

The Messenger

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From the Rector

The Rev. Dr. Michael Doty

On one of my rare days at home I watched the morning news. Obviously this week the reports were about the violence in Libya and the Mideast, the earthquake destruction in New Zealand, the execution of four Bible missionaries by Somali pirates and the pirate's subsequent deaths by U.S. Navy warship fire. Uncivil violence and natural destruction seem to be increasing all around us, but how are we to respond. As I wrote this column I sat comfortably in my warm home in my peaceful woods with a full belly and a hot cup of coffee by my side. On the floor the dogs were snoring softly and peacefully. Outside the sun was shining. What do I know about violence, fear, hatred, want and oppression?

I am blessed, as are most of us here in the Carolina foothills and upstate. Most of us get to sleep in warm beds every night, we have enough to eat and clothes to wear. We can travel where and when we wish, keep company with whoever suits us, and say or write what is on our minds without fear that the police will come in the night to take us away. Major natural disasters generally pass us by. So what do any of us really know about the kind of poverty in Somalia that drives young men to piracy in order to survive; or the oppression that drives the people of Libya to take to the streets to face bullets and bombs in the hope of freedom; or what it is like to suddenly have hearth and home destroyed by an earthquake? Most of us simply do not know.

But there are people in our several communities who do know. Here among we who are blessed and comfortable are some who live in grinding poverty, who want for the simplest of comforts and the least bit of hope. There are those among us who are desperately ill, poorly educated, spiritually or mentally broken (or both), and who never know from day to day what they will eat, or where they will live, or how they will survive. Many of them are old and many of them are children who cannot help themselves. These persons, our neighbors, often feel disenfranchised, cut off, helpless and desperate. Some live in dilapidated shacks or trailers within sight and sound mansions. They, better than I, may know how the Libyans, Somalis and New Zealanders feel.

As I said earlier, uncivil violence and natural destruction seem to be increasing all around us, but how are we to respond? In short, we begin by choosing to respond to that which lies at our very doorstep. We may not be able to help alleviate the hunger in Somalia, but we can feed the hungry here. We may not be able to rebuild Christchurch, New Zealand, but we can help provide safe shelters here. We may not be able to intervene in Libya, but we can work for peace and justice here.

Thermal Belt Outreach, Meals on Wheels, Steps to Hope, Operation Hope, the Red Cross, The Meeting Place Senior Center, churches, civic clubs and more provide opportunities for us to make a difference here, even if we cannot do so abroad. Be blessed, then, and share that blessing. ■

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serve all people, as we come to know God through Jesus Christ

Grace Notes

The youth would like to thank **Paula Jordan** for giving up a good night's
sleep while being a chaperone at our February 4th lock-in.

Thanks to **Pat Seifert** who has been the Monday morning office volunteer
for several years. **Pat**, you have been a huge blessing for the office staff,
and your work has benefited all of Holy Cross. Wanda HATES to lose
you.

Thanks to **Joan Lonnes** for the outrageous Valentine's Day spread she
created for coffee hour recently. Many thanks to **all others who have
provided refreshments and hosted the coffee hour** as well, your efforts
are appreciated.

A huge thank you is due to **Carol Newton** and **Hoppy Long** for their
dedication to the Shepherd Program and to their work for Inreach. Many
thanks also to **Barbara Salmon** and **Dorothy Wyckoff** who are the cur-
rent leaders of the Shepherd program. You have all touched the lives of so
many and are a blessing to the entire Holy Cross community.

A round of applause for **all that are involved in the Wednesday night
dinners**. The dinners are not only delicious, but provide a special way to
get connected with friends new and old. A virtual army of people take care
of all the details from the shopping to setup, to cooking and clean-up.
Thanks for your ministry to Holy Cross.

Kudos to **Susie Mahnke** for working so diligently and effectively with our
music programs. You have transformed our worship experience...the mus-
ic on Sunday mornings is heavenly, and the choir has never sounded bet-
ter. Thank you **Susie** for your dedication and hard work.

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We welcome your thoughts and ideas.



