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Mission Statement:

*This mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to...Love the unlovable; Help the helpless; Inspire the discouraged;
Be a family to those who have none; Be the right hand of God in the world.*

Fr. Jim's Journal: Come Home for Holy Week and Easter!

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

With the onset of Holy Week and Easter arriving about a week from now, I'm beginning to hear the perennial grumbling by a few of my fellow clergy about people in their churches "taking off" for Easter! Yes, I know that a small minority of our parishioners take advantage of the "spring break" to take an out-of-town vacation with their families, and that most of the time, "spring break" is scheduled during or around Easter Sunday.

Here's how I look at the issue of "Easter vacations" away from home: When I was in seminary, we REALLY celebrated Holy Week with services every day of the week, including an early-morning (4:30 a.m.!) Easter Vigil on Easter Sunday. (Although Sandy and I loved the imagery of the rising sun gradually filling Seabury Western's chapel early in the morning as the Vigil progressed, I really do prefer our church's Easter Vigil on Saturday evening!) In my former Catholic seminary, we were dismissed following the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening; however, some faculty members lamented the fact that we, the students, were not on campus for Easter Day services. We also weren't on campus for Christmas Day, since our Christmas break usually started on the Friday before Christmas. Our liturgy professor felt like his Christmas and Easter weren't as good as they could be, since a large part of his "family" were gone on those two big days. (Although the Easter Vigil Eucharist is the most important service of Easter, it's still good to be around on Easter Day itself.) We seminarians did not pay much heed to what our liturgy professor said, since we felt good to be "back home" with our family and friends. Now that the "shoe is on the other foot," I can honestly see my former teacher's point of view. You see, YOU are my (Christian) "family," and when you're gone you are missed—not only by myself, but by your other sisters and brothers who remain here in your absence. Although part of Sandy's and my nuclear family is a little more than an hour away from Christ Church, a large part find their home in Buffalo, New York, or in Hudson, Florida. We really do miss our family and friends "back home," especially during holidays like Christmas and Easter. But God's call for me to be your priest sets Sandy and me in the midst of a much larger, caring, spiritual family whose Head is Jesus Christ. This is the family of Christ Church, Albemarle, and that's why—even though we miss being with our biological families during this holy time—we depend on Jesus and each and every one of you to **BE** family for us. We also try to **BE** family for each of you, although being human, it's difficult to do that at times. That's why it's important for each of us to "step up to the plate" and get out of our comfort zone to welcome and **BE FAMILY** for one another. Do you see someone by himself/herself in church or at coffee hour? Why not go up to them and say "Hi!" (or as they say here, "Hey!")? It's so easy to stay within our own group of friends that we forget that our church "family" extends beyond our own inner circle. One of the tenets of our parish mission statement is to "be a **family** to those who have none."

What am I asking our church family to do this coming Holy Week?

- 1) **BE a family.** During Lent, I've asked us to reflect on what it means to BE God's child; part of that is the realization that with God and each other, we're NEVER really alone. So please, let us reflect on what it means to BE the family of God here at Christ Church.
- 2) Remember that FAMILY still exists, no matter where you are. So if you have to be away from us by vacationing at the beach or visiting relatives out of town this Easter, please remember your other family here at Christ Church. Attend Holy Week and Easter services wherever you are, and pray for your fellow church members and me. And be assured that we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers for a safe trip and a good respite away from home.
- 3) If you're not traveling during the Easter holiday, please attend as many of our "family gatherings" (i.e. church services) during Holy Week as you can, and attend our Easter Vigil Eucharist and reception as our family's "Easter party."
- 4) Do you know of someone who will be celebrating Easter by himself or herself? Why not invite them to your table for dinner on Easter day? This way, we can show one another, that in Christ, who makes us God's children in the Spirit, we are "**family** to those who have none."

Here are our Holy Week and Easter services this year. Please post this sheet on your refrigerator (or other prominent place) and plan on being with the rest of your family during this holiest week, when we celebrate the life-giving death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ (the "Head" of our family, the Church).

