



# Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Episcopal Church

## November 2009

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*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

Phil and I have been spending some of our time off up in the mountains. This time of the year is like a yearly pageant or parade. The trees begin to 'show off' their incredible colors of golds, rusts, oranges, yellows, tans....The sun has been bright most days and the sky that incredible North Carolina blue.

As I come to a deeper appreciation of who God is in creation, I think back when I was a child in subtropical Miami. I used to enjoy looking at the calendar from our kitchen wall for it showed pictures of the different seasons. I would imagine how it would be to be in all four seasons instead of the summer heat all year round. When we lived in Macon, Georgia, I could not wait until I could play in the fall leaves with our children.

As I looked at the colors of the trees on the mountains, I thought back to my study of Thomas Merton this summer and began to wonder if we are what God means for us to be. Thomas Merton writes beautifully:

*A tree gives glory to God by being a tree. For in being what God means it to be it is obeying (God). It 'consents' so to speak to God's creative love. If a tree tried to be like something else which it was never intended to be, it would be less like God and therefore it would give God less glory ... The leaf has it's own texture and its own pattern of veins and its own holy shape; as the bass and trout hiding in the deep pools of the river are canonized by their own beauty and their strength.*

But what about you and me? Unlike the trees and fish, it is not enough for us to be what our nature intends. It is not enough for us to be humans. For us, holiness is more than humanity. If we are never anything but people, we will not be saints and we will not be able to offer to God the worship of our

imitation, which is sanctity. For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore to achieve sanctity and salvation I must solve the problem of who I am and discover my true self.

God alone can make me who I am or rather who I will be when at last I fully begin to be. But unless I desire this identity and journey to find it with God and in God, the work will never be done.

This Thanksgiving, let us be grateful that we are on the journey with our Lord. Paul told the people of Corinth to give generously. Look around and you will see how generous you have all been at St. Francis. We are serving more and more people with our Samaritan Breakfast Bags; we have provided many Thanksgiving meals; we have begun our work of filling up the Christmas toy bags and dressing up the bears for Christmas Cheer; we will have our pot luck for Habitat for Humanity; we will begin our Angel Tree soon.

These and many other opportunities are available for you to share at St. Francis. If you need help in finding which one you would like, please call the office or ask the persons in charge.

And then on Thanksgiving Day, when we reflect on and remember the many blessings we have in our lives, we will have many new blessings to add to that list. May this Thanksgiving make you aware of your gifts of family, friends, church, health and all the provisions from God. When we have grateful hearts, we are able to recognize from where our blessings come from. God is the Giver.

Let us give thanks that we are on the journey of being what God wants us to be.

In Christ's love and service,  
Dee+

Resource: Merton, Thomas, New Seeds of Contemplation, 1961.

## Stewardship of Presence

	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
October 4		127
October 11	34	71
October 18	40	43
October 25	28	56

## Stewardship of Giving

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Non-Pledged</u>
October 4	2464.00	875.00
October 11	1990.00	358.00
October 18	2889.00	181.00
October 25	1654.00	143.00

# YOKEFELLOW

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

For November  
Spaghetti or Spaghetti Sauce

*Although any non-perishable  
item will be accepted*

### Dog/Cat Food Needed

The Junior Daughters of the King have been collecting dog and cat food to give to pets belonging to senior citizens in the county who receive Meals on Wheels. Please consider buying extra bags of dog/cat food to help with this project. (See Susan Keith for more information.)



## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 6:00 pm in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. Ed Richardson opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The September 14, 2009 minutes 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. The fence at the rectory has been repaired.
8. Installation of a rail at the sidewalk at the back of the church has been completed.
9. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Evangelism, Education and Service.
10. Items left from The Marketplace were donated to Habitat for Humanity and Hospice of Rutherford County.
11. Twenty (20) bears to be dressed and twenty-five (25) stockings to be filled are available to parishioners for Christmas Cheer this year.
12. Susan Keith has been named Junior Directress (Junior Daughters of the King) for both the Diocese of WNC and Province IV.
13. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept a letter of resignation from Lesley Bush, Parish Administrator who is accepting a full-time position with Tryon Presbyterian Church. Lesley's last day in the office will be Friday, December 18, 2009.
14. Motion was made, seconded and carried to absorb the estimated shortfall on actual expenditures over receipts from the General Fund not to exceed \$15,000 by the end of this year.
15. We will have an opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity at the November Potluck.
16. Russ Smith, Missionary to Chile, will speak at the services on November 8.
16. The Daughters of the King Installation Service is scheduled for November 8.
17. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - "A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

On **November 29, 2009**, the Christian Education Committee of St. Francis Episcopal Church will sponsor an Advent event entitled, "**A Night of Christmas Memories**" in the Parish House at **6:00 pm**. On this night, activities for the whole family will be available. Children will be making ornaments and an Advent Calendar. Adults will have the opportunity to create a Christmas Shoebox for a Soldier.