From the Organ Bench. . .

by Susie Mahnke

Super Bowl is over
My holiday spirit's went
Now I'm in a funky mood
Well, heck, it's time for Lent.
--Henry Moffitt

This poem was written by our clever sacristan after Super Bowl XLV last month. It makes me laugh every time I hear Henry deliver these lines with his dry wit and good humor. But, with humor comes truth. Our liturgical year gives us the ideal framework for growth in our spiritual lives. Our season of Epiphany lasts only so long; and then, it is indeed time for Lent.



Lent provides for us the space to contemplate, to refresh our faith in the context of our present lives, to remind ourselves of why we are here. Our musical tradition during Lent is penitential in nature. At the same time, let us not lose sight of the light and hope that is always God's promise.

Revered Composer/Organist to Present Program at Holy Cross

Question: One of the Rite II Glorias that we Episcopalians sing most often is S-280, in The Hymnal 1982. Who is the composer of this familiar Gloria?

Answer: The composer is Robert Powell, nationally known composer of organ music, service music, and choral anthems.

And, exciting news! Robert Powell will be presenting a lecture/recital here at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend and hear this master of church music.

Upcoming Lenten Services and Events

- + Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Ash Wednesday services: 10 a.m. in the chapel; 6 p.m. in the church with music
- + Lenten recitals on several Wednesdays at noon--to be announced
- + Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. during Lent
- + Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday service
- + Friday, April 22 at 6 p.m. Good Friday service
- + Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday: services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. ■

Susie has been organist and choir director at Holy Cross since June 2010. She and Kym Mahnke have been members of Holy Cross for over three years, and Kym is a dedicated choir member. They live south of Gowansville with their two Brittanys, Drummer and Jack, and their loving cat, Tweak. Susie and Kym have two adult sons, Fritz and Byron.

Wednesday Dinner in March

By Greg Wright

Our Wednesday dinner for March will be held on...Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday that is, March 8 at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. We will have a traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with all the trimmings. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Common Room. To help us plan, please sign up to attend. If you forget to sign up, please call Ann Curtis (828-859-9712) by 5 p.m. on Monday. 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! ■

Ambrose and Jeanne Mills

By Hoppy Long

The Ambrose Mills family has long been connected to Polk County with the first Ambrose Mills having arrived in the colonies before 1730 and settling here in the 1760's on the Green River.

Ambrose was born in Tryon and was baptized at Holy Cross by the Rev. Burnette, which may very well make him the longest standing member of our church. He attended all 12 grades of school in what is now the Tryon Elementary School, and was his senior class president, graduating as valedictorian. He sang in the children's choir, was an acolyte at Holy Cross, and he attended Kanuga in the summers.

Ambrose didn't have time for sports since he was involved in after school work in the lab at a local mill which led to his college career at N C State where he majored in textile chemistry. He went through the ROTC program, graduated with a commission and went into the US Army Infantry. He had a 27 year career in the Army Reserves and retired as a Lt. Col.



While attending a summer course at Wofford College as a day student, Ambrose noticed an ad in the Tryon Daily Bulletin stating that a girl needed a ride to Wofford, and on the scene entered Jeanne-Marie Bright. The first day she was to ride with him she overslept. When they first met in the chemistry lab, it was love at first sight for both of them, but it took a while for them to realize the fact they were meant to be lifetime soul mates. One summer evening Ambrose proposed to Jeanne under the Shunkanwanken Falls on White Oak Mountain.

Jeanne was born in Ridley Park, PA near Philadelphia. In grammar school she played hockey. When she was thirteen, the family moved to Charlotte and she attended the first class ever at Meyers Park High School. (Jeanne shared that she just attended her 55th class high school reunion).

Jeanne graduated from Queens College in Charlotte where she majored in math. Jeanne was a sophomore in college when her family moved to Tryon. When Jeanne was 55 she went to UNC Chapel Hill and obtained a masters degree in library science and became a librarian at the Charlotte Country Day School. She now volunteers at the Saluda Library and serves on the Board of the Friends of the Polk County Library.

Jeanne and Ambrose lived in Tryon for a time after their marriage and were active at Holy Cross. They moved to Charlotte (tho' their hearts were always here), where they lived for 30 years with the exception of four years in Yorkshire, England where Ambrose worked for Martin Marietta as director of international sales. For the past 20 years he has operated an international trading company and has traveled extensively.

