



Bread & Wine

### Christ Episcopal Church

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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.*

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My family and I would like to thank all the people who helped make it possible to put a smile on my 4 boys' faces this holiday season. It is nice to know there are folks out there who care that much to help a family they've never met. We have hit some tough times the past couple months and didn't know if we would have much of a Christmas this year. But this week a wonderful angel of God knocked on our door with gifts for everybody and enough money to have food in the house. We just want you all to know you have touched us deeply and will never be forgotten for the special deeds you have done. Thank you all so much. I just can't thank you enough.

Merry Christmas to All,  
Hiatts & Mays

P.S. Last But Def. not Least...Thanks be to the Almighty Lord and Savior



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We received the Christmas note, above, at the front door of the church on the Sunday after Christmas. This note was from our "Christmas family" that we "adopted" for the holiday. People from our parish gave gifts to the children—and the parents as well. We donated presents and monetary gifts to this family, in order that they could have a better Christmas celebration.

Usually we would put a note like this on our bulletin board in the parish hall, or put it in the "Alleluia" page of the newsletter. But I put in "front and center" for us all, to help us remember that we are (as our Mission Statement indicates) the "right hand of God in the world." And our deeds of mercy, done in Christ's name, will always bear fruit and will never be forgotten.

Why do we do these extra things at Christmas? And why do we do the outreach that we do? Is it to get more members into our church? I don't think so. (One time when I talked about us doing the E.S.L. course [English as a Second Language], I mentioned that we *might* get some new members from the Hispanic

community; I never said that we definitely would. However, I did say that our prime purpose in sponsoring the E.S.L. course was to assist the Hispanic members of our area to learn English and to pass their citizenship exams.) If we look carefully at our (Christ Church's) Mission Statement, we see why we do what we do in the name of Jesus:

***The 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.***

Like our Savior Jesus Christ, we love, help, inspire, and “be family” to those whom the world passes by or neglects or puts down. I’m NOT “talking politics” here, but I need to emphasize that we, as followers of Jesus Christ, are called continually to go out of our “comfort zone” to help those in need—even if they won’t join our parish or contribute financially to us. When we look at all we do in outreach, does our membership directly increase as a result?

- Do any of the Fair workers we serve at our Fair Booth join our parish? No, but they remember that besides all the good food we serve (and, more importantly, I would add!) is that fact that they have “listening ears” and understanding hearts in the persons of our volunteers who are there for them.
- When we deliver “Meals on Wheels” to homebound folks or have services or visits to those in area Nursing Homes, are we increasing our church roster? No, but we are touching the hearts of a lot of people who, in many cases, are “shut out” from the outside world.
- When we serve meals at the Community Table for the Saturday Soup Kitchen or Community Inn (emergency shelter), does our parish membership increase? No, but the love of Christ is made manifest in our meal and table fellowship with those we serve.
- When we make “prayer shawls” for people who are ill or hurting in some way, does our church budget increase? Not materially; but the spiritual benefits for the recipients and the shawl makers are “priceless”!

We do the outreach we do primarily because this is part of Jesus’ mission for us, here in Albemarle and Stanly County. A former Archbishop of Canterbury notes that the Church is the only institution in the world set up to help primarily those who are not its members. As one of my clergy friends says, ***“The world is my parish!”*** And what is “our world” here at Christ Church, Albemarle? --It’s those whom we serve at the Fair; at “Meals on Wheels”; the Community Inn and Community Table; the Community Christmas Dinner; the “Community Youth Breakfasts” in March; those who are infirm, sick, helpless, burdened or in grief. We also serve those in our families, in our church family, and in our neighborhoods, by our reaching out to them in love and compassion.

As we begin a New Year together in Christ, let us not forget our Parish Mission Statement, and let us not forget the One who loves us so much that he gave his very life for us, and who calls us to be His “right hand” in the world.

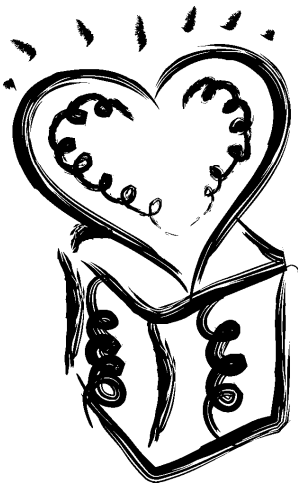
To this end, I encourage you to:

- Pray for those who are in need, and not only pray, but ask God to show you how to actively help them.
- Greet one another in love, and look at “Coffee Hour” not as a social event, but as an opportunity to connect with those who are visitors, newer members, and our youth.
- Pray for, and actively support our youth and our youth leader, Caroline Milano. A lot of times we tell people that we support them in their ministries, but fail to actively help them when there is a need. Please, if you feel so called, offer your assistance to Caroline and our youth group, and show them that they are NOT “the future of our Church,” but rather, the “young Church of today”!
- Help our parish’s college students by showing them that they are still a very important part of our parish life. ***A couple of our parishioners would like us to pack up “Valentine’s care packages” for all our college students; please see an article about this later on in this edition of the newsletter.***

- When the time comes to discuss the possibility of reinstating our E.S.L. course (and possibly a “Conversational Spanish” course) at our church, help us to see the recipients not as “them” but as part of our larger family in Christ.

