



The Messenger



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

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FEBRUARY 2009

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Since we are in the time of Epiphany, I thought you might be interested in knowing a little about its history from the church's perspective.

A celebration of the winter solstice was kept on January 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian Era. In opposition to pagan festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations or epiphanies of Jesus divinity. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the wedding at Cana where he changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights," a Celebration of the Son of God replaced the celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

The solstice was kept on December 25 by the fourth century. Jesus' birth was celebrated on this day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on January 6. The eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the wedding at Cana on January 6.

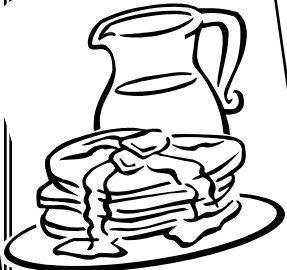
The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the feast of Epiphany, January 6, in the Book of Common Prayer. The baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.

I hope this is not too much information and you find it interesting.

Peace in Him,
Father Dan

2009 St. Mary's Church Events

Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Pancake Supper



Jimbo Robbins, Chairman
Men of Church
Heidi Robbins
MarthaAnn Blake
Judy Cromer

Wednesday, May 13:
Supper at 6:30 p.m.

*Bob and Katherine
Goslee, Chairpersons*
Jonathan and
Michelle Glass
Linda Hadden
Kay Lowell
Delphinia Kellum



Saturday, May 16:
Spring Fest in Burgaw

*MarthaAnn Blake and
Annette Olesen,
Chairwomen*
St. Mary's Members

Sunday, June 28: Bishop's Luncheon
following the church service

Joan and Griff Weld, Chairpersons
Marion Clark
Pam Graham
Joyce Harrell
Bill and Debbie Davis
Lynn Goddard
Kim Davies
James and Christine Halas



The committee chair persons will contact the people assigned for each event.
Committees set up the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for the events, and cleanup afterwards.

2009 Church Events continued

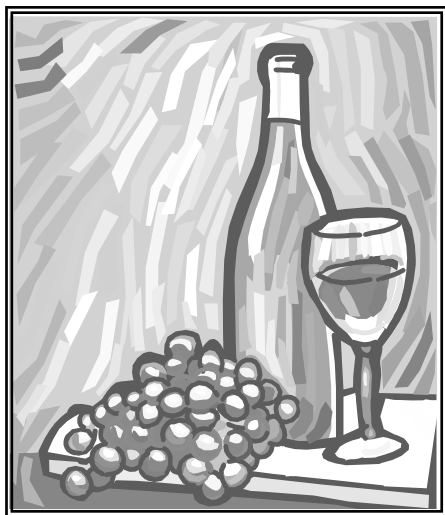
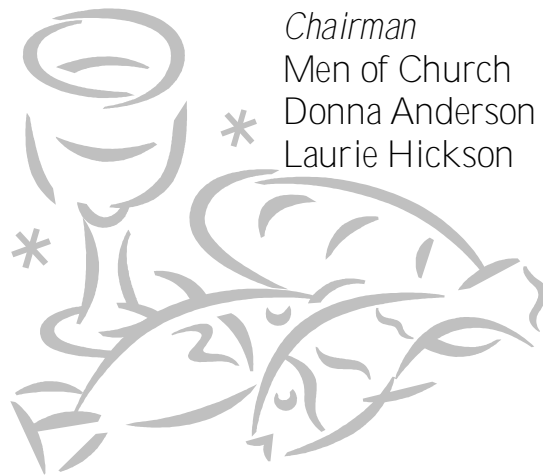
Wednesday, August 12: Feast of St. Mary
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and
6:30 p.m. Supper

Kristin McFarland, Chairwoman
Valde and Helle Jorgensen
Kathy Reid
Brian Van Tassel
Cynthia Keller
Marion and Bill Lacer
Catherine and John
Wynne



Wednesday, October 14: Fish Fry
at 6:30 p.m.

