

Through The Arch Gate of Saint Francis Church

April, 2007



H O L Y · W E E K

APRIL 1-8, 2007

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist and
Distribution of Palms
8:00 and 11:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Monday through Thursday
12:05 pm

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7:00 am

Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Wednesday 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday

Passover Seder

6:00 pm

Stripping of the altar and foot
washing following the Seder
dinner.

Maundy Thursday Watch

Good Friday

12 noon - 3:00 pm

Seven Words from the Cross
concluding with
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am

Easter Sunday

6:45 am Sunrise Service
(City Cemetery)
Festival Eucharist
8:00 and 11:00 am

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia!**



Very soon we will be celebrating Easter, the most important event in a Christian's life. This is so important that even a belief in the birth of Jesus has little meaning or purpose without the Resurrection. Everything we know about Jesus: the teachings, the miracles, the passion and the death are the basics of what we believe, but without the Resurrection there would be no hope in our lives. With that hope we are sustained through the journeys of our lives, no matter how hard that journey is.

Easter is about seeing the risen Lord in the lives of people around us. As many of you know, I did something that I have never done before in my ministry. During Lent, I journeyed with some other pilgrims to Spain on a Lenten Retreat. And even though it was still Lent, I began to see the risen Lord in many that I encountered.

The mission of the four clergy and me, along with others, was to learn more about two 16th century mystics: St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. We went to where they spent their entire lives, Spain. We came together with

questions, but mostly with open minds and arms to see our Lord.

Our first and primary lodging was the second monastery of St. Teresa, in Toledo, Spain. In these ancient halls where Teresa and her nuns were cloistered years ago, we were quietly led by the Carmelite monks to our rooms. My room was a very simple room with a desk, a chair and a cot...a room that had belonged to a Carmelite nun many years ago. The shutters on the windows opened to a vista of all of Toledo with a mosque that was right outside being restored as a museum.

Every day, I awoke to birds singing and church bells ringing. We had the same breakfast each day: coffee with milk, bread and fresh fruit. We combined worship, community and the love of the people and became immersed with the people of Spain.

On our travels, we visited Cathedrals with incredible stained glass windows. We viewed art of El Greco, Goya, Velazquez and others; art that depicted both the crucified and the resurrected Christ. I was particularly taken with two paintings: Fra Angelico's La Annunciacion and El Greco's Domenicos Theotocopoulos of St. Andrew and St. Francis. El Greco shows the encounter of these two saints, one an apostle of Jesus, the other our patron saint, sharing their

Lectionary Readings for April

April 1	Palm Sunday	Psalm 22:1-11	Isaiah 45:21-25	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49 (50-56)
April 8	Easter Sunday	Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24	Acts 10:34-43	Colossians 3:1-4	Luke 24:1-10
April 15	The Second Sunday of Easter	Psalm 111	Job 42:1-6	Revelation 1:1-19	Acts 5:12a, 17-22, 25-29
April 22	The Third Sunday of Easter	Psalm 33;1-11	Jeremiah 32:36-41	Acts 9:1-19a	John 21:1-14
April 29	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 100	Numbers 27:12-23	Acts 13:15-16, 26-33	John 10:22-30

Stewardship of Presence

	8am	11am	6pm	Combined
March 4	38	82		120
March 11	33	80	14	127
March 18	31	83		114
March 25	41	83		124

Stewardship of Giving

44 items of food for Yokefellow
During this time the web site had 173 visitors
looking at 286 pages.

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
March 4	2,710.00	1,404.19
March 11	871.00	1,085.00
March 18	2,023.00	579.85
March 25	1,269.00	868.00

