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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.*

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### Fr. Jim's Journal: God has a Sense of Humor

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It's important to take our walk with Christ seriously, as it's a "rough world" out there! However, in the midst of our Christian life, we need to remember that life isn't really about us; it's about **God** and God's love for us and the world, in Jesus! Thus, we need not take ourselves too seriously, but "lighten up" a bit!

On Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful visit with Bishop Curry, our diocesan bishop. Bishop Curry's sermon was wonderful, alluding to Jesus being the "way, the truth and the life." He used the analogy of a GPS (global positioning system used in cars) to tell us about whom we need to follow. (I had given the bishop a different set of directions to our church from Raleigh that saved him over 45 minutes of driving time! Before this, he had gotten to Christ Church by traveling I-85 West to Salisbury, and then down NC-52 to Albemarle. My routing took him from NC-64 West to Asheboro, and then Rt. 49 West to Rt. 8 into New London, and then 52 South to Albemarle.) At times, Bishop Curry didn't know whether to follow "Nicole Kidman" (the name of his Australian voice on the GPS) or my directions. He raised the question: "Whom should I trust? --'Nicole Kidman,' or Father Jim?" (I'm actually surprised that no one from our congregation shouted out "Nicole!") I think that +Michael trusted my directions even when they were in conflict with his GPS. In a similar fashion, we need to follow Jesus, even when his way conflicts with ours.

By the way, I would like to thank the various members of our parish who, after hearing about Bishop Michael's round-about way to Albemarle, provided him with "sure fire" directions to Raleigh; I think he received about five different sets of directions from us! And thanks to Chris Brown, one of our newly-received members, for asking Bishop Curry if he had to resist ALL evil, or just some of it, when he renewed his baptismal promises!

Bishop Curry was tickled by something I had written in a recent newsletter; I'm still trying to find out what made him laugh so much. However, he REALLY couldn't get over the fact that we were praying—for a few weeks—for a "Mr. Cypress." Every once in a while, someone would ask me how "Mr. Cypress" was doing; his name was on our parish prayer list. I told that person that I didn't know who he was, but that I would find out. At first, no one knew who "Leland Cypress" was. (Maybe he was a relative or friend of one of our parishioners?) But finally I found out that we weren't praying for a person; we were praying for a **TREE!** Someone had asked us to pray for his/her cypress tree, but when the intention finally got through to us, it looked as if we were praying for a Mister "Leland Cypress."

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We need to laugh at ourselves sometimes; that's good therapy for the soul. I'm sure that Jesus laughed a lot with his family and his disciples. Sometimes—even in the midst of something serious—our funny bone kicks in, and we just have to laugh. It happened to me when I heard that our kitchen supervisor (and recent honoree), Doris Stickney, found a bunch of *potatoes* in our church kitchen's dishwashers! How did potatoes—albeit very clean!—end up in both of our dishwashers? It's a long story (and you can ask Linda Burris or June Mabry about it!), but it brings out the humor of being part of a parish family!

Do you have any funny stories about our church that you can share in mixed company? If you do, please write or email your story and send it to Carol Bowman, our church secretary, or myself.

With gas prices rising along with some other costs, and the crime rate seemingly increasing in the Charlotte area, we do need to be vigilant, and act as good stewards of what God is giving us. However, we need not be so serious that we do not find the "lighter side of life." When you and I take an honest look at ourselves and realize that we're not perfect and that there are actually some funny quirks about us, we should be better able to relate with other people who are "in the same boat": not perfect, but needing Jesus and needing a supportive community of faith. God accepts us with all our talents and foibles. (Praise God for this!) All God wants us to do is recognize that we are His children and that His Beloved Son has died and is risen for you and me. Knowing this, we can better understand His love for us, and see Jesus as the "Way, the Truth and the Life."