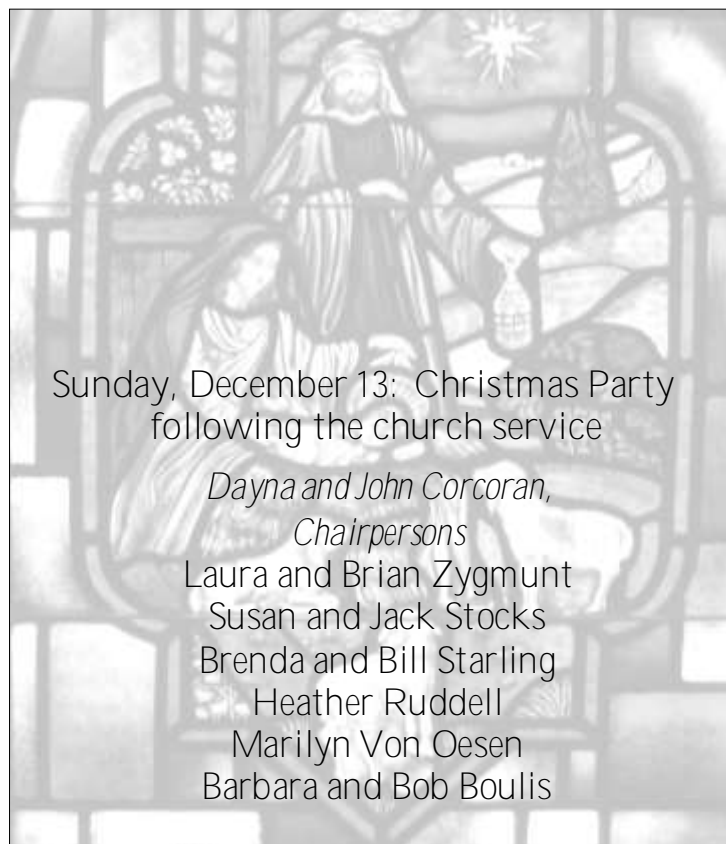
Julian Anderson,
Chairman
Men of Church
Donna Anderson
Laurie Hickson



Wine and
Cheese
Tasting:

Friday
December 4
6-8 p.m.

Candi Alexander, Chairwoman
Annette and Larry Olesen
Donna and Julian Anderson
Pat Casaw and Van Reid
Bettie and Chauncey Phelps



Sunday, December 13: Christmas Party
following the church service

Dayna and John Corcoran,
Chairpersons
Laura and Brian Zygmunt
Susan and Jack Stocks
Brenda and Bill Starling
Heather Ruddell
Marilyn Von Oesen
Barbara and Bob Boullis

If you cannot serve on the date assigned,
you need to find a replacement and notify the committee chairperson for that event.

Each person should use the gifts received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

In Christ, we who are many form one body. Each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:5-8

Speak the very words of God. Serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10

*ECW Luncheon to benefit the Wounded Warriors
Date and Time: Thursday, February 5 at noon
Location: Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville.*

Everyone is invited to a luncheon in honor of the Wounded Warriors of Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Your participation and donations are greatly appreciated.

Through our support, we are able to show Christ's love to the wounded warriors of Camp Lejeune through conversation and sharing a meal.

Just as the picnic last summer was a memorable event, we anticipate an equally enjoyable luncheon with our sisters in Christ from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hampstead.

For more information contact Annette Olesen or Pat Casaw.

Pender County Social Services

Pender County Christian Services is an important means of assistance to people in need in Pender County. The agency provides emergency food and clothing to these people. The recipients of the food are people referred by Social Services and ministers within the community. This agency also provides inexpensive clothing to everyone.

St. Mary's members and ECW have been active by volunteering and giving money to this agency. We can also help by donating food.

Types of suggested food donations include the following:

Grits Cornmeal (2 lbs) Flour (2 lbs pkgs)	Sugar (2 lbs) Pasta – elbows and/or spaghetti Cereal (corn flakes)	Dried beans /peas Vegetable oil (24 oz)
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Please feel free to contact Pat Casaw with any questions.