YOKEFELLOW

Service Center, Inc.
102 Blanton Street ~ Spindale, NC

For April
CANNED MEATS

*(Although any non-perishable
item will be accepted)*



**“You Can Be A Tool
for Change”**

Through your gifts to
Habitat for Humanity

Week of May 13th



JUNE 3

April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM Potluck After 11 AM Service Palm Sunday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:05 PM Stations of The Cross</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:05 PM Stations of The Cross</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM HE Rite II and Healing Service 10:30 AM Deliver Meals from St. Gabriels 12:05 PM Stations of The Cross 5:30 PM Joyful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga (Advanced) 10:45 AM Yoga (Beginning) 12:05 PM Stations of The Cross 6:00 PM Seder/Maundy Thursday Service Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 PM -3:00 PM Good Friday Service Good Friday Church Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:45 AM Jr. DOK 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM HE Rite II Easter</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM NAMI Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM HE Rite II and Healing Service 10:30 AM Deliver Meals from St. Gabriels 5:30 PM Joyful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga (Advanced) 10:45 AM Yoga (Beginning)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM Christian Ed Comm 12:30 PM Coffee Hour</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 PM Relay for Life Meeting in the Cloister House</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM HE Rite II and Healing Service 10:30 AM Deliver Meals from St. Gabriels 5:30 PM Joyful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga (Advanced) 10:45 AM Yoga (Beginning) 6:30 PM High School Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM HE Rite II 5:00 PM Cursillo 6:00 PM Contemporary Eucharist</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM HE Rite II and Healing Service 10:30 AM Deliver Meals from St. Gabriels 5:30 PM Joyful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga (Advanced) 10:45 AM Yoga (Beginning) 6:30 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Dinner Meeting</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM DOK</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><u>Coffee Hour:</u> 4/1 - Sue Lloyd 4/15 - Betty Dickey and Beverly Wellborn 4/1 - <u>Pot-Luck Hosts:</u> Dorene Chambers, Sue Langdon, Kathy Demas</p>				

FROM THE RECTOR *(continued from front cover)*

own empathic love for Jesus Christ.

We also stayed at the original monastery of St. John of the Cross in Segovia. An equal incredibly experience, as in Toledo, with monks greeting us with hospitality fit for angels.

We visited the original monastery of St. Teresa which still houses cloistered nuns. These nuns never come out of their dwelling and spend their time in community praying, and worshipping God. They even receive Communion from the priests through a small opening in a wall so that they remain unseen. As we entered the church in which St. Teresa prayed we could hear the nuns in worship, chanting responsively. **A truly sacred time.**

We visited a museum in honor of St. Teresa and actually saw the stairwell where she encountered a young boy who asked who she was. St. Teresa responded, "Why, I am Teresa of Jesus. Who are you?"

The little boy answered, "I am Jesus of Teresa."

This Easter remember that the Crucified Lord becomes the Resurrected Lord. And that the Resurrection of Jesus is God's ultimate gift to each of us, a gift of love. Jesus says the same statement to each of us as he said to Teresa, "I am Jesus of You." He identifies with each of us. He lives within us, around us, above us and below us.

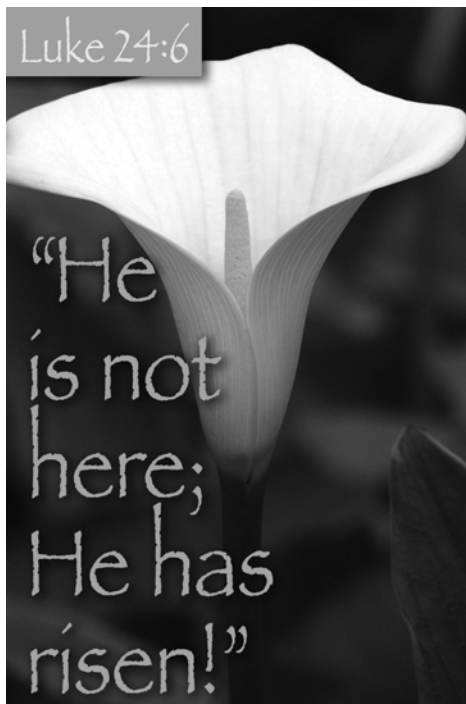
We have so much to rejoice about. As Paul said to the Philippians,

"Rejoice...again I said Rejoice." Let us double our rejoicing this Easter. Let us rejoice in the love of Christ that is given to us unconditionally. When we say our *Alleluias*, let us be joyous and celebrate. Easter is the time to nurture the faith that is in us. Through our imperfection, Christ has loved us in the utmost of perfection.

This Easter, pray, meditate and rejoice in all that you have been given. And then come to the Heavenly Feast at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving of His Body and Blood. And come rejoicing!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.
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Alleluia!**

Your servant in Christ's love,
Dee
The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+



From Bishop Haines



From an e-mail dated March 17

Dear Friends and Family,

Earlier this week I had a CT scan of my chest and abdomen and it showed no signs of the previous malignant lymphoma so good news. An MRI of my head two weeks ago showed the lesion had been reduced by about 90% with the hope that the positive impact of radiation and medicine, now completed, will continue for a period.

