, called a conference at Hampton Court Palace near London in January 1604. It was there that the monarch's plan for a new Bible translation from Hebrew and Greek into English was approved and the task taken up by thirty-seven Bible scholars and linguists working on six separate committees.

Because the text was to be read aloud in churches, the translators strove to produce a work in which punctuation, cadence and rhythm created a powerful effect. Many phrases which are in use today stem from this great endeavor...e.g. "the skin of my teeth"; "how are the mighty fallen"; "rise and shine": "sour grapes."

In the beginning, and for a long time after that, setbacks occurred. Firstly, harsh criticism from scholars not chosen. Then there were countless printer's errors, and there was a fierce competitor, the Geneva Bible of 1560.

After 1611, England's official bible printers still printed the Geneva Bible in many editions. On top of that, copies continued to be imported from Amsterdam. Finally, in 1640 the anti-Puritan Archbishop William Laud, who used the courts to make drastic church reforms, made its importation illegal, citing it was creating unfair competition.

Once the KJV had crossed the Atlantic by way of colonists to the New World, the work eventually became the bible of choice for the nation, and missionaries carried copies with them to far off lands.

*The scholars who produced this masterpiece are mostly unknown and unremembered. But they forged an enduring link, literary and religious, between the English speaking people of the world." Winston Churchill*

## Hendersonville Deanery Gathering

On Saturday, July 9th, thirteen Daughters of the King from Mary Martha, Holy Family, Holy Cross and Calvary Chapters attended a get-together at the home of the Rev. Posy Jackson in Zirconia, near Hendersonville. After socialization and coffee, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated on the wide porch overlooking Tigg's Pond. A covered dish luncheon followed.

The event was organized by Elaine Chen, President of Mary Martha Chapter at St. James Church, Hendersonville, who gave the blessing. ■

*The Order of the Daughters of the King is seeking women who might be interested in our ministry. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. All women are welcome. Please contact Barbraann Barraud at 864 457-2323 , for more information.*

# Anglican History

By Henry Moffitt

We are now at the starting point of what I'd like to call the 'Countdown to the Reformation'. The doctrines and peoples' feelings, traditions and legends are all in place to begin a three-century drama that saw the earthly Church split into four different segments, each more or less based on the indigenous culture of the various nations involved. It saw northern and western Europe break away from the Mediterranean culture that had it in thrall to form once again a civilization on its own; it caused people to look to the antiquity of their respective expressions of their faith in Christ. It also saw a large number of power-trippers and control freaks attempting to take advantage of the situation for various and sundry ends. However, let us take a break from the drama, a few historic cocktails (or a cup of fine coffee), prior to going in to watch the show. So, enjoy a few vignettes of medieval Church life from between the Norman Conquest and the Reformation:

First of all, what about the Bible. English folk must have held it in high esteem, for, when it came time for a parish to replace its old Bible with a new one, there would always be someone to buy the old one to place in their homes. Now, medieval manuscripts were rather well made. Some old volumes in museums and libraries are still in good shape, despite three centuries of use and four centuries of graduate students pawing over them. But, from time to time they would have to be replaced. One requirement of English parishes was that there was to be a Latin Bible in it, out where the public could read it. It was chained to a rugged stand, so that it wouldn't find itself wandering off. Needless to say, it would get worn, and a new one put in its place. So a parishioner would buy the old one to put in the home to ward off evil spirits. Some of these old Bibles are still to be seen. Oddly enough in some of them one would find the English words written in between the lines; people were teaching Latin to their children out of the Bible, a practice reminiscent of the ancient British Church. This practice ended early in the 15th century when new translations of the Bible into English were forbidden. (Wycliffe's Bible was exempt from this prohibition, as was extemporaneous translation during the course of a sermon.) Perhaps our old doctrine of 'bell, Book and candle' used in exorcisms stems from this.

Another thing was the question of married clergy. In Wales, married clergy was permitted 'from long-standing tradition'. But in England, we find examples of priests having wives openly. Now we are all aware of medieval priests having secret wives, but there are cases where it was deemed lawful. One example was found, a young priest being called before the ecclesiastical authorities for having a wife. He explained that he was married before he took Holy Orders. He was allowed to go back to his parish. I wonder how many young English seminarians got married and went to Wales to be ordained. Apparently married clergy was lawful in some parts of England.

