



Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Church



October 2008

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he
has done marvelous things.*

Psalm 98:1

The marvelousness of God was part of my recent spiritual retreat in South Carolina. I took long walks on the beach several times each day and breathed in the freshness of the salt water, listened to the sounds of the seagulls and marveled at the beautiful azure water and the incredible colors of the sunsets.

God gave me a special gift last week, my own 'encounter' with the dolphins. In August, our son David and his girlfriend celebrated his birthday with an official encounter at the Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys. The three of us were the only ones at the Center because of two hurricanes that recently passed by the Keys. During the educational part of the program, we learned how dolphins respond and live in the wild. The staff person took a whole hour telling us all about dolphins and how friendly they are. They love attention. That's why so many do more tricks when they hear applause. It isn't just the food; it's the companionship and affirmation of others.

The first evening of my retreat, I went on a walk by myself and was looking into the ocean and realized that there were at least five dolphins swimming close by. I started talking to them and telling them how beautiful they were.

Within minutes they were flipping and fanning their tails. I counted eight of them. Before I left, two of them put their heads out of the water and looked at me with their beautiful smiling faces.

I encouraged Phil to come with me the next morning and there they were again ... The more we applauded and talked with them, the more they stayed with us, even swimming as close as ten feet away! It was as though they appreciated our attention.

Every walk on the beach reminded me of the Song of Creation (BCP, p.88):

*Glorify the Lord, O springs of
water, seas, and streams,
O Whales and all that move in the
waters,
All birds of the air, glorify the
Lord,
Praise him and highly exalt him
for ever.*

Through this 'encounter' with the dolphins, I realized once again how important it is to let others know how much we appreciate them. I appreciate how so many of you are willing to go beyond the 'usual' church duties to make sure someone is taken care of with a meal or a visit. I so appreciate how the vestry supports me. I appreciate how we as a church help our neighbors. In all of this, we carry out Jesus' command of loving one another as he has loved us.

Several of you asked that I repeat the story told at the Mass on the Grass.

There was a preacher who was having difficulty writing his sermon on the difference between heaven and hell. "Only," he thought, "if I could have just a brief preview of both heaven and hell maybe I could come up with the right words."

The next thing you know, there was St. Peter standing next to him. "So, you want to have a preview look, do you?" said St. Peter. "Let's go."

In an instant they are standing in front of the gates of hell. And there was smoke, and the stench was terrible, and the cries of the damned flooded out from behind the gates. With a snap of St. Peter's fingers the smoke disappeared and the gates opened. The preacher peered inside and saw a grand banquet table laid out with fine Irish linen table cloths, and Waterford crystal, and English bone china. There were fine wines, and roast beefs and turkeys; there were Caesar salads, and aged cheeses, a dozen different pastries and desserts and ice cream with chocolate sauce and after-dinner liqueurs. A feast fit for a king!

The guests were all dressed in the finest evening clothes, but no one was eating. Rather they were all screaming in agony.

Stewardship of Presence

	8am	10:30am	Total
Sept. 7	Parish Picnic		93
Sept. 14	34	108	142
Sept. 21	40	78	118
Sept. 28	44	100	144

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
Sept. 7	1459.00	705.00
Sept. 14	3064.00	870.60
Sept. 21	814.16	725.23
Sept. 28		

25 items of food for Yokefellow

There were 169 visits to the web site,
looking at 282 pages.

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“What’s wrong with them?” asked the preacher. “Why aren’t they eating?” “Take a close look,” said St. Peter. The preacher looked again and saw that the people had no elbows and couldn’t eat a bite of the feast. “Let’s get out of here,” said the preacher. “I’ve seen enough of this horrible place.”

With another snap of St. Peter’s fingers they were at the gates of heaven. The great ivory and gold gates swung open and the preacher saw exactly the same thing that he saw in hell, the magnificently set banquet table filled with the same marvelous treats. Roast beefs, turkeys and fine wines. Dozens of desserts and other treats. And the people were dressed in the same beautiful finery, and they also had no elbows and could not feed themselves. The difference was that instead of screaming in agony as were the people in hell, these people were happy and smiling and singing praises to God. “What is going on here?” asked the preacher. “Why are these people happy? They can’t feed themselves either.”