My next MRI and CT scan is scheduled for May. My energy level is on the rise. I am planning to get back to the gym next week although I will have to start at a very modest level. I'm not running yet but that is definitely one of my goals.

Thank you for sharing your experiences, wisdom, prayers, and concern.

Ron



*The Right Reverend Ronald H. Haines
Rector at St. Francis 1968-1981
Bishop of Washington, DC 1990-2000*

NEW LIFE OUT OF DEATH: A MESSAGE FOR EASTER

By Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori



I write at the close of our recent House of Bishops meeting. On the way from the airport to the meeting, we saw a few wildflowers, of one or two varieties. They stood out from the grass, just beginning to turn to the green lushness of spring. During the week we met in Texas, the trees went from mere hints of green in the topmost branches to having leaves unfolding on all their branches. And on the way back to the airport a week later, the riot of wildflowers was astounding. The new life of resurrection can be just as surreptitious -- we look and things seem quite dead, we look away, and when our focus returns, we discover that God has been at work making all things new. Anyone who has grieved the death of a loved one will recognize the pattern. Those who experience the loss involved in moving away from a beloved community will know it as well. As this Lent draws to a close, take a careful look at your life. Where has God been at work during this fast? What new life can you discern?

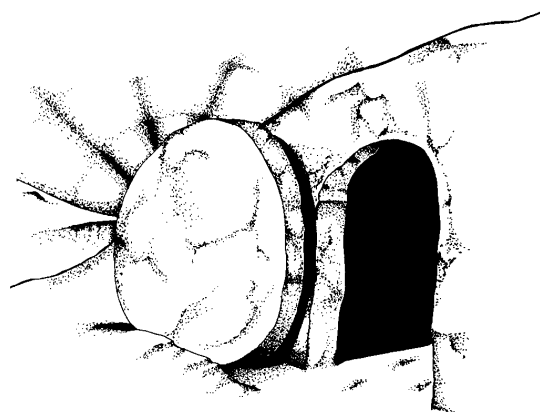
For my own part, I will celebrate the new life that has been growing hidden in the lives of leaders in this church. We are blessed with leaders, lay and ordained, who are increasingly aware of their God-given ministries to lead this people into fuller participation in God's mission of healing the world. I celebrate the work of God expressed in the gathering of Anglican women at the United Nations in late February and early March, who were able to say to the world that attention to mission is what unites us as a Communion. I celebrate the gathering of people from all across the world in South Africa, at the TEAM (Towards Effective Anglican Mission)

conference, to build stronger partnerships for doing that healing work, especially around AIDS and HIV. I celebrate the gracious way in which the bishops of this

Church engaged each other in discussing challenging and difficult matters in the meeting just past, and affirmed the focus of this Church on mission. I celebrate the many, many healthy and vital congregations of this Church, engaged in God's mission of healing the world. The Executive Council joined in worship at one, St. Michael and All Angels, in Portland, Oregon, recently, and saw passionate engagement in children's ministry, the work Episcopal Relief and Development, abundant outreach in the community, and a lively life of worship.

Among my mail when I returned to the office was a generous check from a congregation in North Carolina. Members there had read about a fire in the Bronx that had killed several members of an immigrant family from Mali, and left others injured and homeless. Somehow the news of their suffering had reached across the mountains and plains to touch the hearts of people of St. James in Wilmington, and they responded. A new heart of flesh is growing in countless places across this Church.