They moved back here in 1997 and both are active at Holy Cross. Ambrose has served as Jr. and Sr. Warden, and he was in charge of the "Step-Up" campaign for funds to repair the roof of the church and the air conditioning system. He gets much of the credit for raising \$300,000. He also leads stations of the cross during Lent.

Jeanne has worked in the church office for years and has contributed greatly to the coffee hour. She has just accepted the position of chair of the inreach committee.

Jeanne and Ambrose celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year and renewed their vows at Holy Cross.

They have four children and are proud grandparents of eight grandchildren who love to visit here.

We are indeed fortunate to have the Mills here at Holy Cross. ■

Hoppy Long has been at Holy Cross since 1996 serving in various ministries. She enjoys music, golf, and bridge. If you would like to be featured in The Messenger or know of someone we should get to know, please contact Hoppy at 828-894-5173.

In God's Way and In God's Time

by Hilary Giner-Sorolla

When Robert Moffat, a Scottish missionary, visited a gathering of women at their church, he was met with stony faces. In advance of his talk not one of them intended to answer his call to join him in the field. And why should they? The place he was asking them to go was darkest Africa with dangers like flesh-eating cannibals, swarms of insects and crocodiles ever ready to topple a canoe.

Moffat was bitterly disappointed. He had prayed long and hard that someone would step forward. Unbeknown to him, however, a young boy was up in the loft to pump the organ bellows. His name was David Livingstone, and he answered the call.

In December 1840 David, now twenty-seven and armed with a medical degree, sailed from London docks in order to start work as a missionary in Africa's Bechuanaland.

David strove to become a conventional missionary for ten years but after a string of disappointments he felt the urge to explore Africa's vast unknown territory, for which he was criticized by his employer the London Missionary Society.

"I am serving Christ when shooting a buffalo for my men or taking an observation, even if some will consider it not sufficiently or even at all missionary" he replied.

At his funeral in 1873 which took place in Westminster Abbey, David Livingstone was accorded full honors as a national hero.

Never in his wildest dreams did Robert Moffat expect his prayerful search for a missionary volunteer at a women's church meeting in Scotland, to yield such a bountiful response from God. ■

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.



Coffee Hour Hospitality

by Greg Wright

The people of Holy Cross have come a long way over the last few years and have made our church a hospitable and welcoming place to worship, grow and work together. Father Michael has challenged us to take our level of hospitality and welcoming a step further...he wants us to be *outrageously* hospitable. Holy Cross is full of outrageous people, so I think we can achieve that level of hospitality with no problem.

A few years ago when we were just visiting Holy Cross, Peter and I eventually became brave enough to venture into the Common Room during coffee hour one Sunday. Craig Williams almost immediately embraced us with his friendliness. Craig wanted to know who we were and he made us feel so welcome. We walked away from that morning thinking that Holy Cross was a friendly church. I'm sure we chatted with other people that morning, but essentially it only took one person to give us warm, fuzzy feelings about the place, and I am so grateful to Craig, and all the other friendly folks in our community. Coffee hour gives us all an easy forum where we can re-connect each week with the regular folks of Holy Cross, and we can extend a welcome to make new people feel at home. Just by saying hello, you might be the one person that would make a visitor decide that they want to become a part of Holy Cross.

We are in need of people to sign up to host coffee hour—please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the Common Room and choose a Sunday that you can help out. We also need someone who is willing to take the responsibility of being the Coffee Hour coordinator. No one could ever fill the shoes of Peter Fenn, so we aren't expecting anyone to do all that he did, we just need someone to look at the sign-up sheet on a regular basis, ask folks to help out, and maybe make some phone calls now and then to fill the roster. The coordinator might also need to explain to volunteers what is expected of them when they host coffee hour (there is an easy to follow list of instructions in the Common Room). If you feel like you want to be a big part of making Holy Cross *outrageously* hospitable and are interested in the Coffee Hour ministry...talk to me, I'll fill you in on the details. Your efforts may make the difference in convincing new folks that Holy Cross is the friendliest church in town. ■



Foyer Groups Are Outrageous!

by Katy Murphy

During the annual parish meeting, Father Doty challenged the congregation to make 2011 the year of outrageous hospitality. Each of us should look both within and without to discover how we can implement this concept.

How does outrageous hospitality impact the Foyers' Program; or does it?