A third item involved the Holy Communion. It seems that a peasant had gotten a counterfeit penny during his dealings. Now the medieval English penny was in value about a day's wages for a working man, perhaps \$60 to \$80 in today's (2011 AD) money. So it had cost him plenty. But he devised a plan to get rid of it: he would drop it into the Easter offering the following Maundy Thursday. No one would know who had put it into the basin, and he would appear righteous in the eyes of all. So that he did. But the priest saw him, but said nothing. On the following Easter Sunday, he put the penny in the ciborium along with the Bread, and when said peasant came up to receive Communion, the good father put the bad penny in his mouth. The fellow was sure that Divine Justice had turned his Bread into the bad penny and went into a state of deep remorse and repentance, confessing all his sins, etc. He is said to have lived a life of great sanctity thereafter. I am sure there is a miracle there somewhere, not as regards the penny or the Communion, but rather that the Acolytes who knew about the man's 'donation' kept from blabbing it all over the community until after the Easter Mass!

The Episcopal practice of allowing lay folk to lay hands on the sick and anoint them, and also to hear confessions also has its roots in the 14th century, when, during the height of the plague and priests were dying off in greater proportions than the lay folk, bishops did. Use of lay confessors may well predate the plague; it is seen in the ancient Celtic Church. This practice may have fallen off but now is revived in our contemporary practice.

And finally, the royal assertion of the King of England being the Head of the Church in his country: It was a custom from Anglo-Saxon times for each Englishman and -woman to donate a penny to contribute to the Holy See in Rome. Long before the 14th century, English kings exercised a royal prerogative as Head of the English Church (most likely un-canonical) to turn such 'Peter's Pence' to their own use. Early in the 14th century, St. Paul's Cathedral was being rebuilt, but, alas, funding was running low. No problem, the Crown diverted Peter's Pence to the rebuilding of said Cathedral (the one that got destroyed in the London fire of 1666). Hence we say, "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

And we are out of space. Pray for me, a sinner. ■

Henricus parvulus

*Henry Moffitt has been a faithful member of Holy Cross for many years, serving in the choir, as a lector and lay reader, and chalice bearer. As sacristan he assists the rector or visiting clergy in preparing and conducting the mid-week services.*

# Weekly Worship, Learning, and Fellowship

## Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Music

## Sunday School Begins September 25 at 9:45

**Children ages 5-13** will have bible stories and fun activities to help them learn about God, Jesus and our faith.

**Youth ages 14-18** will study issues that face our young people and learn what response God wishes us make throughout our lives.

**The Adult** class will offer consecutive four-week sessions on a variety of interesting topics. We will touch on our spiritual journeys, the lives of saints, temptation, forgiveness, grace. These sessions will be led by various parishioners.

## Sunday Service at Benson Hall 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist for residents of White Oak and Benson Hall, led by Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

## Wednesday Worship Opportunities

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)  
11:15 AM Holy Eucharist at Tryon Estates (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month)  
5:30 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)

**Wednesday Night Dinners** Our monthly dinners, will be held on September 7, October 5 and November 2 at 6:00 with program following the meal. The menu and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Common Room. To help us plan, please sign up to attend. To cover the cost of the food, we ask for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 12. Plan to join us!

**Parish Choir** New members are always welcome to join the choir! The Holy Cross Choir leads the hymns and service music at the 10:30 worship service each Sunday morning during the program year. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:40, in the choir room. For more information, please contact Susie Mahnke.

**Handbells Choir** Ringers, new and experienced, enjoy rehearsing on Wednesdays at 5:45-6:45 pm in the handbells room, under the direction of Margaret Leach. Future handbells performances will be on Holy Cross Day, All Saints' Day, and Christmas Eve. For more information, please contact Margaret Leach or Susie Mahnke.

**Crossings** Thursdays at 10:00 am. Father Doty will kick off this new group in September. Each "course" will run for four to six weeks. Several of the sessions are taken from *Daily Practices For God's People*, a program developed by talented persons within our own Diocese. **September 1 to September 29** The first session will be on *Hospitality*. Come and learn about the biblical foundations of hospitality and how we can live into that gift as we welcome new people to share in our life and fellowship. **October 6 to November 10** Controversial evangelist Ron Bell challenges conventional theology with this very refreshing look at what Christians are called to do. His book, "Love Wins" has caused great consternation and reprisals from other ministers. Come hear what the fuss is about! This exciting session will be led by Fr. Michael Doty. **December 1 to December 22** A chapter of the *Daily Practices for God's People*, this unit is entitled "Simple Living". It will be led by Faith Weathington. A most appropriate topic for the Season of Advent, we will explore what it is to live simply, and by doing so, find a spiritual path to a fuller, more abundant life. In **January**, *Crossings* will kick off the new year with a 4-week book study using the books *Home* and *Gilead* by Marianne Robinson. These two novels regard two ministers who are longtime friends and neighbors. The story is told from each of their points of view. This book group will be led by Wanda May.

## Upcoming Events

**Mark Schweizer** September 7 following Wednesday dinner. Mark Schweizer, composer, musician, and author, will present his famed Liturgical Mystery series.