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

	Palm Sunday 1-Apr	Easter 8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr
8:00					
Usher	Mary Gregory	Denise Hempstead	Robert Wall	Dick Wilkins	Joe Middleton
Usher	Richard Williams	Josef Sibley	Doug Price	James Brown	Sandra Middleton
Greeter	James Brown	Keppie D'Alessio	Jane Cassada	Mary Gregory	James Brown
Reader	Josef Sibley	James Brown	Mary Gregory	Linda Bailey	Sue Lloyd
Chalicer	Susan Keith	David D'Alessio	Denise Hempstead	Nancy Bole	Cynthia Ruppe
			Josef Sibley		
Acolytes					
Sunday School Greeter	Diane Dickerson	Magi King	Anita Quinley	Judy Scott	Kimberly Lloyd
11:00					
Usher	Vera Scroggs	Eric Truempy	Bob Blanton	Don Corry	Bill Coxe
Usher	Betty Dickey	Sam Ayers	Becky Reger	Lyn Corry	Beverly McKinney
Greeter	Judy Scott	Beverly Wellborn	Beverly Wellborn	Paula McIntosh	Sam Ayers
Oblationer	Paul McIntosh	Don Corry	Gordon Scott	Vernon Hoyle	Michael Carrier
Oblationer	Paula McIntosh	Lyn Corry	Judy Scott	Christine Hoyle	Carolyn Gardner
Yokefellow	Bud Quinley	Bud Quinley	Bud Quinley	Bud Quinley	Bud Quinley
1st Reader	Barbara Hobson	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Roger Hughes	Julie Pittman	Ed Goodrich
2nd Reader	Miriam Dixon	Dorene Chambers	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	Bill Coxe	Paula McIntosh
Prayers	Rebecca Melton	Susan Keith	Vernon Hoyle	Mary Brown	Barbara Hobson
Chalicer	Susan Keith	Anita Quinley		Dee Ullrich	Bob Blanton
			Ed Richardson	Eric Truempy	
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead	Keely McBrayer
	Sue Lloyd	Rebecca Melton	Michelle Riberdy	Keppie D'Alessio	Kathy Demas
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Susan Keith
					Rebecca Melton
					Beverly McKinney
					Denise Hempstead
					Miriam Dixon
Coffee Hour 8	Sue Lloyd				
Coffee Hour 11			Beverly Wellborn		
			Betty Dickey		
Potluck	Dorene Chambers				
	Sue Langdon				
	Kathy Demas				

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
AND **THEN** CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE



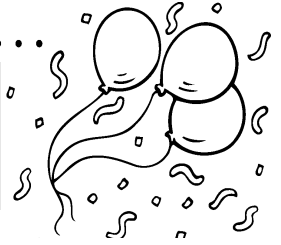
A TIME TO HONOR GRADUATES

We want to be sure to honor all graduates from our parish family who will be graduating from high schools, colleges and universities during 2007.

Please furnish the church office with the name of the graduate, the name of the high school, college or university from which they will graduate, and the graduate's plans for the future.

Scholarships for graduates will be awarded. These are for both vocational schools and colleges. Call Rev. Dee+ for details.

ARE YOU A SUPER SENIOR?



- Are you interested in having a
- bimonthly group meeting with other
- interesting super seniors?
- The Super Seniors of St. Francis
- would like to get together. We will
- hear informative speakers, dine
- together, and enjoy one another.
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- If you are interested, call by April 30.
- Call Shirley Taschenberg
- 286-8467
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Fun for Seniors

You are invited...

*All women in the church from age 1 to 100 are invited to the Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 12, 2007, 10:00 am at the Parish House
R.S.V.P. Parish Office 287-3888*