The family we helped at Christmas didn’t need to write the above note, but they wanted to do this to show how much our efforts were appreciated. A lot of times we don’t get “Thank you’s” for the things we do in Christ’s name. But the only “Thank you” we need is the assurance that Jesus’ “good news” is reaching a world starving to hear it. Keep on doing the good things you do in Christ, and the other things we would like to see—including increased membership—will come, *on God’s time*. But be faithful, and please encourage any effort to help our sisters and brothers in need (both within and outside our parish).

With love from your priest, and with thanks to God for all you do and all you WILL do in Christ,  
Fr. Jim+



## Valentine’s Care Packages for College Students

On January 30th and again on February 6th, we will collect items for Valentine’s Day Care Packages to be sent to the students from our parish who are currently enrolled in college. College can often be a stressful time of life for most students, so prayer and encouragement (letters, cards, care packages, or note of supports) are very important and vital during this time. Anyone who has ever been away from home for an extended period of time knows how wonderful it is to receive something special and unexpected in the mail.

There are approximately 15 students that we will be sending packages to, so please donate generously. A list of examples of items you may wish to donate is listed below for your convenience:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lance Crackers         | Energy Drinks            |
| Candy                  | Post its                 |
| Gum                    | Pens                     |
| Cookies                | Highlighters             |
| Can soup               | Index Cards              |
| Little Debbie Cakes    | Note pads                |
| Individual size snacks | Starbucks gift cards     |
| Popcorn                | Dunkin Donuts gift cards |
| Hot Chocolate          | McDonald’s gift cards    |
| Breakfast bars         |                          |

Thank you, in advance, for your showing your support by making a donation and an extra special “thank you” to Maureen Davis and Beth Irvin for spearheading this campaign and for remembering our young parishioners that are away from home!

## 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!")

*The Parish Family of Christ Church wishes the following parishioners "Happy Birthday" in January & February!*

### JANUARY

- 1- Mollie Burris
- 3- Julia Moore
- 5- Bobby Layton
- 5- April Hartsell
- 7- Carol Kennedy
- 8- Becky McKeon
- 10- Anna Ballenger
- 11- Sandy Bernacki
- 15- Laurel Huneycutt
- 16- Isaac Irvin
- 17- Joanne Christman
- 20- Bradley Davis
- 22- Michael Bloom
- 25- Mike Mayer
- 25- Rich Erickson
- 26- Alice McKeon
- 27- Rita Burris
- 28- Miranda Throneburg
- 30- Maynard Stickney
- 31- Benjamin Gulette



### FEBRUARY

- 1- Ray Allen
- 1- Matthew Hinson
- 1- Donald Belch
- 3- Wendell Drye
- 4- Jacob Moore
- 6- Lisa Brandyberry
- 6- Katrenia Davis
- 7- Bruce Stickney
- 12- Cindy Moore
- 27- Walter Davis
- 27- Caroline Milano
- 28- Michael Lowder



During the month of December, we donated 34 pounds of food and on January 7, 2011, another 11 pounds was delivered--- all for Stanly Community Christian Ministry! Thank you for your generous support of the SCCM to feed & care for the hungry and less fortunate in our community. Please see "In the Mailbag" for SCCM's Food Challenge List for 2011!



**An extra-special "thank you" goes out to the Thursday Morning Prayer Group for their help with the preparation of this newsletter!**

## STITCHING FOR SOULS

It was one year ago that Stitching for Souls had their first meeting. There were eight ladies in attendance that January afternoon. During the past year, our attendance has grown to include more members from our own church and from the community at large.

The group has been able to supply nearly fifty prayer shawls to comfort those in need. Our prayer shawls have gone as far as Florida, Texas and New York, as well as many cities within North Carolina. There have been other projects in addition to the prayer shawls. The ladies made hats and scarves for the folks at the Community Inn, and afghan squares for "Warm Up America". Land's End donated the yarn to us for use in the "Warm Up America" project.



The month of April has been designated as a time to raise awareness for Shaken Baby Syndrome. We are currently making dark purple hats which will be given to newborn infants who are born at Stanly Regional Hospital.

Gene Hinson has volunteered to work with the women at Stanly Manor who might want to refresh their needlework skills. Currently, she is going there once a month.

It has been a gratifying experience to hear the stories that have come about from giving these prayer shawls to people who are ill, facing surgery, grieving or in need of comfort. The spirit and love of Christ Church is represented in each of these prayer shawls as they make their way into someone's home.

A special thank you to Father Jim for choosing just the right words as he blesses each and every shawl. Another huge thank you to Gene Hinson for being my sounding board, right hand woman, and anything else that comes about!

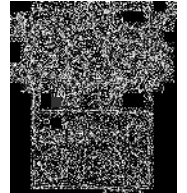
Donations of your time, talent, yarn, needles or monetary gifts are most welcome. If you are interested in participating, please join us at the next meeting on February 24th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Beginners are welcome!

Submitted by: Joanne Christman

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If your child is interested in singing in a choir for young persons, please contact Debbie Staley at 980-234-5043 or by email [rscmcantor@gmail.com](mailto:rscmcantor@gmail.com). An initial meeting will be held Sunday, January 30th at 4pm in the Choir Room. Parents, thank you very much, in advance, for considering this opportunity for your child(ren) to sing occasionally at our church!