**Parish Workday** Saturday, September 10. Join your fellow parishioners for a morning of facility and ground maintenance excitement. Hedges will be trimmed, beds will be weeded, closets will be cleaned, walls will be painted, and breakfast will be served. We will begin as early as 7:30am (to beat the heat), but are in a position to appreciate your help starting at a time of your choosing, and plan to wind things up in early afternoon. Please sign up on bulletin outside the Common Room or contact Ben Davis at 864.895.3525 or cbendavis@aol.com.

**Commemorative service observing the tenth anniversary of 9/11** September 11 - at the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services. On this Sunday, Holy Cross will remember all those who were killed by the terrorist attacks ten years ago in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Tryon Police and Fire Departments will participate as we honor their sacrifice and service to us all. Special music will be a part of these services as well, including Kevin Brode, who will play the bagpipes. Special music will also be provided by Holy Cross musicians and choirs.

**Foyer Groups** Second Sunday of each month (September 11, October 9 November 13, December 11) 6pm to 8:30pm. Foyer Groups provide a wonderful way to get to know your fellow church-goers a little bit better. The groups stay together for three months, then are re-grouped. In December there are two larger gatherings for all of the participants. Do think about joining a foyer group. Contact Katy Murphy for more information. 864 895-3525

**Holy Cross Day** September 18 - Worship services at **8:30 and 11:00 am**, with breakfast feast at 9:45 am. Our parish name is honored on this Sunday. Service times are adjusted to allow for a joint breakfast between the two service. We will have a breakfast feast in the parish hall from 9:45 to 10:45. Start your year off by joining us for fun, fellowship and of course, great food!

**Author's Tea featuring Gwen Suesse, author of *Womansong*** September 23 - 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We are privileged to have Gwen Suesse, local Tryon author join us to talk about stages of every woman's life and the blessings and challenges that accompany them.

This event includes a lovely afternoon tea and the opportunity to buy autographed copies of *Womansong* for your mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends. This is a ticketed event. Tickets may be purchased in the church office for only \$5.00.

**Parish Picnic** October 1 - 4:00—7:00pm at the Meeting Place, Skyuka Road. Our parish picnics are always a treat. We gather outdoors and enjoy food, music, great conversation and fellowship. Bring a covered dish or two and your musical instruments. Bring your friends and relatives. The more the merrier!

**Mission Trip to Haiti** October 5 following Wednesday dinner. Katy Wall will present a program about her mission trip to Haiti. Katy grew up at Holy Cross and is special to all who know her. She now lives, works and attends church in Greenville at Christ Church.

**Handbell Choir Preview** November 2 following Wednesday dinner. Margaret Leach will lead our handbell choir in a short presentation after supper.

**Choral Evensong** November 6 at 6:00 pm in honor of All Saints' Day.

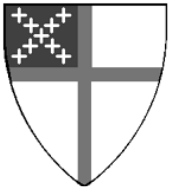
**Thanksgiving Services** Nov. 20 Community-wide service, TBA  
Nov. 24 Holy Cross Service 6:00 pm

