



The Guiding Light

The Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

December 2010 &
January 2011

OUR MISSION

TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE THROUGH PRAYER,
WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY;

BY CARING FOR THOSE AMONG US AND BY SERVING THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Reflections from the Rector

"The most vivid memories of Christmases past are usually not gifts given or received, but of the spirit of love, the special warmth of Christmas worship, the cherished little habits of the home." -- Lois Rand

My first real memory of being keenly aware of marking the passing of time toward a single event was when I was a child during the Advent and Christmas season. Each day, as we would open one of the little doors on our children's daily advent calendar, the numbers got larger as my sisters and brother and I counted the days closer and closer to December 24th. Each Sunday when our family lit another candle of our advent wreath, just like the advent wreath at church, we also knew we were another week closer to Christmas Day. We knew we could not put Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus in our manger scene/nativity scene until closer to Christmas. We did not put baby Jesus into his little manger bed until Christmas Eve. It was so much fun to have the figures and to tell the story with them. (I always wanted more angels than the ones which came with the set. Maybe that's why I collect them now!) And then, at Christmas, I loved to sing the "countdown" carol with that wonderful phrase "and a partridge in a pear tree". It taught us that Christmas lasted longer than one day. We never realized that it was specifically teaching us that there really are twelve days of Christmas from Christmas Day until Epiphany Sunday.

"Christmas, my child, is love in action...When you love someone, you give to them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift He ever gave was the person of His Son, sent to us in human form." -- Dale Evans Rogers

What child is not eager for Christmas day to arrive? Likewise, what child ever wants that happy day of Christmas to be over? We knew there was magic of all kinds associated with Christmas. There is love, there is excitement, and there are gifts, and the spirit of giving. More than that, we learned that Jesus is the very reason for it all. He had come to this world as a little baby just like we had once been. We even dressed in costumes and acted out the story as a pageant for our parents and the rest of the church. We knew and believed that God gave Jesus as THE Christmas gift to all the

world, to save the world from all things wrong. Jesus was the reason for Christmas. It was HIS birthday!

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel...God with us." -- Matthew 1:23 KJV

I give thanks to my parents, grandparents, a special uncle and aunt, and other family, for rearing me to understand Christmas this way. My gratitude goes especially to my home church for the traditions of the many beautiful carols and Christmas choir pieces throughout those formative years: for teaching me the scriptures so that I know the story of Christmas deep in my heart; for the colors, the Chrismon tree, and the other many beautiful symbols of Christmas.

"Again Christmas: abiding point of return. Set apart by its mystery, mood, and magic, the season seems in a way to stand outside time. All that is dear, that is lasting, renews its hold on us: we are home again." -- Elizabeth Bowen

The nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ again this year calls all of us to the journey toward the mystery of the Incarnation, and calls us again to the loving presence of everything that the season means for us. We are invited to give and to be part of God's holiness and joy in this world. We are asked to celebrate the love of His Son, and shine the light of Christ's presence into the darkest corners of the world and its greatest needs. Jesus remains the greatest gift ever given to this bruised and broken world. He is the Redeemer, the Savior, God with us.

"Let this Christmas season be a renewing of the mind of Christ in our thinking, and a cleansing of our lives by His pure presence. Let His joy come to our weary world through us." --Gerald Kennedy

With the blessings of Christmas upon you and all who you love,

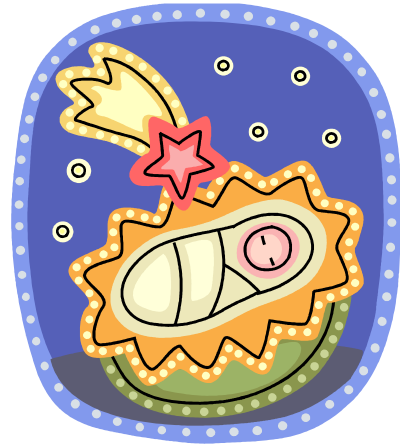
Mother Beth+



For the Children

The meaning of Christmas has always been
Jesus
 No other story will do
 His birth is what we all celebrate
 God's gift for me and you

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You're Invited!
Safe Harbor Ministry Fair
 2:00-4:00pm
 Church of the Ascension
 Saturday, January 15, 2011
 Please join us to learn about ministry opportunities!
Holy Smoke BBQ

On January 15, 2011 you are invited to our Catawba Episcopal Outreach Ministry Fair. Epiphany, Ascension, and St. Alban's parishioners will come together to explore and discern how we can respond to the needs at Safe Harbor. The ministry fair will offer an opportunity to learn more about Safe Harbor Rescue Mission. Four ministry chairs will discuss the projects we can assist with at Safe Harbor.