Sandy and I send our love and prayers to you and yours, this Easter and always!
Faithfully, in Christ Jesus, the real Head of our church family, Fr. Jim Bernacki+

Our Holy Week services include:

- **Sun., March 16, Palm Sunday**
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharists (Blest palms will be distributed at both services.)
- **Tue., Mar. 18** 5 pm Evening Prayer (upstairs chapel)
- **Wed., Mar. 19** 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (in church)
- **Thur., March 20, Maundy Thursday**
6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (upstairs chapel)
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (in church, with the washing of hands and symbolic stripping of the altar)
& “Night Watch” until 10:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m. Taizé Night Prayer
- **Fri., March 21, Good Friday**
12 Noon Good Friday Service with Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament
3 pm The Way of the Cross (inside the church)
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (starting outside, with the “Way of the Cross” and continuing with the Solemn Collects and veneration of the cross, inside—no Holy Communion at this service)
- **Sat., March 22, Holy Saturday**
Blessing of Easter foods & baskets by appointment
- **Sat., March 22, Easter Eve**
8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter Holy Eucharist & Easter Reception. Although this is the first service of the Easter Holyday and is a valid service for Easter, those who receive Communion at this service may also receive on Easter day.
- **Sun., March 23, Easter Day** 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Easter Egg Hunt for children to follow the 10:30 a.m. service)

☀ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUN., MARCH 9. SET CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR ON SAT., MARCH 8, BEFORE GOING TO BED.



We will again be collecting funds and dedications for Easter flowers. The dedication names will be listed in the bulletin on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Forms to list in honor and thanksgiving and in memory of your loved ones are in this newsletter and in the bulletins on Sun., March 9 & 16 and **must be received by Monday, March 17.**



Wednesdays in Lent (March 5 & 12) there will be an Ecumenical Lenten Noon Worship and Lunch at Central United Methodist Church, Albemarle. Donations from the lunch will benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center in Stanly County and OASIS (Older Adult Services in Stanly County). The preachers in March are:

March 5-Fr. Peter Fitzgibbons March 12-Rev. Clyde Penry

EVERYONE IS INVITED! --Sponsored by the Downtown Albemarle Ministers' Association



Tickets for the YMCA Prayer Breakfast to be held at Stanly Regional Medical Center on Wed., March 19, at 7 a.m., are in the church office. The cost is \$12 each. We are reserving a table. Contact our church office for tickets (704) 982-1428 or you may drop by during office hours 9 am-3 pm, Mon.-Fri.

FINGER FOODS NEEDED FOR HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER EVE RECEPTION

The Easter Eve Service is scheduled for 8:00 pm on Sat., March 22. As in the past, we are hosting a reception in the Parish Hall following the service. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you would consider bringing a finger food. Thank you, and please contact Parish Life Member Beth Olivieri at 704-986-0440 (home) or 704-982-9184 (work) should you have any questions.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION UPDATE:**

We are pleased to report that we now have Christian Education classes for all ages! A calendar has been developed for easier reference.

Sunday mornings at 9:30, we have class for our Pre-K children in the nursery, and another class for our primary aged children in the large classroom at the end of hall. The middle and high school youth are meeting twice a month on Saturday's, after the evening service and supper. We want to welcome all of our youth and their friends! We are grateful for our dedicated teachers who continue to volunteer their time and talents to make this happen! We also need volunteers to assist with the light meal for the youth on Saturdays twice a month. If you can help with the meal please contact me.

Cindy Moore
704 982-5592
crmoore1@ctc.net

OUTREACH:

In March, the SCCM is asking for canned meat. Thank you, in advance! We took in 45 lbs. of food in February and 40 lbs. on March 2. Thanks to everyone!