Faithfully, from your priest and fellow "sinner in need of redemption,"

Jim+

## **PLAQUE AWARDED**

At the reception following the bishop's visit on April 20, we awarded Doris Stickney with a plaque and a bouquet of flowers, in recognition of her many years of faithful and dedicated service to God and Christ Church. In particular, Doris has had stewardship over our church kitchen and has taken pride in making sure that it is clean and in good working order. The rector, vestry and members of Christ Church truly appreciate the gift of Doris and her fine talent in keeping our kitchen in order!!! Following is the text of this plaque:

THIS PLAQUE IS PRESENTED  
TO  
**THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND TO  
DORIS STICKNEY  
IN GRATITUDE FOR HER  
FAITHFUL DEDICATION  
AND CONTINUING SERVICE  
TO CHRIST CHURCH.**

### ***Liturgical options: Are We Too "Catholic"?***

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are planning our liturgical services by "liturgical season." During the remainder of the 50-day Easter Season (which ends on Pentecost Sunday), we will continue to sing and chant more things at our later service than we normally do. This is due to the principle of "progressive solemnity." This principal states that "the greater the solemnity, occasion or season, the more singing and solemnity." This is the most widely-used principal in Episcopal worship throughout our country. There remain a few "low churches" (which rarely sing anything in the service other than the hymns) and "high churches" (which sing and chant practically everything, every week) in our country. However, most of our Episcopal churches—ours included—use this principal to uplift "higher" seasons like Christmas and Easter. We use the same principal to recite most of the options during the more austere seasons like Lent.

Although we are a "catholic" (or universal) church, and part of the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church" established by Jesus Christ, we are not **Roman** Catholic. We **do** follow our own Episcopal/Anglican traditions in selecting music and other options for our services.

For the summer months at the later Sunday service, we will begin the service at the back of the church with the Opening Sentence and "Collect for Purity" (found in the Prayer Book, page 355). Then the acolytes and priest will process into the church with the Opening Hymn (instead of the "Gloria"). At the later service we will continue to sing the Sanctus but will recite the Preface to the Great Thanksgiving. We will also recite the "Fraction Anthem" ("Alleluia, Christ our Passover...").

Some will NOT like our recitation of the parts that we sang during the Easter Season; just as some did not like all the extra singing that was done during the Easter Season. However, in trying to be faithfully to our liturgical principals, we vary the amount of singing according to the solemnity of the Sunday or liturgical season involved. This is **not** "Roman Catholic," but rather an authentic exercise of our Anglican and Episcopal heritage. Just for the record: Please note that the liturgies in our very early (undivided) Christian tradition were practically all sung, as are the services currently sung in the Orthodox churches. Singing is a way of lifting up our God-given voices to the Lord and has nothing to do with how "catholic" we are!

Fr. Jim works with Jane Scheer, our parish organist/choir director, and our parish worship committee, headed by Tom Lowe (with Matt Irvin as vestry liaison). If you have any questions or suggestions about our parish worship services, please contact Fr. Jim, Jane, Tom or Matt via the church office. Thank you for your understanding of our liturgical cycles in the Church!

--Fr. Jim Bernacki

## **OUTREACH:**

In May, the SCCM is asking for toiletries. Thank you, in advance! We took in 53 lbs. of food in April. Thanks to everyone!



### **SCCM HELPER**

May:

Marianne Bumgarner-Davis

### **COMMUNITY TABLE I & II SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE:**

Norwood: May 3

(This is all we have for now.)

## **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:**

Jim Irvin; Lessie Ann Scott (Rev. Ed Scott's daughter); John Stillwell (per Susan Knowles); Irene Snyder (mother of Gordon Knowles); Connie Fowler (per Diane Robinson); Larry Whitley (per Lisa Deese); Betty Loyd & Hazel Byrd (per Joe Burris); Reagan Steiger; Russ Hollins; Joanne Christman; Johnny Risch (nephew of Robin Hughes); Donny Tindall (son of one of Joe Burris' patients); Dot Calloway (per Felicia Amick); Gene Brackens (grandfather of Felicia Amick); Barbara Browning (niece of Coy Ritchie); Nancy Beattie; Jane Myers (per Judy Ross); and Logan Everhart.

