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

Fr. Jim's Journal: The Year in Review

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we look forward to another year of grace under God's most precious Son, Jesus Christ, it might be good for us to look back a bit and see what was accomplished (or not accomplished) this past year. Hopefully, we can learn from our experiences, grow from our mistakes, and thank God for our successes done in HIS Name.

From now on, in every January newsletter, I will share with you the number of services we've had and elaborate on them. They can tell us how we've grown as a community in Christ, and how we've reached out to fellow parishioners and people in our surrounding communities. (Some of these figures are sent to the Diocesan and the National Church for their records, via the Annual Parochial Report, which must be filed every year by February 28th.)

Here are our 2011 totals:

We have had a total of 103 Sunday Holy Eucharists, with an average attendance of 87.8 people attending each Sunday. We have also had 80 weekday Holy Eucharists, and 98 "Private Holy Communions."

(A private Holy Communion is a visit by a priest, deacon or lay Eucharistic visitor to an individual who is homebound or in a hospital or nursing home, bringing Holy Communion which was blessed by the priest during a Holy Eucharist service. The number "98" is misleading, since when Deacon Vern delivers Holy Communion to residents of area nursing homes, there are usually about 10-12 persons who receive Holy Communion at one time.)

In addition, we celebrated the following services:

- 135 Daily Offices (Morning or Evening Prayer): 1 Sunday service ("Blue Christmas") and 134 weekday services. These include weekly Tuesday Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. (usually led by lay leaders); Thursday Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m., and Tuesday Morning prayer twice a month for our clergy study group. The weekday services are held in the "Chapel of the Apostles" upstairs in the Parish House.
- Four Baptisms: **Ava Marie Amick**, daughter of Matt & Felicia Amick (June 12); **Elijah Michael Lowder**, son of Michael and Laura Lowder (Sept. 4); **Luke Carter Koontz**, great-grandson of Dewey Preslar (Sept. 17), and **Kerri Isbill**, great-granddaughter of Fr. Marvin and Sally Aycock (Oct. 23).
- Two Marriages: **Jacob Duell and Miranda Throneburg** (6/11), and **Will Davis and Brooke Davis** (6/4).
- Three burial services, for **Alma Breckenridge**, sister of Elizabeth Bell (8/7); **Bobby Layton**, husband of Lillian Layton (10/31), and **Richard Wright**, friend of Linda Burris and her family (12/22).
- 65 other services, which include hospital visits without Communion, and special prayers.
- Seven ecumenical services: Blue Christmas (Jan 2); Service For Stanly County Fair workers (Oct. 1); three DAMA (Downtown Albemarle Ecumenical Association) Advent Services (Nov. 30; Dec. 7 & 14); Burial of Richard Wright (Dec. 22); and Prayers for family of the late George Bostian (Dec. 30). *(continued next page)*

Here is a list of some special services we've had this year:

- Jan. 2: Blue Christmas Svc. (transferred from 12/26 due to icy conditions)—only 6 people attended.
- Feb. 13: Pastoral Visit by Bishop Alfred “Chip” Marble, with the Confirmations of **Alexandra Deese, Hamilton Deese, Charles McComas, and Sherry McComas.**
- Mar.9: Ash Wednesday Evening Service was a Penitential Service without Holy Eucharist—We received mixed reactions from participants on this!
- Sat., Apr. 16: Regional clergy pre-Holy Week Retreat with Bishop Curry—we almost had to evacuate the church due to a tornado warning for Albemarle!
- Holy Week: On Palm Sunday, Apr. 17, we eliminated the outside procession at the later service, in order to help accommodate those who have handicapping conditions— We received mixed reactions from participants on this! Also, on Good Friday, Apr. 22, we held the “Way of the Cross” at 7pm inside, due to rainy weather.
- On Sunday, May 15, we held our annual “Parish Day” Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. inside the church hall, with a hot dog and hamburger luncheon following. We honored **Emma Irvin** who graduated from Graystone Day School.
- On Sunday, June 5th, we formally recognized former Rector, **Fr. Phil Byrum**, as “Rector Emeritus” (or honorary rector), citing his faithful past service as Rector of Christ Church for 22 years.
- Beginning June 26th, all Sunday services were held in church hall, due to renovations of the church.
- On July 31st, we had a special farewell and reception for longtime members **Chip & Betty Manuel**, who were moving to the Atlanta area.
- On Sunday, September 4th, we held our first services in our newly-remodeled church.
- On Saturday, October 8th, we held a “pet blessing” in front of our church. We blessed a total of 6 dog (including 1 vicariously), 2 goats and 1 chicken!
- On October 23rd, we held a Homecoming/Open House service, bidding a fond farewell to **Fr. Marvin & Sally Aycock**, who were leaving the area for an apartment in the Greensboro area.
- On Sunday, Nov. 6, we celebrated “All Saints Sunday,” with the reading of names of the departed during our services. At Noon that day, we had a youth spaghetti luncheon with a theme basket raffle following.
- On Sunday, Dec. 4, we had a single 9:30 a.m. service with our annual Parish Meeting. At that meeting, we elected **Deyous “Deke” Abbott, Wayne Davis, and Becky McKeon** to three-year terms on the vestry, and also elected **Elizabeth Cook** to a three-year term on the parish Endowment Committee.
- On Sunday, Dec. 18, we had our first official services with our new organ. We also had the “hanging of the greens” and hot dog luncheon following the service.

