

Bread & Wine



March 2010

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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.*

1890—Christ Church's One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary—2010

"Have A Holy Lent"

By Father Jim Bernacki, Rector

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Lent is that special season where Christians prepare, by prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity, for the great feast of the Resurrection, Easter.

Here at Christ Church, Lent is being observed by the following activities or differences in the way we celebrate the liturgy:

Ash Wednesday Services were offered to begin our observance of Lent, on Wednesday, February 17th in Church. We had three different services that day, and although attendance at our 6:30 pm service was a bit better than last year's, we still missed quite a few of our parishioners! On the **First Sunday in Lent** (Feb. 21st), we used the "Great Litany" as our opening hymn or devotional.

Lenten Services:

Rite II is being used at all services, and the "service music" includes a "**Kyrie**" ("**Lord, have mercy**") instead of the "**Gloria.**" Also, we will not sing "**Alleluia**" from Ash Wednesday, until the Easter Vigil Eucharist on Easter Eve. The "Prayer Over the People" replaces the priest's final blessing at the Eucharist.

This year, the worship committee and I agreed that we will have a "silent entrance" at the 10:30 service. We are experimenting with a new tone setting for the Psalm sung at that service, one which used a minor key. Also at the 10:30 service, we will sing the fraction anthem "Jesus, Lamb of God."

At all services in the church, we have decided to continue the practice of veiling the statues and crosses with purple linens (—an ancient liturgical practice in the Church), to help make the setting more austere for Lent. We also are using dry branches instead of flowers, to indicate that we are "in the desert" of this world with Jesus, our Savior.

During Lent we continue the practice of using ceramic vessels and cups (donated by the late Jean Daly), instead of our usual silver vessels.

Lenten Studies:

Fr. Jim will lead a four-part Bible discussion on "The Last Week of Jesus' Life." This study will take place on Wednesdays (March 3, 10, 17 and 24) from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be no meal served, but light refreshments will be available.

During Lent, we will continue our adult education series on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall parlor with "Twelve Extraordinary Women" led by Dr. Marianne Bumgarner-Davis.

Days of Special Devotion/Fasting:

The weekdays of Lent are "Days of Special Devotion," whereby we are asked to give up something dear to us, or give/sacrifice extra for the sake of Christ and the Church. Although Sundays are not included in the "forty days" of special devotion, one who works on a particular act of charity, prayer, self-denial or service should not necessarily stop that activity on the Sundays in Lent. Also, a pious tradition calls for meatless meals to be taken during the days of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday until the Easter Vigil; one may or may not follow this practice, as they so choose. Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and Good Friday (Apr. 2) are days of fasting, i.e., normally only one full (meatless) meal is taken, but one or two lesser meatless meals may be taken as needed.

Opportunities for Private Confession/Counseling:

Although there will be no formal times set aside for private confessions or counseling, Fr. Jim is available for these ministries. Please call him at the church office (704/ 982-1428) to set up and appointment for this purpose.

(Fr. Jim's article - continued from previous page)

Holy Week Services:

Holy Week begins with the **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (March 28)**. We will celebrate our usual Sunday morning services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., which will also include the Liturgy of Palms (remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem) and the Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Holy Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist will be held on: Wednesday March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in church.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 1st**, we will celebrate our usual 6:30 a.m. morning Eucharist in the "Chapel of the Apostles" (formerly known as the "Upstairs Chapel"). We will also celebrate a special Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m., which will include the optional "washing of hands" and a call to Christian service. The liturgy concludes with the solemn "stripping of the altar," reminding us of Jesus' garments being forcefully removed by the soldiers before he died for our sins. From 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. that evening, we will have a "night watch" in the "Oxford Chapel" (side chapel of the church). That chapel will be decorated to make it look like the "Garden of Gethsemane." We will be asking volunteers to "keep watch," taking ½ hour shifts to pray silently with Christ (remembering the loneliness that Jesus must have felt on that first Maundy Thursday evening). We will conclude the "Night Watch" with a shorter Taizé night Prayer service in the side chapel. On **Good Friday April 2nd**, we remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Good Friday is a day of fasting and special devotion. We will have our Solemn Service of Good Friday at 12 Noon, which includes the reading of the Passion according to John; the Solemn Prayers of the People; Veneration of the Cross of Christ,

and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. At 3 p.m. we will have a short series of reflections called the "Way of the Cross" in church, and at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting), we will also have the "Way of the Cross" outside, followed by concluding devotions in the church.

There will be no services on Holy Saturday morning, recalling that on that first Holy Saturday, Jesus' body lay in the tomb, awaiting God's power to raise it up the next day in the glory of Jesus' resurrection.