We will feast on pork barbecue and with your help side dishes and dessert. We are looking for Epiphany, Ascension and St. Alban's volunteers to prepare and cook the pork barbecue.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity on January 15, 2011, from 2-5 at Ascension.

Contact Gloria Jupin at glorienc@aol.com or 241-4174/850-5693 with your reservations and willingness to cook barbecue for our Catawba Episcopal Outreach Ministry Fair.

Bishop Visits on Epiphany Sunday

Our Bishop G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will be making his annual visit with us on our namesake Sunday which is the Feast of the Epiphany, January 2nd. Although this is a holiday weekend from the New Year weekend, I do hope that many of you will try your best to be here in attendance for his visit. He will of course be the chief celebrant, and will preach that day. Porter will stay and have lunch with us (everyone plan on doing the same). He will meet with the vestry either during the Sunday School hour or after the luncheon.

It is always wonderful to have our bishop visit with us. Those who wish to be confirmed in the Episcopal tradition, or have their faith reaffirmed, please see me as soon as possible so that we can send your name in to the diocesan office and make preparations.

It will be a special service as we celebrate the Magi following the star to Bethlehem to see the Christ child. Blessings and peace to you for December and for January.

Mother Beth+

December Plans for Lunch Bunch

December 5th: Josh and Mthr. Beth and the youth will join the church for soup and sandwiches (and pick our Secret Santa names), and help decorate the church for Christmas. Whoever can stay for the St. Nicholas Festival please plan to! It will be fun for the whole church family!!

December 12th: Bring your Secret Santa gifts, and we will head out to deliver our Christmas cheer to our church people who need a visit and a carol or two. This will take longer than usual, so let your parents know. Josh or Mother Beth will call them and meet them when we are done mid afternoon.

Have a Happy Christmas!

See you on **Thursday, Dec. 30th @ 6:30 p.m.** when Jonathan and Jenny Bell are here with their parents from Parker, Colorado for their visit!! Come to the church, sing Christmas carols, and share food and fun with the Bell family for a great evening!



News and Events

Christmas Concerts

Upcoming Catawba Valley Community Chorus Christmas concerts:

Friday, December 10, 7:00 PM
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 1644 Main Avenue Drive NW
 Hickory

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 PM
 Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
 4420 County Home Road
 Conover

These concerts are religious in nature and free to the public.

Dates to Remember

December 4th (Saturday):

- » Daughters of the King, 10:00 a.m., at the Harringtons' home
- » ECW Luncheon, 12:00 noon at the Harringtons' home
- » The Corner Table Prime Rib Dinner), 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Conover

December 5th (Sunday):

- » Greening of the Church, following the service, followed by lunch
- » St. Nicholas Sunday Ministry Bazaar, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

December 12th (Sunday):

- » Deacon Anita's last Sunday at Epiphany - Coffee Hour Reception following the service

December 19th (Sunday):

- » Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon immediately following the service
- » Men's Night Out, 6:00 p.m., China Garden

December 24th (Friday):

- » Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

December 30th (Thursday):

- » Carol Sing and Reception for the Bell Family, 7:00 p.m.

January 2nd (Sunday):

- » Bishop's annual visit with luncheon following the service

January 7th & 14th:

- » MLK Joint Choir Rehearsals (time/place TBA)

January 16th (Sunday):

- » Men's Night Out, 6:00 p.m., Harbor Inn, Conover

January 22nd (Saturday):

- » Safe Harbor Ministry Fair, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Church of the Ascension, Hickory

Making the House Ready for the Lord

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice—it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it is the season when they need shelter, so what should I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe that you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-geese, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, come in.

— Mary Oliver, from *Thirst*



The Deacon's Corner

I find myself walking the hall (we only have one hall) at school telling students, "Be Prepared". I keep reminding them that our school semester does not end until December 17th! Advent is a highly stressful time of the year. People are too busy, students (and teachers) are ready for a break, and the air is filled with a great sense of anticipation that something is getting ready to end, and something new is getting ready to begin. This season always fills me with a sense of urgency to focus and quiet myself so I can hear the voice of God.

