

Bread & Wine



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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 & Easter"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many people are "good time Christians", going to church on Palm Sunday and Easter, but not willing to be with Christ in his Passion & Death. I hope that you aren't one of them! Please join us for a Blessed Holy Week, where the cross of Christ leads to Resurrection & hope.

Holy Week Services:

Holy Week begins with the **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (March 28)**. We celebrated our usual Sunday morning services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., which also included 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 the "Chapel of the Apostles" (upstairs in the Parish Hall).

On **Maundy Thursday, April 1st**, we will celebrate our usual 6:30 a.m. morning Eucharist in the "Chapel of the Apostles". 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. However, I (Fr. Jim) will be available in the "Chapel of the Apostles" from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday for counseling or private confessions. If you haven't "gone to confession", it is a really good & powerful experience!

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. In the Nursery at 10:30 a.m. there will be an Easter party for the children; after the 10:30 service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the 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 Holy Week!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Jim Bernacki+



Our Parish Life committee will be sponsoring **TWO MORE 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, 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 Parish Hall (hosted by Janet Treadaway and Fr. Jim and Sandy Bernacki (704/ 982-1428).

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, April 12. 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.



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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22. 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.

New Address: Dick & Sally Colwell, 3530-D Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408
 New Phone #: Dick & Sally Colwell: (336) 617-8544



Everyone is invited to the wedding of Caroline Sawyer and Thomas Milano who will be married at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m.

(The Church & Parish Hall will be reserved at 5:00 pm on Friday night, April 9, for the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.)

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 April 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 April:

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| 1 - Jacquie Ebeling | 14- Haley Lowder |
| 3 - Joe Ann Huneycutt | 19- Lillian Layton |
| 4 - Emma Irvin | 20- Kevin Gullette |
| 4 - Elizabeth Bell | 22- Cleo Arrington |
| 6 - Amy Ledbetter | 24- Garland Hartsell |
| 9 - Rita Huneycutt | 27- Dewey Preslar |
| 10- Elizabeth Cook | 27- Whitney Poplin |
| 11- Kay Jennings | 29- Anne-Clare Brown |
| 13 - Bill Moore | |



Prayer concerns: **Cherry Chivington** is home now after a hospital stay and will be recuperating at home for a month with physical rehab at home, etc. Also, please pray for **Jeff Davis**, grandson of Walter and Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, who is in need of our prayers. And, please keep in your prayers **Bishop Bill Gregg**, our Assistant Bishop, and **Fr. Phil Byrum**, former Rector of Christ Church who each have some health issues.



*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the **Family of Phil Huneycutt**. Phil passed away on March 16 after an extended illness. We especially wish to hold his family in our prayers: his wife Rita and his daughters Laurel and Belle, his sisters & their spouses Linda Burris (Bo) and Denise Farris (Carl), and his brother Jody (Brenda) and their families and friends. He will be greatly missed.*

*Also, our deepest sympathy is extended to the **Family of Mary Hampton, (mother of Frances Reaves)**. Mary passed away at The Hospice House in Dobson, NC after a brief illness. She will be greatly missed. May Phil, Mary, and all the departed rest in Christ's peace.*



On March 11th, we collected 24 pounds of food, on March 18th, 19 lbs., March 26th, 15 lbs., and March 30th, 15 lbs. 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!

AND, speaking of the Stanly Community Christian Ministry, Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein has again pledged to match all donations of \$25 or more (up to \$1 million) during the months of March and April to all non-profit agencies nationwide that fight hunger, such as the SCCM. Our church will collect funds and send them in to the SCCM as one gift from Christ Church, as we do every month, and the total of \$25 or more will be matched during March and April. (If you wish, you may send in your donation to the SCCM, PO Box 58, Albemarle, NC 28002.) As always, if you choose to donate to the SCCM by putting it in the offering plate, it will be listed on your 2010 Christ Church giving statement. Make checks payable to "Christ Church" and mark on the memo line "SCCM March to Fight Hunger".



MEN'S GROUP *Our Men's Group Breakfast will be held Sat., April 17, at 8:30 a.m. All men welcome!*

Good Friday?

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word holy is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.



Max McLean's Ministry

Max McLean specializes in narrating Bible passages and classic Christian literature. He has performed one-man dramatic presentations of the Bible in churches and theaters worldwide.

McLean's interest in spreading God's word through the performing arts began when he was invited to attend a Bible study. St. Paul's letter to the Galatians spoke forcefully to McLean's mind and spirit, leading him to want to know more about Christ.

Later, McLean read John's entire gospel in one sitting. Perhaps it was his artistic bent, but in his mind's eye he visualized Jesus in the described scenes.

"I thought Jesus was going to come out of the pages of the Bible and take me with him," McLean said. "At the Crucifixion I was in tears. But after the Resurrection appearances, an inexplicable joy just overwhelmed my whole body. I knew this story was true and that my life would never be the same again."



Run The Race

"The Christian life is a race along a course that is set out before us," said William Barclay. Hebrews 12:1 encourages Christians to run our particular race with perseverance.

Interestingly, the Greek word for race is *agon*, which means aching or agony. Like marathon runners, we may be tempted to give up long before the finish line.