The first and most important Eucharist of Easter will be celebrated on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. The service, called the "Great Vigil of Easter," is a valid Sunday service containing the following key elements: the blessing of the Easter fire and Service of Light; the Lessons from Scripture; the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the first Eucharist of Easter. At this service, "Alleluia" is sung for the first time since the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This service is followed by our traditional "Easter Eve Agapé Meal" (i.e., a finger food and dessert reception for all, in our parish hall).

Easter Day, Sunday, April 4th continues the joy of Easter Eve, with Holy Eucharists at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Following the 10:30 service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for children.

I hope that you will take advantage of most, if not all of these opportunities for spiritual growth in this very special season of the Church year. Have a Holy and productive Lent!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Jim Bernacki+



Our Parish Life committee will be sponsoring **FOUR AREA GATHERINGS** of church members (similar to what we did five years ago). This will be an opportunity for us to socialize with one another, to hear what's happening in the parish, and to address any concerns you might have at this point. Although the gatherings are set in four different areas of our parish, anyone can go to any (or all) of these gatherings. Children are also welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Here are the dates, times and places for these gatherings. **Please mark them in your personal calendars:**

- **Saturday, March 6** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Archie and Shelia Chase, 36344 Old Salisbury Rd. New London (704/ 982-2801).
- **Saturday, March 27** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Jim and Marilyn Fitzgerald, 188 Forest Lake Ct., Mt. Gilead (910/ 439-2037).
- **Saturday, April 17** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Walter and Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, 483 Lakehurst Farm Rd., Norwood (704/ 474-5240).
- **Saturday, May 1** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Christ Church hall (hosted by Janet Treadaway and Fr. Jim and Sandy Bernacki (704/ 982-1428).



“Christ On Trial”

A Community Series of Lenten Services & Lunches Wednesdays in Lent at 12 Noon at First Lutheran Church

Guest Preachers Each Week:

Feb. 24—Rev. Lee Shelnut

March 3 – Rev. Roger Thomas

March 10 – Rev. John Futterer

March 17—Rev. Lanny Lancaster

March 24 – Rev. Bob Gruver

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Lunch is free and provided by various churches

Donations will be accepted to benefit Samaritan's Purse for Haiti Relief

Sponsored by The Downtown Albemarle Ministerial Association



Community Inn Homeless Shelter

Christ Church has been volunteering **one night per month** to provide & serve supper and stay for the evening and all night at the Community Inn Homeless Shelter, located on First Street, in the same building as and next to the Community Table (Soup Kitchen) in Albemarle. The **second Monday of each month** is our time to serve this vital ministry. When we offer our time for a ministry such as this, we are being the hands, feet, and the very heart of Christ. Jesus said that “if you have done it unto the least of these, then you have done it unto Me [Jesus].”

Our next opportunity to serve at the Community Inn is Monday, March 8. If you can provide the meal or help in any way, please contact Elizabeth Cook (704) 983-2861 or email her at cookeliza@gmail.com. We need people to stay 6 pm-10 pm, and overnight 10 pm-7 am, and someone to provide dinner & help serve it—dinner is served at 7 pm and should feed 10-12 people.



Environmental Committee Report

Thanks to Craig Kennedy and the Men's Group, we have a NEW BIN presently located at Delco Plaza next to the old one. We have a hearing set with the City Planning Board to get another location for a bin. Stay tuned.



Yarning for Others

This new ministry of Christ Episcopal Church is off to a great start. After some discussion and thought we've decided to call our group “Yarning for Others” to better reflect our efforts in the wider community. Most of our creations will be prayer shawls, but we do not want to limit ourselves to one item. Efforts are still being made to purchase yarn at wholesale prices. While we move forward with our negotiations and contacts, we would be delighted to accept donations of yarn from anyone who chooses to do so. Yarn can be left in the parish hall in a visible place, and the ladies will put it to good use.

Our membership is increasing at a good rate, and we have some secret members who have not attended a meeting but are working at home! If you would like to participate but have difficulty attending nighttime meetings, please leave your name with the church office, and somebody will be in touch. Meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Bring your needles, yarn and a willing spirit. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, feel free to contact Joanne Christman at 704-985-1876.

THE "ALLELUIA" PAGE

This page is going to be reserved for any reason to praise God! This will be used, not only for birthdays or other special occasions, but also for any of your reasons to praise our God! Please submit your input by March 15th for the "Alleluia" page! (Remember that "Alleluia" means "Praise God!")

Happy Birthday!