As you can see, we've had a variety of different services in our church this past year! We hope that you realize how busy your church is, in giving worship to God through Christ. But that is the main purpose of our church: to worship God in and through Jesus Christ, as a community in Christ. Please feel *welcome, invited, and encouraged* to join in our Sunday AND weekday opportunities to praise and thank our God for all His good gifts!

Faithfully, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
FR. JIM+

Church Year Quiz

1. What is the first Season of the Christian year? ____

- a. Christmas
- b. Easter
- c. Advent

2. When does Advent begin? ____

- a. The Sunday nearest November 30 (St. Andrew's Day).
- b. The first Sunday in December
- c. The fourth Sunday before the Epiphany

3. What Episcopal Church Year (2012) Sunday & Holyday Cycle begins with Advent 2011? ____

- a. Year A
- b. Year B
- c. Year C

4. How is Church Year B determined?

5. What is the most practical Church color for Advent? ____

- a. Blue
- b. White
- c. Purple

6. How long is the Advent Season? ____

- a. Two weeks
- b. Three weeks
- c. Four weeks
- d. Depending on the day of the week that Christmas falls on: from three weeks and one day, to four full weeks

(Answers are found on page 5)

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 December 19 for the "Alleluia" page! (Remember that "Alleluia" means "Praise God!")



- 1 Mollie Burris; Jacob Duell
- 3 Julia Moore
- 5 April Hartsell
- 7 Carol Kennedy
- 8 Becky McKeon
- 10 Anna Ballenger
- 11 Sandy Bernacki
- 15 Laurel Huneycutt
- 16 Isaac Irvin
- 17 Joanne Christman
- 18 Rodney Glover
- 19 Trena Glover
- 20 Bradley Davis
- 25 Mike Mayer; Rich Erickson
- 26 Alice McKeon
- 27 Rita Burris
- 28 Miranda Duell
- 30 Maynard Stickney



Dear members of Christ Church,

We wish to sincerely thank you for your most kind and generous gifts to the staff at Christmastime! We really appreciate your remembrance, and wish God's blessing for you and yours in the weeks and months ahead. It is a privilege for us to serve you and serve Christ in our capacities here at Christ Church.

Sincerely, with our love and prayers,

Fr. Jim Bernacki, Rector, Dn. Vern

Cahoon, Jane Scheer, Organist/Choir

Director, Michelle Coley, Parish

Secretary, Caroline Milano, Youth

Group Leader, & Miranda Duell,

Nursery Coordinator

P.S. In lieu of sending Christmas cards this year, Fr. Jim & Sandy Bernacki honored the faithful parishioners of Christ Church with a donation to Homes of Hope, Inc.



Dear Rev. Bernacki,

Thank you for sharing with our community your beautiful church on the Albemarle Holiday Tour of Homes.