SCCM HELPER

March:
Lori Kirkingburg

**COMMUNITY TABLE I & II
SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE:**
Norwood: May 3
Albemarle: Apr. 5
(but NOT on June 7!)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parish Intercessions

Praying for the presence and action of God's holy and healing spirit is a vital part of the Christian community's work. We are praying for:

Those with pressing needs:

Lois Fox (sister-in-law of Lori Kirkingburg); Andre Allen (cousin of Walter Davis); Megan Hunsucker (per Felicia Amick); Lucy (mother-in-law of Sandy Bernacki's niece Lisa); James Talbert (father of Alice Lewis); Dr. Thomas Kelley (Anne Harwood's brother); Amaya (granddaughter of Marion Kinley); Victims of the shooting rampage at Northern Illinois University and other campuses; Mary Ann (Debbie Burris' mother); Trent Lee (per the church email); Hal Spears and Pat Burris (per Gene Hinson); Roy Furr and Freddie Shaffer (per Jane Almond);

Those with ongoing needs:

(Unless requested, these names are removed monthly.) Una Ciardella (wife of John Ciardella who died—John is the brother-in-law of Lana Erickson); Sharon & Mark (friends of David Cook); Joe Burris; Matt & Felicia Amick; Dr. Elizabeth "Shawn" Robertson; David Morgan; John Stoots (stepfather of Brenda Huneycutt); Dr. Clyde Sawyer (father of Laura Lowder); Sara (Elizabeth Cook's mother); and Brenda Laramie (friend of Kay Throneburg); Timothy, Sarah & Isaac Burris (nephew and family of Joe Burris); Samantha Lisk (per Denise Hinson); Coy Ritchie; John and Maggie Snuggs; Wayne & Betty Mabry (Clegg Mabry's parents); Tokiko Watanabe (mother of June Mabry); Marie Padgett (Poss Wilhelm's sister); Margaret Milliman; Phil Huneycutt; Lisa Deese; Beth Snyder (daughter of Frances Reaves); Michelle Stafford (daughter-in-law of Lee & Sheila Stafford); Doris Stickney;

Roy Lane (Lori Kirkingburg's son); Jimmy Crider (cousin of Katrenia Davis & nephew of Kate Mabry); Bob & Lillian Layton; Lindsey Lowe (daughter of Tom & Rozi Lowe); Casimer Weglewski (family friend of Lori Kirkingburg); Evelyn "Jan" Jaquinta; Jim Irvin; Chris Burris (son of Linda & Bo Burris); Dick & Sally Colwell; Poss Wilhelm; Sarah Boyd (Pieter Scheer's mother-in-law); Dillon & Rose Harris; Marianne Bumgarner-Davis; and in the military service: Jeff Davis (grandson of Walter Davis) and Ryan Hinson (son of Tony & Denise Hinson). Pray also for all engaged in battle in world conflicts and for world peace.

Those who have departed: The Rt. Rev. Clarence Hobgood. May Rev. Hobgood and all the departed rest in Christ's peace.



LADIES' NOON OUT

The Ladies' Noon Out will meet Thurs., March 27, at 11:30 a.m. at Badin Inn (carpool at church parking lot at 11:15). See Jane Scheer to attend (704) 463-5129.

**GOOD NEWS
FROM RECYCLING**

Thanks to Linda Burris, Sally Aycock, and Craig Kennedy for the February recycling of cans. We received \$117 in proceeds for the cans in February. Beginning March 21 and continuing on the third Friday of each month, the City of Albemarle will be sponsoring a "cruise in" to display cars of all kinds in town. Street vendors will be selling food, etc., and the stores and businesses will be open extended hours. We will take our can crusher with the trash can to place beside the vendor who will be selling canned drinks. Thanks to all who help recycle!

