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January Epistle

From The Rector

Dear People of God at St. John's,

As Christmas ends, the church enters the season of Epiphany. *Epiphany* is a Greek word that means "revealing" or "manifestation." In this liturgical season, which begins on January 6, we watch the ministry of Jesus grow and expand.

At St. John's, we will use the season of Epiphany to do the vital profile portion of our interim work. In this time, we will seek to discern where God is leading this parish, how Jesus will be manifest here in the years to come. We will begin with the Vestry Retreat, move on to meetings in the Parish Hall in the next few weeks, and conclude early in Lent with a Sunday morning liturgy built to tie these questions together and follow it with a light lunch (with childcare) as we focus as a community on God's dreams for St. John's. The materials generated will not only give us some short-term goals for the rest of the interim, but long-term ones to instruct the search committee in their work.

Then, with goals and dreams identified, we will pray our way through Lent and through the entire Search process.

What an exciting time this is for this parish! I am blessed to be here as God's will for the years ahead is revealed.

*In His peace,
Ann +*

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Inquirers' Class

Beginning January 3, we will offer an adult Inquirers/Confirmation Class between the services. Are you interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church: Why we do what we do, the history, the lore, the vocabulary? At the end, you may choose to be confirmed (or received) when the Bishop comes at the end of February, but there is no requirement that you do so. Already confirmed? Sit in as a refresher. ALL are welcome.

What is a Tabernacle?

A *tabernacle* is a cupboard for consecrated bread and wine (called the "Reserved Sacrament"). [The tabernacle will also hold a small bread box for consecrated gluten-free hosts. If you wish to receive one of these, please indicate it to the priest when you come to the communion rail.] Using reserved elements can facilitate the administration of communion, smoothing out any problems of over or under counting the number of people receiving. In addition, the Reserved Sacrament is available should need arise during the week to take communion to the sick.

In response to a request to the diocese, the people of Christ Church, Albe-Marle have offered St. John's a tabernacle they no longer need. We will use it to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the generosity of this sister parish.

Newcomer Ministry

Recently several of you have expressed interest in reviving the Newcomer Ministry. Want to be part of a group that develops a welcoming process that converts visitors to active members? Please let Tom Baker or Ann Burts know of your interest.

Senior Warden's Corner



A Joyous Advent and a Merry Christmas!!!!

WOW what a year! Do you ever notice that the older you get the faster time flies by you? Better grab it and live it in every moment because you will never see that minute or those people in that space again.

I've been told by many of you that God guides us to where we are supposed to be at a specific time for a specific purpose. I say to you that all sounds great, but show me proof: a miracle ... GIVE ME CHARLTON HESTON AS MOSES STANDING AT THE RED SEA! I must now say that I firmly believe those miracles have happened this year at St. John's, specifically with the 2009 Vestry; the two 2010 Vestry members that filled open seats right when we needed help; the new class of 2012 and 2013 Vestry members; our new Financial Committee; our New Treasurer; our "Pre-Interim Priest and Deacons" that carried us the 8 weeks after Jerry retired; our new Interim; our new Financial Secretary; our soon-to-be-new Sexton; and our new Parish Life Coordinator.

I agreed to serve on the Vestry in a hope to grow and strengthen my faith ... for the same reason I agreed to take on the Sr. Warden position even after conferring with two former Sr. Wardens from Greensboro (my in-laws) who agreed that handling that position during the retirement of a Priest was a huge responsibility and

would test my patience and resolve. I can now say that indeed with the help of God and all the aforementioned people, I believe that my faith has grown exponentially these two years. The "human miracles" I have just mentioned are MY CHARLTON HESTON and should be yours! Most of us have full-time jobs, travel, and have families or elderly family members that we take care of and we manage to fit in the needs of St. John's quite successfully I think. Please go up to all the people that give of their time to the Church and shake hands or better yet give them a hug and say THANK YOU for your service. Your "Thank You" does mean so much.