#### **Those with ongoing needs:**

(Unless requested, these names are removed monthly.) Dick & Sally Colwell; Tom & Debbie Bernacki and family (Fr. Jim's nephew & family); Jerry Lorch (per Joe Burris); Shirla; Katie (mother of Claudia Covington); Tyra (sister of Kay Throneburg); Debbie Carter (friend of Denise Hinson); Michelle Inman (per Matt Irvin); Diane Risch

(sister of Robin Hughes); Dot "Phay" Willis; Amaya Kinley; James Talbert (father of Alice Lewis); Dr. Thomas Kelley (Anne Harwood's brother); Mary Ann (Debbie Burris' mother); Hal Spears and Pat Burris (per Gene Hinson); Roy Furr (per Jane Almond); Lois Fox (sister-in-law of Lori Kirkingburg); Andre Allen (cousin of Walter Davis); Megan Hunsucker (per Felicia Amick); Matt & Felicia Amick; Dr. Elizabeth "Shawn" Robertson; David Morgan; John Stoots (stepfather of Brenda Huneycutt); 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); Phil Huneycutt; Lisa Deese; Beth Snyder (daughter of Frances Reaves); Michelle Stafford (daughter-in-law of Lee & Sheila Stafford); Doris Stickney; 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; Chris Burris (son of Linda & Bo Burris); 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:** Sara Hunter (mother of Elizabeth Cook). May Sara and all the departed rest in Christ's peace.



### **LADIES' NOON OUT**

The Ladies' Noon Out will meet Thurs., May 22, at 11:30 a.m. at Badin Inn (carpool at church parking lot at 11:15). Contact Jane Scheer to attend (704) 463-5129.

## **MAY**

### **Mondays, May 5, 12, & 19**

*Fr. Jim in conference in mornings*

### **Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27**

*5:00 pm Evening Prayer-Upstairs*

### **Wed., May 7, 14, 21, & 28**

*6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

*7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Not 7<sup>th</sup>)*

### **Thur., May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

*6:30 am HE, Brkfst, & Bible Study*

*5:30-7:30 pm ESL & Tutoring*

### **Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30**

*Fr. Jim's day off*

### **Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31**

*5 pm Holy Eucharist*

**Fri., May 2** 6:30-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast at Central United Methodist Church, Albemarle

### **Sat., May 3** 10 am Sat Soup

*Kitchen at Norwood,*

*After 5 pm Service: Middle Sch & High Sch Youth Supper & Session*

**Sun., May 4,** Loose Plate Offering and Non-perishables to SCCM, UTO Spring Ingathering

### **Sun., May 11 Pentecost Sunday/**

**Mother's Day** UTO Spring

*Ingathering-last Sunday, Penick*

*Village Mother's Day Offering*

### **Wed., May 14** Church Office

*Closed today at 11:30 am*

### **Fri., May 16** 5:30-9:00 pm Uptown

*Albemarle Cruise In*

### **Sat., May 17** 8:30 am Men's Group

*(Cooks for Men's Group: Archie*

*Chase, David Wilhelm, & Fr. Jim)*

### **Sun., May 18** Trinity

**Sunday/Awards Sunday** Loose

*Plate Offering to Rector's*

*Discretionary Fund, 5 pm Taizé Sv*

### **Tue., May 20** 7 pm Vestry Mtg.,

*Bread & Wine Newsletter Articles*

*Deadline*

### **Wed., May 21** 9 am Clergy

*Lectionary Bible Study in Conf Rm*

### **Thur., May 22** 11:30 am Ladies

*Noon Out at Badin Inn*

### **Mon., May 26** Memorial Day –

*Church Office Closed*

### **Tue., May 27** 7 pm Quilter's Guild

***Vestry Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2008***

In Attendance: Cindy Moore, Michael Lowder, David Wilhelm, Matt Irvin, Lisa Brandyberry, Archie Chase, matt Amick, Walter Davis, Jane Scheer and Fr. Jim Bernacki. Excused: Allison Poplin.

Following the Bible Study and opening prayer given by David Wilhelm, the business meeting commenced.

Next Meeting: Opening Prayer — Walter Davis; Refreshments — Cindy Moore.

The minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting were approved. Brief reports were made on activities which had taken place since the previous meeting.

Archie Chase presented the financial reports. Matt Irvin/ Lisa Brandyberry moved to approve the financial report for audit. The motion was approved.