*Merry Christmas!
Beverly Morgan*

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina will be here at Christ Church on Sunday, **January 22** to celebrate a single 9:30 a.m. service with Confirmation. A reception honoring the Bishop, our new confirmands and their families will be held immediately following this special service. Needed items are listed on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Coming Soon...

During the service Bishop Curry, aided by Deacon Vern and Fr. Jim, will confirm four persons, receive one person, and re-affirm two people into the Episcopal Church. The persons to be confirmed are: **Margaret**

Deese, Olivia Deeck, Rodney Glover, Miranda Glover, and Megan Glover. **Janet Means** will be received into this Communion from the Lutheran Church. The two people being re-affirmed are **Lillian Layton and Dawn Schiele.**

Lifeline Screening will be doing stroke prevention and other tests, here in our parish hall, on **Friday, February 8th**. There is a fee charged for their services and pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, or would like to sign up for one of their tests on Feb. 8th, please call **1-800/ 324-1851** or you can visit their website at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



organizations. If anyone has any questions about this event or would like to purchase one or more tickets, please call our church office at 704/ 982-1428.

The Annual **Oyster Roast** will take place on Saturday, **February 11th** from 5:30 p.m. in Christ Church Parish Hall. All you can eat flounder, shrimp & oysters (all served with hushpuppies, red slaw, dessert and drinks). Tickets are \$25 each for adults, and \$10 for children 12 years old and under. A portion of the proceeds will go to charitable

The **Youth Group** is currently planning a ski (snow tubing) trip to Hawk's Nest Ski Resort in Boone, NC. This will be a day trip on Saturday, January 28th. The cost is \$40 per person with an additional \$30 due for snow tubing sessions. Each session is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes long so if the entire group is interested in more than one session, it is a possibility. Please contact Caroline Milano at ces32968@hotmail.com or (704) 425-3623 if you are interested in attending or if the date is not feasible. As always, if cost is a concern, please don't hesitate to talk with Caroline and something can be worked out.

Reminders:

- **2012 Financial Commitment Cards and Time & Talent Surveys** are in the wall rack at the back of the church. If you have not submitted them yet, please do so as soon as possible.
- **2012 Episcopal Church Kalendars** are available at the back of the church. There are also some in the church office. They are \$2.00 each and you may place your payment in the offering plate.
- **2012 Offering Envelope** packs are ready for pick up, if you have asked for a set. If you would like to request a pack, please contact Michelle at the church office.
- If you have a mailbox located in the secretary's office, please remember to check it regularly.
- The **2012 Altar Flower** calendar is posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, you may call the church office 704-982-1428 or sign up on the bulletin board. You may also email Michelle at the church email address info@crystalb.org. Our Flower Guild chair, **Joe Burris**, is willing to provide flowers for you at a reasonable cost, if you give him advance notice (704/ 322-8941).
- The **2012 "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 Michelle at the church office or you may sign up on the posted calendar in the Parish Hall. Although there is no fee for the offering of this light, a suggested donation of \$5 for the cost of the candle is recommended.



During the month of December, 93 pounds of food 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. January's requested donation is: **peanut butter.** As always, however, any donation of canned food, toiletries, etc. will be gladly accepted. For a complete listing of the SCCM needs on a monthly basis, please see the flyer posted on the parish hall bulletin board.

Christ Church has been volunteering **one night per month** to provide & serve dinner 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. **Our next opportunity to serve at the Community Inn is Monday, February 13th.** If you can provide any or all of 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 provide dinner, help serve it & clean up afterwards—dinner should feed 10-12 people and volunteers to serve & clean up are needed between 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.



Men's Breakfast Group

Our next Men's Group Breakfast will be held Saturday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m in the Parish Hall. All men of our parish, young, old and in-between, are welcome and encouraged to attend!



