



The Messenger



The newsletter of St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community

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The Padre's Pulpit

That first Christmas the angels sang of peace on earth and good will towards all. Remember the prophet Isaiah named the promised Messiah, among other things, the Prince of Peace. And so the angels sang and the shepherds went to the manger and there they worshiped Him who was to bring peace and good will to all on earth.

But before two years passed, the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt because King Herod was out to kill Jesus. Ah, yes, good will to all. And then, after just 33 years on earth, Jesus was brutally treated and killed for our sake. What went wrong?

Have conditions gotten any better? Did the Prince of Peace fail in his mission? From outright war in its most brutal form throughout the world to rampant crime and violence in our communities; with tragic behavior in schools and brokenness in our homes, the message and ministry of the Prince of Peace is as sorely needed today as it was that first Christmas. But peace cannot be brought to a conflicted world by people who are not at peace with their God or with themselves.

And here is where we enter the picture. That short life and tragic death of our Savior has provided our reconciliation with God and with each other. We are the Body of Christ on earth; the witness to Christ's victory over hatred and division. We are called to keep the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of peace on earth and good will to all, wherever we are and in whatever we do.

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The Padre's Pulpit, continued

Maybe this new year we can pray as did St. Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace" and then strive with all our being to live that prayer at home, driving the car, with our political involvement, our co-workers, neighbors, etc. We hear much talk about the "Christmas spirit." What is that without the peace of God in Christ in all we say and do?

I pray the peace of God that passes all human understanding will fill your heart and mind this Christmas and that through the year you may be an effective instrument of Christ's peace wherever you are. Merry Christmas and God bless.

Father B.

New Brochure Available for Sharing!

Thanks to the hard work of Bettie Phelps, a new St. Mary's Church brochure is available in the narthex. Bettie was assisted by MarthaAnn Blake and Mary Caputo. Printing services were donated by W. R. Rayson Co. of Burgaw.

Now that the brochure is available, it needs to be shared! Please take several and share them with your friends. Help share the news about St. Mary's with our community!

**WANTED: LAY ASSISTANTS
AND CRUCIFERS**

More lay assistants and crucifers are needed to help lead our worship! Please consider volunteering for one or both of these positions. Contact Bob Goslee for more details. Thank you!

Welcome, Father MacGill!

The Rev. Dan MacGill will be our celebrant on Sunday, January 13. Father MacGill has spoken with members of the Vestry about becoming our new priest. Please join us for worship on January 13 so that we can greet Father MacGill and get to know him better.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH 2008 BUDGET

*Below is the 2008 budget that was approved at our congregational meeting
on December 9, 2007.*

Advanced from Retained Fund	8370.00
PLEGGED TO DATE	44330.00
CONTRIBUTION (non pledged)	4500.00
PLATE OFFERING (ESTIMATE)	1500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2500.00
TOTAL INCOME	61200.00
EXPENSES	
PRIEST	20000.00
ORGANIST	10000.00
UTILITIES	3600.00
INSURANCE	4500.00
MAINTENANCE	4000.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	600.00
DUES,ETC	1000.00
DIOCESE PLEDGE	5000.00
ADVERTISING	2500.00
OFFICE	1500.00
FLOWERS	1200.00
ALTER, ETC	1000.00
KITCHEN	600.00
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES	55500.00
DONATIONS	
SAFE HAVEN	300.00
PENDER CTY. CHRISTIAN SERVICES	600.00
THOMPSON MINISTRY	300.00
SEMINARIES	600.00
GIRL SCOUTS	400.00
HOSPICE	500.00
EMERGENCY FUND	3000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH	5700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	61200.00
Balance in Retained Fund (Flex CD)	6775.66
Original CD	37823.24

**A HEARTFELT
“THANK YOU”**

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It was quite a surprise and I can only hope that I will fulfill your desires in leading worship at St. Mary's Church. My heartfelt thanks to God and to you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Your organist,
Kay Lowell

A Word of Thanks

TO THE VESTRY AND MEMBERS
OF ST. MARY'S

A hearty “Thank You” to all for your gracious Christmas gift. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Jo and I pray that your celebration of our Savior's birth has been a time of peace and joy. Merry Christmas and God bless your new year.

Father B.

Prayer List

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Bill Lacer, Joe & Kay Lowell, Jackie Robbins, and the Von Oesen family. Also, please pray for Bonnie O'Connor (daughter of Bettie Phelps) and Jeannette Patterson (sister of Linda Hadden) as they continue to battle cancer.

New Scheduling Coordinator hard at work

MarthaAnn Blake has accepted the Vestry's request for a Church Scheduling Coordinator. She will assist with Sunday scheduling and coordinate special services (i.e. weddings and funerals). She can be reached on her cell phone at 910-538-2855. Thank you, MarthaAnn!

Come along on safari!

St. Mary's members are cordially invited to travel on a “Discovery Safari” to Tanzania, East Africa! Trip dates are July 2-17, 2008. Details can be found at www.godparents4tz.org. Please speak with Kristin McFarland if you are interested. *Karibu sana* (Swahili for “you are very welcome”)!