“Look closely,” said St. Peter. The preacher watched closely and do you know what he saw? They were feeding each other!

This story is an incredible way of how we depend on one another for our existence, not only emotionally and spiritually but physically also. Let us never forget how important we are to each other as we serve others as Christ served.

In Christ’s love,
Dee+
The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+

Source of story: Anonymous

YOKEFELLOW

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

For October
DRIED BEANS (1 lb. BAG)

*Although any non-perishable
item will be accepted*

We Welcome Our
Missionaries to St.
Francis this Month...

—
missionaries to China
and
Amber Smith,
missionary to Poland.



**Blessing of the Animals on
St. Francis Day
Sunday, October 5**

(Following the Potluck
at the Ark on the church playground)

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

September 8, 2008

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Ed Richardson opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the June 9, 2008 Vestry Meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. The Senior Warden's Report was received.
6. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
7. Two trees and stumps near the playground at the parish house were removed due to storm damage. Damage to the fence was repaired.
8. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education and Pastoral Care.
9. This year Daughters of the King meetings will include dinner and a movie. The movies, also known as Chick Flicks, contain deep spiritual themes that are applicable to any women's daily life.
10. St. Francis Website Questionnaire Results were distributed to the Vestry.
11. David Lloyd closed the meeting with Compline.



2nd Annual St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church Golf Tournament

Meadowbrook Golf Course
Green Creek, NC

Friday, Oct 24, 2008
at 9:00 am starting time

Closest to the pin on
2-6-11-14

Longest Drive on Hold 18

Refreshments outside the club house

Entry Fee: \$40 per person
Play your own ball.

Proceeds benefit St. Gabriel's
Episcopal Church
Rutherfordton, NC

You may call
Steve Mock For more information



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 5	The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost St. Francis Day		Prayer of St. Francis BCP-833	Galatians 6:14-18	Matthew 11:25-30
Oct. 12	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 19	The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 26	The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

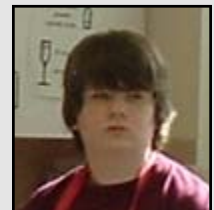
We are three young girls you have seen around church forever: Grace, Madeline and Darby. Along with the help of our fellow daughters, Caroline and Brett, and our dedicated Junior Directress, Susan Keith, we are trying to raise enough money to go to California this summer for a Triennial. Every three years, all the Provinces of the Daughters of the King come together to share their thoughts and feelings about our wonderful Lord.

This is the most important project we have ever attempted. It will have a very big impact on our spiritual lives. We will focus completely on God and our future goals to fulfill our vows of prayer and service. It is important to our church as well. Going to California will mean sharing ideas and thoughts and then bringing them back to you. Those ideas and thoughts will then be turned into actions for the greater good of our church and of ourselves. We will also have this great opportunity to meet other Junior Daughters who share the same love of Jesus Christ as we do.

Unfortunately, the total cost for the trip is \$5,000. Don't worry, we're not asking you to pull \$5,000 out of your pocket. What we're asking is a much easier task. We have been decorating small white boxes that we are planning to present to the church. These are donation boxes that we are asking you to try to fill with spare change. Not much, maybe just what is in your pocket every evening. Then you can bring the box back to church, let us collect the money, and you take the empty box back to be

refilled. As you can see, it's not that hard, and you'd be surprised how much that change could help us. We are asking for your assistance. Will you help us as our church and as our family?

Sincerely,
Your Junior Daughters,
Grace, Madeline and Darby



Triennial Mission Statement

To gather Senior and Junior Daughters of the King from every province and as feasible from the International setting **for spiritual renewal** through corporate worship, study, and fellowship **that we may be encouraged in our vows** and conduct business **for the good of the Order and the Spread of Christ's Kingdom.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Charles Quinley
6 Larry Watson
6 Addison Conn
7 Roger Hughes
9 Amberleigh Kirton
10 Desiree Jones
11 Martha Wilkins
14 Tim Owens
18 Jesse McKinney
18 David Lloyd
20 Gisela McClain
23 Dee Ullrich
27 James Brown
27 Keith Cash

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 Hunt & Sallie Cowan
9 Scott & Andrea Denning
26 Ned & Sally Cowan
27 Arthur & Nancy Tucker



October 18

St. Francis, Rutherfordton, will be holding a Safeguarding God's Children training on Saturday October 18, 2008, from 9 to 12. Please let us know if you plan to attend by sending an email to Susan Keith at trialsecty@bellsouth.net or calling the St. Francis office at 828-287-3888.