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## Coffee Hour News

As I am making the new coffee hour schedule, I would like to ask that if anybody who hosted coffee hour last year would like to be taken off the schedule, please call me at (704) 986-0134. Also, if you were **NOT** on the schedule last year, and would like to help by hosting a coffee hour, I would appreciate it very much; please give me a call!

During the Sundays in Lent, I thought if we had a simpler coffee hour (cookies, coffee & punch), it would be a good way to lead us to the celebration of Easter. Those Sundays are March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3, 10, and 17. (If anyone would like to host one of those "Simpler Sundays," please call me.) Thank you, and know that you are appreciated!

Submitted by: Sandy Bernacki





**The Rt. Rev. Alfred “Chip” Marble** will be here at Christ Church on **Sunday, February 13** to celebrate a single 9:30 a.m. service. A reception in his honor will be held immediately following this special service. A sign-up sheet for needed items has been posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for your convenience.

Items needed include:

- Finger Sandwiches (4 dozen each – pimento cheese, egg salad, & chicken salad);
- 2 Vegetable Trays;
- 2 Fruit Trays;
- 3 Deviled Egg Trays;
- 1 Cheese Tray;
- Desserts (including a variety of cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.);
- 3 gallons sweet tea and soft drinks; and
- 2 large bags of potato chips.

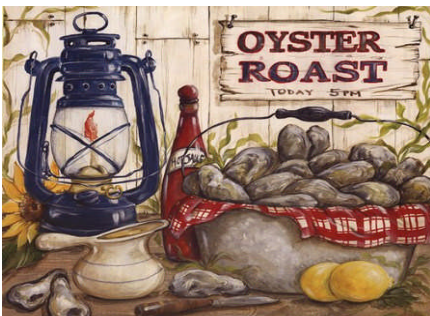
If you would like to donate anything and are unable to mark the sign-up sheet, please contact Michelle in the church office at 704-982-1428 or by email [info@christalb.org](mailto:info@christalb.org). Thank you!

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## **CHURCH-WIDE OYSTER ROAST**

**February 19, 2011 5:30 pm**

**\*\*Sponsored by the Men's Group of Christ Episcopal Church\*\***



All you can eat flounder, shrimp & oysters served with hushpuppies, red slaw, dessert & drinks  
(No carry outs, please)

Adults = \$25 per person  
Children (12 years and under) = \$10 per person

**TICKETS FOR THIS MEAL ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MEN'S GROUP AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Surplus seafood will be sold at cost after the meal with a portion of the profits going to charitable organizations.

A sign-up sheet for donating drinks and desserts is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



## Habitat for Humanity Barbeque Chicken Fundraiser

1/2 BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert  
(Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ)

Thursday, February 24, 2011 11am – 7pm  
Drive Thru, Take-Out,

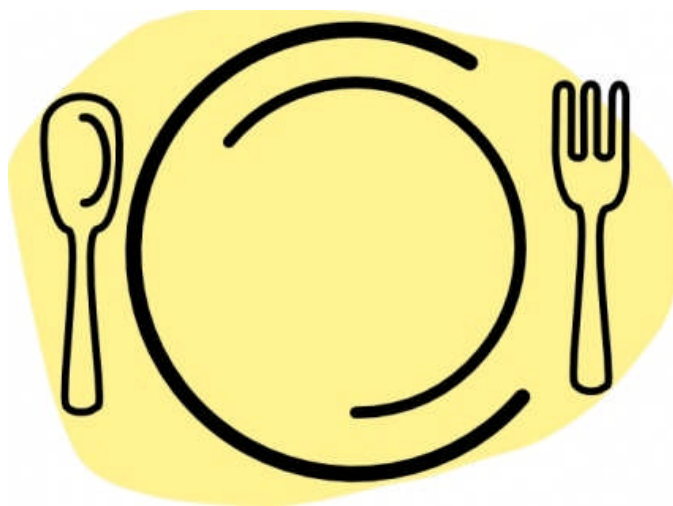
Delivery (available with orders of 5+ plates) &  
Dine-in at the National Guard Armory

The cost of the tickets is \$8.00 and may be purchased from either Marilyn Fitzgerald or Gordon Knowles.

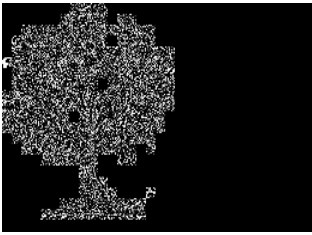
Volunteers are also needed for this event to make cakes, serve, set-up, etc. There are several sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for your convenience. Volunteers are needed for: drive thru, runners for drive thru, front/greeters, assembly line & servers for 2 shifts 9am – 1pm or 4pm – 7pm. Volunteers are also needed the day before (2/23) at 9am at the National Guard Armory for set-up and to make slaw.

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# Chicken & Dumplings Dinner



A Chicken & Dumplings Dinner Fundraiser will be held on March 19, 2011 from 4pm – 7pm in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be all you can eat and includes slaw, dessert & drink. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$8.00 = adults & \$4.00 = children and may be purchased from anyone in the Women's Group beginning at the end of February or at the door on the day of the event. This fundraising event will be open to the public and the proceeds will be designated to go towards the purchase of a new stove for the kitchen.