To close, I would tell you that for 2009 St. John's is a healthy church from the "People" perspective. New families are coming in, and I hope we recognize them and make them feel welcome from the first minute. Your new Vestry is quite a diverse group, and that is a very good thing to have as we search for our new Rector. People are getting involved! From the financial arena... we are not a bank and don't have emergency funds in waiting, but St. John's will survive the current economic times by making good financial decisions with funds we have. I look forward to a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2010 for the church, and I do wish the same for you

*Happy Birthday Jesus,
Tom*

The St. John's Want Ads

Your parish has needs and YOU have gifts. Let's put them together! Please call the office and respond to these "want ads."

Photographer: Apply your artistic gifts and digital camera to parish events. Bulletin boards, rector search, and the website will benefit!

Mailing team: Enjoy routine tasks while sitting and chatting with friends? Mailings must be folded, stapled, stamped, and sometimes stuffed. Be part of a support group for the office—many hands make light work!

Handy-men and women: Have you checked the "honey-do" project book by the office door? Sign up to do a task or two!

Librarian: The parish library is on the move. At the moment it is in the glass-fronted closet off the Parish Hall. These books need to be culled, organized, and publicized to the parish.

Sofa and/or easy chairs: The Cheeks are looking for some comfy seating for the Jr. EYC area.

St. John's Financial Snapshot: January-November 2009

INCOME	Month-to-Date November	YTD 2009		
Budget	\$40,068.08	\$434,748.88		
Actual	\$46,496.50	\$426,603.93		
EXPENSES	Month-to-Date November	YTD 2009		
Budgeted	\$32,749.28	\$436,829.11		
Actual	\$32,029.55	\$445,688.12		
Difference*	\$14,466.95	(\$19,084.19)		
(*Actual Income minus Expenses)				
Operating	Current Month Nov '09	2009 YTD	2008 YTD	Budget YTD
Revenues	\$23,219.32	\$202,316.20	\$218,086.02	\$221,690.76
Expenses	\$ 9,285.63	\$205,808.66	\$227,225.70	\$222,039.40
Net Income**	\$13,933.69	(\$3,492.46)	(\$9,139.68)	(\$3,486.40)
Non-Operating	Current Month Nov '09	2009 YTD	2008 YTD	Budget YTD
Revenues	\$23,277.18	\$224,287.73	\$195,623.46	\$213,058.12
Expenses	\$22,743.92	\$239,879.46	\$206,529.10	\$214,789.71
Net Income**	\$533.26	(\$15,591.73)	(\$10,905.64)	(\$1,731.59)
(**Income minus Expense)				

As the year draws to a close, St. John's Wake Forest is closing the gap on the debt. During the month of November there has been progress made to get back on budget for the year. Income was ahead of expenses for the month. However for the 2009 YTD, expenses still exceed income by approximately \$20,000 and are \$3,500 above the planned year to date budget.

2009 has been a year of change in many ways. As we look back, we have taken advantage of the interest

rates to refinance the mortgages on both buildings; update the HVAC system; resolve the plumbing issue; develop a Parish Life program; as well as continue a successful Preschool program that provides an educational and spiritual ministry to the Wake Forest community. And most importantly, we hired an interim Rector. Here is to 2010!

Respectfully submitted by
Robert M. Massey, St. John's Vestry

Preschool News

Registration for the 2010–2011 school year starts in January. **Priority registration for current students, church members, and siblings will take place on January 18th through January 22nd** during school hours (9:15 am to 12:45 pm). **Open House for prospective parents will be held on January 20th.**



Four-year-old preschoolers sing joyfully during the Holiday Program

Please call the preschool at 562-8619 after January 3rd to sign up for either the 9:45 am Open House time slot or the 11:00 am slot. Tours will be conducted and information and applications will be given at that time. **Open registration for the community will be held January 25th through January 27th** from 9:15 am until 12:45 pm. The classes offered and tuition rates will be available on our website the beginning of January: www.stjohnswf.com.