If your gift is serving, serve. If it is contributing to the needs of others, give generously. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

Grace has been given to us as Christ apportioned it, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ is built up

You are part of the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:27

until we reach unity and become mature. Ephesians 4

Thompson Child & Family Focus

Soup Labels do help those in need. Let's continue to provide soup labels for this good cause. You can find a listing of the eligible labels on the ECW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, along with what makes each label eligible for points. Remember to keep the bar code intact.

For those people receiving an electronic newsletter this month, you will find the "label information" attached with the newsletter. Alternatively, you may pick up the information from the table in the Narthex.

Please place the labels in the red basket in Fellowship Hall.

The labels supplement the monetary donations received by the Thompson Child & Family Focus programs.

I tell you the truth, what you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Mary Caputo, Helen Crouch, Pam Graham, Marion and Bill Lacer, Jackie Robbins, the Von Oesen family, and John Wynne. Also, please pray for **Bonnie O'Connor** (daughter of Bettie Phelps), Jeannette Patterson (sister of Linda Hadden), Joe Peace Woodlief, Jr. (cousin of Linda Hadden) and Rachel Baughman (godparent for Arabella Glass).



February Birthdays

04-Dede Yepko
13-John Corcoran
14-Annette Olesen
16-Mary Caputo
22-Dawn Connor
23-Bettie Phelps
28-Chauncey Phelps

February Baptismal Birthdays

09-Kristin McFarland
10-Marion Lacer
24-Kathy Reid
27-Joyce Harrell
28-Claire Dees

February 2009 Servers

FEBRUARY 1
SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Kristin McFarland
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Bert & Dede Yepko
Usher	Bert Yepko
Sunday School	Donna Anderson
Altar Guild	Laura Zygmunt
Coffee Hour Angel	Pat Casaw and Van Reid

FEBRUARY 8
SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Bill Davis
Oblations	Jimbo & Heidi Robbins
Usher	Jimbo Robbins
Sunday School	Donna Anderson
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angels	Susan and Jack Stocks

FEBRUARY 15
SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Presider	Father Lawrence Baietti
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	Griff & Joan Weld
Usher	Griff Weld
Sunday School	Donna Anderson
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	Catherine Wynne

FEBRUARY 22
SUNDAY

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Brian Zygmunt
Crucifer	Kristin McFarland
Oblations	Van Reid & Pat Casaw
Usher	Van Reid
Sunday School	Donna Anderson
Altar Guild	Annette Olesen
Coffee Hour Angel	Griff and Joan Weld

FEBRUARY 25

Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 p.m.

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Linda Hadden
Crucifer	Kristin McFarland
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw

Vestry Person of the month: Jimbo Robbins

February Calendar Notes

Sunday, February 1	Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran) Coffee Hour following worship
Monday, February 2	ECW meeting at 10:00 AM Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 3	Boys & Girls Home of NC open house (6-8 PM)
Thursday, February 5	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM Wounded Warriors Luncheon at Camp Lejeune (noon)
Sunday, February 8	Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) Coffee Hour following worship
Monday, February 9	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 10	Boys & Girls Home of NC (6 to 9 PM)
Thursday, February 12	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM Boys & Girls Home of NC (6 to 9 PM)
Sunday, February 15	Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) Coffee Hour following worship <i>Deadline for March newsletter and schedule submissions</i>
Monday, February 16	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 17	Boys & Girls Home of NC (6 to 9 PM)
Thursday, February 19	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM Boys & Girls Home of NC (6 to 9 PM)
Sunday, February 22	Vestry Meeting at 9:00 AM Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) Coffee Hour following worship
Monday, February 23	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 24	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Ash Wednesday worship at 5:30 PM
Thursday, February 26	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM Boys & Girls Home of NC (6 to 9 PM)

March Calendar Notes

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent *A Study of The Holy Gospel of John*