Mother's Day

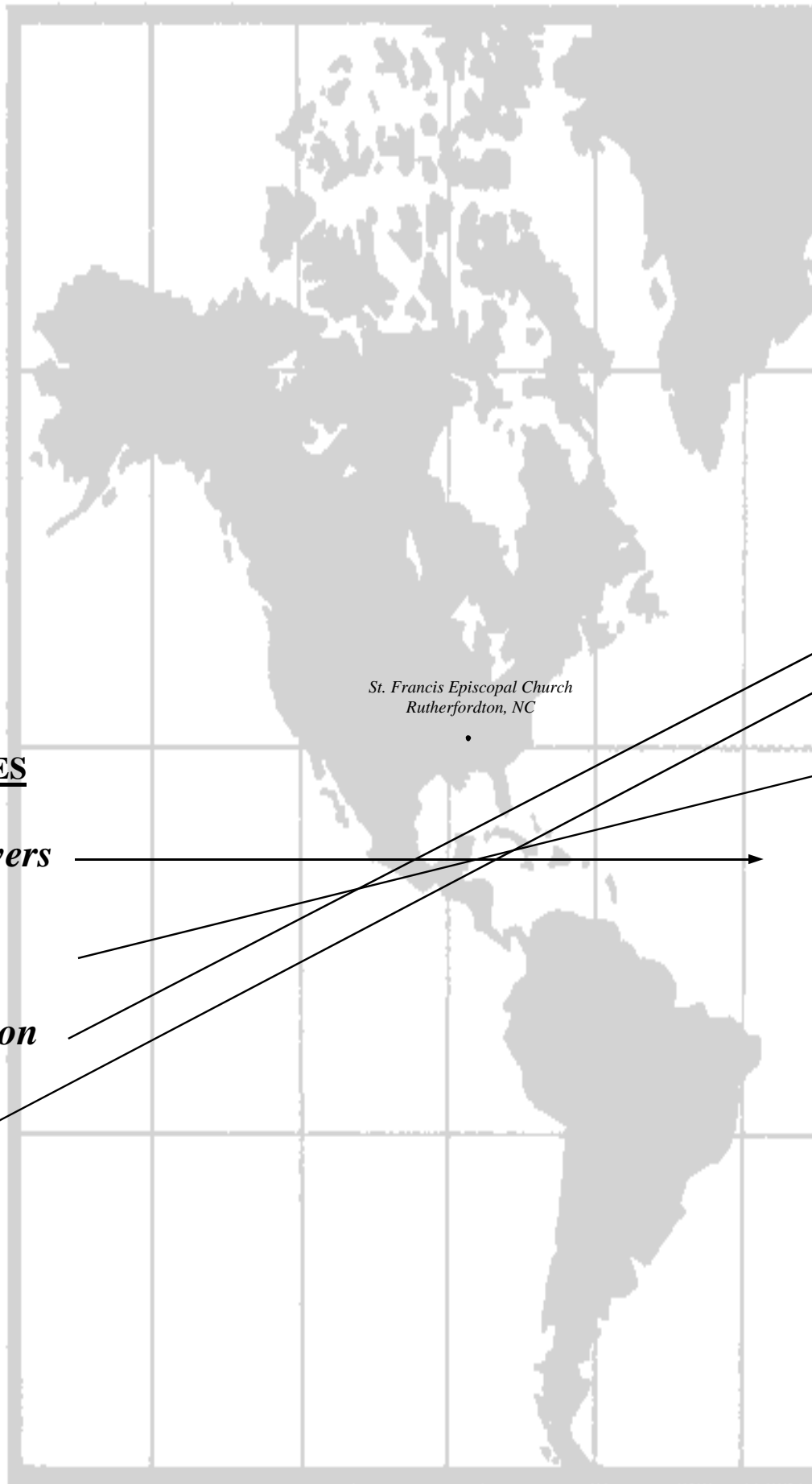


DAYSCHOOL



FOR
St. Jude's
Hospital
April 25th

Donations accepted!



OUR MISSIONARIES

Jim & Jennifer Bowers

Mali

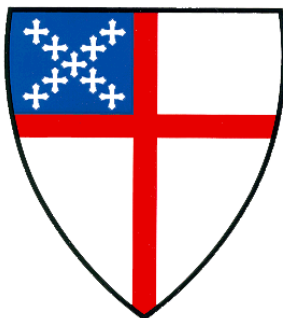
China

John & Zophi Wilson

Hungary

Amber Smith

Poland



- China

Our missionaries to China cannot be listed or discussed on this website in order to protect them and more importantly to protect the Chinese people associated with them.

group is fairly small, but several of the members are doing an amazing job reaching out to their friends with the love of Christ. Adam, the leader of the youth group, has been witnessing to two of his friends (both named Pawel) Amber's team is currently trying to visit other cities in Poland to research possible places to set up new teams.

Amongst their other works, they have been working on getting a good well installed in the village of Duduya. www.jjbowers.20m.com

John & Zsofi Wilson - Hungary

John, Zsofi and Ezster drove home from Germany where Zsofi participated in a conference on Christian Psychology and Counseling. She especially enjoyed a break-out session on counseling those who are not Christians. Also, in recent weeks John was able to step in and teach the 10th grade Apologetics class at the International Christian School in Budapest, since the normal teacher had to unexpectedly return to the U.S. Though it made for some long days after language class, it was a lot of fun and he really enjoyed interacting with the students. John is continuing to meet with another missionary and a Hungarian pastor about possibly planting a church in their neighborhood. They are very excited about the possibilities.

www.hungarywilsons.com

Rev Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali, Africa

The Bowers joined other missionaries from elsewhere in Mali, Senegal, and the Islamic republic to the north for 10+ days of evangelism among the Moors of Mali near Kayes (their home base). They visited 6-7 villages, showing the Jesus film in some, sharing the Bible in some, giving away tracts, Arab New Testaments and special mp3 players. They are praying that the Lord will have further impact among the Moors, for the local churches to be involved, and for a mission to be engaged in this open door and to place a permanent missionary in the area.