Following the craft/activity time, there will be music and food. You are asked to bring a food item that normally would be served at a party or family gathering during the holiday season (cookies, dessert bars, cakes, dips, candies, etc.) Please submit your recipe for the item you plan to bring to Liz Segers or Anita Quinley by Sunday, November 22. (see below) All recipes will be compiled in a cookbook for you to take home on the night of the event.

Everyone has certain family traditions or memories of a favorite Christmas. Perhaps you have a special tradition or holiday memory that you would like to share at this event. Please let Liz or Anita know if you would be willing to share your tradition or memory with the group that night. One example of a Christmas tradition/memory comes from a lady named Lois who lives in Kentucky who shared this with her church -

*"Growing up in Eastern Kentucky, our family was very poor. We had a small cedar Christmas tree each year that we cut down from our field. We made paper chains and filled the tree with homemade ornaments. Daddy would save the foil wrappers from his cigarette packages for us to use. We would then collect Sweet Gum balls that had fallen off the trees and wrap them with the foil that Daddy had given us. We would hang the silver balls on the tree. It was a lot of fun making these ornaments with my brothers and sisters each year. We didn't have many decorations or expensive gifts in our house, but I*

*remember how excited we were to celebrate Christmas together as a family. I will never forget the love we had for each other growing up in Eastern Kentucky."*

Lois and her husband were extremely hard workers and became successful business owners. She drove a very expensive car, wore beautiful diamond jewelry, and lived in one of the largest homes in town. However, she never forgot her humble beginnings nor the things in life that really mattered. It was inspiring for her church family to hear her story.

Another story came from a woman named Ingrid who grew up in Germany in the 1930s-

*"Growing up in Germany, our custom at Christmas was to expect St. Nicholas to visit us on Christmas Eve. After coming home from the Christmas Eve Service, we would put our dinner plate under the tree before going to bed. We would wake up on Christmas morning to find that St. Nicholas had been there! He would leave candy, oranges, and nuts on our plates.*

*One year during World War II, our house was bombed during an air raid and was destroyed. My family survived the bombing, but I will never forget how that event changed my life forever. I will always remember the Christmas traditions that were so special to my German childhood."*

During the holiday season, so many of us tend to get caught up in the rush of buying presents, planning parties, etc. Many times, the true meaning of Christmas is lost. Spending time with family and loved ones will always be remembered instead of getting the "biggest gift" or hosting the "most expensive party." **A Night of Christmas Memories** is an event that will remind us to celebrate this Christmas in a way that can be memorable for years to come.

Recipe for: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

8 a.m.	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Gregory	Denise Hempstead	Bill McClain	Dick Wilkins	Richard Williams
<b>Usher</b>	Bill McClain	Kathy Demas	Mary Gregory	Denise Hempstead	Bill McClain
<b>Greeter</b>	Keppie D'Alessio	Doug Elliott	Sue Lloyd	Betty Morehead	Dick Wilkins
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Denise Hempstead	Sue Lloyd	Richard Williams	Joe Sibley	Mary Anne Hamilton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Doug Elliott	Mary Anne Hamilton	Susan Keith	Sue Lloyd	Doug Elliott
<b>Chalicer</b>	Cindy Ruppe	David D'Alessio	Terry Demas	David D'Alessio	Denise Hempstead
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>					
<b>Usher</b>	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Vernon Hoyle	Paula McIntosh	Anita Quinley	Vera Scroggs
<b>Usher</b>	Lee Roberts	Christine Hoyle	Paul McIntosh	Sam Ayers	Bill Coxe
<b>Greeter</b>	Betty Dickey	Beverly Wellborn	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Susan Lester	Larry Lester
<b>Presenters of Bread and Wine</b>	Vera Scroggs Beverly McKinney	James & Liz Segers	Bob & Becky Blanton	Betty Dickey Christine Hoyle	Paula McIntosh Beverly McKinney
<b>Yokefellow</b>	Bill Coxe	Michael Carrier	Blue Pittman	Bill Coxe	Michael Carrier
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Vernon Hoyle	Ted Bell	Julie Pittman	Paula McIntosh	Anita Quinley
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Becky Reger	Susanne Richardson	Lee Roberts	Dee Ullrich	Bob Blanton
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Nancy Bole	Bill Coxe	Richard Gill	Judi Gustafson	Linda Jeanne Harrill
<b>Chalicer</b>	Bob Blanton	Nancy Bole	Dee Ullrich	Susan Keith	Gerry Roberts
<b>Nursery</b>	Linda Bailey Kathy Demas	Sherry Campbell Linda Bailey	Anita Quinley Stephanie Henderson	Denise Hempstead James Segers	Keely McBrayer Bill Coxe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Adult Team
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 am Ruth Henson, Sherry Campbell		10:30 am Phil de Montmollin		
<b>Potluck</b>	Habitat for Humanity				

