

# The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

*"Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it."*

2 Corinthians 3:2-3



December 2010

## Sundays

8:00 am HE Rite I  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am HE Rite II  
11:30 am Coffee Time



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hey all,

Happy New Year! Yip, it's Advent, the beginning of the Christian Year. As I write this I'm wondering why we don't do it up big, have our New Year's Day celebration on the first Sunday of Advent? It seems like it always happens on Thanksgiving week-end, we could just extend the festivities. This time of year seems to be all about time, not enough of it, having a good time, or a bad time, running out of time, all of that. Advent is a season where we taste of the fullness of time, specifically the fullness of God's time approaching and in-breaking into the world, God's kingdom arriving and shaking up our perspectives and priorities. Our big Advent Art Adventure with the Peaceable Kingdom exhibit is one way this year that we are dreaming of the arrival of God's time and making something of it. Many of us have reflected on Isaiah 11:1-9 and made something of it. Check out these works of baptized imagination in the parish hall. I already have the scripture passage in mind for next year so we can make something of God's time all over again.

This month make something of these times:

**Missionaries from Ecuador:** Cameron and Roberto Vivanco will be with us on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 in the parlor for a presentation on our Diocesan Ministry there, and will join us for supper afterwards.

**Feasibility Study:** the preparation work for getting ready for a capital funds drive is available in the parish office for those who would like to read it. More information will be coming out in early 2011 as we get ready to be very focused on restoring/repairing/rescuing the stained glass in the church, serious maintenance needs to the whole property and redoing and or expanding the Morris House section of the Church property (the old house with the nursery, choir room, and the very narrow hall).

**Save the date:** Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, Parish breakfast and Annual Meeting, we'll have elections for parish officers, review the year, and hopefully present the Annual Budget.

**2011 Pledge:** please help us plan the ministry of Grace Church for 2011 with a generous pledge for the parish budget, as you know there are concerns about losing or reducing staff positions.

**ALSO:** there is a Christmas concert on Sunday Dec. 12 at 3 pm, and I hear we have some goings on Christmas Eve...

Pax,

Father Jack

The Rev. John B. Hardaway IV

## NEWCOMERS



Please welcome Chris and Lisa Arnold and their children; Brianna who is 17 and a freshman at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC; Chase who is 16 and a senior at T.L. Hanna; Reid, 15, and a freshman at T.L. Hanna; Jacob, 11, who is home schooled; and Lauryn, 10, in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Calhoun. Brianna, Reid, and Lauryn are adopted from India. Chris was born in California and grew up in Virginia near DC. He graduated from Winthrop University majoring in Trumpet, enlisted in the Marines, and performed in their Drum and Bugle Core. He has played Taps at Arlington and has scheduled Buglers there. He is a retired Master Sergeant. Lisa grew up in the Anderson area and graduated from Anderson University and Winthrop University. She has taught Kindergarten, First, and Second grades and is now focusing on home schooling. The Arnolds enjoy kayaking and visiting Bed and Breakfast Inns. The Arnolds are also very involved in soccer. Chris is the Executive Director of the Clemson Anderson Soccer Alliance (CASA) and recently held a “Soccerthon” raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. Chris is a cradle Episcopalian and Lauryn just served her first time as an acolyte.

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**St. Catherine’s Guild**—The ladies of St. Catherine’s Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Monday, **December 6, 2010 at Noon**. The luncheon will be held at Dena Cullen’s home, 211 Canebrake Drive, Anderson. Please bring a dish to share and stocking stuffers for our homebound. The meat and drinks will be provided by hostess. More information, please call (864) 222-9425. All ladies are welcome.

## Tip of the Verge !

### Color changes and a New Year

by Barbara Scott

In our beautiful Southern climate, Fall is associated with color changes. The leaves of our deciduous trees reduce their chlorophyll production as the days shorten after the autumnal equinox, allowing the deep reds and golden hues to display themselves as if aflame with a Pentecostal fire.

I hope you remember our acolytes processing while waving flaming “tongues of fire” represented by bright red coils of paper this past Pentecost Sunday, May 23. The altar hangings and vestments were also bright blood red that day.

Then the church calendar led us into *Ordinary Time*, the longest of the “seasons” in the Episcopal Church. I referred to the Season after Pentecost as “the long green season” in a previous article. Our altar hangings and vestments have been green for the better part of six months.