The preschool enjoyed helping several families over the holidays through the Joy of Christmas / Angel Tree Program. We thank the ECW and Denys Hare for organizing the efforts. Many thanks to the preschool families for their generosity during difficult times!

The preschool children enjoyed meeting and having chapel time with Ms. Ann. Both the teachers and children have welcomed her involvement and presence at the preschool.

We are looking forward to the second half of our year. Happy New Year! - Kristen Baron

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW would like to thank everyone that participated in the Joy of Christmas. We helped 16 families this year with gifts and food. The people of St. John's should feel very good for what they did this year to help these families. We would like to thank the team leaders that worked with the families and with you to organize the gifts and food. Team leaders were **Abby Presson, Monica Brewbaker, Lyn Bartholomew, Dori Allen, Edna Toney, Sharon Davenport, Kenille Baumgardner, Hope Kadish, Margaret Poindexter, and Patty Reichmeider.**

A special thanks goes to **Denys Hare**—she was a team leader for five families! She got the preschool parents involved with buying gifts, and then organized all the gift and food deliveries to all five families with the help of her husband and niece.

Last but not least, we couldn't do the food distribution without **Rob Reichmeider and his scout troop.** The ECW is very proud to be a part of St. John's.

- Carolyn Stoklas

Thanks Be for the Gifts of this Parish

Thank you to all the generous people who provided Christmas for many needy children and seniors in Wake Forest! Thank you to all who gave extra hours and expressions of cheer to St. John's at this super-busy time of year and an ongoing thank you to the hardworking leadership of the parish in this time of transition.

My personal thanks to Gene Montague who has agreed to resume preaching on the last Sunday of the month and to Mid and JoAnn Wooten who are leading worship and Inquirers' class on the weekend of the Vestry retreat. Their gifts are a blessing to this community.

Joy of Christmas: A Perspective



“Look mom,” I heard as we were driving home through the neighborhood. “They have their Christmas lights up, and so do they, and so does THAT HOUSE.” While you might have caught a glimpse of a Christmas tree through a window, I want to let you know why you didn’t find Christmas lights if you drove by the Warriner’s house during the holiday season, despite my children’s constant pleas. It has been a long time since I realized that I am not one of those people who can “do it all.” I do what I can and pray I can continue doing more each day.

I have been a member of St. John’s for many years and somewhere along the way, I was blessed with discovering the Joy of Christmas. It is not the feeling you get from tossing a board game into the Toys for Tots box at Walmart. It is the humbling gift of filling the duties of Santa’s helper...an experience that forever changed my outlook and perspective on life.

Many of us have visited large cities where we see the irony of hungry people on the street, side by side with the masses, polished from hair to shoes. But in my walk

in life, I haven’t often seen the children of poverty. So when I took a break from the cooking and singing and wrapping of my traditional preparations for the holiday season in years past, it was more than a few hours of my week—it was a life changing experience...

I volunteered to be a St. John’s Joy of Christmas coordinator, and I was having a hard time getting into contact with my assigned family’s mother because she didn’t have a phone. Finally able to reach her through an aunt, we scheduled a day for delivery. When the time came, I told my family I’d be back in a little bit and drove to a destination less than six miles from my cozy life in suburbia. I pulled up to a dilapidated trailer, full of large holes patched with black garbage bags. Cast away wooden pallets were stacked for stairs. Clothes were hanging on a line to dry even though it was overcast and 45 degrees outside. The mother came out and spoke with me while an older sibling shuttled boxes from my car to their home. She has been sick she told me, she was afraid she might fall again so she’s been trying to be careful because she doesn’t want to be injured at Christmas. I heard these things in the back of my mind as the rest of me was absorbing my surroundings, the car frames, broken toys and other scrap metal items scattered about.