**Ongoing Business:**

Information from Stan Scheer concerning the Website Task Force was presented by Michael Lowder.

Parish Work Day: Saturday— April 19 at 9:30 am.

Parish Newsletter—need to find someone who might be able to assist Carol Bowman or perhaps, even take over the editorship of the newsletter.

Fr. Jim’s Sabbatical—possible late spring or early summer 2009; three week Spanish immersion course and three weeks spent in England to explore our Anglican heritage.

Publicity committee—Is there a need for said committee? Fr. Jim will ask the Website Task Force Committee to be an ad hoc task force to brainstorm with Fr. Jim on publicity matters.

Acolyte robes will be ordered this week.

ESL-concludes Thursday, April 24. An evaluation meeting of those who volunteered will follow. It was suggested that one of the adult students and one of the middle

school children speak to the parish at a future Sunday service.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, April 19 5 pm service and youth gathering with Fr. Jim-cancelled
- Sunday, April 20 Holy Eucharist with Bishop Curry - 8:30 am and 10:30 am 9:30 am youth and confirmands’ breakfast with the Bishop Reception for the confirmands and Bishop Curry after the 10:30 service Vestry meeting with Bishop Curry after the reception Ladies’ Noon Out at Badin Inn -11:30 am
- Thursday, April 24
- Friday, May 2 HOHI Breakfast Fund-Raiser at Central United Methodist Church (6:30 am - 9:30 am)
- Sunday May 11 Pentecost Sunday/ Mother’s Day (9:30 am breakfast?)
- Saturday May 17 Parish Day at the North Carolina Zoon in Asheboro 10:30 service: Awards Day
- Sunday, May 18 Vestry meeting 7 pm
- Tuesday, May 20 Bilingual Service
- Saturday, May 24
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
- Sun., June 1 Parish “Open House”
- Thursday, June 5 Stanly County Schools’ Baccalaureate Service at the Agri-Civic Center at 7 pm
- Sunday, June 8 “Mass on the Mount” - 11:00 am
- Sunday, July 13 Ice Cream Social 3 pm City Lake Park
- August 8 Kannapolis Intimidators game

**Other Business:**

Brief reports from each committee were given.

The vestry was given floor plans for the proposed second floor revision. A walk-through followed, noting the possible changes and also determining that a new set of phones is needed immediately.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

--Jane H. Scheer,

Substitute Vestry Clerk

**Environmental Report**

Many thanks to Ron Bryant of First Lutheran who used his trailer to take the April cans for recycling. He, Dan Russell, and Sally Aycock brought back \$187.20 cash in profit. We've had to purchase three new large signs recently, one for each of the bins, for a total of \$352.27.

Another big thank you to Jeff and Matt Irvin who were most helpful in placing our two trash cans with crusher tops in Norwood on April 26th for their Arbor Day celebration. AND, they brought them back to the Parish Hall on Sunday morning, saving us time and gas!

PLEASE take time to look at the schedule for the Faith and Environmental conference at Catawba College's Center for Environmental Studies May 28-30. Note the outstanding list of speakers and workshop leaders from all over the U.S. It would be great to have several young people and adults take advantage of this nearby opportunity. Applications in by May 7th get a better price than later ones. We can car pool daily from the church.



***Happy Mother’s Day to all the women at Christ Episcopal Church! We love you!***



## **CONGRATULATIONS...**

We are very proud of the members of our church who are graduating this spring! May God bless you in all that you do and continue to guide you and help you to be a witness for Christ everywhere you go.

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Elizabeth Hinson:**

#### **South Stanly High School**

(Elizabeth will be attending UNC-Greensboro in the fall and plans to major in Biology. She wants to work in the health field and is thinking about going into Optometry.)

### **Jacob Moore:**

#### **Albemarle High School**

(Jacob will be going to college in the fall at Dowling College in Long Island, NY to study Aviation)

### **Dakota Whitley:**

#### **Albemarle High School**

## **COLLEGE**

### **Matthew Hinson:**

#### **UNC-Wilmington, Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting**

(He will start graduate school in the fall at UNC-W. He has already been offered a job with Deloitte and Touche, an accounting firm in Charlotte, & plans to work there when he finishes graduate school and plans to sit for the CPA exam.)