The Ladies' Noon Out will meet Thursday, January 19(3rd Thursday of the month) at 11:30 a.m. at Badin Inn. If you would like to carpool, please plan to meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. 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! See Jane Scheer to attend 704/463-5129.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACTION... VALUE OF STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SERVICES

Year to date through Nov. 2011

Community Table I & II, Albemarle & Norwood

Meals served = 53,607
Cost per meal = \$1.21
Value = \$64,864.47

Assistance Center

Financial Assistance=\$76,521.51
Furniture Distribution= \$1,990.00
Value of Food Distributed Through Food Pantry = \$476,616.00
Total Assistance Center=\$161,965.04

Clothing Closet

Value Clothing given=\$154,039.04
Value Household items given=\$7,926.00
Total Clothing Closet=\$161,965.04

Volunteer Hours Given

<u>Community Tables</u>	
Hours=8,614.00	Value= \$86,140.00
<u>Assistance Center</u>	
Hours=7,285.75	Value= \$ 47,862.50
<u>Clothing Closet</u>	
Hours=3,032.00	Value=\$30,320.00
Total Vol. Hrs Value= \$164,322.50	

Total Services Value= \$946,279.52



"STITCHING FOR SOULS"

The prayer shawl ministry continues to meet every month in the parish hall. This ministry has exceeded anyone's expectations both in scope and outreach. Each month there continues to be new faces at the meetings, many of whom are not members of the church. Remember, it is never too late to join this meaningful outreach and ministry. Any monetary donations to this ministry would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to have a prayer shawl made for someone, please contact Joanne Christman @ stories@vnet.net.

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. [Next meetings: January 26 and February 23]

NEW ADDRESS: Fr. Marvin & Sally Aycock, Friends Homes-Guilford, 925 New Garden Rd. #221, Greensboro, N.C. 27410-3233 Phone: (336) 632-8850



NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoaatim			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

Answers to the Church Year Quiz on page 2:

(1c) Advent begins the Church Year. (2a) It begins on the 4th Sunday before Christmas Day, which is always the Sunday closest to Nov. 30th, the Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle. (3b) This past Advent Season begins the Sunday and Holyday Cycle Year B, the cycle which features many readings from the Gospel according to St. Mark. There are three Sunday/Holyday Cycles: (4) Year A, Year B, and Year C. Year C is always divisible by three, so the Liturgical Year 2013 (which begins in Advent 2012) is Year C. Being the year before Year C, 2012 is Liturgical Year B. (5a) Although Advent is somewhat penitential in nature (e.g., the "Gloria" is omitted), blue is more appropriate to this season, since it is a color of hope and expectation. Purple is more appropriate for the penitential season of Lent. (6d) Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November 30th. If Christmas falls on a Monday, then there are only three weeks plus one Sunday of Advent (i.e., four Sundays and the weekdays in between). Since this past Christmas fell on a Sunday, there were four full weeks of Advent in 2011—four Sundays and the weekdays following.

Christmas I.Q. Test

1. As long as Christmas has been celebrated, it has been on December 25. (True or False)
2. Joseph was from: (A) *Bethlehem* (B) *Jerusalem* (C) *Nazareth* (D) *Egypt* (E) *Minnesota*
(F) *None of the above*
3. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem? (A) *Camel* (B) *Donkey* (C) *Walked* (D) *Volkswagen*
(E) *Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey* (F) *Who knows?*
4. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant. (True or False)
5. Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was born. (True or False)
6. Mary was a virgin when she delivered Jesus. (True or False)
7. What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
(A) *"There is no room in the inn."* (B) *"I have a stable you can use."* (C) *"Come back after the Christmas rush and I should have some vacancies."* (D) *Both A and B* (E) *None of the above*
8. Jesus was born in a: (A) *Stable* (B) *Manger* (C) *Cave* (D) *Barn* (E) *Unknown*
9. A "manger" is a: (A) *Stable for domestic animals* (B) *Wooden hay storage bin* (C) *Feeding trough* (D) *Barn*
10. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
(A) *Cows, sheep and goats* (B) *Cows, donkeys and sheep* (C) *Miscellaneous barnyard animals*
(D) *Sheep and goats* (E) *Lions, tiger and bears* (F) *None of the above*
11. Who saw the "star in the East?" (A) *Shepherds* (B) *Mary and Joseph* (C) *The Magi* (D) *Both A and C*
(E) *None of the above*
12. What "sign" did the angels tell the shepherds to look for? (A) *"This way to baby Jesus"*
(B) *A star over Bethlehem* (C) *A baby that doesn't cry* (D) *A house with a Christmas tree*
(E) *A baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger* (F) *None of the above*
13. What did the angels sing? (A) *"Joy to the World"* (B) *"Alleluia"* (C) *"Unto us a child is born"*
(D) *"Glory to God in the highest. . . ."* (E) *"My Sweet Lord"* (F) *"Glory to the Newborn King"*
14. There was snow that first Christmas. (True or False)
15. The baby Jesus cried (A) *When the doctor slapped him on the behind* (B) *Just like other babies*
(C) *When the little drummer boy played his drum* (D) *He never cried*
16. What is frankincense? (A) *A precious metal* (B) *A precious fabric* (C) *A precious sap used in perfume*
(D) *An Eastern monster story* (E) *None of the above*
17. What is myrrh? (A) *An easily shaped metal* (B) *A spice used for burial* (C) *A drink*
(D) *An after-shave lotion* (E) *None of the above*
18. How many "Magi" does the Bible say came to see Jesus? _____
19. The Magi found Jesus in a: (A) *Manger* (B) *Stable* (C) *House* (D) *Holiday Inn* (E) *Good Mood*
20. Where do you find the Christmas story in order to check on all these ridiculous questions?
(A) *Matthew's Gospel* (B) *Mark's Gospel* (C) *Luke's Gospel* (D) *John's Gospel* (E) *All of the above*
(F) *Only A and B* (G) *Only A and C* (H) *Only A, B and C*