MARCH

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17 & 31

*Fr. Jim in conference in mornings
5:30-7:30 pm ESL & Tutoring*

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

5:00 pm Evening Prayer-Upstairs

Wednesdays, Mar. 5, 12, & 19

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thur., March 6, 13 & 20

6:30 am HE, Brkfst, & Bible Study

5:30-7:30 pm ESL & Tutoring

Fridays, Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 28

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 29

3:45 pm Inquirers' Session--not 15th

5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sat., Mar. 1 & 15

After 5 pm Service: Middle Sch &

High Sch Youth Supper & Session

Wed.-Sat., Mar. 12-15 *Fr. Jim away*

Sat., Mar. 15 *8:30 am Men's Group*

9:30 a.m. Parish Work Day

Sun., Mar. 16, Palm Sunday

Loose Offering to Rector's Discret

Mon., Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day

Tue., Mar. 18 *Bread & Wine*

Newsletter Deadline, Fr. Jim at

Clergy Quiet Day (at our church)

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wed., March 19 *7:00 am YMCA*

Prayer Breakfast at SRMC

Thur., Mar. 20, Maundy Thurs.

6:30 am Holy Eucharist

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Vigil

7:30 PM-10:30 PM Night Watch

10:30 pm Taizé Night Prayer

Fri., Mar. 21, Good Friday

Church Office Closed

12 Noon, 3 pm & 6:30 pm

Good Fri. Services

Sat., Mar. 22 Holy Saturday

8 pm Easter Vigil Holy Eucharist

Sun., Mar. 23 Easter Day

Mon., Mar. 24 Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Tue., Mar. 24 *7 pm Quilter's Guild*

Thur., Mar. 27 *11:30 am Ladies*

Noon Out at Badin Inn

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACTION...

VALUE OF

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

SERVICES

Year to date

through January 2008

Community Table I & II
Albemarle & Norwood

Meals served = 3,641

Cost per meal = \$1.35

Value = \$ 4,915.35

Assistance Center

Financial Assistance=\$ 21,871.98

Furniture Distribution= 135.00

Value of Food Distributed

Through Food Pantry = 15,646.00

Total Assistance Ctr.=\$ 37,652.98

Clothing Closet

Value Clothing given=\$ 11,413.12

Value Household items 746.00

Total Clothing Closet=\$ 12,159.12

Volunteer Hours Given

Community Tables

Hours=759.0 Value=\$ 7,590.00

Assistance Center

Hours=518.0 Value=\$ 5,180.00

Clothing Closet

Hours=321.0 Value=\$ 3,210.00

Total Vol. Hrs Value=\$ 15,980.00

Total Services Value=\$ 70,707.45

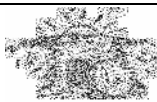
FROM THE MAIL BAG...

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

The Stanly Community
Christian Ministry gratefully
acknowledges your donation of
\$56.14 given in January.

We really appreciate your
donation, as it will carry on the
charitable work of this Ministry.
No goods or services were
received for this donation.

Serving together,
Barry Whitley, Exec. Dir.
SCCM



**Jesus lives!
Happy Easter!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar either from your garden or if you choose to purchase flowers for a particular Sunday, please check the flower calendar in the church office or call Carol Bowman in the church office at 704-982-1428 to see if that particular Sunday is available.

Throughout the Sundays after Easter and right up to Advent, we have available dates for flowers of any color with the exception of a few special dates such as Bishop's visit (red & white), Pentecost (red), Anniversary of the Church's Consecration (white), All Saints' Day (white), and Christ the King Sunday (white). During Advent, we have greenery on the altar. On the Sunday before and following Christmas we have poinsettias and greenery. The following dates have been taken already: April 20, May 11, June 15, and Oct. 15.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Joyce Higham has been requested to begin a women's study group beginning on March 25 and for two consecutive Tuesdays, if needed, at 12 Noon, for a 90-minute session in the Parish Hall, which includes time for lunch prior to the discussion. Each person should bring her own lunch and beverage. The discussion will center around the book, *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. In this non-fiction book, three women—a Muslim, a Jew, and a Christian--search for common understanding among the three major faiths in preparation for a children's book following 9/11. If interested, please get the book and read it as soon as possible, and join us for the discussion. Invite a friend, if you wish, and spread the word to other women at Christ Church. Let Joyce Higham know if you can join us or sign up on the sheet posted in the Parish Hall.