### **Will Moore:**

#### **Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL**

(Will has accepted a position to work in Houston, TX and will be working for NASA on the space shuttle and training as a flight controller at Johnson Space Center)

### **Tamara Whitley:**

#### **Johnson and Wales University, Associate Degree in Business and Hotel Management**

## **PRAYER BOOKS ORDERED**

Just in case you haven't noticed, some of the Prayer Books in the pews have starting falling apart, and some pages are missing. So, we have ordered some more to replace those in disrepair.

If you would like to donate funds to help pay for the new prayer books, you may have them placed in Loving Memory or In Honor and Thanksgiving of your special loved one(s). The cost of each Prayer Book is \$17.

If you don't want a memorial or in honor dedication, you may donate any amount towards the purchase of the books. We have purchased red ones for the church and a few more black ones for the upstairs chapel.

Donation checks should be made payable to "Christ Church" and marked "prayer books". Also, be sure to list your name and the person(s) names for the dedication in memory or in honor. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at Christ Church, PO Box 657, Albemarle, NC 28002.



Congratulations to Debbie Burris, who received Pfeiffer University's Starnes Service Award (for service above and beyond the call of duty)! She received this award on Friday, April 25. This is the second time that she received the award—the first time was April, 2001. She was described by Pfeiffer President Charles Ambrose as "the voice of reason at Pfeiffer University". We are very proud of you, Debbie! Keep up the great work and witness!



## **HOMES OF HOPE BREAKFAST**

Homes of Hope will have a breakfast fund raiser on Friday, May 2, 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., at Central United Methodist Church, Albemarle. Fr. Jim will be helping to serve by working the early shift at the breakfast.

Homes of Hope has assisted 55 homeless people, including 33 children through the Transitional Housing Program since it started in June 2005. Some of its early grants were to help the program get started and are non-renewable. Local support has increased during the past 3 years so that there are now 7 homes or apartments for use. The board of directors for Homes of Hope has just voted to pursue a comprehensive emergency housing program that will combine overnight lodging with services for social, spiritual, employment, and housing guidance.

## **UTO Spring Ingathering May 4 & 11**

*(UTO Envelopes are located in the church in the wall rack)*

The United Thank Offering (UTO), begun in 1889, encourages an awareness of the abundance of God's blessings through daily prayers and offerings of thanks. The offerings are then collected, primarily on two designated Sundays each year, one in the spring and the other in the fall. Offerings from around the nation are pooled and, after a rigorous grant review process by a national committee, distributed annually for projects benefiting dioceses throughout the Anglican Communion. (To see how UTO grant requests in NC have been met, visit "UTO in NC" at

[www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org).

**From God's Word...**

"[Jesus said] ...I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

--Luke 15:10 (NRSV)

**FROM THE MAIL BAG...**

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

The Stanly Community Christian Ministry gratefully acknowledges your donation of \$136 given in March.

We really appreciate your donation, as it will carry on the charitable work of this Ministry.  
-Barry Whitley, Exec. Dir., SCCM

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS  
IN ACTION...SCCM**

*Year to date through March, 2008*  
Community Table I & II  
Albemarle & Norwood

# Meals served = 11,018  
Cost per meal = \$1.35  
Value = \$ 14,874.30  
Assistance Center  
Financial Assistance=\$ 41,999.32  
Furniture Distribution= 1,150.00  
Value of Food Distributed  
Through Food Pantry = 58,932.00  
Total Assistance Ctr.=\$ 102,081.32

Clothing Closet  
Value Clothing given=\$ 28,468.12  
Value Household items 1,900.00  
Total Clothing Closet=\$ 30,368.12

Volunteer Hours Given  
Community Tables  
Hours=2,336.0 Value=\$23,360.00  
Assistance Center  
Hours=1,568.0 Value=\$15,682.50  
Clothing Closet  
Hours=1,046.0 Value=\$ 1,045.50  
Total Vol. Hrs Value=\$ 40,088.00

Total Services Value=\$ 187,411.74

**Special Thanks...**

THANKS TO APRIL  
NEWSLETTER HELPERS:  
SALLY AYCOCK &  
LORI KIRKINGBURG

**RECYCLE BINS AT THE  
"CRUISE IN"**

On May 16, Albemarle will have another "Cruise In" for the uptown area. We will provide two large trash cans with can-crusher tops near the two vendors selling can drinks.