## End of Life Series

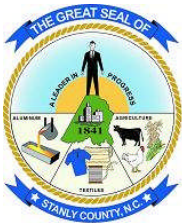
On March 10 and March 17, 2011, Christ Church, in conjunction with the Stanly County Health Department, will offer two presentations on preparing for the end of life. The presentations will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The first session, on March 10, will focus on matters one should consider while still living such as a medical power of attorney, a living will and similar documents. Forms will be available to complete at the session and a notary public will be available.

The second session, on March 17, will focus on the preparation of a Last Will and Testament, burial options, and funeral planning. An attorney and funeral director will be present as well as our Clergy. There will also be a discussion on pastoral care for bereaved families.

Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend!

--Submitted by: Deacon Vern Cahoon



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### **Your Opinion Needed – 2011 Community Health Assessment**

The Stanly County Health Department is conducting a 2011 Community Health Assessment and a key component is a public opinion survey. All Stanly County residents, ages 14 and older, are encouraged to complete a 2011 Community Health Assessment survey.

Why is this survey being conducted? The North Carolina Division of Public Health requires every county to conduct an assessment of local community health needs and concerns every four years. The information gathered helps local and state officials know what North Carolina residents see as major health related concerns and needs. It has been decided to conduct a survey in Stanly County. The information gathered from this survey will provide us the opportunity to see where Stanly County has improved or not improved in specific health issues and concerns. Your opinion helps add meaning to local community issues and concerns that is not available from analyzing statistical data.

It is important to note that the report produced from the survey results and statistical data is a useful document to the State, Stanly County Health Department, local agencies and other groups. The information helps establish strategies and goals for State and local agencies and groups. Stanly County groups and agencies, also, use this information for program planning and writing grants. The survey results, also, draw attention to concerns that are not being adequately addressed.

There are several ways to access a survey:

1. A survey is located at the following web address: <http://co.stanly.nc.us> and click on "read more" under the "2011 Community Health Assessment Online." Then, click on 2011 Community Health Assessment (Click here). It will take you directly to the survey.
2. Health department staff is available to present a program on the community health assessment to church, community, professional groups, etc. This would, also, audience members to complete a survey at that time. Call Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 to set up a program.
3. Stop by the health department Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm and pick up a survey. The health department is located in the Stanly Commons Building at 1000 N. First Street, Suite 3 in Albemarle.

For more information about the 2011 Community Health Assessment, call Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016.

--Submitted by: Becky McKeon

# FEBRUARY 2011 CHURCH CALENDAR

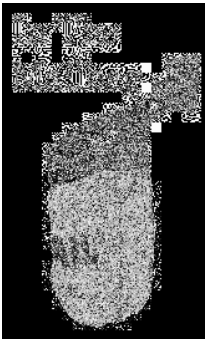
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Church Office Hours unless otherwise noted: Mon – Thurs. 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Office: 704/982-1428</i></p>		<p><b>1 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> <i>Groundhog Day</i></p> <p>5:30 pm EP (Chap)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 am Clergy Lectionary Study 5:30 pm Intro to Epis. Church #5 6:30 pm HE &amp; Healing Prayers (Chap)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 am HE, B'fast &amp; Bible Study</p> <p>5:45 pm TOPS (Hall)</p>	<p><b>4+</b></p> <p><i>Fr. Jim's Day Off</i> Church Ofc. Closed</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>3:00 pm Men's "Oyster Roast" mtg. @ Clif Robinson's</p>
<p><b>6 5 EPIPH.A</b> <i>"Souper Bowl" Sunday</i> SCCM Sunday 8:30 am HE I 9:30 am Christian Ed 9:30 Outreach Cmte. 10:30 am HE I 11:45 am Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>a.m.Fr. Jim in Conference</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>5:30 pm EP (Chap)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Intro to Epis. Church #6 6:30 pm HE (Chap)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 am HE, B'fast &amp; Bible Study 9:30 am <i>Fr. Jim @ Crisis Assistance Fund Bd. Mtg.</i> 11 am <i>Fr. Jim "in jail" for M.D. Lock-in</i> 5:45 pm TOPS (Hall)</p>	<p><b>11+</b></p> <p><i>Fr. Jim's Day Off</i> Church Ofc. Closed</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>2:30 pm Communion Service @ Stanly Manor</p>
<p><b>13 6 EPIPH.A</b> <b>BISHOP MARBLE'S VISIT</b> 9:30 am HE I (single service) &amp; Reception</p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>a.m.Fr. Jim in Conference</i></p> <p><b>WE HELP OUT AT THE COMMUNITY INN!</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER</b> 5:30 pm EP (Chap) <b>7 pm Vestry</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 am Clergy Lectionary Study 5:30 pm Intro to Epis. Church #7 6:30 pm HE (Chap)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:00 am HE, B'fast &amp; Bible Study 5:45 pm TOPS (Hall) 6:00 NAMI (Upstairs Classroom)</p>	<p><b>18+</b></p> <p><i>Fr. Jim's Day Off</i> Church Ofc. Closed</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>2:00 pm Communion Service @ Britthaven 5:30 pm--? Parish Oyster Roast \$25 per person; \$10, ages 12/under</p>
<p><b>20 7 EPIPH.A</b> <i>Rector's Discretionary Fund Sunday</i> 8:30 am HE I 9:30 am Christian Ed 10:30 am HE I 11:45 am Choir 12:00 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>President's Day</i>  <i>Fr. Jim away through Feb. 26</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>5:30 pm EP (Chap)  <i>7 pm Quilters' Guild</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Intro to Epis. Church #8 6:30 pm EP (Chap)</p>	<p><b>24 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b> 7:00 am MP, B'fast &amp; Bible Study 11:30 am "Ladies' Noon Out" 5:45 pm TOPS (Hall) 6:30 pm "Stitching for Souls" (Hall) <b>HABITAT BBQ</b> 11AM – 7PM</p>	<p><b>25+</b></p> <p>Church Ofc. Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27 8 EPIPH.A</b> <i>Deacon's Discretionary Fund Sunday</i> 8:30 am HE I 9:30 am Christian Ed 10:30 am HE I 11:45 am Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>a.m.Fr. Jim in Conference</i></p>		<p><b>KEY:</b> 5 EPIPH.A -The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Year A I-Rite I (traditional Language) II-Rite II (Contemporary Language)</p>	<p>DAMA-Downtown Albemarle Ministerial Association Chap—Chapel of the Apostles (upstairs in the Parish House) Cmte.-Committee HE-Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>+ Day of Special Devotion EP-Evening Prayer HOHI-Homes of Hope, Inc. mtg.-meeting SCMN-Stanly County Ministerial Network</p>	