**DOES PRAYER WORK?
YES!**

[Editor's Note: This article was originally an email to Fr. Jim from George Bostian. After reading it, Fr. Jim and George agreed to share this with the congregation as an article in the newsletter.]

Dear Father Jim:

In a recent sermon you mentioned being a "happy Christian." I'm one of those and always have been. I sometimes have people look at me strangely when I tell them how much I actually enjoy and look forward to going to church. (I've often described us Episcopalians as "similar to Catholics but without the guilt.")

Recently someone I hadn't seen in several years was asking me about my recent bout with cancer. He mentioned that he has read (but did not remember where) that there is an actual, measurable effect of prayer. But apparently the most important factor is whether the person being prayed for knows about it. In other words, if you're being prayed for and you know about it, your chances of recovery are substantially better than if you aren't -- or even if you are but don't know about it. I found that most interesting.

That conversation also brought back the memory of the first consultation Katie and I had with the surgeon who was to operate on my stomach. We were meeting with him to schedule the surgery and to discuss my situation and what might happen during the surgery and afterward. As soon as he appeared in the examining room and introduced himself, the very next thing he said was, "If you have a faith community you can call on for

prayer and support, now is the time to activate it. We're going to need all the help we can get." It was sobering to hear that from the surgeon in whose hands I was almost literally placing my life, and I'll never forget how powerful those words sounded to me. I had never heard a physician say such a thing.

It's been more than a year now since the surgery, and looking back at that and the additional six weeks of post-operative, simultaneous chemo and radiation -- and the sickness and weakness that caused -- I realize how much it meant to me to know that our congregation and many others were not only including my name on their prayer lists but were also thinking about me personally and sending good wishes my way by various means. That was most encouraging, and there is no doubt it helped me deal with the physical and emotional trauma of my treatment.

All of us, I'm sure, wonder from time to time whether prayer actually "works." I'm here to tell you that without doubt it does. We obviously can't measure the effect it has on the medical side of things, but it certainly can provide invaluable emotional support to the "pray-ee."

See you Sunday,
George Bostian

Our first Nursing Home birthday party will be at Stanly Manor on Sat., April 12th, at 2:30. We invite all to participate, but we are in dire need of entertainment! If you or anyone you know is in a band, a singing group, or dance troupe that would be willing to perform a few numbers, please contact Lana Erickson. (336) 461-3856 or rich.lana@rtmc.net

FROM GOD'S WORD...

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

—Isaiah 61:11 (NRSV)

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 2008 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!

Thank you for your participation and for reporting your collection totals! You are one of over 14,000 groups that reported totals amounting to over \$9 million! Thanks for your efforts to transform Super Bowl weekend into an unprecedented time of giving and serving. Our church collected \$136.

♥ ON THE FUNNY SIDE ♥

Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their three kittens. He had the kittens sitting in a row, and he was preaching to them. A while later, she heard loud meowing and hissing, so she ran back to the window to see Johnny baptizing the kittens in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that! Those kittens are afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said, "They should have thought about that before they joined my church."



**Welcome, Spring!
Thursday, March 20**



**Parish Work Day
Sat., March 15, 9:30 a.m.**

From God's Word...

"Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

--Romans 10:9 (NRSV)

Vestry Minutes February 19, 2008

In Attendance: Father Bernacki, Archie Chase, Walter Davis, Russ Hollins, David Wilhelm, Jane Scheer, Cindy Moore, Lisa Brandyberry, Matt Irvin, Matt Amick and Michael Lowder.

Excused Absence: Allison Poplin, Secretary (Jane Scheer took minutes in her absence)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Following the Bible Study (I Corinthians 5: 1-8) Michael Lowder gave the opening prayer. Thanks was given to Matt Amick for providing hospitality. At our next meeting, March 18, Matt Irvin will give the opening prayer and Russ Hollins will provide refreshments.

The minutes of the Vestry Retreat meeting (January 11 and 12, 2008) were presented, corrected and approved.