Amber Smith - Poland

Amber has been helping with the youth group at the church. "There are many transitions going on in the church, like trying to find a new pastor and deciding on future steps for the church. The youth group is doing great though. Almost monthly, we've held parties for unbelieving friends where we watch a movie and discuss it afterwards. The youth

WNC ECW Spring Conference April 26 - Deerfield Retirement Community

ECW Spring Conference, Thursday, April 26, 2007 Registration Form

Name _____

Church/Parish _____

Deanery: Circle One

Asheville Foothills Hendersonville Mountain Piedmont Western

Lunch and Registration Fee: \$17.00 per person

Registration Deadline: April 13, 2007

Please invite your rector

Please make your check payable to WNC ECW and mail to Diane Mance, WNC ECW Treasurer, 105 Poppy Lane, Asheville NC 28803. If you have to pay at the door, please call Diane (828.252.6945) to let her know. Please include a form for each registration.

We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ordained women in our diocese.

Schedule of Events:

9-9:30 am—Registration and viewing of exhibits with coffee & pastries

9:30- 10:45 am—Business Meeting

10:45 - 11:00 am—Short Break

11:00 - 11:45 am—Keynote Speakers: The Rev. Virginia Monroe & The Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin

11:55- 12:55 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II—The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor

1:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Adjourn (Have a safe trip back home)

Address for Deerfield:

Deerfield Retirement Community
1617 Hendersonville Road
Asheville NC 28803



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Purpose of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in WNC

The purpose of this organization shall be to unite the women of the Diocese in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into the service for the Church in their parish, community, diocese, nation and world. All ECW programs are open to all women of the parish.

Who are we?

Every woman in the Episcopal Church is a member of the ECW by virtue of church membership. She may not choose to be active or recognize that status but she is just as much a part of the ECW as the most active member. We are women of all ages, ethnic origins and socioeconomic backgrounds who hold a variety of views. However, the common denominator of our members is love of God and the wish to do His work.

About Our Logo

The Cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The Circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The out flowing lines from the center depict the many works of the Episcopal Church Women, going out into the world. The intertwined lines represent our lives centered in Christ.

Episcopal Church Women Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.

The WNC ECW Spring Conference is on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Deerfield Retirement Community, 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin will be one of the keynote speakers for the day.

A Registration Form is included in the Lych Gate. The registration deadline is April 13, 2007.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please complete the registration and return it by April 13. If you would like to carpool from the parish house, please be at the parish house by 8:00 a.m. on April 26, 2007.

CURSILLO

Sunday, April 22
5:00 pm
in the
Cloister House

CONTEMPORARY EUCHARIST



Sunday, April 22
6:00 pm

You are invited to attend a
retirement party in honor of

WANDA PRICE

St. Francis Dayschool
Director for 32 years.

Please join us on Sunday,
May 6 at 3:00 pm



From Sue Langdon:

Host families and tour escorts are still needed for the Chinese exchange students that will be in our country this August. Please call Sue Langdon or Gail Revis for more information.

Clown Ministry Workshop

Saturday, April 21
Langdon Farm
340 Rob Long Road
Rutherfordton, NC



Experience a delightful afternoon dressing up, applying make-up, enjoying skits and a whole lot of surprises! This workshop is being presented by Carol Jayson who has completed Clowning School Ministry in Seminole/St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sue Langdon: 287-4509
Gail Revis: 286-0677

A Faculty Recital Featuring

Johnathan Jones

Will Be Presented on
Thursday, April 26
At 7:30 pm
In the Foundation Theater
On The
Isothermal Community College Campus

Guest artists include:
Sharon Lawrence, violinist
Eben Mann, Oboist
Kathy Foster, Cellist

MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER SEDER

**Maundy Thursday
Passover Seder
April 5, 2007**

6:00 p.m. in the Parish House

Passover is truly the “feast of feasts,” the celebration of celebrating; it is the oldest festival known to mankind.

The Passover Seder is a festive meal, begun at sunset on the evening of the full moon in early spring. During the meal we retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt as we eat bitter herbs and unleavened bread.

The Seder was Jesus’ own “last supper.” It is the origin of our Christian Eucharist. From the earliest days of Christianity, the death and resurrection of Jesus has been understood as *his* Passover.

The Passover Seder at St. Francis Church will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 5. After the Seder, we will go to the Church for Stripping of the Altar and Foot Washing.

Make your reservation for the Seder by completing the reservation form below. Please return your reservation by Sunday, April 1.