THANK YOU

Dear Dee,

Dot and I have decided to spend some time in our Maryland home. Our children feel its best because they can more closely look after us.

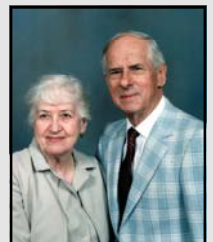
We will sadly loose our links with St. Francis Church, the de Montmollins and the dear people of the church.

With two of our children on the verge of retirement, its likely that some of us will move back to Rutherfordton permanently.

We thank the church for the two Life-Line emergency telephones they have been providing us for the past year.

Love,

Dorothy and Edward Goodrich





Saturday, October 4, 2008

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Saint Francis Church

Parish House

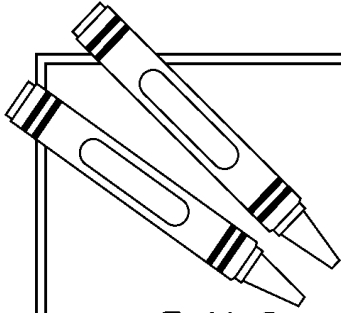
“Sharing Our Best”

**The Book Store
Fancy Frocks
The Garden
Kitchen Kupboard
Krafty Korner
The Pantry
Sam’s Folk Art
The Toy Chest
Treasures from the Attic**

GREAT BUYS!

OCTOBER CALENDAR 2008

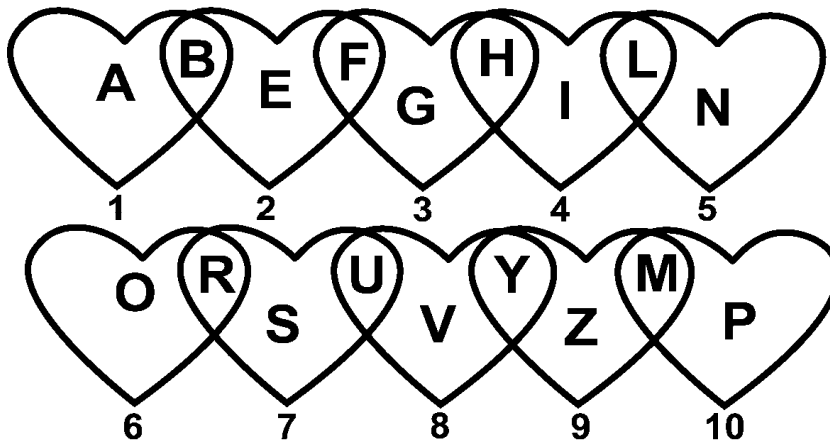
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses:</u> 5th (9 am) Phil de Montmollin 12th (11:45 am) Nancy Bole/Kathy Demas 19th (11:45 am) Don & Lyn Corry 26th (11:45 am) Gerry Roberts/Roscoe Conn			1 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM Healing Service 6:00 PM Yoga	2 9:00 AM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM	3 9:00 AM Dayschool	4 8:00 AM -12:00 PM Marketplace Event
5 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Church School 10:30 AM HE Rite II 11:45 AM Potluck 1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals	6 9:00 AM Dayschool 4:00 PM Girl Scouts	7 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	8 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM Healing Service 6:00 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting	9 9:00 AM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM	10 9:00 AM Dayschool	11
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Just for **KIDS**

THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV).
Do you remember what the second great commandment is?
Use the code below to discover it.



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 4,5 6 8 2 8,9 6 7,8 6,7
 5 2 4 3 3,4 1,2 6 6,7
 1 7
 8,9 6 7,8 6,7 7 2 4,5 2,3”

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch



What you do:

1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.

Poet's Corner by Susan Keith

Who Am I?

I am compassionate.

When I saw the hungry masses my heart broke.

When I learned of the death of my friend, I cried.

Who Am I?

I am creative.

I frequently told stories to express my ideas.

When faced with problems I found new ways to solve them.

Who am I?

I am introverted.

You could find me in a garden where it was peaceful and quiet.