(Answers to the Christmas Quiz are found on page 10)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

- I. Fr. Jim Bernacki, Rector, called the meeting to order after the Postcommunion Prayer of the Service. Brooke Davis volunteered to serve as Secretary for the meeting.
 - II. Tony Hinson, Senior Warden gave the report for the Nominations Committee. Tony listed the slate of nominees for vestry, in alphabetical order: Deyous “Deke” Abbott, Rita Burris, Wayne Davis, Becky McKeon, and David Wilhelm. The nominees spoke briefly about their qualifications. The floor was open for further nominations; there being none, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations. Ballots were passed out to eligible voters, and the meeting adjourned temporarily for the rest of the service, and brunch served by the vestry in the Parish Hall.
 - III. Toward the end of the meal, the meeting reopened. Fr. Jim Bernacki reported for the Stewardship & Finance Committee’s chair, Russ Hollins, on the nominees for a three-year term on the Endowment committee. The nominees were introduced: Elizabeth Cook and Karyn Whitley.
 - IV. The tellers gave the results of the election to three-year terms on the vestry: Those winning the election were Deke Abbott, Wayne Davis, and Becky McKeon. **[For further information, please see pg. 9]** Fr. Jim congratulated the winners and thanked the others who agreed to run for election.
 - V. Archie Chase, Treasurer, gave the financial report, indicating that we were still in need of some funds to “break even” financially this year. He thanked everyone for their gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the church.
 - VI. Two amendments to the parish Bylaws were proposed:
 - A. An addition to Article V, Section 1:
The Executive Board shall also act as a personnel committee, empowered to deal with matters related to the office staff and other paid or volunteer staff members, and make appropriate recommendations to the vestry.
 - B. A new article, **ARTICLE IX – ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**
Section 1: Establishment: The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church is empowered to establish a special Endowment Committee, which shall oversee contributions to the Parish Endowment Fund.
Section 2: Bylaws and Election of members: The Vestry is also empowered to set up Bylaws for this committee and to set up a procedure for electing members to this body.
Section 3: Report of the Committee Reports: The Chair of the Endowment Committee, or in his/her absence, another member of that committee, shall give periodic reports to the Vestry about the status of endowment funds and the distribution of same. In addition, an annual report shall be presented at the regular annual parish meeting.
Section 4: Dissolution: In addition to any provisions contained in the Endowment Committee Bylaws, the Endowment Committee may be dissolved at any regular parish meeting or at a special parish meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote. In the event that the Endowment Committee is dissolved, the Vestry or its Executive Board is empowered to disburse any funds remaining in the Endowment Fund.
 - VII. A motion was made and seconded to adopt both amendments; the motion passed unanimously. Deacon Vern Cahoon reported on the nursing home ministry which includes two services at area nursing facilities (Bethany Woods and Stanly Manor). He thanked those who helped with the monthly services at each facility, and encouraged our parishioners to attend these services.
 - VIII. Elizabeth Cook reported on our church’s ministry to the Community Inn (homeless shelter), whereby we serve a meal to the residents, every second Monday of the month. She also encouraged our parishioners to take part in this valuable ministry to those in need.
 - IX. Ballots were handed out and collected, for the election of a member of the Endowment Committee.
 - X. Clif Robinson, chair of the Endowment Committee, reported on the status of endowment funds. The funds are being invested in a moderate/conservative manner.
 - XI. The tellers reported that Elizabeth Cook won election to a three-year term on the Endowment Committee. Fr. Jim congratulated Elizabeth, and thanked Karyn for agreeing to run for this position.
 - XII. Some ideas on how to bring in new members were discussed. Among these was the possibility of adding a contemporary service. Fr. Jim mentioned our need to invite people to church, and to have fellowship with them at coffee hour. Fr. Jim recognized our outgoing vestry members: Tony Hinson, Senior Warden; Joe Burris, Junior Warden, and Lisa Deese, Christian Formation Chair, and thanked them for their valuable service to God and our parish these past three years.
 - XIII. Our Next Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 2, 2012 following the 9:30 a.m. service. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - XIV. Deacon Vern Cahoon closed the meeting with a prayer.
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The following individuals were elected to three-year terms on the vestry (ending December, 2014: **Deyous “Deke” Abbott** (who attends the 8:30 service); **Wayne Davis** (who attends the 10:30 service), and **Becky McKeon** (who attends the 10:30 service). They join continuing vestry members **Tom Lowe, Marianne Bumgarner-Davis, and Lana Erickson**, whose terms end at the end of this year, and **Clif Robinson, Marilyn Fitzgerald, and Gordon Knowles**, whose terms end at the end of 2013. Following the Annual Meeting, the vestry approved Fr. Jim’s nomination of **Lana Erickson** for a one-year term as Senior Warden, and the vestry elected the other following officers for a one-year term: **Wayne Davis**, Junior Warden; **Marianne Bumgarner-Davis**, Clerk, and **Archie Chase**, Treasurer. The Executive Board of the vestry is responsible for any pending matter between vestry meetings. Besides the rector and wardens, the following two vestry members were elected as at-large members of the Executive Board: **Gordon Knowles** and **Tom Lowe**.