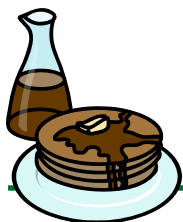
We’ve all seen poverty in some way or another, starving children on the television, people holding signs on the street, but this was something entirely different altogether. This was practically in my backyard and I was standing in the middle of it. My only consolation was that I was doing something to help. I cried the whole way home, wondering what else I had in the possessions I take for granted everyday that I could give her to make her life a little better. I didn’t go back, but I did start living with a new understanding; a life where I am not worried about what kind of car or camera I should buy, but about when I will have another opportunity to help someone in need. These opportunities are around us everyday, we only need to look for them—they are usually not hard to find.

So if you drove by the Warriner’s place at Christmas, you did not find many of the traditional, visible markers of holiday cheer, but you would have found the Joy of Christmas in our home— illuminated in a way that no amount of lights can illustrate.

- Tammy Warriner

Calling All Sr. High Schoolers

As we restructure and re-staff the Senior EYC program, we need to know of your interest! Please contact the office to indicate your interest in a new Sr. EYC program along with your email address. Once we hear from you, we’ll be asking for your input. So please step up!



Pancake Supper

Join us for **St. John’s Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.** The Junior and Senior EYC will be our wait staff for the evening, and all net proceeds will help fund the youth ministries. This is a wonderful time to enjoy food and fellowship as we prepare to enter the Season of Lent. If you can help us plan or would like to volunteer to cook bacon or flip pancakes, contact Darden at 266-7827 or jtb3rd@bellsouth.net.

In Our Prayers



Our Parishioners and Their Families:

Kristen McPherson Bierline
Gail Calhoun
Ruth Dancy, Mollie River's daughter
Maren Friedman
Dot Hinton
Helen Kovacs
Barbara Kjelberg
Burton Linscott, John's father
Shirley McHose
Mimi, Tori Bennett's mother
Barbara & Gene Montague
Dick Monteith
Tim Mozingo
Virginia Olsen
Lisa M. Robertson, Gene & Barbara's daughter
Joe Virant, Perri Holt's brother-in-law
Linda Wolfgang, Dave McPherson's cousin

Our Friends:

Patrick Cancro
Anna Gorniak
Judy Gulas
Betty Hardaway
McDonald family
Jennifer Mara

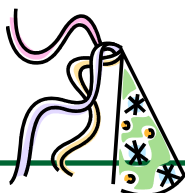
Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

Thomas, son of Tom & Darden Baker
John, son of Pinky & David Cooke
Drew Holt & Ben Miller, nephews of Lee & Perri Holt
Frank Kelly, grandson of Carol Smith
Michael Klump, brother of Kathy Binns
Michael, son of Bill & Bonnie LaBarbera
Sean Lynch, friend of Pinky & David Cooke
Ryan McDavitt

Those Who Have Died:

Porter Anderson, Vivian Jones' father

January Birthdays



1 Bailey Seeman Bryce Seeman	8 Elena Harp William Turner	16 Anthony Anastasi Shawn Long Holly Lownes	23 Tom Manley Bob McCamy
2 Michael Santos Amanda Schoden	9 Carleigh Bethea Wayne Clausen, Jr. Allison Galbreath	17 Jack Derrick Sara Fort Donna King	24 Bob Kingsley
3 Mary Privette	10 Alexis Nanni Scott Russell	20 Drew Bridges Ellen Christie	26 Kelly Collins Mercer Godier Debra Husinko
4 Jack Davis Emma Daw Thomas Hunt	11 Jennifer Lauria	21 Tim Mozingo	27 Mayla Gilliam Todd Hall
7 Trevor Kovacks Vivian Shillingsburg Jonathon Williams	12 Kacey Hall Nicolas Roberts	22 Gail Calhoun Bonnie LaBarbera Michelle Shearer	28 Susan Gilliam
	13 Dave Roberts		30 Jake McDavitt
			31 Samantha Barham Ryan Dickhart

Letter from a Meals on Wheels Recipient

I want to thank all of who had a hand in sending me a wonderful meal from your Church. Today Friday the 27th and I really enjoyed to the highest you are doing what God asked you to do help the ones who needs it. Both of my hands ~~was~~ needs surgery but I can not get it because I have to bear down upon them to get up but my Lord is helping me to do it. I'm