We've been busy since last January, and it's hard to believe our Corner Table garden is finished for the season, and the Catawba Episcopal Outreach Committee has found a partner in ministry with The Safe Harbor Women's Rescue Mission in Hickory. We find ourselves at a place where something is getting ready to end, and something new will begin. That is what the season of Advent is all about. It's about waiting with urgency for something new to happen to the world like it did more than two thousand years ago when a baby was born who changed the world. This season is a time we should all seek to resist the busyness our culture imposes upon all of us, and find ways to be quiet and think about where our joy comes from as we live out our life here on earth.

I want to thank you for welcoming me as your deacon, but I want to thank you more for loving me and making me a part of your church family. I know that I will always carry a deep love in my heart for the people in this parish. Remember to spend time during this season to listen to the voice of God.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who is, who was, and who is to come,
we pray for the virtue of hope,
that amidst the trials and difficulties
of this world,
we may keep our hearts fixed
upon you, who reigns over the cosmos.
May your grace enliven us,
strengthen us,
and defend us,
as we await your coming in glory. Amen*

-David Bennett

Merry Christmas,
Deacon Anita

PARISH MINISTRIES - DECEMBER 2010

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DATE	DEC. 5	DEC. 12	DEC. 19	DEC. 26	JAN. 2
LESSONS YEAR "A"	The Second Sunday of Advent	The Third Sunday of Advent	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	The First Sunday after Christmas Day	EPIPHANY SUNDAY
LECTOR	Z. Robertson	A. Williams	D. Cobb	D. Brandon	T. Lilly
CHALICE	C. Bivens	T. Lowery	A. Campbell	N/A	T. Lowery
USHER/GREETER	R. Hungerford R. Kummer	M/G Jupin	R/V Leath	B/J McPherson	B/D Richards
COFFEE	Soup & Sandwiches	Reception for Deacon Anita	Annual Meeting Luncheon	W/Z Robertson	Reception for Bishop
FLOWERS	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	W/Z Robertson
ALTAR GUILD	J. Collins E. Godinho J.Harrington	J. Collins E. Godinho J.Harrington	S. Brandon R. Hungerford G. Jupin	S. Brandon R. Hungerford G. Jupin	F. MacDowell P. Parsons J. Trammell
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	A. Cortney	W. Roper	J. Byrd	C. Hartis	Thomas Lilly
BELL RINGER	A. Cortney	W. Roper	J. Byrd	C. Hartis	Thomas Lilly
VESTRY PERSON	W. Williams	B. McPherson	K. Hardin	B. Richards	J. Harrington
NURSERY	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed

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BIRTHDAYS	12/20	Robert Jupin	
12/01	Eddie Johnston, Jr.	12/20	Anna Ruth Robinson (Zoe's granddaughter)
12/02	John Rouser	12/21	Carrie Johnson
12/02	Josh Roper	12/24	Crystal Munro
12/04	Clay Bollinger	12/27	Edd Sigmon
12/05	Penny Winstead	12/29	Lena Gonzales
12/05	Jamie Davidson	12/31	Tricia Ben-Davies
12/05	Nicole (Call) Spencer (Joyce Trammell's granddaughter)	12/31	Jenny Bell
12/05	Amanda Barringer		
12/08	Chayse Kurtich	MARRIAGES	
12/09	Cora Strang	12/08	Charles and Nora Darby
12/09	Norman A. Batz (Drew)	12/22	Tom & JoAnn Harrington
12/11	Ian Cortney		
12/11	Justin Grady Roper		
12/18	Harold Craddock		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2010</h1>						
			1 HS/HE 5:30 pm CHOIR 6:00 pm	2	3	4 DOK 10:00 am ECW Luncheon 12:00 pm Corner Table Fundraiser 6:00 pm
5 St. Nicholas Sunday CF 9:15 am HE 10:30 am C 11:30 am KLB 12-2 pm Christmas Mission Bazaar 2:00 pm HB 4:30 pm	6	7	8 HS/HE 5:30 pm Vestry 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 CF 9:15 am HE 10:30 am C 11:30 am Reception for Deacon Anita KLB 12-2 pm	13	14	15 Corner Table Lunch 10:00 am HS/HE 5:30 pm CHOIR 6:00 pm	16	17	18
19 CF 9:15 am HE 10:30 am Annual Meeting & Luncheon following church HB 4:30 pm MNO 6:00 pm CDF Collection	20 Home	21 Communion	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm HANDBELL PERFORMANCE 10:30 service	25 Merry Christmas!
26 No Christian Formation MP/RS 10:30 am C 11:30 am No HC Sunday this month	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 HS/HE 5:30 pm Office Closed	30 Carol Sing & Reception for the Bell Family 6:30 pm Office Closed	31	