Names of persons attending:

_____ adults @ \$10.00 _____
_____ children (6-12) @ \$5.00 _____
_____ children (under 6) free _____

Total _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR VESTRY



James Dennis Segers

How did you find your way to St. Francis?

My wife, Liz, had been attending St. Francis since she was fifteen. I came with her when we first met and I loved it.

Tell us about your family.

Liz and I have been married for six years. I have a 20 year old son, Scott and a 15 year old daughter, Kelly. I have three older sisters and a younger brother.

What is your favorite book?

The Number of the Beast by Robert Heinlein.

Favorite movie?

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

Favorite food?

Ice Cream

What is your favorite scripture?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What is your best advice to others?

Learn patience.

*Come, watch and pray
Maundy Thursday Watch
all night until
Sunrise Good Friday*

KID'S PAGE



Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

	a	b	c				
1	F	U	N				
2	♥	B	♥				
3	M	V	H				
4	♥	♥	A	W	O	♥	♥
5	♥	♥	♥	G	♥	♥	♥
6	E	T	C				
7	L	♥	R				
8	♥	D	♥				
9	I	♥	S				

" 2b 1b 6b 5b 4c 8b 8b 6a 3a 4c 1c 9c 6b 7c 4a 6b 6a 9c
 3c 9a 9c 4c 4b 1c 7a 4c 3b 6a 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c 9a 1c
 6b 3c 9a 9c 4b 3c 9a 7a 6a 4b 6a 4b 6a 7c 6a
 9c 6b 9a 7a 7a 9c 9a 1c 1c 6a 7c 9c 6c 3c 7c 9a 9c 6b
 8b 9a 6a 8b 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c "

Answer: "BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Easter Crosses

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.

What you need:

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12")

What you do:

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.
2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.
3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.
4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.
5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.
6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.
8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.
9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.

You are cordially invited to attend a Drop In Reception to honor

Robert W. Bole

as he retires from
 Rutherford County Government
 after 17 years of service

April 30, 2007
 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Rutherford County Office Building
 Rutherfordton, North Carolina

People talking.
 Do you hear them?
 Are you listening?
 Hear past their words.
 They're all saying much the same thing.
 They're all feeling much the same pain.
 Have compassion
 For each person.
 Have you walked in their footsteps?
 Has your journey been like theirs?
 Reach your hand out.
 Offer friendship.
 See the Christ within their eyes.

By Susan Keith



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- 1 Kenneth Tanner
- 2 Dick Wilkins
- 3 Michelle Warren
- 3 Grace Melton
- 5 John Howard
- 5 Scott Denning
- 6 Terry Chandler
- 6 Sarah Coxe
- 7 Sally Harbin
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- 15 Lisa Martin
- 17 Casey McEntire
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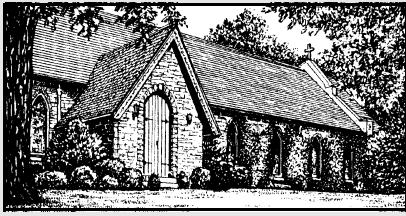
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Patricia Westland,
Jake Wilson,
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And Those Serving in the Military...

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Adam Buchanan,
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Alaina Parker,
Michael Parker,
Eric Neely,
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Rory Semelroth,
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“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16



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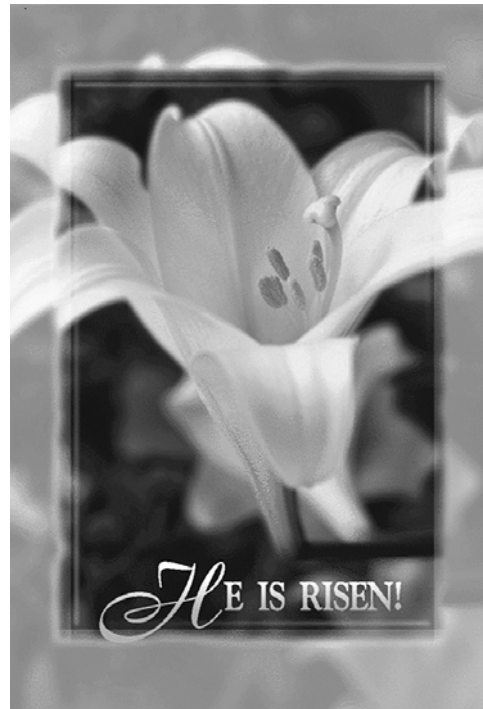
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