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT  
AND THEN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY THURSDAY 12:00 NOON. 828-287-3888 (Ext. 4)**

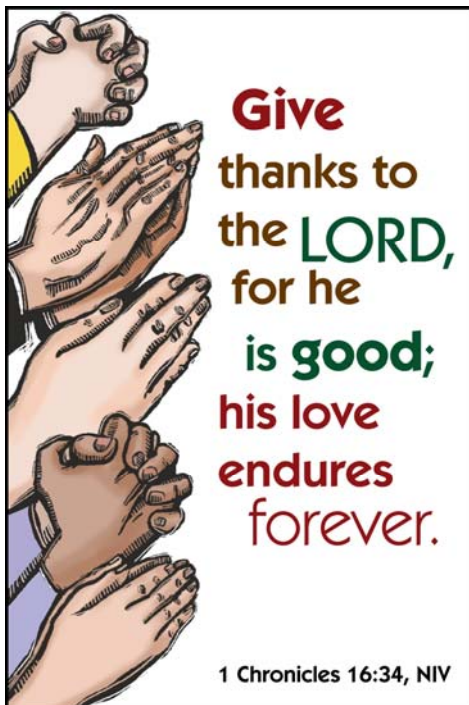
## November Calendar 2009

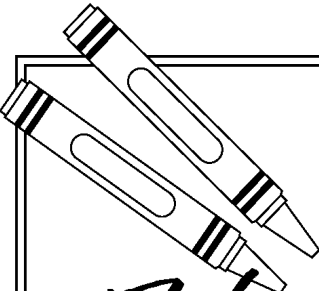
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM HE Rite II 12:00 PM Habitat Potluck</p> <p><b>All Saints' Day</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Day School 6:30 PM NAMI</p> <p><b>Vestry Reports Due</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA</p> <p><b>Election Day</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Study Group 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM HE 3:00 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 AM Samaritan Breakfast 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Day School</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 5:00 PM Jr. DOK</p> <p>DOK Installation</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Day School 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Study Group 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM HE 3:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Frison Meeting</p> <p><b>Veteran's Day</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 AM Samaritan Breakfast 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Day School</p> <p><i>Diocesan Convention</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>Diocesan Convention</i></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Christian Ed Comm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Day School 6:30 PM NAMI</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Study Group 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM HE 3:00 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 AM Samaritan Breakfast 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Day School</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Angel Food Delivery</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 5:00 PM Jr. DOK</p> <p>Acolyte Training</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Day School 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM HE 3:00 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30 AM AA <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 6:00 PM Advent Event</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Day School Christmas Cheer Deadline</p>	<p><u>Potluck - November 1st following the 10:30 am service:</u> Hosts: Habitat for Humanity <u>Coffee Hour:</u> November 1 - 9:00 am Hostesses: Sherry Campbell and Ruth Henson November 15 - 11:30 am Host: Phil de Montmollin</p>				

## Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace of God

Grace of God Mission will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 25. They are dependent upon the churches and individuals in the county to supply the food for that dinner, as well as to help them serve the dinner. Ideally, the food should be prepared and cooked in disposable containers and brought to them that morning. However, their greatest need is for to deliver dinners to folks who cannot get to the mission. If you are willing to deliver meals on that Wednesday, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you.