You could find me in the wilderness where I could find solitude.

Who am I?

I am confident in my faith.

I was at peace in the storm.

I completed apparently impossible tasks.

Who am I?

I am deliberate and persistent.

I did not get side tracked from my mission.

I accomplished a great deal in a short period of time.

Who am I?

I am passionate.

When I saw a wrong I took immediate action to correct it.

I inspired crowds with my speeches.

Who am I?

I am an itinerant preacher.

I traveled from town to town to speak.

People came from great distances to hear me preach.

Who am I?

I am charismatic.

When I called on people to assist me, they dropped what they were doing to join me.

When I entered a town, I was given a parade.

Who am I?

I am attentive and focused.

When someone spoke to me, I listened to what they truly wanted to say.

Even in crowds I related to people as the individuals they are.

Who am I?

Who am I?

I am Jesus Christ.

At least, I am the Jesus Christ that My friend John Mark knew and loved.



We are going to be putting together a Trunk or Treat this year at St. Francis! Halloween falls on a Friday and it is a great open invitation to those in our community to show what a fun, friendly, and family-like environment we have here! I am going to be looking for those interested in decorating their car with a theme and passing out candy all evening to the great kids of Rutherford County! It is going to be a really fun night filled with music, games, costumes, candy, and kids! A great evening for young and old alike!

In fact, the adults may have a little more fun with this one than the kids!

Please see or call Amberleigh for a theme idea and ways you can help this October 31!



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Reba Beasley,
Julie Boulay,
Wanda Byers,
Renee Camp,
Michael Carrier,
Stephen Clark,
Karen Crisp,
Betty Elliott,
Carolyn Gardner,
Ernestine Gold,
Dorothy Goodrich,
Ron Hobson,
Becky Huntley,
Robert Huntley,

Joyce Jaynes,
Amy Lee,
Tony Lowery,
Milton,
Olive Mistretta,
Betty Morehead,
Wreston Morgan,
Louis Nanney,
Phil Noyes,
Haley Riney,
Darwin Royal,
Austin Scherer,
Laurie Scherer,
Wallace Schneider,

Stevie Scroggs,
Bill Smith,
Warner Stewart,
Kay Taylor,
Martha Thompson,
Diane Tucker,
Nancy Tucker,
Ann Watson,
Hilda Wilson

And Those Serving in the Military...

Dustin Arledge,
Justin Bailey,
Ben Blanton,
Jim Boyette,
Cory Bridges,
J. D. Brock,
Steve Browning,
Forest Buff,
Scotty Clark,
Blake Craft,
Andy Feree,
Branson Garrett,
Jeffery Hardin,
Brad Hicks,

Patsy Howard,
Robby Howard,
Ian,
Jason Kallaus,
Seth Keller,
Susan Keophila,
Baxter Keys,
Andrew Kinard,
Tony Laws,
Troy Laws,
Daniel Leech,
Joseph McComas,
Drew Melvin,
Eric Neely,

Michael Parker,
Nina Paulino,
Kenneth Queen,
Beth Renier,
Rory Semelroth,
Jcee Shaver,
David Smith,
Emmanuel Spencer,
Christopher Strand,
Devin Swinkey,
Anthony Tricarico,
Joseph Watson,
Kenneth Young



In our
 thoughts
 & prayers

YOUTH NEWS

Welcome back to another great year with our St. Francis Youth! We have five Sunday School classes from Godly Play all the way up to our High School class with Ed Richardson! New teachers, new faces, and new lessons are all included! Our Godly Play children are learning about Creation, why we do what we do in service, and items in the church. Our Middle and High School classes are diving right into biblical lessons and how we should live our lives to show others just how cool being a Christian can be. We are planning a Trunk or Treat this year so the kids will be very busy with helping and participating in that. Many trips are in the process of being planned this year, as well- from bowling to fishing- we'll keep the kids busy this school year! The basement is also almost done and the kids are really looking forward to having a cool hang out of their own. Remember to check out their web site!
www.stfrancisepiscopal.blogspot.com
 There is also a link on the church web site, too!