## FEBRUARY 2011 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE 8:30 A.M. SERVICE

Date/Occasion	8:30 am Presider & Organist	8:30 am Greeter	8:30 am Usher	8:30 am Lector	8:30 am Intercessor	8:30 am Chalistic	8:30 am Acolyte	Lawn Care Feb.	Altar Guild Feb..	ECW Kitchen Help Feb.	SCCM Helper Feb.
<b>Feb. 6 5 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	Julie Russell	Clegg Mabry	Marilyn Fitzgerald	Lana Erickson	Linda Burriss	Linda Burriss	<i>OPEN</i>	Sandy Bernacki*, Lisa Brandyberry, Elaine Hollins, Tom Lowe, Julie Russell	Jane Almond Thelma Gardner Lori Kirkingburg	Elizabeth Cook
<b>Feb. 13 6 Epiphany A (9:30 service) BISHOP MARBLE'S VISIT</b>	Bishop Marble Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Lana Erickson	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Gordon Knowles Joe Burriss Clif Robinson	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Jeff Irvin Clegg Mabry	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Clegg Mabry	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Robin Hughes Kay  Throneburg	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Joanne Christman	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>*team captain</i>		
<b>Feb. 20 7 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon(PR) Jane Scheer	Lori Kirkingburg	David Davis	Katrenia Davis	Lana Erickson	Clegg Mabry	Clegg Mabry	<i>OPEN</i>			
<b>Feb. 27 8 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	Elaine Hollins	Russ Hollins	Gordon Knowles	Clegg Mabry	Debbie Staley	Debbie Staley	<i>OPEN</i>			

## FEBRUARY 2011 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Date/Occasion	10:30 am Presider & Organist	10:30 am Ushers	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Intercessor	10:30 am Chalistics	10:30 am Crucifer & Assistant	10:30 am Nursery	Tues. Evening Prayer @ 5:30 pm	Refreshments	Counters in Charge
<b>Feb. 6 5 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	Walter Davis Michael Lowder	Russ Jennings	Jeff Irvin	Ray Allen Tom Lowe	Julia Moore Alley Deese	Miranda Throneburg/ Denise Hinson	Feb 1: Tues. of 5 Epiphany, Yr. 1 Tom Lowe	Walter & Marianne B. Davis	Joe Burriss & Clif Robinson
<b>Feb. 13 6 Epiphany A (9:30 service) BISHOP MARBLE'S VISIT</b>	Bishop Marble Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Gordon Knowles Joe Burriss Clif Robinson	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Jeff Irvin Clegg Mabry	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Marilyn Fitzgerald	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Robin Hughes Kay Throneburg	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Matt Irvin Emma Irvin	<u>9:30 svc.</u> Denise Hinson/ Laura Lowder	Feb. 8: Tues. of 6 Epiphany, Yr. 1 Jane Almond	<i>Bishop's Reception: Finger Foods</i>	<i>Bishop's Visit: Jane Scheer &amp; Fr. Jim Bernacki</i>
<b>Feb. 20 7 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon (PR) Jane Scheer	Wayne Davis Brad Davis	Becky McKeon	Marianne Bumgarner- Davis	Renita Ritchie Cindy Moore	Alley Deese Margaret Deese	Miranda Throneburg/ Janet Treadaway	Feb. 15: Tues. of 7 Epiphany, Yr. 1 Elizabeth Cook	Kristen Scheer & Sandy Bernacki	Lana Erickson & Marilyn Fitzgerald
<b>Feb. 27 8 Epiphany A</b>	Fr.Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	David Wilhelm Ray Allen	Matt Irvin	Craig Kennedy	Claire Dominick David Cook	Elizabeth Deeck Olivia Deeck	Miranda Throneburg/ Kay Throneburg	Feb. 22: Tues. of 8 Epiphany, Yr. 1 Fr. Jim Bernacki	Archie & Sheila Chase	Tom Lowe & Gordon Knowles



To: Christ Episcopal Church members & Youth

Thank you for your generous \$250.00 contribution to Stop Hunger Now. We appreciate your compassion for those who suffer from hunger around the world and are honored to be able to work on your behalf.