92 years old. Still get to church on wed, night and Sunday still sang in the choir. Thanks again for helping me. I have a hard time some time to get what I need to get the medicine I need but my father said do what I tell you and I'll supply your need. I Thanks Again
Marie Stewart

Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalice	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
09-Jan	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Sean Leech Philip Paige Jayne Bennett	Bob Bidwell James Davenport Al Hinton	Bob Bidwell Jim Davenport	Laura Santos Alfie Adams	Greg Williams Louis Mullinger Bob Nelligar	Flower Guild	Karen Demanovich and Sid Reynolds	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Ann Burts
10-Jan	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 John McDuffie Trevor Daw Emma Daw	Elwood Munz Harold Davis Kenille Baumgardner	Bob Bidwell Kenille Baumgardner	Jenny Brewer Harold Davis	Tom Baker Al Reynolds John Rich	Julie Arthur	Sharon Davenport and Kenille Baumgardner	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Ann Burts
17-Jan	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Trevor Telenko Hunter Kramer Jack Kessler	Jan Williams Mayla Gilliam Craig Johnson	Bob Bidwell Carole Friedman	Jim and Sharon Davenport	Larry Demanovich Frank Toney, Jr. David Williams, Jr.	Pinky Cooke	Kelly Osborne and Linda Hayes	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Mid Wootten
24-Jan	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Hayley Walkup Sidney Osborne Jack Osborne	Bob Bidwell Ellen Holst Megan Holst	Bob Bidwell Harold Davis	The Holst Family	Al Reynolds Bill Batton Jon Bell	Shirley Matheny	Vivian Jones and Melanie Murphy	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Ann Burts
31-Jan	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Sean Leech Philip Paige Meredith Massey	Elwood Munz Lisa Hunt Vivian Jones	Bob Bidwell Durward Matheny	Vivian Jones Louis Mullinger	Greg Williams Jim Davenport Harold Davis	Sharon Davenport	Elizabeth McDuffie and Patti Reichmeider	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Gene Montague
07-Feb	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 John McDuffie Jack Presson Abby Telenko	Jan Williams Donna King Rob Massey	Bob Bidwell Jim Davenport	Elwood and Helen Munz	Tom Baker Jack Derrick Al Hinton	Shirley McHose	Arline McCullough and Denise Munz	Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Ann Burts
14-Feb	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Trevor Telenko Trevor Daw Emma Daw	Bob Bidwell Louis Mullinger Rachel Pottern	Bob Bidwell Kenille Baumgardner	John Rich and Melanie Murphy	Larry Demanovich Tim Matchunis Durward Matheny	Patty Ray	Jenny Brewer Carole Friedman	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]	Ann Burts
21-Feb	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Hayley Walkup Hunter Kramer Jayne Bennett	Elwood Munz Al Reynolds John Rich	Bob Bidwell Carole Friedman	Ed and Sid Reynolds	Al Reynolds Michael McDuffie Dave McPherson		Karen Demanovich and Sid Reynolds	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Gene Montague
28-Feb	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Sean Leech Sidney Osborne Jack Osborne	Jan Williams David Roberts Laura Santos	Bob Bidwell Harold Davis	Laura Santos Alfie Adams	Greg Williams Roger Melvin Louis Mullinger		Sharon Davenport and Kenille Baumgardner	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Bishop Curry



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Building the Body of Christ

From the Parish Register



Letter of Transfer—*Give them courage, patience, vision and strength in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.*

Wayne & Nancy Clausen, transferred out to St. James Episcopal Church, Black Mountain, NC

Memorial Opportunity



Would you like to give a gift to St. John's that will be used regularly for many years? We need new Gospel and Reading books using the recently adopted Revised Common Lectionary.

These are large, beautifully bound books in which a bookplate in honor or in memory of a loved one can easily be placed. Please see Catherine or Ann if you are interested in making such a gift. Cost is \$200 each.