The following are the chairs and vestry liaisons for our parish committees:

<i>COMMITTEE</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Vestry Liaison</i>	<i>COMMITTEE</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Vestry Liaison</i>
Buildings & Grounds	Tony Hinson	Gordon Knowles	Christian Formation	Lisa Deese	Marilyn Fitzgerald
Evangelism	Michael Lowder	Marianne Bumgarner-Davis	Outreach	Lana Erickson	Wayne Davis
Parish Life	Shelia Chase	Clif Robinson	Pastoral Care	Lori Kirkingburg	Becky McKeon
Stewardship & Finance	David Wilhelm	Deke Abbott	Worship	Tom Lowe	Tom Lowe

We wish to thank the outgoing members of the vestry for their tireless service to God and our parish these past three years: **Lisa Deese** (Christian Formation & Youth); **Tony Hinson** (Senior Warden), and **Joe Burris** (Junior Warden)!



ROUTE E EVERY WEDNESDAY	
WEEK 1	Sandy Bernacki & Allison Poplin
WEEK 2	<i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i>
WEEK 3	Susan & Gordon Knowles
WEEK 4	Jane Almond & Lori Kirkingburg
WEEK 5	Elizabeth & Mark Cook

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with Meals on Wheels the 2nd Wednesday of the month, please see Lori Kirkingburg (704/982-9211), Jane Almond (704/474-3917) or contact the church office.



TV station WGHP in High Point featured a piece on our 91-year-old parishioner, **Cleo Arrington**. It outlines how Cleo, who was accidentally run over by a truck a few years ago, continues to amaze people with her improving strength and agility. She still goes swimming at the Stanly County YMCA in Albemarle twice a week, and plays Bridge with her friends regularly! Here is the video link to her story: <http://www.myfox8.com/sports/wghp-fox8-fit-91yearold-swimmer-20120111.0.5364763.story> . If you cannot open the above link, you may Google **WGHP**, and then go to “Features.” Her article appears somewhere in that list.