We are about to experience another color change at church. Sunday, November 28, will be the first Sunday in the Season of Advent, the beginning of the New Year in the church’s liturgical calendar. The hangings and vestments will change to blue.

As we begin the church’s New Year, watch for further color changes as we progress through the year. Here’s a very short summary of the liturgical colors we use in the Episcopal Church:

**Blue** represents hope and anticipation. It is a penitential color and is used during Advent to symbolize our spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ’s birth and again in Lent as we prepare ourselves for the resurrection of our Lord. Purple is also sometimes used during Advent and Lent.

**White** is the color of joy and celebration, light and purity. White is used for Christmas, Epiphany and Easter.

**Red** symbolizes fire and blood and is used on Pentecost when we celebrate receiving the Holy Spirit. There are certain other days of high celebration when the hangings will be red. Each of those days has its own significance.

**Green** is the color of growth and foliage, representing life. Green is used for the season after Pentecost called Ordinary Time, which means days that fall outside of any special season.

**Black** is the color of mourning and reminds us of death and ashes. We only use it on Good Friday.

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Advent Events

All events begin at 9:15am

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** Advent Wreath making. Bring your clippers and greens and build your wreath with the family. This is always a fun event.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** Advent Sales. ERD, Beads of Life, Advent Art and more. Come do some shopping, study the art show, and enjoy the fellowship with coffee and Danish.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** We will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas with lessons and projects for the children. A chance to celebrate the real St. Nick.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** The second annual cookie swap. This tasty experience happens with participants bringing a dozen cookies to place on the table. At 9:30 participants will walk around the table with their plate and gather a dozen of their choice from the assortment of cookies. Yes, if you bring two dozen, you take two dozen home. We always appreciate a few extra for sampling too-don't throw away a broken cookie; they make great tasters.

Advent materials are available in the cloister. Look for family and youth options.

**Godly Play** will meet each Sunday in Advent. The Godly Play is two doors down from the church office. This class is for 4 and 5 year olds and meets at 10:30.

The **Christmas pageant** will be **December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. Christmas pageant practice will take place during the Sunday School time beginning Dec 5th. Please gather in the parish hall. Children not participating in the pageant can participate in Advent activities in the parish hall. The nursery is also open during this time.

## EYC News

Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands will be delivered on November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2pm. Please remember to **pick up your order at the church** on the date you selected. Each EYC member should sign up to help one of those two days.

Happening is December 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Catie Baker, Garrettt Whiffen, Ben Hardaway and William Langford will be participating in this weekend which focuses encountering Christ within community and learning how to strengthen our relationship with Christ and each other. Please keep them in your prayers.

The youth are matching the funds earned at the bake sale at the BBQ, \$900, with funds raised through their other projects and purchased gardens, water kits, animals and other supplies through the Episcopal Relief and Development program (ERD). This purchase will be matched again at the ERD level. Thank you for all your support of the youth efforts.

The EYC will travel to NC to pick up the Church's Christmas tree on December 11<sup>th</sup>. They will leave the church at 8:30 and return late that evening. A very special thank you to Lebrena and Lawrence Campbell for hosting them for lunch.

We will begin practice for our Christmas pageant on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The pageant will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. If you are interested in participating please sign the sheet in the classroom or parish hall. If you have questions, see Lyn Merchant.

# OUTREACH

## Outreach

Once again the BBQ was a huge success. This year we raised \$9723! The Westside Community Center Preschool will be receiving \$7100. The balance is being distributed to Anderson Interfaith ministries, the Boys and Girls Club and Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life program. The EYC is sending additional funds to the Gifts for Life program. Thanks to everyone for such a positive response during difficult time.

The Grace Church Soup Luncheon is scheduled for **January 27, 2011**. Dena Cullen will again be chairing this event. What a great event to lighten the bleak of winter.