The Parish Family of Christ Church wishes the following parishioners a very "Happy Birthday" in March:

2 - Tony Hinson	18- Andrew Allen
5 - Elizabeth Deeck	18- Sally Aycock
8 - Nancy Deeck	20- Beth Irvin
8 - Archie Chase	21- James Lewis
9 - Dawn Allen	23- Chad Colby
9 - Amy Brown	27- David Davis
12- Shelia Chase	29- Laven Norwood
17- Jane Almond	31- David Wilhelm



Prayer concerns: Phil Huneycutt, is a patient in the ICU at CMC-Main Hospital in Charlotte and needs our fervent prayers. Also, please pray for **Jeff Davis**, grandson of Walter and Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, who is in need of our prayers, and **Fr. Phil Byrum**, former Rector of Christ Church who has some health issues.



In February, we collected 37 pounds of food for Stanly Community Christian Ministry! Thank you for your generous support of the SCCM to feed the hungry and less fortunate in our community!

Dear Fr. Jim, Stan Scheer, Elaine Hollins, and Shelia Chase,

I wanted to pin a note to you, thanking you and praising my Savior for all of you. What a committee! Your work on the Parish Hall is outstanding! I am so in awe when I walk through the remodeling and see all the new painting, beautiful pictures, new furniture, the office areas, the renovated chapel, the picture in-set into the chapel altar, new areas all dressed up with new furniture. It really feels so wonderful and clean, orderly and sacred.

Stan, Elaine, and Shelia, I know this was a massive experience. I am so thankful for all of your work in planning and following through in such record time.

I also wish to thank each person that helped carry out the plans by painting, moving everything around—the new floors—oh, how wonderful! There is so much that has been done, and I just wanted to say thank you!

Bishop Gregg was here a few weeks back and did a blessing for the new renovation, and he was very impressed and thankful.

I wanted to mention the new picture that Stan made and placed in the waiting area. If you, the reader of this note, haven't seen it, you will be pleased!

To David Wilhelm, Senior Warden, and Archie Chase, thanks for all the late nights that you put in working on the renovation. Wonderful!

Sincerely,
Jane Almond

 **Welcome, New Members!**

Kyle Elizabeth Cook has transferred her membership on January 10th from Trinity Episcopal Church, Statesville, NC, to Christ Church. Also, on Dec. 9th, David Aycock transferred his membership from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, NC to Christ Church. **We welcome, you, Kyle and David, to Christ Church!**

New Folks & New Addresses: David Aycock, C.C.R.P., PO Box 8399, Morganton, NC 28680-8399

Kyle Elizabeth Cook, 24163 Endy Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 email: phototrex64@yahoo.com

Jonathan Rowe, PO Box 551, Misenheimer, NC 28109 email: jjwcu@yahoo.com

Kevin Gullette, 231 E. North St., Albemarle, NC 28001 email: kmgullette20@gmail.com

Michael Bloom, Sr., PO Box 517, Norwood, NC 28128

Donald & Bobbie Belch, 5304 Woodrun on Tillery, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306
Fr. Phil Byrum, 4005 Heritage Drive, West, Wilson, NC 27893 email: pbyrum@myglnc.com



***Special thanks to Julie Russell** for repairing various altar linens. She did a marvelous job and is a very talented seamstress! We are very grateful for the beautiful work she has done in saving and repairing our church altar linens!*



Youth Calendar

March

14- No Christian education at 9:30- Combined Service

15-19- Stanly County Youth Breakfast- starts at 6am everyday

20- Discovery Place Trip- Musical Melodies- all ages welcome for all other exhibits (Musical Melodies target age is 2-13)

10-13 dollars a person-IMAX movies are extra

21-Open Mic Night 6-8pm Christ Church in Cleveland, NC

28- Youth Sponsored Pot Luck April Fools' Mystery Lunch- to be served after the 10:30 service

April

4-Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Party in Nursery 9:30-11:30am

11- Easter Pageant

18- Laser Tag- we will leave after the 10:30 service, cost is \$10-15 per person

25- Bowling- all ages welcome

May

9- Mother's Day - all youth will be handing out flowers to the women of the church after the 8:30 and 10:30 services

16-Parish Day- No Christian Education

23- Rock Climbing in Charlotte- 20 a person

June

27- Parish Anniversary- combined service- No Christian Education

TBA- Vacation Bible School at the church

Contact Amber Kubik for more information about the youth group or these events cell phone # (704)-244-6784 or home phone # 704-991-2955 or email her at ce@christalb.org.