Consider the following:

- + Foyer groups have been formed for the spring, but there is always room for more. If you would like to join a group please call Katy Murphy or Wanda Doar.
- + Have you stopped out or burned out of Foyers? Maybe it is time to consider rejoining as a mentor to a newbie's or as part of your ministry.
- + Get out of your box! Please do not think that your house is too small, worry that your dining room table doesn't sit ten or fret that you don't cook like an Iron Chef. Foyer groups are about sharing the ministry of hospitality with others in our parish.
- + OK, maybe you are not ready to host, which is perfectly fine. But still consider joining to share the fellowship and fun.
- + Invite someone who is not a member of Holy Cross to be a part of your Foyer dinner—a neighbor, a colleague, someone struggling. Share the caring fellowship with others you know.



Approximately 75 parishioners participate in outrageous hospitality every month through the Foyers program. Join us and be OUTRAGEOUS! ■

Hospice of the Carolina Foothills Spring Volunteer Training

March 15 – 17 from 10 am to 3 pm;
At the Hospice House
260 Fairwinds Road; Landrum, SC 29356

OR

March 22 – 24 from 10 am to 3 pm;
At the North Carolina Office
130 Forest Glen Drive; Columbus, N C 28722

Many exciting volunteer opportunities are available through the organization including patient companion, office, pet therapy, thrift barn and the Hospice House just to name a few. If you have a few hours, and no matter what your interest, there is a place for you on our team as we meet the needs of those in our community. Teens 16 years of age and older are also welcome to participate for scholarship volunteer hours.

To RSVP, please contact Kim Smith at 800 617 7132 or 828 894 7000. You may also learn more by visiting the Hospice of the Carolina foothills web site at www.hocf.org ■

Bereavement Support

by Cam Lawrence

How we came to be: We discerned a need for this ministry at Holy Cross because of our common experience and needs after the deaths of our husbands. These needs are for understanding, comfort and healing from others who had "been there" or who had been helped through the acute pain of these losses by the Grace and love of God being passed on by those who had been so blessed by that love.

What we do: We pray, we listen, we share, always with loving hearts and confidentiality.

Several times a year we present an Episcopal Bereavement Program called "Seasons of Grief." The purpose of this program is to provide a place to express grief and move through its stages toward a new life honoring our loved ones, yet building a new life without them. This is done by a series of eight softly structured classes, which help develop coping skills for life without our loved ones. We stay closely bonded with each other, always available. These classes are given approximately three times a year for a period of eight weeks each.

Who might find help from our program: Any one who has suffered a loss whether the loss is that of a spouse, child, other family member, friend, pet, or a relationship.

What we are NOT: We are not counselors, we are friends supporting friends in a difficult time.

Who we are: Mary Hales – Mary moved from San Francisco to Tryon in 2003 to be near her family, especially her two grandchildren Gray and Sean. Mary lost her husband, A. J. sixteen years ago to complications of Alzheimer's.

Cam Lawrence – Cam is a cradle Episcopalian, who with her late husband John and children Chris and Liz has been very involved at Holy Cross for over thirty years. John died of cancer in May of 2005.

We are blessed by having Donna Heinzenknecht, Carol Newton, Eleanor Rogers and Craig Williams as members of our committee and who join in supporting those in the parish who have suffered a loss.

When is our next Seasons of Grief Program? Our next class starts on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Common Room at Holy Cross. The hours of the class are 6 pm to 8:30 pm. We will meet every Monday for 8 weeks. There is a charge of \$15 to cover the cost of materials. Checks may be made to Holy Cross.

Please call Mary at 828 859 2434 or Cam at 864 457 4469 to register. We look forward to having any interested person in our group. ■

Lenten Discipline

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in them	FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.	FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.
FAST from fear of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.	FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.	FAST from gossip; FEAST on purposeful silence.
FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on speech that purifies.	FAST from negatives; FEAST on affirmatives.	FAST from problems that overwhelm; FEAST on prayer that sustains.
FAST from discontent FEAST on gratitude.	FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.	FAST from worry; FEAST in faith.
	FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion.	- author unknown

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, we are experiencing some Spring like weather, after what seems to have been a very long and colder than usual winter. We are also approaching the Lenten Season. Lent is usually thought of as a quiet season, a time when we withdraw to a quiet place and spend time in reflection and prayer. This started me thinking about how little silence we experience in today's world.