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2 Epiphany Sunday The Bishop's Visit No Christian Formation HE 10:30 am C 11:30 am Luncheon honoring The Bishop	3	4	5 HS/HE 5:30 pm CHOIR 6:00 PM	6	7 MLK Joint Choir Rehearsal (time/place TBA)	8 DOK 10:00 am
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Lunch Bunch for January to be announced.

Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm unless otherwise noted on calendar, in bulletin, or on office door in emergency.

PARISH MINISTRIES - JANUARY 2011

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DATE	JAN. 9	JAN. 16	JAN. 23	JAN. 30	FEB. 6
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01/01	Christine Bivens	01/16	Tom Bell
01/01	Joey Jordan (son of Wanda Williams)	01/16	Chantannette (Weinrich) Ketelaar
01/01	Allyson Donovan	01/16	Johnna Batz
01/02	Zoe Robertson	01/17	Lauren Elizabeth Arabis (great niece of Roberta Hungerford)
01/02	Tommy Sigmon	01/21	Dorothy Steele
01/02	Andy Roper	01/23	Bonnie Garver (daughter of Anita Williams)
01/03	Wanda Williams	01/24	Alex Campbell (grandson of Don & Amy)
01/04	Michelle Jupin		
01/06	Bill Donovan		
01/08/	Jaelin Byrd		
01/09	Billy Richards	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	
01/10	Winter Roper	01/02	Chip & Kathy Hardin
01/13	Norma Ridenhour	01/17	Paul and Dorothy Steele
		01/19/1956	ANNIVERSARY OF EPIPHANY CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
OF
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION
KNOWN AS
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA WILL HOLD ITS
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 10:30 AM SERVICE.
A LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW
IN THE PARISH HALL.



THE REV. BETH LILLY
RECTOR
MRS. ANN LOWERY
CLERK OF THE VESTRY

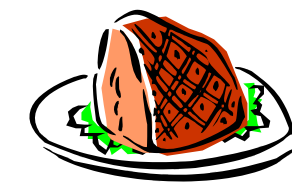
Handbell Choir Schedule

December 5th and 19th: Rehearsals, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
December 24th: Christmas Eve service, 10:30 p.m.

Outreach Committee News

Canned Ham Collection:

We are again collecting hams to be distributed at Christmas. Our goal is 100 hams which will be divided equally between ECCCM and Corner Table. These are the small canned hams that you get at the grocery store or a Dollar General type of store. Please place these hams in the Narthex. **The deadline for collection is Friday, December 17.** This has been a project of our head ham, Harold Craddock, for many years. It helps a lot of needy folks so please BUY HAMS!



Safe Harbor Children's Library: Our second Epiphany project will be starting a children's library at Safe Harbor. For those of you who are not aware, Safe Harbor is a faith-based mission home for women in need. The goal is for these women to become self-employed and return to the work force and develop a positive role in our community. Our church is collecting hard back children's books (for all children's ages) that are new or "gently" used. Please go through your own children's books to see what you might donate or perhaps take a moment of your busy schedule to visit your favorite bookstore. Please place these books on the table by the far wall of the fellowship hall. We will not be giving these books until after the holidays in January.

STOP HUNGER NOW: The Rotary Club continues to work with the Stop Hunger Now campaign. Tom Lilly has purchased a table and is hoping to fill it with Epiphany volunteers to fill bags of food that this year will be going to Haiti. Details to follow.

This year, the Outreach Committee decided to take our remaining funds for the year and donate to the Corner Table. If any church members would like ideas on other programs or organizations to help with during the holiday season, Raeanne Kummer has a list of suggested programs.

Thank be to God for all you have given to this church and to others this last year.