# Just for KIDS

## He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

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Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

**Across**

- opposite of down
- opposite of up
- more than one loaf
- penniless
- place where God dwells
- bass, halibut, salmon and others
- past tense of give
- a command you give to a dog

**Down**

- another name for humans
- twelve of Jesus' closest friends
- what a lawnmower cuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ giving
- odd number after 4

Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit  
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King Sunday</b>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-9	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Betty Dickey
- 2 Josef Sibley
- 4 Sarah Strand
- 4 Bill Coxe
- 5 Vera Scroggs
- 5 David D'Alessio
- 7 Margaret Ingram
- 8 Robert Wall
- 8 Stephanie Williams
- 8 Ann Coxe
- 9 Cory Henderson
- 13 Mary Brown
- 16 Roscoe Conn
- 17 Johanna Quinley
- 18 Capability Dickerson
- 21 Michael Carrier
- 22 Johnathan Jones
- 24 James Garrett
- 25 Roger Smith
- 26 Liz Segers
- 29 Betty Morehead
- 30 Lynda Bixler

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 John & Susan Keith
- 9 Dickinson & Judi Gustafson
- 21 Robert & Ann Crummie
- 24 Roger & Missy Hughes
- 27 Jesse & Beverly McKinney

### Reminder!!!

If you have not already done so please turn in your Time and Talent, and Financial Pledge Cards this week. We are currently preparing the 2010 budget to present to the Vestry. We will very shortly be identifying the Worship Volunteers and committee members for 2010.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes

Thanks to your generosity, 21 Dinner Boxes have been ordered and will be delivered on November 21 to families within Rutherford County so that they might have a better Thanksgiving.

### Samaritan Breakfast

Thanks to the spirit within St. Francis, people have stepped forward and committed to provide Samaritan Breakfast with the bread, eggs and fruit that we will need for our current customers until early December. We have even received donations of sandwich bags and lunch bags. We still need financial donations to cover the incidentals, such as salt, pepper, jelly, etc.

### Acolytes

There will be a mandatory meeting and training session for all acolytes in the church following the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Anyone who is interested in becoming an acolyte should also attend.** The meeting should last an hour to an hour and a half. Please contact David Lloyd (287-2887) if you have any questions.

## PRAYER CONCERN LIST:

**Sam** Ayers,  
**Reba** Beasley,  
**Gwen** Bole,  
**Julie** Boulay,  
**Kathie** Burgin,  
**Wanda** Byers,  
**Michael** Carrier,  
**Bill** Copenhaver,  
**Karen** Crisp,  
**Michael** D'Alessio,  
**Betty** Elliott,  
**Carolyn** Gardner,  
**Ernestine** Gold,  
**Ed** Goodrich,  
**Jake** Hardin,  
**Ron** Hobson,  
**Scotty** Holt,  
**Momsie** Hyde,

**Joyce** Jaynes,  
**Frances** McLane,  
**Olive** Mistretta,  
**Ackie** Okpych,  
**Haley** Riney,  
**Stevie** Scroggs,  
**Carl** Segers,  
**Austin** Sherer,  
**Julie** Sibley,  
**Sylvia**,  
**Kay** Taylor,  
**Terrie**,  
**Bill** Thomas,  
**Dick** Wilkins,  
**Hilda** Wilson.



### *And Those Serving in the Military...*

**Dustin** Arledge,  
**Ben** Blanton,  
**Jim** Boyette,  
**Cory** Bridges,  
**J. D.** Brock,  
**Julian** Brown,  
**Steve** Browning,  
**Forest** Buff,  
**Scotty** Clark,  
**Blake** Craft,  
**Jamie** Culbreath,  
**Jason** Curl,  
**Andy** Feree,  
**Branson** Garrett,  
**Devon** Glass,  
**Jeffery** Hardin,

**Tony** Hartman,  
**Jason** Hempstead,  
**Brad** Hicks,  
**Patsy** Howard,  
**Robby** Howard,  
**Morris** Jones,  
**Jason** Kallaus,  
**Andrew** Kinard,  
**Troy** Laws,  
**Daniel** Leech,  
**Benjamin** Lucas,  
**Joseph** McComas,  
**Matt** McLane,  
**Drew** Melvin,  
**Michael** Parker,  
**Nina** Paulino,

**Kenneth** Queen,  
**Rory** Semelroth,  
**Jcee** Shaver,  
**Christopher** Smith,  
**David** Smith,  
**Christopher** Strand,  
**Devin** Swinkey,  
**Anthony** Tricarico,  
**Nick** Turner,  
**Eric** Velasquez,  
**Joseph** Watson,  
**Jack** Welsh,  
**Kenneth** Young

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (E.C.W.)

Thanks to all who supported The Marketplace by bringing items to be sold, giving time and talents to help set up, work during the sale and clean up, and by shopping on the day of the sale!