The ongoing support of our dedicated volunteers and donors over the past 12 years has enabled Stop Hunger Now to serve the most destitute in their time of greatest need. Since the inception of our meal packaging program in 2005, Stop Hunger Now has engaged more than 100,000 volunteers, 40,000 in 2010 alone. We have expanded our program to serve volunteers in 10 cities around the US as well as South Africa. This rapid growth positioned Stop Hunger Now to deliver an additional 6 million meals and 300,000 tons of aid to Haiti after the earthquake. Our response was fast, efficient and effective.

Built block by block by our steadfast volunteers and donors, the foundation on which Stop Hunger Now stands resulted in 34 million meals and 72 countries served to date. We envision the day when we package our 100 millionth meal, when we have expanded our meal packaging program to serve communities across the United States, and when volunteers around the world are involved in the grassroots movement to end hunger in our lifetime.

Again, thank you for joining us in the effort to serve the most vulnerable of the world. Visit [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org) to learn more about how you can stay involved. We are sincerely grateful for your generous commitment and look forward to serving alongside you.

Sincerely, Rod Brooks, CEO

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Dear Father Bernacki:

In Matthew's Gospel, we read, "With God all things are possible" (19:26). Thanks to the compassion and generosity of your parish community this past year, Food For The Poor was able to help countless destitute families and restore hope to those in need, especially those devastated by the deadly earthquake in Haiti, and the subsequent cholera outbreak. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your help.

Your parish was among more than 1,800 congregations throughout the country that welcomed one of our speakers to preach about the needs of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. By allowing Food For The Poor the opportunity to share our mission with your parish family, you have helped bring the love of Christ to suffering children and families.

Your remarkable generosity this year and that of our donors has helped us:

- feed approximately two million people daily;
- build more than 9,500 houses for destitute families, many of whom were living in tents;
- ship over \$1 billion worth of goods;
- construct 124 artesian wells, water treatment and sanitation projects;
- care for more than 3,600 orphans; and
- support numerous schools, clinics, and churches.

Despite these difficult economic times, your parishioners were especially generous in the outpouring of compassion for Haitian families impacted by one devastation after another. All of us at Food For The Poor thank you for partnering with us in this ministry to bring good news to those living in abject poverty. You and your parish will be remembered in our headquarters in a special "Thankful Thursday" prayer service on January 6, 2011.

May God continue to bestow His blessings upon you and your parishioners during this joyous season of Christmas and throughout the coming new year!

A servant of the poor, Robin G. Mahfood, President/CEO

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Dear Pastor Bernacki:

The Stanly Community Christian Ministry, Inc. gratefully acknowledges your donation of \$186.00 that was given in December including \$126.00 from the Downtown Ministerial Association.

We really appreciate this donation as it helps carry on the charitable work of this ministry.

Have a blessed and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Barry Whitley, Executive Director, SCCM

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Dear Pastor and Missions Leader:

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus!

Welcome to the Stanly Community Christian Ministry's Food Challenge for 2011. Please encourage your members to participate, we really depend on the items you are asked to bring. We have included the 2011 list.

Thank you so much for your continued support and we look forward to working together to feed those in our county that are hungry.

Sincerely, Bobbie Whitley, Director, SCCM Assistance Center

- **January – Peanut Butter**
- **February – Canned Beans (Pintos, black eye, northern, navy)**
- **March – Canned Meat**
- **April – Canned Fruit**
- **May – Toiletries**
- **June – Soup & Crackers**

- **July – Canned Meat**
- **August – Canned Fruit**
- **September – Rice/ Mac & Cheese**
- **October – Canned Veggies**
- **November – Canned Meat**
- **December – Canned Fruit**

\*\*Toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant & personal hygiene items are always needed\*\*

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Dear Friends of Christ Episcopal Church:

I would like to thank you for your sponsorship of \$150.00 for our Festival of Trees. We are very grateful that you have taken part in this festive event.

Your support during this tough economic time is very much appreciated. Your contribution will enable us to continue our mission of providing quality care to the terminally ill and their families in Stanly and surrounding counties.

Part of our *heart-felt* mission is to provide our services, even to those who have no financial resources. In today's health care world, this is an ambitious undertaking. However, your contribution, along with others, can help every terminal patient receive quality care.

We realize that there are many worthy charities that ask for your help. Please know how honored we are that you have chosen to support Hospice of Stanly County.

Gratefully yours, Tonya Smith, Development Director

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I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to kick back some and relax after an exciting time together during the Community Christmas Dinner.

I thought that the meal went great. There were a few bumps on the road, but on a meal that is served once a year by a volunteer staff on a holiday, there are always a few bumps on the road. At least the weather cooperated with us this year. While we ran out of dressing, we stayed strong this year with our meat. Overall, we had a lot less left over food than last year.

Rough counting everything, but we served 1,150 meals. A fair portion of those meals were both eat-in and take-out, from folks who needed an additional meal for their Christmas day supper as well.

I just wanted to thank everyone for their contributions in making this year's meal such a great success.