But the Hebrews passage also offers hope for how we can continue on: "[look] to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3, NRSV).



Bible Quiz

When John was exiled to the island of Patmos, he wrote the book of Revelation. In the first chapter, verse 10, John says he was in the spirit on the Lord's day (Sunday) and had a vision of someone he called the Son of Man (meaning Christ). Christ was dressed in a long robe with something draped across his chest. What was it? (See Revelation 1:13.)

- A. A golden sash
- B. A towel
- C. A ribbon with a cross sewn on it
- D. A palm leaf



The Real Meaning of The Cross

“At the cross we understand what God means when he talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make, no suffering that he will shirk, if only he can help us. ‘He loved me,’ said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, ‘I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet he loved me and he gave himself for me.’ And with that [Paul’s] heart broke, and the old life was gone.”

—Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip, in a 1926 sermon titled “What Happens at Calvary”



Youth Calendar Updated

April

4-Easter Party in Nursery=10:30 am; Easter Egg Hunt=11:30 am

11- Easter Pageant

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

22-Yarning for Others – 6:30 pm Parish Hall

25- Youth Sponsored Pot Luck April Fools’ Mystery Lunch--to be served after the 10:30 service—Everyone welcome!
(no charge for the meal—this is a lunch to thank everyone for their support of the youth & the youth programs)

May

2- Bowling- all ages welcome (after the 10:30 a.m. service—bring your own lunch or you can purchase lunch at the bowling alley)

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

23-Parish Day- No Christian Education

23- Rock Climbing in Charlotte- \$20 a person

27-Yarning for Others – 6:30 pm Parish Hall

June

24-Yarning for Others – 6:30 pm Parish Hall

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.

REMINDERS:

- **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.**

Love to pray.
Feel often during the day the need for prayer,
and take trouble to pray.
Prayer enlarges the heart
until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.

**Ask and seek,
and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him
and keep Him as your own.
--Mother Teresa**



Pastoral Care Committee Report

Recently we received our new Parish Calling List for Vestry and Pastoral Care members. A newly-revised list will be used for emergency calls, birthdays and holidays as well as a “just to say hello” and “Is there something we can help you with?” [calls]. It was decided to use the altar flowers to take to shut-ins, etc. However, we are in need of small vases if you have some you would like to part with. Our next meeting was held on March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Becky McKeon will be planning another “End of Life” Program in the near future. After Easter, we will host another “New Members Dinner”. There is also a supply of church coffee mugs for sale, and they make nice gifts (\$5 each). A discussion was held at our last meeting on the training course offered by The Stephens Ministries. If you are experiencing a need to speak to a member on this Pastoral Care Committee for any reason, please contact one of us. Our main goal is to help others in times of need.

Last year Becky McKeon offered regular & H1N1 flu shots, and Felicia Amick managed an afternoon of pre-screening for cholesterol, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure. Becky & Felicia are our Parish Nurses.

--Your Pastoral Care Committee Members: Lori Kirkingburg, Chair

Marianne Bumgarner-Davis	David Wilhelm	Becky McKeon
Sandy Bernacki	Jane Almond	Felicia Amick
Archie Chase	Shelia Chase	Tony Hinson



LADIES' NOON OUT

The Ladies' Noon Out will meet Thurs., April 22, at 11:30 a.m. at The Badin Inn. The carpool leaves the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. See Jane Scheer to attend (704) 463-5129. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend this “dutch-treat” lunch for some great food and fine fellowship! Ladies, you don't want to miss this!

Dear Church Family,

Our Family would like to thank you for the loving care you gave to us during Phil's recent illness, funeral and reception. Your support and prayers lifted us up. Your hugs held us up. From our hearts, God bless all of you.

–The Phil Huneycutt Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts and prayers for Cherry. We appreciate all of your prayers and concern during Cherry's recent seizure, fall, and hospitalization. She is doing much better now and must have a month of therapy. It is only by prayer and God's mercy that she survived this and to you, our church family, we are so very grateful. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God bless each of you.

--Beth Chivington and Cherry Chivington

Dear Fr. Jim,

This is a continuation of my previous letter last month. I am so thankful for our church renovations and the beautification, and I left off some special people who worked so hard. Please allow me to say thank you to the following:

Painting: Betty Manuel, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Elaine Hollins, David Wilhelm, Tony Hinson, Archie Chase,
and Russ Hollins

Floor Sanding: Rita and Joe Burris

Movers: Archie Chase, David Wilhelm, Abel Cavasos, Bill Moore, Joe Burris, Tony Hinson, Russ Hollins, Fr. Jim
Carpentry, etc.: Tony Hinson

Various tasks including carpet tile removal, bulletin and dry erase board installation, furniture repair, etc.:

Matt Hinson and David Aycock

Radiator removal: Joe Burris, David Wilhelm, Dakota Whitley, Tony Hinson, and Archie Chase

Color selection, design & interior decorating, purchasing, etc.: Shelia Chase, Elaine Hollins, & Stan Scheer

I love and appreciate every person, and I would not leave anyone out for anything.

In Christ's love,

Jane Almond

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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
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Columbarium – Helen Harris, Allison Poplin

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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.