Thanks for watching, and thank you, Cleo, for your wonderful efforts in promoting good overall health!!!

Permission to purchase goods for the church, and reimbursement for same:

Our vestry has come up with two forms that must be used when an individual is authorized to purchase an item with church funds. First of all, a permission slip must be filled out and submitted to the rector or senior warden for their approval. For church reimbursement of goods purchased by an individual, a reimbursement form must be filled out, and submitted to the rector or senior warden. These forms are necessary in order to have a "paper trail" of purchases or reimbursements available for the parish audit committee. (Forms are available in the church office during office hours.) Committees and task forces are reminded that, even though there may be an amount of money in a given line item, because of our budget shortfalls, we may not have that money available. In addition to the above, any proposed expenditure of \$ 200 or more must be approved by the vestry or its executive board, before the item or service is purchased. Thank you for your kind cooperation with this policy!

Christmas I.Q. Test: Answers

1. false. Western Christians didn't start celebrating Christmas on December 25th until the mid-4th Century. Currently most Christians, including Greek Orthodox Christians, celebrate Christmas on December 25th, while Russian Orthodox Churches celebrate Christmas according to the Julian calendar, which occurs on January 7th
2. a Although he lived in Nazareth, Joseph's family was from Bethlehem (Luke 2:4)
3. f Although some movies depict Joseph walking while his pregnant wife, Mary, rode on a donkey, Scripture doesn't actually tell us how they travelled to Bethlehem.
4. false. This may be a shocker to some of us! Mary and Joseph were engaged or betrothed, but were not yet married when Mary became pregnant. (See Matthew 1: 18ff)
5. true. See Mathew 1: 24f.
6. true. See Matthew 1:25.
7. e Although we THINK that's what the innkeeper said, Scripture just indicated that there was no room in the inn. See Luke 2:7. (And bonus question: Why was there "no room in the inn" (or in the *main parts* of the other houses in Bethlehem, for that matter? Hint: Do you remember the Jewish purity laws, and how contact with blood would make one ritually impure?)
8. e Although Christmas manger scenes, first popularized by Saint Francis of Assisi, depict Jesus being born in a stable or barn, we don't really know where Jesus was born. Many homes at that time had a side two-story addition, where they kept the animals on the first floor, and guests (who would benefit from the heat generated by the animals) on the second floor. Some scripture scholars feel that Jesus was born in one of these annexes.
9. c
10. f Although "The Little Drummer Boy" and other carols refer to animals present at Jesus' birth, Scripture says nothing about this.
11. c Scripture says that only the Magi saw the star.(Matthew 2:2)
12. e See Luke 2:12.
13. d See Luke 2:14.
14. false??? SCRIPTURE doesn't say anything about the weather the night Jesus was born. But popular carols such as "The Snow Lay on the Ground" and "The First Noel" seem to indicate that it was either cold or snowy when Christ was born.
15. b Although Scripture doesn't say anything about this, Jesus probably cried like other babies, especially when he was wet or hungry or lonely, or not feeling well. This comes in contrast with the words of the carol: "No crying he makes..."
16. c Frankincense is a type of incense, or perfume.
17. b
18. We know more than 1, because of the plural word "Magi." There could have been two, three, four, or more. We figure that there were three Magi, because the Scripture mentions three gifts, but Scripture does **not** mention how many Magi there were. (Matthew 2:11)
19. c See Matthew 2:11.
20. g Only the Gospels of Matthew and Luke contain infancy stories about Jesus. Mark's Gospel begins with the proclamation of John the Baptist, and John the Apostle's Gospel begins with the lofty prologue about Jesus' pre-existence as the Word of God.

How well did you do in Church Year & Christmas quizzes? I don't think that anyone got a "100%" on either of these (myself included!), but shouldn't these quizzes help us to understand that we always are in need of learning more—not only about the Church Year and special celebrations, but more importantly, about our God and His loving will for us as individuals and Church? Please take the time and opportunity, no matter how old you are or what service you attend, to participate in our Christian education offerings. You'll be glad you did!