Our ears are assaulted, and we are insulted, by noise that passes for music and words that are designed to influence and manipulate us. Words come at us faster than we can possibly process, much less respond to, and not all of these words come from commercials designed to separate us from our money. Most of us only remember about twenty-five percent of what we have heard in the past few days anyway, and that's because we've learned not to listen to a lot of what we hear. Part of that might be that there seems to be a large discrepancy between the words and reality. Even the mail brings words asking for donations to worthy charities and whoever wrote them worked hard to choose words that would guarantee to be read; others send photographs of hungry children, abused animals, and polluted rivers. There's no doubt that these groups do good work. There are simply too many of them, which is why many of us have grown deaf to their pleas. With a twinge of regret, we shred them or simply throw them in the trash and eventually they go to the landfill, where about 40% of the garbage is probably paper printed with cast-off words. We've learned that words are not necessarily trustworthy.

There are fewer and fewer oasis of silence in our noisy world and communication seems to have higher value for us than contemplation. Information is in greater demand than reflection and I know that silence is an uncomfortable thing for some of us. However, as we enter into this quiet season of 2011, let me offer some more words in the form of suggestions. I suggest that you join me in the challenge to withdraw for 20 minutes each day and spend it in prayer. I know that some of us think we don't have time for this, but how much time do we waste, watching TV, texting, sending silly emails or other mindless pursuits? Why not claim some of that time to take a solitary walk in the woods or the park, or reading the Bible? Excuse yourself from your spouse/family, and just sit quietly in some little corner carved out just for you, let your mind go blank and let God speak to you.

Be faithful to worship one hour each week. Attend a service at church that you don't usually go to. How about the noon concert hour or Stations of the Cross or Wednesday night in the chapel?

Be of service one day each month. If you're not already volunteering somewhere, is there any reason you can't answer the phone in the Church office one day or at Hospice? Can you give some time to the hospital gift shop or Steps to Hope or Thermal Belt Outreach? Call someone you haven't seen in a long time, read to a shut in, or maybe you can do some shopping for someone who can't do it for themselves. How about volunteering to help in the kitchen for the Wednesday night supper? I'm sure Greg would welcome some more help on the cleanup crew.

My prayer for all of you is a good and quiet Lenten Season.

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. ■

Anglican History

By Henry Moffitt

The 14th century brought changes of just about everything in Europe. Global cooling, famine, and the bubonic plague I have already mentioned. But their impact on the religious life of not only Western Europe, but perhaps the whole rest of the world was enormous. That, coupled with changes in thinking (which in part may have been brought about by these calamities) triggered the beginning of what we call the Renaissance. It is associated with the 15th and 16th centuries, but it really began, even in places far away from Italy, in the 14th. The world was being explored (not only by Europeans but by the Chinese and Japanese) and new vistas were being opened up. Religious thought was being traded back and forth, despite the strictures imposed by the Church, the Muslim community, and the Jewish community upon their members regarding contact with folk of other religions. The century began with Marco Polo's adventures in China; it ended with the Scots conducting extensive explorations in eastern Canada, down to Rhode Island a century before Columbus set out.

The Renaissance really began when nations began searching into their antiquity. I have cited already how the English searched into the ancient roots of the British Isles and tried establishing a continuity between them and the folk that trod their 'sceptred isle' in the days of old. They even found that their Church was more ancient than that of Rome and pushed that idea through several Councils. Belief that St. Mary the Blessed Virgin was a missionary to the British people and that her hallowed bones lay buried at Glastonbury Abbey was widespread. (It is reflected in a hymn found in the Sarum Missal.) The authority of the Pope over the English Church was beginning to be questioned. In England it was the government and not the Inquisition that sniffed out heresy; it was local bishops and not Papal legates who took charge of things in that area. Government regulation of Church activities stems from Anglo-Saxon times.

The monasteries that had become wealthy in business, manufacturing and agriculture began to suffer the wrath of peasants whose livelihoods were threatened by them. The monastics also engaged in other abuses that caused people to question their existence. And often the powers of the monasteries were curtailed as a result of such revolts and questioning. Lay dissatisfaction with the Church was handled by government and parliamentary laws, and not by great ecclesiastical authority. The secular (non-monastic) Church was functioning rather well for the times and did not incur the people's anger.