Events since the last meeting were discussed. The ESL Program is underway with a near capacity 23 students. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a success. Our Youth will attend a Charlotte Checkers ice hockey game on Saturday, February 23.

Archie Chase presented the Financial Report. A couple of items were discussed. 1). Need to look at the Windstream telephone, internet, etc. costs for January and get a breakdown from Windstream. 2). The cost for the ESL signs was discussed. It was agreed, by consensus, that the cost should come from the "Outreach" budget line item.

In Ongoing Business; Father Jim stated that notice needs to be given of the change to our new website URL. Comment was also made pertaining to the Foyer Groups—they are going well and will carry through late spring before re-forming.

David Wilhelm and Russ Hollins gave the vestry an update on projects within the Parish House: At present, bids are being received for 1). the base cabinet work in the kitchen; 2). removal of the old boiler; 3). updating the plumbing in and above the old kitchen; 4). installing a mop sink in the old kitchen; 5). installing a hot water heater for the second floor bathrooms (the old restrooms across from the office); 6). possibly selling the old furnace to a scrap metal company; and 7). building an enclosure in the foyer to house the two wheelchairs and for some other items. Estimates are being received for the remodeling of Father Jim's office.

In other ongoing business: Father Jim said "thanks" to Stan Scheer for the new Altar Guild Handbook. He will send a thank you on behalf of the vestry. There will be a parish workday on Saturday, March 15 following the men's breakfast. The lawn care scheduling was mentioned as needing to be started.

Other Reports:

Parish Life: Awards Sunday will be May 18.

Worship: We have been invited to offer a Taizé service at Pfeiffer University on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel.

Evangelism & Outreach: Plans are being made with SCCM to open the soup kitchen seven days a week with the Sunday meal being a bag lunch to be given out at the Saturday lunch. Our youth group will spearhead our turn. Discussion followed concerning a health fair at Christ Church to include the ESL folks and their families.

Father Jim expressed his concern with our being a welcoming church; we need greeters, especially for the 10:30 service on Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Scheer, Substitute Secretary

FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

On May 29-31, 2008, Catawba College Center for the Environment and NC Interfaith Power & Light will co-sponsor ***Faith and Environment Conference*** at Catawba College's Center for the Environment which will examine the connection between faith and the environment. Guest speakers will be The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, President and Founder of Interfaith Power & Light – USA. Rev. Bingham is an Episcopal priest from California. Other well-known speakers and writers from across the nation will discuss environmental challenges from a spiritual perspective. You will be able to learn what you can do in your faith and civic communities and personal life to address environmental issues. For more information, contact Sally Aycock at (704) 986-6669.

Taizé Service at Pfeiffer

Christ Church will host a Taizé Service at Pfeiffer University in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel at 7 pm on Thursday, March 27. Tom Lowe will be the leader of this service. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Christ Church Has A New Website: www.christalb.org

In April, 2002, Christ Church entered the electronic age when Marueen Davis announced the appearance of a Christ Church website in the April issue of *Bread & Wine*. Thanks go to Maureen for her work in creating and maintaining the site and to Maureen and Wayne Davis for paying the costs for hosting this site for many years. In February 2007, the vestry named a committee to look into the creation of a new website. Committee members include: David Cook, Maureen Davis, Colson Dunlap, Rita Huneycutt, Isaac Irvin, Matthew Irvin and Stan Scheer. Since the first of the year, Michael Lowder has joined the committee.

Although there remains some work to be done, the new site is up and running. At this time three pages in the navigation list at the left side of the screen remain incomplete: Youth Activities, History and the Photo Album. We are continuing our work on these sections and hope to have them completed soon. We invite you to visit the site and to give us your feedback, suggestions and corrections.

Please take special note of the Calendar and return often to check the activities. The calendar is kept up to date each week to include the information that is sent by email from the church office by Carol Bowman. In addition to the "events" please notice that every Sunday and Feast Day

has a link to the lectionary for that day. Place your cursor over the name of the Sunday or Feast Day and a small box will appear telling you to "click here for the lessons appointed for the day". A new page opens where you will find a place to click for the lectionary. To return to the church calendar you will need to use the "back" button on your internet browser.