We meet three times a year. Our last meeting of the year will be at the home of Linda Bailey at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12.

Our program will be on **worship**. Deborah Pickard Cheek will be our guest speaker. Debbie is the sister of Charles Pickard. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, John. Their son, J.P., is now attending Belmont College in Nashville, TN. Debbie published the first in a series of DRAW . ME . CLOSE books entitled 'Believe It' in 2005. This book is a guide to teaching adults how to help lead children into a relationship with their Heavenly Father through prayer. It was well received by Sunday schools, family ministries and grade schools. Debbie has now published the second in the series, 'Safe.' In 'Safe' the subject matter is 'Safety' which is a delicate issue for all children. Once again she guides the adult in how to introduce 'God's promise of love and protection. The DRAW . ME . CLOSE series of books are written for ages 0 to 8 years.

**Episcopal Church Women  
(E.C.W.)**

**December 12, 2009  
10:00 a.m.**

**Brunch and Program  
Home of Linda Bailey  
137 Kemit Court  
Bostic, NC**

## Discipleship Through Daily Practices – An Advent Study

### Daily Practices For God's People:

Cultivating Virtues of Christian Living

#### The Three Journeys

##### The Journey Inward:

Honoring the Body, Mind, and Spirit  
Prayer  
Solitude  
Reading Sacred Scripture  
Repentance  
Engaging the Imagination  
Dying Well

##### The Journey Outward:

Hospitality  
Soulful Spending  
Doing Justice  
Evangelism  
Stewardship of Our Possessions  
Practicing Peace

##### The Journey Together:

Stewardship of the Earth  
Community  
Forgiveness  
Reconciliation and Healing  
Observing the Sabbath  
Simple Living  
Discernment

In a recent Weekly Reflection, Bishop Taylor stated, “What struck me ... is the need for us to focus on acting out the faith by daily acts with the people that we encounter in our actual lives. Maybe the world will be changed less by aesthetically pleasing sermons and more by acts of kindness and mercy and justice in the sheer ordinariness of the day. Perhaps I might focus less on ++Rowan Williams and more on the person who waits on me in a restaurant. Maybe he or she is my neighbor. Maybe my baptismal vow to ‘respect the dignity of every human being’ might begin with him or her.”

In an effort to move towards a life of “right practices”, the Diocese is in the process of developing a guideline for helping us explore 20 Christian virtues, what they are, what we believe about them, and how we live them in our lives. This Advent you have an opportunity to begin to explore these virtues. The Daughters of the King will present an Advent Study focusing on one of these virtues on Tuesday nights beginning December 2 at 6:30 p.m.



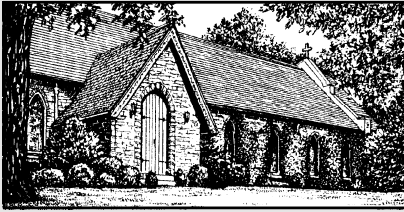
## CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas Cheer is sponsored by The Salvation Army. The project provides assistance to children and their families during the holiday season.

Members of our parish have the opportunity to help this year by filling a large stocking and/or dressing a bear. We have twenty-five (25) large stockings to fill and twenty (20) bears to dress.

Stockings and bears can be found in the narthex of the church. Instructions for filling the stockings are included with each stocking. Items should be returned by November 30.

If you have questions, please call Linda Bailey.



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Newsletter of  
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*The Episcopal Church of Rutherfordton*  
*Established 1842*  
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<i>The People of God</i>	The Ministers
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<i>The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin</i>	Rector
<i>Jobnathan 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

*Josephine Conn, Senior Warden*

*Linda Bailey, Junior Warden*

*Rob Bole, Treasurer*

**2009**

*Linda Bailey*

*Ed Richardson*

*James Segers*

**2010**

*Josephine Conn*

*Susan Keith*

*David Lloyd*

**2011**

*Bill Coxse*

*Dick Gustafson*

*Gerry Roberts*

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

### Our Missionaries:

*Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali  
- China*

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

*Russ & Heidi Smith - Chile*

*Lynn Coulthard - Durgapur*

*Julie & Eric Renzema - S.E. Asia*

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**Potluck Program**  
**Sunday, November 1**  
**following the 10:30 am service**

We will have a special guest join us. Guess who it will be?

The purpose of St. Francis Episcopal Church is to function as a Christian family in which all are nurtured in Jesus Christ through Scripture, sacrament, prayer, and love, enabling us to proclaim God's love joyfully and witness to His power.