If you would like to volunteer 2 or 4 hours to help promote this endeavor by just being present and demonstrating how to crush the cans, please call the church office.

**From God's Word...**

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

--Acts 2:17 (NRSV)



**Pentecost Sunday – May 11**

**JUST FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION...**

Group Homes for the Autistic will be using the upstairs classroom and the parish hall for training and continuing education classes for their staff on the following days:

**Upstairs Classroom**

May 6 & 8 9 am-11 am  
May 13 9 am-12 Noon

**Parish Hall**

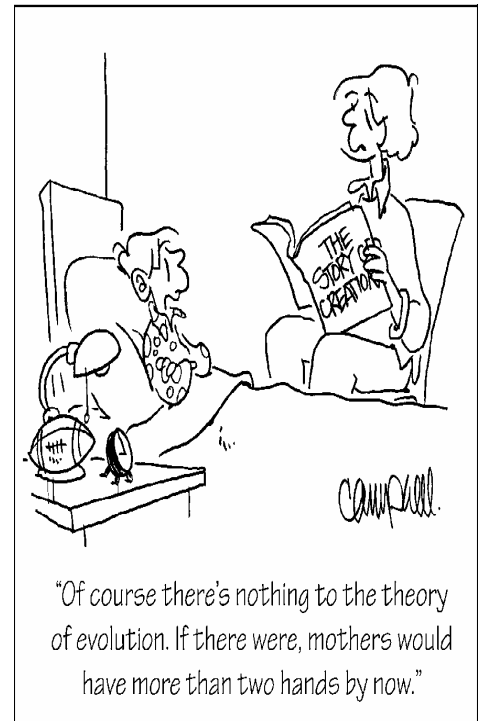
May 1 9:30 am-11:30 am  
May 7 9 am-1 pm

♥ **ON THE FUNNY SIDE** ♥

Two siblings were discussing how Jesus fed the five thousand. The smaller of the two children spoke up and said, "Oh, I know how Jesus did it! He just asked God to super-size the meal like they do at McDonald's, didn't he?"

**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. There is also more information on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



# A HEART FOR Mom

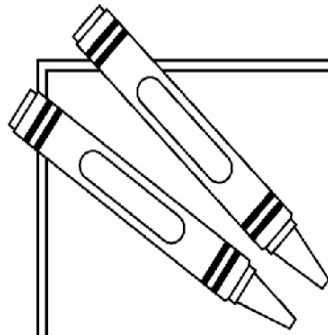
Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

## What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

## What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



Just for **KIDS**

# A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1 "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2 "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3 "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4 "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6 "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

- |                 |            |               |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| ___ Caring      | ___ Godly  | ___ Prepared  |
| ___ Hardworking | ___ Hearty | ___ Priceless |
|                 | ___ Kind   |               |

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

# Bread & Wine

**Bread & Wine Articles DUE May 20!**

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## Time sensitive material

### Mailed on May 2, 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, Matt Amick

**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 May:



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|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4 Linda Burris</b>    | <b>17 David Cook</b>       | <b>24 Abel Cavasos</b>       |
| <b>10 Rose Harris</b>    | <b>17 Blaine Covington</b> | <b>24 Pat Bryfonski</b>      |
| <b>12 Jeff Davis</b>     | <b>19 Phil Huneycutt</b>   | <b>25 Joseph Misenheimer</b> |
| <b>13 Joyce Higham</b>   | <b>21 Beth Olivieri</b>    | <b>27 Eric Whitley</b>       |
| <b>15 Matt Amick</b>     | <b>21 Lana Erickson</b>    | <b>27 Jody Huneycutt</b>     |
| <b>16 Elaine Hollins</b> | <b>24 Alexandra Deese</b>  | <b>30 Elizabeth Hinson</b>   |