

# THE GUIDING LIGHT

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## July 2009



### Highlights from the Rector

The lazy days of summer are here, thanks be to God! Now, perhaps lazy is **not** the best descriptive word to use. I think we could replace it with words such as "contemplative" or "reflective". These are the times that we actually slow down and observe one another, and how much time may have passed since the last time we were enjoying each others' company.

I can hardly believe that my little nephew and niece have grown enough to be playing tee ball and jumping off the diving board at the pool and doing back and front flips. Weren't we just trying to teach my nephew how to actually catch the ball in his glove? And did we not just cheer last summer when my niece held her breath and put her face under the water? Mercy me. Glory be. God has a beautiful way of blossoming the flowers in that lush garden of His right under our noses while we are pulling weeds, planting another row of vegetables, worrying at this end and scurrying at that end of this great garden of life that we are given.

How marvelously made this world is. It never, ever stops. God never ceases to create new life. Gorgeous new little people. They have sprouted up everywhere. Have you noticed? Just look around. Some are just beautiful babies in their parents arms.

## **NEWS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Vestry Meeting** - Will be held Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the church library. Please speak with Mthr. Beth if you have any agenda items for the vestry to discuss, or speak with your Vestry representative for any ideas, issues, suggestions, and/or concerns.

**Vestry Person of the Week** - JoAnne Harrington for the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>; Connie Keisler for the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>; Tom Lowery for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>; Billy Richards for the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>; Catherine Tucker for the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Luther Barringer for the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Forum** - Will not meet during the summer months. We will resume after Labor Day.

**Children's Christian Education** - Will not meet during the summer months. We will resume after Labor Day.

**Midweek Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing** - Will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** - Will not be held during the summer months. We will resume after school begins. We will meet the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month beginning September 2, following the evening service, approximately 6:15 p.m. Anyone interested in joining our choir, please join us. There is always room for one more choir member.

**Daughters of the King** - Will meet Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. Pat Dalton will be presenting the program.

**Mthr. Beth's Discretionary Fund** - Please remember the third Sunday of each month (July 19<sup>th</sup>, this month), the loose plate offering goes to her discretionary fund. Please give prayerful consideration to this important ministry so as to allow Mthr. Beth to help those from the community that reach out to her and us for financial assistance.

**The Outreach Committee Offering** - The months that have five Sundays has been designated as Outreach Offering Sunday, and that occurs next in August, Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please give prayerful consideration to this ever-so important ministry.

**Crawdads' Game Time Again** - We are scheduled to go again on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check with Wayne Trammell for your tickets. They are \$5.00 each.

**The Next Men's Night Out** - Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at Bennett's Barbecue, Fairgrove Church Road, in Hickory.

**The Next Newsletter Deadline** - For the June newsletter will be Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, in order to have them in the mailboxes by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars. The newsletter is still, by far, the most effective means of communication any church has. Please be in touch with the Parish Secretary for weekly bulletin information on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon; and your newsletter editor for monthly newsletter information for any and all pertinent data you wish included.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**Raeanne Kummer, Chairperson**

*Minutes of May 31, 2009*

*Those present: Catherine Tucker, Joyce Trammell and Raeanne Kummer*

*Carol Clise, who could not attend the meeting, submitted an update on Cell Phones for Soldiers and Coupons for Soldiers. Carol recently sent 17 phones and 8 chargers to the recycling company and calling cards have been distributed this month.*

*So far, the Coupons for Soldiers program is a success, thanks to help from Carol and Beverly Dorney. Coupons have been sent to bases in five different countries equaling close to five pounds of coupons this past month with another box almost ready to go.*

*The check that was cut to go to the Saephan Chao family funeral expenses has been returned. The account was closed. This check was turned back into the treasurer for disbursement back into the Outreach fund.*

*Due to the small turnout, only one area of new business was discussed. Raeanne and her mother, Roberta Hungerford, requested monies and a toy drive for the Parenting Network. The Parenting Network is a program that offers a variety of parenting classes and programs, as well as support groups for parents in Catawba County. This non-profit program offers daycare for many of the events it offers. The child care program is low on art supplies and toys. Raeanne will place an article in the weekly bulleting requesting games, children's books, easy puzzles, and art supplies in good condition for collection. The Committee agreed to donate \$100.00 to this program to be used toward daycare expenses such as things for the children to play with or snacks for them.*

*Submitted by Raeanne Kummer, Chairperson*

## **MEN'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2009**

*Sunday, June 21 - Geppeto's, Springs Road, Hickory*

*Sunday, July 19 - Bennett's Barbecue, Fairgrove Church Rd., Hickory*

*Sunday, August 16 - Olive Garden, Hickory*

*Sunday, September 20 - Nagano's Japanese Steak House, Conover*

## **THE HIGHLAND EPISCOPALIAN**

*April edition of the Highland Episcopalian has been printed online to save the printing costs, because of budget shortfalls. Therefore October and December will also not be distributed in the customary newspaper form but online. It saves the Diocese \$3,000.00 per issue by not mailing it out and just posting it online. Let's all help our diocese save this money if we are able. For those of you who do not have access to the Internet, you will find a copy of the April edition in your mailboxes. If you have an **e-mail** address listed in the parish directory, this is one reason why you need to notify the office and keep us updated on your **e-mail** address. You can read or download this June edition at [www.diocesewnc.org](http://www.diocesewnc.org).*

## **LOST AND FOUND**

**Harold Craddock** found a gold anklet outside the Church a couple of weeks ago before going in to church. If you have lost a gold anklet, please call Amy Campbell at 464-7953.

### **Mission Statement**

*The Corner Table, Inc., is a soup kitchen outreach ministry provided by the people of our community for the hungry in our community. Our primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any men, women or children who are in need.*

Epiphany Episcopal Church,

*Thank you so much for once again sharing your time, talents and resources with us by cooking a delicious spaghetti meal for our guests. Your group does such a wonderful job and it is always a joy to have you come to the Corner Table. Your ongoing support means a great deal to this ministry and enables us to keep our doors open, serving nourishing meals and hospitality to our guests. We are grateful for your generosity.*

*The Corner Table*