The calendar also contains the lists of liturgical ministers and acolytes not to mention other searches for various interest groups. When the calendar opens you will see a small cream colored box on the right side of the screen labeled "All Interest Groups". Click on the arrow for this box and a drop-down list will appear that includes "Sunday Eucharist" amongst the other items listed there. When you select "Sunday Eucharist", the calendar will display the list of responsibilities for the acolytes and liturgical ministers for each week. If you want to refine the search to something more specific, please select that task from the Interest Group box drop-down list. Take a few moments to study that list to see the hierarchy of its organization. The calendar even permits you to check for your own responsibilities by using the grey colored "search" box in the middle of the page just above the name of the month. To use this feature first select an interest group such as "Sunday Eucharist" and then type your name (first or last) in the search box and click "search". A screen will appear listing the dates and tasks that have been assigned to you for the coming

months. You can use either your first or last name in the search although the result will include everyone with the same name you have entered.

When setting up the calendar we have been careful to remain consistent on how names are entered, so once you use this feature, you will have a clue as to what to enter in the search box. For those of us with a first or last name that is not duplicated in the parish, the search is obviously a bit simpler. If you want additional information on how to make the most of this electronic calendar, go to the "Additional Information" section of the website and click on "Website Calendar Help".

Much thanks to the members of the committee for their input, assistance and work. Special thanks goes to Rita Huneycutt for the many hours of work beyond the committee meetings that she invested in what it takes to actually turn the concept of a website into the necessary computer language to make it happen online. Without her knowledge and help, the site would not be up and running.

Stan Scheer, for the Website Committee

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, AND EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 24.

FR. JIM WILL BE AWAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 24-28. WHILE FR. JIM IS AWAY, FR. MARVIN AYCOCK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PASTOR CALLS AT (704) 986-6669.

Bread & Wine

Bread & Wine Articles DUE Mar. 18!

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Time sensitive material

Mailed on March 12, 2008

*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina ,
The Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA),
and the Worldwide Anglican Communion*

Rector – The Rev. Dr. James Bernacki
Senior Warden – Russ Hollins
Jr. Warden – David Wilhelm
Treasurer – Archie Chase
Vestry Clerk – Allison Poplin
Parish & Financial Sec’y – Carol Bowman
Organist & Choir – Jane Scheer
Acolytes – Cindy Moore
Altar Guild – Pat Bryfonski
Flower Guild – Beth Chivington
Christian Ed.—Cindy Moore, Lisa Deese

Columbarium – Helen Harris, Allison Poplin
Coord. Of Relig. Formation – Lisa Deese
ECW – Shelia Chase, Pat Bryfonski, and Jane Scheer
Lawn Care – Craig Kennedy
Lay Eucharistic Ministers – David Cook
Lectors – Dr. Marianne Bumgarner-Davis
Men’s Group – Walter Davis
Nursery – Diane Robinson, Cindy Moore
Evangelism/Outreach –Lana Erickson, MattAmick

Parish Life – Beth Olivieri, Michael Lowder
Pastoral Care –Walter Davis, Lisa Brandyberry
Buildings & Grounds-David Wilhelm
Stewardship & Finance- Russ Hollins, Archie Chase
Ushers – Wayne Davis
Worship – Tom Lowe, Matt Irvin
Youth – Nancy Deeck
Church Kitchen Coordinator – Doris Stickney
Parish Nursing – Becky McKeon, Felicia Amick

Happy Birthday!

The Parish Family of Christ Church
wishes the following parishioners a very
“Happy Birthday” in **March.**:



March

2 Tony Hinson	12 Shelia Chase	21 James Lewis
5 Elizabeth Deeck	17 Jane Almond	23 Chad Colby
8 Nancy Deeck	18 Andrew Allen	27 David Davis
8 Archie Chase	18 Sally Aycock	31 David Wilhelm
9 Dawn Allen	20 Beth Irvin	