## Lay Schedule for September

	28-Aug	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep
<b>8:30</b>					
<b>Greeter</b>	Dorothy Wyckoff	Doris Saunders	Claire Carey	Mary Ellen Wuerfel	Dorothy Wyckoff
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Doar	Karen Johnston	Gordon Downe	Dorothy Schwobel	Sam Doar
<b>Usher "A"</b>	Jerry Pospisil	Caroline Chapman	Mike Jordan	Jerry Pospisil	Alan Batchelder
<b>Usher "B"</b>	Sam Doar	Austin Chapman	Paula Jordan	Ed Craig	Sam Doar
<b>Crucifer/Acolyte</b>	Elizabeth Walter	Ed Craig	Elizabeth Walter	Joaquin Rossen	Annie Doar
<b>Acolyte in Training</b>			David Doar	Alita Rossen	
<b>Lector/Prayers</b>	Ken Johnston	Jack Saunders	Jean Pettigrew	Ken Rossen	Norma Batchelder
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Peter Fenn	Renee Duvall	Sam Doar	Sam Doar	Peter Fenn
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Rosemarie Gerstenberger	Ken Johnston	Hoppy Long	Bo Edwards	Rosemarie Gerstenberger
<b>Euch. Visitor</b>	Rosemarie Gerstenberger	Ken Johnston	Hoppy Long	Bo Edwards	Rosemarie Gerstenberger
<b>LEV In Training</b>		Doris & Jack Saunders			
<b>Coffee</b>	The Jordans				
<b>10:30</b>					
<b>Greeter</b>	Joan Shepherd	Mary Hales	-	Cindy Barnett	Wanda Doar
<b>Greeter</b>	Frances McCain	Wanda Doar	Sam Doar	Frances McCain	Joan Shepherd
<b>Usher "A"</b>	Carl Schumacher	Harry Sams	Doug Price	Paul Zeese	Ambrose Mills
<b>Usher "B"</b>	Jane Schumacher	Ken Rossen	Nancy Myrick	Nancy Ernst	Jeanne Mills
<b>Crucifer 1</b>	Annie Doar	Madison Alexander	Annie Doar	Todd Walter	Madison Alexander
<b>Acolyte "A"</b>	Rebecca Price	Joaquin Rossen	Rebecca Price	Lori Walter	Rebecca Price
<b>Acolyte "B"</b>	Megan Viehman	Alita Rossen	Sara Seagle	Katy Murphy	Sara Seagle
<b>Lector</b>	Geoff Carey	Cindy Barnett	Wanda May	Henry Moffitt	Penn Dean
<b>Prayers</b>	Penn Dean	Geoff Carey	Jean Boggs	Charles Breuer	Pat Seifert
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Peter Franklin	Tom Moore	George May	Peter Franklin	Boyd Correll
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Boyd Correll	Lynn Page	Pam Doty	Craig Williams	Bill Kelly
<b>Euch. Visitor</b>	Bill Kelly	Lynn Page	Pam Doty	Craig Williams	Bill Kelly
<b>LEV In Training</b>		Ruth Goodson	Jean Boggs	Hilary Giner-Sorolla/ Barbaraann Barraud	Leslie Huntley/ Virginia Correll
<b>Coffee</b>	Zeese/Cornay				
<b>Vestry in Charge</b>	Greg Wright	Faith Weathington		Doug Price	Jerry Pospisil

## Do You Wish to Receive Communion at Home?

It is important to the life of Holy Cross Church that all our members, if they wish, be able to receive communion at home or in the hospital when they are ill. However, in order for Fr. Doty and Deacon Walters to facilitate the Lay Eucharistic Visitors' ministry of home communions they need to be notified ahead of time. Please be sure to call the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Fridays to let the clergy know that you wish to receive a home communion on the following Sunday. ■



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## September Birthdays

09-02	Nancy Ernst	09-20	Craig Williams
09-03	Carl Schumacher	09-20	Sara Seagle
09-03	Wiley Lunsford	09-21	Michael O'Steen
09-03	Suzanne Bowers	09-23	Lillie Hilton
09-06	Bill McCown	09-24	Pat Chesnutt
09-08	Faith Weathington	09-24	Gene Moore
09-09	Gillian Butts	09-24	Sharon Johnston
09-10	Cindy Barnett	09-25	John Pullen
09-10	Larry Newton	09-26	Claire Carey
09-12	Ruth Johnson	09-27	Marge Bain
09-14	Don Weathington	09-27	John Salmon
09-14	Kathleen Robbins	09-27	Geoffrey Carey
09-15	Jean Boggs	09-29	Ken Rossen
09-17	Bill Jenks	09-30	Pam Stone
09-19	Joan Shepherd		

## September Anniversaries

09-07	Harry & Diane Forsha
09-07	Katherine & Billy Wall
09-09	Ben Davis & Katy Murphy
09-10	Don & Cindy Barnett
09-16	Geoff & Ellen Carey
09-18	Rody & Sally Dayvault
09-23	Richard & Barbraann Barraud
09-29	Jack & Doris Saunders



## The Conversion of St. Paul Window

### *Given by the Women of the Church*

According to Luke's historical record (Acts 9:1ff), Saul, armed with arrest warrants for those of the Christian Way, departed from Jerusalem en route to ancient Damascus, some 140 miles to the north. As he drew near that city, a light brighter than the noonday sun suddenly engulfed him. A voice inquired: "Saul, Saul, why do you continue to persecute me?" The double use of his name suggests a reproof (cf. Matthew 23:37; Luke 10:41; 22:31). Saul responded: "Who are you, Lord?" The title "Lord" was employed at this point as a mere term of respect, for he knew not who had addressed him.

The voice was identified as Jesus of Nazareth! The stunned persecutor was instructed to enter Damascus where he would be informed as to what he "must do." Blinded as a consequence of this miraculous vision in which Christ actually appeared to him (9:17; 1 Corinthians 15:8), Saul was led into the city.

For three agonizing days he fasted and prayed. Finally, Ananias, a messenger selected by God, arrived. He restored Saul's sight and commanded him to "arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). After certain days passed, the former persecutor began to proclaim among his fellow Jews that Jesus "is the Son of God" (see Acts 9:19-22). ■