On Sunday, March 14, we will be having a combined Holy Eucharist service, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m. in the church. The purpose of the combined service is to allow the church times of worship where we are all together, both the 8:30 and 10:30 attendees. Then, following the service, we will have a brunch in the Parish Hall and bridal shower for Caroline Sawyer (and Thomas Milano). Caroline and Thomas are registered at Macy's and Starnes Jewelers.

REMINDERS:

- Lenten Devotional Booklets and Lenten Mite Boxes are on the back pew (on the little table) & are free! The Lenten Offering will benefit Episcopal Relief & Development for Haiti Relief=**Deadline March 28**.
- **2010 Pledge Cards with envelopes are in the wall rack in the back pew of the church.** So far, we have 56 pledges, which total \$155,868. Our proposed 2010 budget is \$168,775. You may drop your pledge into the offering plate or drop it by the church office or mail it to the church.
- **2010 Liturgical Calendars are in the wall rack in the back pew in the church. They are \$2.25 each.**
- **The 2010 Altar Flower Calendar & Sanctus Lamp Calendar are on the Parish Hall bulletin board.**

- **Thur., March 11, 11 am-7 pm, Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Dinner**—to be held at the National Guard Armory. Eat in or carry out—Tickets are \$8 per plate and are available in our church office. A sign up sheet is on the Parish Hall bulletin board for volunteering or to bring a cake.

DIRT CUPS


Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups $\frac{3}{4}$ full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.







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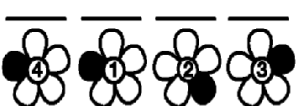
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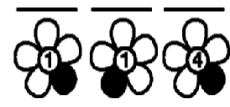
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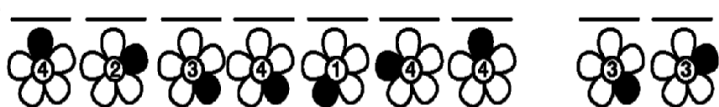
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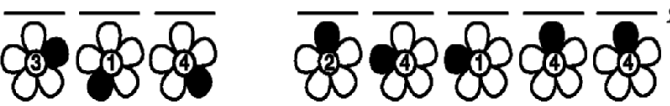
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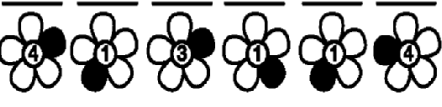
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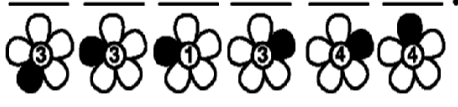
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Time sensitive material

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Christ Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, The Episcopal Church (TEC), and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

Rector – The Rev. Dr. James Bernacki
Supply Priest in Residence–Fr. Marvin Aycock
Senior Warden – Tony Hinson
Jr. Warden – Joe Burris
Treasurer – Archie Chase
Vestry Clerk – Dr. Marianne Bumgarner-Davis
Parish Secretary – Carol Bowman
Organist & Choir – Jane Scheer
Acolytes – *t.b.a.*
Altar Guild – Pat Bryfonski
Flower Guild – Joe Burris
Christian Ed.— Lisa Deese
Columbarium – Helen Harris, Allison Poplin

Coord. Of Relig. Formation – Amber Kubik
ECW – Shelia Chase, Pat Bryfonski, and Jane Scheer
Lawn Care – Craig Kennedy
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Men’s Group – Archie Chase
Nursery – Miranda Throneburg, Amber Kubik
Outreach –Lana Erickson, Matt Amick
Parish Life – Janet Treadaway,
Dr. Lisa Brandyberry

Pastoral Care–Lori Kirkingburg., Marianne Bumgarner-Davis
Buildings & Grounds–David Wilhelm, Joe Burris
Stewardship & Finance- Russ Hollins, Joe Burris
Ushers – Wayne Davis
Worship – Tom Lowe. Pat Bryfonski
Youth – Amber Kubik, Nancy Deeck
Church Kitchen Coordinator – Doris Stickney
Parish Nursing–Becky McKeon, Felicia Amick
Evangelism – Michael Lowder

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The “*Sanctus Light*” (Sanctuary Candle) burns daily in our church as a sign of Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle (box on the left side wall in the sanctuary of the church). The Sanctus Light, representing the “light of Christ,” is a candle lit from the Paschal Candle on Easter Eve; it is changed every week, since it is a seven-day candle. Traditionally, people have offered the Sanctus Light to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of a departed loved one, or in thanksgiving for someone/some special occasion. If you would like to offer the Sanctus Light for a particular Sunday, please notify us at the church office. Although there is no fee for the offering of this light, a suggested donation of \$5 for the cost of the candle is recommended.