Emergency Telephone Numbers*
These are more effective than 911

When -

You are sad, phone [John 14](#)

You have sinned, phone [Psalm 51](#)

You are facing danger, phone [Psalm 91](#)

People have failed you, phone [Psalm 27](#)

It feels as though God is far from you, phone [Psalm 139](#)

Your faith needs stimulation, phone [Hebrews 11](#)

You are alone and scared, phone [Psalm 23](#)

You are worried, phone [Matthew 8:19-34](#)

You are hurt and critical, phone [1 Corinthians 13](#)

You wonder about Christianity, phone [2 Corinthians 5:15-18](#)

You feel like an outcast, phone [Romans 8:31-39](#)

You are seeking peace, phone [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

It feels as if the world is bigger than God, phone [Psalm 90](#)

You need Christ like insurance, phone [Romans 8:1-30](#)

You are leaving home for a trip, phone [Psalm 121](#)

You are praying for yourself, phone [Psalm 87](#)

You require courage for a task, phone [Joshua 1](#)

Inflation's and investments are hogging your thoughts, phone [Mark 10:17-31](#)

You are depressive, phone [Psalm 27](#)

Your bank account is empty, phone [Psalm 37](#)

You lose faith in mankind, phone [1 Corinthians 13](#)

It looks like people are unfriendly, phone [John 15](#)

You are losing hope, phone [Psalm 126](#)

You feel the world is small compared to you, phone [Psalm 19](#)

You want to carry fruit, phone [John 15](#)

Paul's secret for happiness, phone [Colossians 3:12-17](#)

With big opportunity/discovery, phone [Isaiah 55](#)

To get along with other people, phone [Romans 12](#)

ALTERNATE NUMBERS

For dealing with fear, call [Psalm 47](#)

For security, call [Psalm 121:3](#)

For assurance, call [Mark 8:35](#)

For reassurance, call [Psalm 145:18](#)

ALL THESE NUMBERS MAY BE PHONED DIRECTLY.

NO OPERATOR ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY.

ALL LINES TO HEAVEN ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY.

FEED YOUR FAITH, AND DOUBT WILL STARVE TO DEATH.

**Taken from the internet. Submitted by Linda Hadden.*

Recipe Corner

Following our Christmas Party, Joan Weld received many requests for her Sauerkraut Salad recipe. So, by popular demand, here it is!

Sauerkraut Salad

From the kitchen of Joan Weld and her mother, Harriet Altenburg Lehman

1 #2 1/2 (29 oz) can sauerkraut
1 #2 (20oz) can bean sprouts (I sometimes use fresh.)
1 Cup green pepper diced
1 onion chopped
1/2 Cup celery diced
1 Cup sugar
1/2 Cup salad oil
1/2 Cup vinegar

Combine sugar, oil and vinegar. Drain sauerkraut and bean sprouts. Chop sauerkraut and bean sprouts. Add vegetables to oil mixture, marinate overnight, and chill.

DO YOU MAKE NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

Regardless of your response to that question, we all need to take our drought and water shortage seriously and do what ever we can to cut water waste. For example, we all brush our teeth. But do you leave the water running while brushing? **REMEMBER:** Before the brush enters your mouth, **TURN THE RUNNING WATER OFF!** Start the new year right. Save water!!! *More water saving tips to come next month!*

In December, we bid our friend Nancy Walker a fond farewell as she left Wallace for sunny Florida. Nancy's new address:

Nancy R. Walker
547 Timbercrest Lane
Orange Park, FL 32003

January 2008 Sunday Servers

JANUARY 6

The Epiphany

Celebrant	Father Lawrence Baietti
Lay Assistant	Bob Goslee
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Cantor	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	Kathy Reid & Candi Alexander
Usher	Bill Lacer
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	MarthaAnn Blake
Coffee Hour Angel	Michael Martin

JANUARY 13

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant	Father Dan MacGill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Julian and Donna Anderson
Usher	Julian Anderson
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angel	MarthaAnn Blake

JANUARY 20

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant	Father Lawrence Baietti
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	Bert & Dede Yepko
Usher	Bert Yepko
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	Bert & Dede Yepko

JANUARY 27

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant	Father Lawrence Baietti
Lay Assistant	Linda Hadden
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Van Reid & Pat Casaw
Usher	Van Reid
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw
Coffee Hour Angels	Julian & Donna Anderson

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Julian Anderson

January Birthdays

01-Kathy Reid
05-Carol Cossette
09-Barbara Batchelor
11-Bob Goslee
11-Kristin McFarland
16-John Wynne
18-Laura Yates

January Baptismal Birthdays

09-Catherine Wynne
12-Quinn Corcoran
27-Marion Clark

January & February Calendar Notes

- January 6:** Worship at 11:00AM (Lutheran)
- January 7:** ECW meeting at 10:00AM
- January 13:** Worship at 11:00AM (Episcopal)
Welcome Father Dan MacGill!
- January 20:** Worship at 11:00AM (Episcopal)
Vestry meeting after the Coffee Hour
- January 22:** Deadline for submissions to the February newsletter
- January 27:** Worship at 11:00AM (Episcopal)
- February 3:** Worship at 11:00AM (Lutheran)
- February 5:** Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at 6:30PM
Hosted by chairman Jimbo Robbins &
the Men of the Church
- February 6:** Ash Wednesday worship (time TBA)