For the churches who brought in warmers, serving lines, coolers, etc., I have been trying to get your stuff separated and arranged for pickup. I will be available most afternoons or evenings this week to assist you in loading if need be, just call me for assistance 704-984-1339. Your items will need to be picked up before Wednesday, January 5th.

Now First Lutheran will host the next 2 meals, and Annunciation Catholic is supposed to be responsible for publicity during this 2 year span.

As with tradition, we will plan a meeting again to talk over this meal, and to allow First Lutheran to start the preparations for next year. Look for something towards the end of January or the first part of February, most likely on a Sunday evening.

Thanks again for everything that you did, Bruce Myers  
*(submitted by Marilyn Fitzgerald)*

# PUZZLE

## A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

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another 2	God 2							

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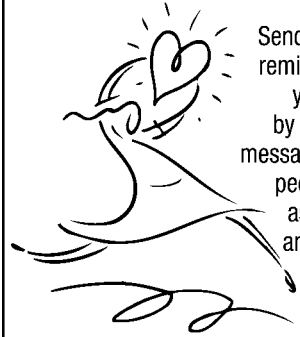
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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## PIECES OF LOVE



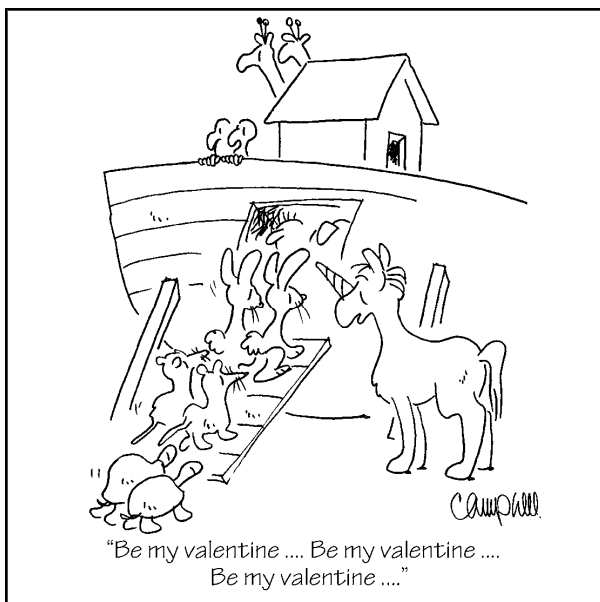
Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

### What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

### What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.



**Christ Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting  
December 14, 2010  
Room #1, Parish Hall**

**Call to Order**

**Father Jim Bernacki, Opening Prayer**

**Thanks to Joe Burris for doing hospitality**

**Those Attending:** Matt Amick, Jim Bernacki, Lisa Brandyberry, Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, Joe Burris, Archie Chase, Lisa Deese, Lana Erickson, Tony Hinson, Michael Lowder, Jane Scheer

**Those Excused:** Deacon Vern Cahoon, Tom Lowe

**Review of the Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting (October 26, 2010):** Dr. Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, Vestry Clerk.  
*Approved*

**Review of Past Events/Projects:**

Sundays, October 31st and November 7th (All Saints' Sunday): Last 2 Sundays of Father Jim's sabbatical

Saturday, November 13th: Service at Stanly Manor postponed until Thurs., November 17th @ 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, November 14th in the p. m.: Tour of GHA Farm

Sunday, November 14th: Theme Tray Raffle & Chili Bean Supper @ 5:30 p. m. in the Church Hall. Raised \$626.00

Treasurer's Report:

September, October 2010: Reports

Approval for 2009 Audit Committee report

Treasurer's Report: Approved for audit

**Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, November 18: Annual SCCM Assembly @ the Magnolia Room of the Stanly Regional Family/Education Wing @ 7:30 a. m. Members of our parish attending: Felicia Amick, Fr. Jim and Sandy Bernacki, and Tony Hinson.

Saturday, November 20th: Men's Breakfast at 8:30 a. m. in the church hall. Cooks: Fr. Jim Bernacki, Archie Chase and David Wilhelm

Sunday, November 21st: In the p. m., Youth Event, putting food together for "Food for All Project". Expect to serve 10,000 meals.

Meals to be put together at 1st Lutheran, Albemarle

Vestry voted to donate \$250.00 for the project

7:00 p. m.: Thanksgiving Service at the Central United Methodist Church, Albemarle

Monday, November 22nd: Stewardship & Finance Committee meeting @ 7 p. m.

Tuesday, November 23rd p. m.-Saturday, November 24th: Fr Jim and Sandy away

Wednesday, November 24th: Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist @ 6:30 p. m. in the Church. Celebrant, Fr Marvin Aycock

Sunday, November 28: The First Sunday of Advent, Year A. Decorations for Advent (empty crèche, empty Christmas tree, Moravian Star will be hung during men's breakfast)

Wednesday, December 1: 1st DAMA Advent Service here at Noon

Saturday, December 4th: We serve at the Community Table in Albemarle

Sunday, December 5th: 9:30 a. m., Combined Service and Annual Meeting

Celebration of our Outreach and Pastoral Care Ministries

Celebration of the ministry of Deacon Vern Cahoon

Report from the Nomination Committee: Tony Hinson

Wednesday, December 8th: 2nd DAMA Advent Service here at Noon

Tuesday, December 14th: Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th: 3rd DAMA Advent Service here at Noon

Saturday, December 18th: "Making of the Greens" with Jane Almond

Sunday, December 19th: Hanging of the Greens

Friday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Eucharist

4 p. m.: Children's/Family Service. A Mime will visit as well as another special visitor.