There was a cleavage in the Church which had started some time back but was beginning to make itself known by the 14th century. First of all there were those whose scientific reasoning caused them to question the doctrine of the Church. Some things didn't marry up with experimental findings. Some things didn't marry up with what was in the Scriptures. The plague had caused many to doubt spiritual things and to try finding answers elsewhere, in observation and research. Others figured that Church doctrine had strayed from the Scriptures and that God was angry with them for that. But then there were others who said that people had strayed from Church doctrine and that is why God was punishing them. They became super-zealous about doing the Liturgy exactly correct, etc., etc. And there were yet others who took on punishing themselves for the sins of mankind (the Flagellants), going around whipping themselves and preaching Doomsday. There were a good many 'last days' ministries going on in those times. Though the Church appeared unified, yet it was splitting along these lines.

There was yet another pathway that people took in order to achieve closeness with God. That was the pathway of mysticism. There had been mystics before, but it became a popular thing in the 14th centuries, with books on the subject circulating in English. "Cloud of Un-Knowing" is one. It is a book on how to become a mystic. They left writings sharing their experiences, strengths and hopes. Richard Rolle of Hampole (d. 1349) was one. A few concepts found nowadays amongst Bible Fundamentalists are found in him; I presume the others were similar. What mysticism did was to show people a pathway to God that bypassed the Church hierarchy and dealt with our Saviour directly. Here is the beginning of a Reformation doctrine that, interestingly enough, was never condemned as heresy and which was a product of the mainstream Church.

Of mysticism and the origins of many Reformation doctrines from within the mainstream Church, that shall have to be a later tale. God be with and in you all. ■

Enjoy.
Henry

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 Mornings 9:30 AM Church School

Young Children, Pre-K through 6th Grade: The lessons will include bible studies, along with fun craft projects like candle making, flower arranging and maybe some pottery. *Mimi Pospisil, teacher.*

Youth: Inquirers' Class. *Sam Doar, Jr. teacher.*

"Those Episkopals"

Father Doty continues his class, "Those Episkopals" based on the book by Father Dennis Maynard. Anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith, our church's history and our customs is welcome to join the group. This class is especially helpful for those who plan to be received or confirmed when Bishop Taylor visits later this year.

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 (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month)
5:30 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday Night Dinners Our monthly dinners will be held on March 8 (Shrove Tuesday), April 6, and May 4 at 6:00 PM. The menu and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Common Room. To help us plan, please sign up to attend. If you forget to sign up, please call Ann Curtis (828-859-9712) by 5 p.m. on Monday. 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 singers are always welcome to join the choir. The Holy Cross Choir leads the hymns and service music at the 10:30 service each Sunday morning. We will be learning some beautiful music for Epiphany and Lent in the coming weeks. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Interested? Please contact Susie Mahnke, 864-982-1014.

The very talented **Holy Cross Youth** will be actively leading some services later in the spring, and Susie has some music that they might enjoy learning and singing. Anyone interested can see Susie after any worship service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 in the Parish Hall for a traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with all the trimmings prepared by Geoff and Ellen Carey. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Common Room. To help us plan, please sign up to attend. If you forget to sign up, please call Ann Curtis (828-859-9712) by 5 p.m. on Monday. 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!

Upcoming Lenten Services and Events

- + Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Ash Wednesday services: 10 a.m. in the chapel; 6 p.m. in the church with music
- + Lenten recitals on several Wednesdays at noon--to be announced
- + Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. during Lent
- + Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday service
- + Friday, April 22 at 6 p.m. Good Friday service
- + Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday: services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Robert Powell at Holy Cross

Robert Powell, nationally known composer of organ music, service music, and choral anthems. will be presenting a lecture/recital at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend and hear this master of church music.