"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. The love of books is the best of all."

**Justice and Outreach
(From the November 2010
Highland Episcopalian)**

At the request of Bishop Taylor, the Rev. Deacon Bill Jamieson and the Ven. Eugenia Dowdeswell have spent the year re-configuring the way the diocese does Justice and Outreach. The Deacons of the diocese have studied the numerous and powerful efforts made by most parishes in the area of Justice and Outreach. They are now using the theme, "Engage, Collaborate and Transform," to encourage parishes to enhance the work that is already being done. Lay people are being recruited from the parishes to assist in this effort.

There are now three collaborations being formed:

St. David's, Cullowhee, Good Shepherd, Cashiers, St. John's, Sylva, St. Francis, Cherokee and St. John's, Cartoogechaye have received a \$25,000 grant from the Human, Hurt and Hope Fund for the Clean Slate ministry to empower women that are coming out of jail. This program will empower women who are now helpless and hopeless to become productive members of their communities and to become strong support for their children, parents and grandparents. By this, both families and communities in WNC can heal from the recidivism that is rampant in our local jails.

The three parishes in the Hickory area, St. Alban's, Ascension and Epiphany, are also in a collaborative effort to present "Repairing the Breach" in the city of Hickory. Since that was a success they are now preparing to become involved in the Safe Harbor ministry. Safe Harbor is a day shelter and residential program for homeless women in Catawba County. Many volunteers from the churches are becoming involved and they are also preparing an HHH grant request.

Several parishes in the Asheville Deanery will be joined by an ecumenical group to address the needs of The Children First Initiative in Asheville. This will also be a collaborative effort and they will be applying for an HHH grant.

These are powerful new collaborative efforts throughout the diocese to address the justice issues in our diocese. It is hoped that other collaborative efforts will emerge in the coming year.

We are also working on making diocesan funds for Justice and Outreach more accessible through new policies and procedures. We hope that this will unleash energy around Engaging our communities to find needs we can respond to, enable Collaborations to be formed to meet those needs and most importantly to Transform the communities and people of Western North Carolina and the world.

— The Rev. Bill Jamieson
The Ven. Eugenia Dowdeswell

Corner Table Spaghetti Luncheon

Our December spaghetti luncheon at The Corner Table has been moved because of a scheduling conflict. The new date is:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010,
10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

A sign-up list will be available in the Parish Hall, or contact Kathy Hardin for further information.



In our Prayers for Healing and Strength:

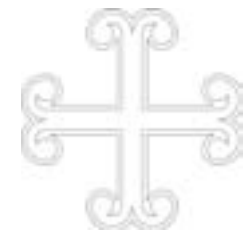
Almighty God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In your name we pray.

Lorraine Baker Neal, Luther Barringer, Jane Biggerstaff, Kristen Black, The Rev. Gus Boone, Marilyn Bornemann, Jason Call, Zelma Clemmons, Barbara Cobb, Harold & JoAnne Craddock, Joy Crosby, Pat Dalton, Lucy Echerd, Peggy Ervin, Jessy Fupril, Sarah Goodrich, Bill Guy, Chip Hardin, Roberta Hungerford, Rachel Hunt, Fred Keisler, Shanna Kettelar, Raeanne Kummer, Ann Lowery, Jacque Lowery & family, Zella McPherson, Mac McRee, Levi Moretz, Sarah Palmer, John & Diane Paton, Geraldine Reed, Cindy Reynolds, Gloria Rumore, Vivian Scott, Nancy Shanks, Forest Shook, Lawrence Shook, Cozette Sinclair, Hattie Spaulding, Betty Storey, Dorothy Steele, Paul Steele, Shirley Suddeth, Frances Tate, Pat Vaughn, Michael William, Wanda Williams

For Those Who Have Died:

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Christ our Lord.

James A. Eichner, Dr. Stephen Martin Hanson, Gerald Hungerford



Anyway

People are often unreasonable,
Illogical and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
People may accuse
You of selfish motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
You will win some false friends
And some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
People may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
Someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
They may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
People will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
It is between you and God;

It never was between you and them anyway.

~Keith M. Kent~

Note: This is often attributed to Mother Teresa. It was posted on the wall of her children's home but actually written by Mr. Kent~

(Contributed by Ann Lowery)



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