10:30 p. m.: Music of the Season

11 p. m.: Festive Candlelight Eucharist Saturday, December 25th: Christmas Day Eucharist @ 9:30 a. m.

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Saturday, December 25th: Community Christmas Dinner @ First Baptist from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Sunday, December 26th: Single service at 9:30 a. m.

Sunday, December 26th: "Blue Christmas" service at 5 p. m. in church; no Eucharist

Monday, December 27th: Church Office closed

Friday, December 31st: New Year's Eve Service in church @ 5 p. m.

Sunday, January 2nd : 2nd Sunday after Christmas, regular services

Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8th: Annual Vestry Retreat @ the Summit

Friday, January 21st and Saturday, January 22nd: Annual Diocesan Convention @ Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

Sunday, February 13th: Single 9:30 a. m. service with Bishop Chip Marble (Rite II with Confirmation) followed by parish brunch and Bishop meeting with vestry afterwards (No 8:30 a. m. or 10:30 a. m. services)

### **Executive Session**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Parish Life:** Lisa Brandyberry (Janet Treadaway, Chair) Chicken and Dumplin' dinner sometime in January

**Stewardship and Finance:** Joe Burris, Archie Chase, Treasurer (Russ Hollins, Chair) Meeting to create Endowment. Commitment letter to be set-up.

**Worship Committee:** Tom Lowe

Vestry approved the George Bostian window

Go to General Funds to purchase silk flowers to be used on Sundays for which no one has signed up to do

**Outreach:** Matt Amick, Lana Erickson (Gene Hinson, Chair, is working with Stanly Manor to do quilt squares)

**Pastoral Care:** Marianne Bumgarner-Davis (Lori Kirkingburg, Chair) End of Life series will probably be in the Spring of 2011

**Evangelism:** Michael Lowder (No Report)

**Christian Formation:** Lisa Deese (Caroline Sawyer, Chair) No Report

**Buildings and Grounds:** Joe Burris (David Wilhelm, Chair)

New Sexton Group seems to be working out

Back Porch with Awning is being discussed in Committee

Annual Oyster Roast at the Church will be February 19th at 5 p.m.

Pre-event for the Men at Clif Robinson's will be February 5th at 3 p.m.

Audit Committee Report: Accepted

Wardens, Members, Officers?

#### **New Business:**

March 18th to March 20th: Valle Cruces' parish week-end retreat. Need \$960.00 deposit

Vestry approved Hospice Tree. Cost to church \$150.00

Advent stole for Deacon Vern. Approved. Will cost approximately \$200.00. Possibly use some of Memorial Monies Rev. Beth Ely from the Regional Diocesan Council asked if our church would be willing to share in paying mileage for the Rev. Dr. Armand LaVallee, who is the mentor for the recently organized EFM group in Salisbury. 2 members from Christ Church are attending. The Vestry requested more information from Rev. Ely. The Executive Board can make decisions after more information is received.

Charles Cosgrove, a new attendee of the parish, would like to establish a drop-off box for veterans. A notice will be placed in the Bulletin concerning the items needed.

Each Vestry member is responsible for checking on doors, lights and thermostat before exiting the buildings. That way we can perhaps insure that all of this will be cared for.

#### **Next Vestry Meeting: December 14, 2010**

Opening Prayer: Michael Lowder

Refreshments: Matt Amick

#### **Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer**

**Minutes submitted for approval by:** Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, Vestry Clerk

# Bread & Wine

Christ Episcopal Church  
Post Office Box 657  
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## Time sensitive material Mailed on January 27, 2010

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The Episcopal Church (TEC), and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.*

**Rector** – The Rev. Dr. James Bernacki  
**Deacon**—The Rev. Vern Cahoon  
**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** –Ms. Michelle Coley  
**Organist & Choir** – Jane Scheer  
**Acolytes** – Lisa Deese (interim coordinator)  
**Altar Guild** – Pat Bryfonski  
**Flower Guild** – Joe Burris  
**Christian Ed.**— Lisa Deese  
**Columbarium** – Helen Harris, Allison Poplin

**Coord. Of Relig. Formation** – *t.b.a.*  
**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** – Archie Chase  
**Nursery** – Miranda Throneburg  
**Outreach** –Lana Erickson, Matt Amick  
**Parish Life** – Janet Treadaway,  
Dr. Lisa Brandyberry  
**Parish Nursing**—Becky McKeon, Felicia Amick  
**Newsletter Editors**—Fr. Jim; Michelle Coley

**Pastoral Care**—Lori Kirkingburg, Dr. Marianne Bumgarner-Davis  
**Buildings & Grounds**—David Wilhelm,  
Joe Burris  
**Stewardship & Finance**— Russ Hollins,  
Joe Burris  
**Ushers** – Joe Burris  
**Worship** – Tom Lowe, Pat Bryfonski  
**Youth** –Caroline Milano  
**Church Kitchen Coordinator** – *t.b.a*  
**Evangelism** – Michael Lowder  
**Webmaster** – Stan Scheer

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**Please submit your articles for the March Bread & Wine on or before February 15th.**