Faithfully, in Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior,
FR. JIM BERNACKI+

January 2012 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date/ Occasion	8:30am Celebrant, Deacon & Organist	8:30am Greeter	8:30am Usher	8:30am Lector	8:30am Intercessor	8:30am Chalicer	8:30am Acolyte	Counters in Charge	Tue. Eve. Prayer @ 5:30pm	Altar Guild (Jan.)
Sun., Jan. 1 The Holy Name of Jesus (B) 9:30AM	9:30AM SERVICE Fr. Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	9:30AM SVC Elaine Hollins	9:30AM SVC Russ Hollins	9:30AM SVC Wendell Drye	9:30AM SVC Marilyn Fitzgerald	9:30AM SVC Linda Burris	9:30AM SVC Linda Burris	Fr. Jim Jane Scheer	Jan. 3 <i>Xmas Wkday</i> Tom Lowe	Felicia Amick Pat Bryfonski Caroline Sawyer Milano Janet Treadaway* <i>* denotes team leader</i>
Sun., Jan. 8 1 Epiphany B	Fr. Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	Julie Russell	Gordon Knowles	Clegg Mabry	Lana Erickson	Robin Hughes	Clegg Mabry	Lisa Deese Marianne Bumgarner- Davis	Jan. 10 <i>1 Epiph Yr II (Wm. Laud)</i> Fr. Jim Bernacki	
Sun., Jan. 15 2 Epiphany B	Fr. Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon (<i>pr</i>) Jane Scheer	Lori Kirkingburg	David Davis	Katrenia Davis	Karyn Whitley	Wendell Drye	Wendell Drye	Lana Erickson Marilyn Fitzgerald	Jan. 17 <i>2 Epiph Yr I</i> (Antony, Abbott) Elizabeth Cook	
Sun., Jan. 22 3 Epiphany B 9:30AM	9:30AM SVC Bp. Michael Curry Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	9:30AM SVC Walter Davis, Clegg Mabry Marilyn Fitzgerald, Michael Lowder		9:30AM SVC Gordon Knowles Marianne Bumgarner- Davis	9:30AM SVC Janet Means	9:30AM SVC Joanne Christman	9:30AM SVC Alley Deese Danielle Davis Olivia Deeck Margaret Deese	Tom Lowe Gordon Knowles	Jan. 24 <i>2 Epiph Yr I</i> (Ordination of Florence Tim-Oi) Claire Dominick	SCCM Helper (Jan.) Marianne Bumgarner- Davis
Sun., Jan. 29 4 Epiphany B	Fr. Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	Lana Erickson	Wendell Drye	Janet Means	Jean Abbot	Lana Erickson	Lana Erickson	Tony Hinson Archie Chase	Jan. 31 Tom Lowe	

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Sat., Dec. 31 The Holy Name of Jesus: 5 PM	Sat. 5 PM SVC Fr. Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	Sat. 5 PM SVC Joe Burris Clif Robinson	Sat. 5 PM SVC Tom Lowe	Sat. 5 PM SVC Becky McKeon	Sat. 5 PM SVC Ray Allen Kay Throneburg	Sat. 5 PM SVC Elizabeth Deeck Olivia Deeck	----	<i>No Nursery tonight or tomorrow!</i>	Sun. 9:30 SVC: <i>Informal Coffee hour</i>
Sun., Jan. 8 1 Epiphany B	Fr. Jim Bernacki Dn. Vern Cahoon Jane Scheer	Dewey Preslar Bill Moore	Katherine Deeck	John Grosvenor	Pat Bryfonski David Wilhelm	David Wilhelm Margaret Deese	----	Sandy Bernacki Kay Throneburg	Terry & Lisa Deese
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Sun., Jan. 29 4 Epiphany B	Fr. Jim Bernacki Jane Scheer	Wayne Davis Brad Davis	Charles McComas	Renita Ritchie	Claire Dominick Janet Treadaway	Elizabeth Deeck Miranda Glover	----	Miranda Duell Laura Lowder	Allison Poplin & Renita Ritchie

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