Thanks,

*Jim Boyer*

***Lord, grant us peace*** when we worry about trying to shop and not having enough money to buy the things we want to for our friends and family. Grant us the peace to remember that the spirit of Christmas dwell in our home and hearts and not in the mall. Grant us the peace to understand that the true gift of Christmas doesn't come from a store but comes from your Son, the Prince of Peace, the reason we celebrate. Amen

*From the book of Uncommon Prayer: Contemplative and Celebratory Prayers and Worship Services for Youth Ministry by Steven L. Case (Youth Specialties, 2002)*

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## Advent Meditations

### Online Advent Calendars

Grace Cathedral, San Francisco: <http://www.gracecathedral.com/advent/>

Episcopal Diocese of Washington (DC): (as of this writing 2010 calendar has yet to be posted) <http://www.edow.org/spirituality/advent/2009/adventcalendar-2009.html>

From Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York City: (check in for the 2010 posting) <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/news/features/2009-advent-calendar>

Artcyclopedia's Altarpiece of the Seven Joys of Mary explores The Nativity in Renaissance Art (2004): <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/feature-2004-12.html>

The Church of England: <http://www.whywearewaiting.com/>

A Bach Christmas Calendar from the BBC <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/bach/adventcalendar/>

Full Homely Divinity – artwork, hymn texts and scripture <http://fullhomelydivinity.org>

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas: [http://www.dwtx.org/index.php/prayer/Advent\\_Calendar](http://www.dwtx.org/index.php/prayer/Advent_Calendar) (2008)

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: <http://www.epicenter.org/Gallery.asp?GID=49&SnID=723607313> (2008)

 **Grace Notes...**

On Sunday, December 12th the choirs and I will be performing our semi-annual Christmas with Grace concert. This year we will be starting the new tradition of performing the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols as done by the choir of Kings College, Cambridge, England. The famous Anglican service is broadcast to millions every Christmas Eve on the BBC. We will be following the order and type of service as closely as possible. It will be a high service complete with grand music, processions and of course smells and bells. Please mark your calendar for this important holiday event. The service begins at 3 pm with a reception to follow hosted by the choir. I want to thank Diann Simms for her hard work on designing the beautiful poster you will see around town.

The children are doing a wonderful job getting acquainted with singing in public. They will be singing at the lessons and carols service in addition to the Christmas Eve pageant at 5 pm. Our talented new Grace member Leah Durham is in the planning stages of a new youth choir. This is very exciting for our ministry. She is not only a gifted musician herself but a beloved music educator. Thank you Leah for taking on this new ministry. The youth choir will make its debut on Dec 12 at the 10:30 service.

Soli Do Gloria,  
Bill



**Wednesday Night Dinners**

**December 1st—Parish Life**

**Catered by Mama Penn's**  
Chicken, Ham  
Potato Salad, Coleslaw  
Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese  
Apple Crunch, Peach Crunch

**December 8 –Barbara Scott**

Chili con carne with beans  
Pasta salad  
Green beans  
Corn muffins  
Pound cake with vanilla ice cream

**December 15-Barbara Scott**

Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Green salad with homemade dressing  
Green peas  
Barbara's homemade bread with garlic butter  
Creamy lemon pie

**December 22nd & 29th –NO DINNER due to Christmas.**

*Please call the church office by Tuesday morning with your reservations.*



**COME JOIN**

**US IN MAKING YOUR  
ADVENT WREATH**


**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 @ 9:15 AM**

**BRING YOUR OWN GREENERY,  
FLOWERS,  
PINE CONES, RIBBONS, CLIPPERS.**

We supply the wreaths, candles, & pins.

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**SPONSORED BY PARISH LIFE**



**Christmas Flowers and Greens**

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 5th**. The minimum suggested donation is \$20. If you would like to give one of the door wreaths, the suggested donation is \$25.00

Given to the Glory of God and in:

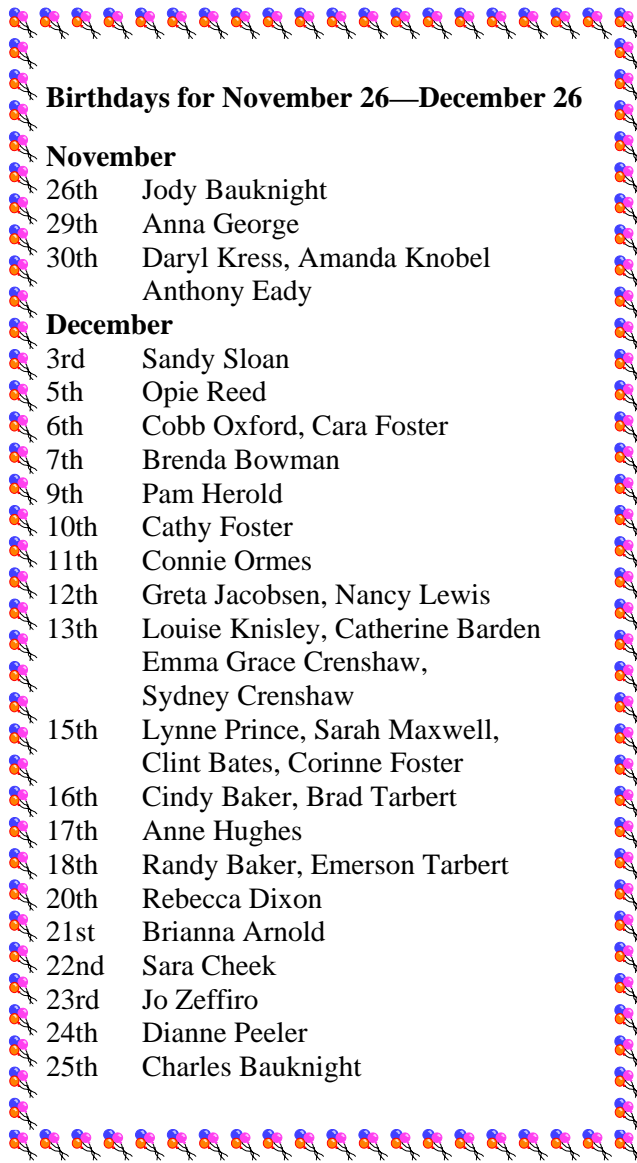
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# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS



## Birthdays for November 26—December 26

### November

- 26th Jody Bauknight
- 29th Anna George
- 30th Daryl Kress, Amanda Knobel  
Anthony Eady

### December

- 3rd Sandy Sloan
- 5th Opie Reed
- 6th Cobb Oxford, Cara Foster
- 7th Brenda Bowman
- 9th Pam Herold
- 10th Cathy Foster
- 11th Connie Ormes
- 12th Greta Jacobsen, Nancy Lewis
- 13th Louise Knisley, Catherine Barden  
Emma Grace Crenshaw,  
Sydney Crenshaw
- 15th Lynne Prince, Sarah Maxwell,  
Clint Bates, Corinne Foster
- 16th Cindy Baker, Brad Tarbert
- 17th Anne Hughes
- 18th Randy Baker, Emerson Tarbert
- 20th Rebecca Dixon
- 21st Brianna Arnold
- 22nd Sara Cheek
- 23rd Jo Zeffiro
- 24th Dianne Peeler
- 25th Charles Bauknight

## MEMORIALS

October 16, 2010 thru November 15, 2010

In Memory of *Walter Jernigan, Jr.*

by:

Larry & Pat Larsen  
Betty Antonakos

## Monthly Stewardship Report for October

Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received October	\$ 29,873
Received through October (including prepaids)	\$ 247,165
Needed through October	\$ 262,930
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through October	\$ 40,417

## Prayers

### Pray for healing and comfort

- Doni Rhinehart
- Julie Kent
- Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater –chronic leukemia ,cancer
- Tippy Anderson-cancer
- John Josey
- Leif Jacobsen
- Anna May Jacobsen
- Barb Flagel
- Rebecca Veeck-health issues
- Jennifer Gaffney-health issues
- David Rutledge
- Betty Ward-cancer
- Wesa Lund
- Sabra Nickas
- Josh Faller-coma
- Wilma Eady –health issues
- Camilla Dick-widow
- Danny Jennings-health issues
- Pam Nichols Whitfield-health issues
- Al Osteen-cancer
- Rick Fletcher-cancer
- Ross Hutcheson-back surgery
- Jesse Cheek-health issues
- Betty Halverson-pancreatic cancer
- Ellen Dollar-cancer
- Wendie Cheek-cancer
- Smith Pruitt-multiple myeloma
- Rita Swofford

### Requested by

- Hugh Osburn
- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Melissa Langford
- Greta Jacobsen
- Greta Jacobsen
- Ellie Cooper
- Ellie Cooper
- Anne Radnor
- Al Sloan
- Ellie Cooper
- Billy Croy
- Baillie Brown
- Ellie Cooper
- Linda Hoffman
- Lawrence Campbell
- Dudley Jenkins
- Nancy Welch  
Family
- Jack Hardaway
- Jack Hardaway
- Sara Cheek
- Mary Winiaski
- Don Cleveland

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