Sowing Seeds of Peace

A Lenten Retreat day at Calvary Episcopal Church
9.30 am - 3.30 pm March 12th 2011
Led by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Canham
Lunch will be served.
Suggested donation \$25

"Blessed are those who plant peace each season; they shall be named children of God."
This Aramaic translation of Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes invites us to be gardeners of our own souls and to be active peace planters in our communities and the world. The retreat will offer times of reflection on our journey through Lent, chanting, prayer, poetry and worship to help us identify where peace needs to be planted by each of us. Our planet is in dire need of peace-makers who will both plant and tend the growing seeds; as God's children that means us! If you have a journal, please bring it along.

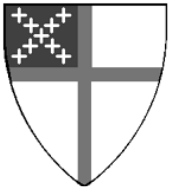
To register call the church office at 828 684 6266.

Lay Schedule for March 2011

	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr
8:30					
Greeter	Jack Newton	Claire Carey	Dorothy Wyckoff	Dorothy Schwobel	Mary Clare Jenks
Greeter	Beverly Newton	Mary Ellen Wuerfel	Gordon Downe	Ann Curtis	Doris Saunders
Usher "A"	Raymond Norden	Alan Batchelder	Caroline Chapman	Raymond Norden	Mike Jordan
Usher "B"	Jerry Pospisil	Tom Wuerfel	Austin Chapman	Ed Craig	Paula Jordan
Crucifer/Acolyte	Joaquin Rossen	Ed Craig	Flynn Chapman	Madison Walter	Madison Alexander
Acolyte in Training	Alita Rossen				
Lector/Prayers	Cynthia Norden	Norma Batchelder	Jean Pettigrew	Cynthia Norden	Jack Saunders
Chalice Bearer	Sam Doar	Lynn Page	Ken Johnston	Bo Edwards	Bill Jenks
Chalice Bearer	Hoppy Long	John Salmon	Renee Duvall	Peter Fenn	Lynn Page
Euch. Visitor/ Benson Hall	Hoppy Long	Rosemarie Gerstenburger	Ken Johnston/ Renee Duvall	Rosemarie Gerstenburger	Lynn Page
Coffee	Newton	Jenks			
10:30					
Greeter	Lori Walter	Mary Hales	Stephen Doar	Todd Walter	Frances McCain
Greeter	Todd Walter	Joan Shepherd	Wanda Doar	Lori Walter	Sam Doar
Usher "A"	Paul Zeese	Carl Schumacher	Nancy Myrick	Ambrose Mills	Nancy Ernst
Usher "B"	Doug Price	Jane Schumacher	Harry Sams	Jeanne Mills	Sam Doar
Crucifer	Madison Alexander	Pam Doty	Megan Viehman	Elizabeth Walter	Stephen Doar
Acolyte "A"	Sara Seagle	Katy Murphy	Annie Doar	Joaquin Rossen	Sara Seagle
Acolyte "B"	Katy Murphy		Rebecca Price	Leah Stockdale	Annie Doar
Lector	Ben Stockdale	Henry Moffitt	Frances McCain	George May	Cindy Barnett
Prayers	Cindy Barnett	Pat Seifert	Charles Breuer	Ben Stockdale	Jean Boggs
Chalice Bearer	Cam Lawrence	Peter Franklin	Sam Doar	Boyd Correll	George May
Chalice Bearer	Bill Kelly	Craig Williams	Harriett Sams	Pam Doty	Bill Kelly
Euch. Visitor	Bill Kelly	Craig Williams	Harriett Sams	Pam Doty	Bill Kelly
Coffee					
Vestry in Charge	Pat Komorous	Geoff Carey	Greg Wright	Boyd Correll	Ben Davis

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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Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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March Birthdays

03/05	Julie Babcock	03/15	Audrey Klatte
03/05	Claire Wharton	03/16	Harry Love
03/06	Catherine Benson	03/18	Annie Doar
03/07	Sally Brennison	03/24	Donnie Lee
03/09	Jerrie Mooney	03/25	Pat Martin
03-09	Norma Batchelder	03/25	Dorothy Hansen
03/10	George Patton	03/30	Carroll Rogers
03/10	Jim Preston	03/30	Barbara Haythorn
03/12	Dolores Zeese	03/30	Brad Whitney
03/14	Beverly Newton		

March Anniversaries

03/06	Frances & Jim McCain	03/20	Dorothy & Herbert Hansen
03/09	Paul & Katie Nicholson		
03/12	Leighton & Gillian Butts	03/20	Laura & Craig Harmon

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