Amberleigh Kirton Youth Director

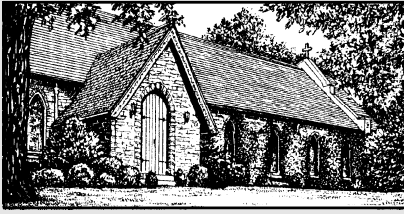


Photos from Youth Splash 2008

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26	
8:00					
Usher	Robert Wall	Robert Wall	Robert Wall	Robert Wall	
Usher					
Greeter	Sue Lloyd	Martha Wilkins	Mary Gregory	Keppie D'Alessio	
Reader	Linda Bailey	Denise Hempstead	Joe Sibley	Doug Elliot	
Chalicer	Cynthia Ruppe	Joe Sibley	Denise Hempstead	Susan Keith	
	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	
Usher	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe	
Usher	Beverly McKinney	Beverly McKinney	Beverly McKinney	Beverly McKinney	
Greeter	Susan Keith	Paula McIntosh	Eric Trumpey	Bob Blanton	
Presenter	Don Corry	Don Corry	Don Corry	Don Corry	
Presenter	Lyn Corry	Lyn Corry	Lyn Corry	Lyn Corry	
Yokefellow	Michael Carrier	Eric Trumpey	Michael Carrier	Eric Trumpey	
1st Reader	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Barbara Hobson	Vernon Hoyle	Paula McIntosh	
2nd Reader	Rebecca Reger	Anita Quinley	Dee Ullrich	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	
Prayers	Ed Richardson	Judi Gustafson	Susan Keith	Miriam Dixon	
Chalicer	Gerry Roberts	Bob Blanton	Miriam Dixon	Ed Richardson	
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead	
	Susan Melvin	Kimberly Lloyd	Magi King	Rebecca Melton	
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	
Coffee Hour	(8am) Phil de Montmollin	(10:30am) Nancy Bole, Kathy Demas	(10:30am) Don & Lyn Corry	(10:30am) Gerry Roberts, Roscoe Conn, Sr.	
Potluck	Beverly & Jesse McKinney, Tammy Edwards, Eric Trumpey, Gordon & Judy Scott				

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
AND **THEN** CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY 12:00 NOON. 828-287-3888



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<i>The People of God</i>	The Ministers
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<i>The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmolin</i>	Rector
<i>Johnathan Jones</i>	Minister of Music
<i>Amberleigh Richardson</i>	Youth Director
<i>Lesley Bush</i>	Parish Administrator
<i>Cindy Hill</i>	Financial Manager

The Vestry

Linda Bailey, Senior Warden

Don Corry, Junior Warden

Rob Bole, Treasurer

2008

Marian Beavers

Don Corry

Bill Coxse

2009

Linda Bailey

Ed Richardson

James Segers

2010

Josephine Conn

Susan Keith

David Lloyd

*The Vestry meets at 6:00 pm
on the second Monday of every month.*

Our Missionaries:

*Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali
- China*

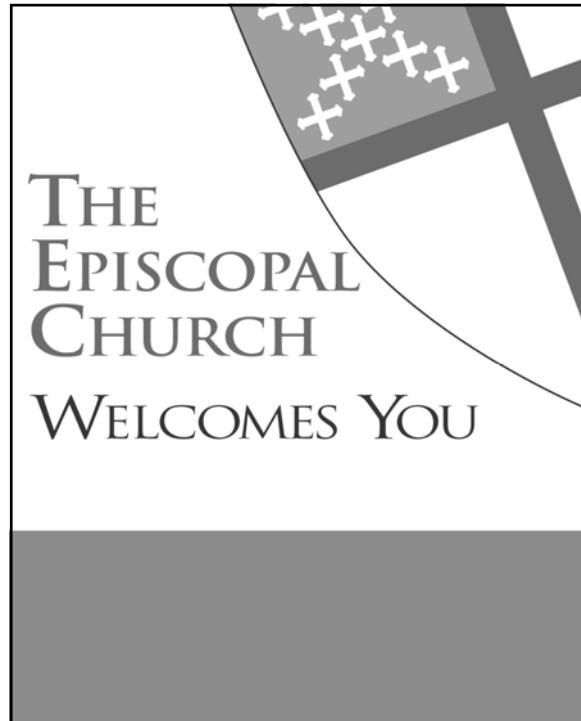
*John and Zopbi Wilson - Hungary
Amber Smith - Poland*

Russ & Heidi Smith - Chili

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