



Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Church



November 2007

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

In the comic strip, Hi and Lois, one of the twins asks, as they have gathered around the Thanksgiving table, "Why do we always have turkey on Thanksgiving?"

Lois hesitantly answers, "Well....because it's a tradition."

The other twin asks: "What's a tradition?"

Chip, the older brother interrupts to say, "Something we've been doing so long we can't even remember why."

That's the danger isn't it? That we will forget what we have to be thankful for. And there are so many things. To name a few:

1. We all live in this incredibly beautiful part of the United States. As Phil and I were out driving around recently, all I could see was God's coloring book of golds,

reds, oranges, bronzes, rusts and greens, I got a glimpse of how wonderful creation is and felt joy knowing that God is the creator of us all.

2. We are all made in the image of God and because of that we all possess wonderful gifts. Those gifts give us the deepest joy we can imagine. When we use our gifts and use them well, we are using the gifts that we were created to do, being who we are created to be. Come learn how to use those gifts in the fellowship of the cottage gatherings we will be having in November.

3. We are all part of a family...the family of St. Francis. There is not a more caring, more giving group than the people at St. Francis. If you have any need – visitation, transportation, prayer- we are here for you.

4. St. Francis is one of the most beautiful churches in North Carolina. We must preserve our church and church properties. We are beginning a new approach and that is to have a Restoration Fund. This fund will be for maintaining our church for those who will be worshipping at St. Francis in the future 50, 100 and perhaps 200 more years. To begin this fund, we are producing a wonderful 2008

calendar featuring all of our stain glass windows. Be sure to purchase enough for all your friends and family.

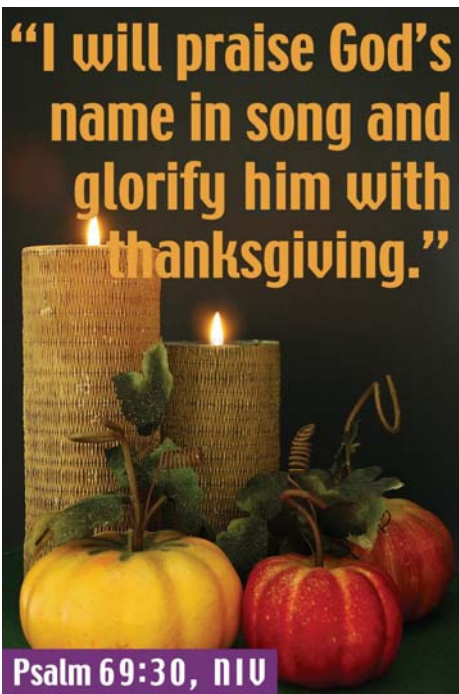
We have one single purpose for Thanksgiving and that is to thank God for being in our lives. But we must realize that there are people in our community who don't have friends or families to gather around a table full of delicious foods. There are those who will be alone. Please reach out to those this holiday season.

This year St. Francis is hosting the annual Rutherford County Community Thanksgiving Service. Please plan to attend on Sunday, November 18th at 7 p.m. with our fellow Christians from other churches as we give thanks for God's many blessings.

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. God is the Giver.

I give thanks to God for each of you being in my life and ministry here at St. Francis.
God bless you.

I leave you with a poem to remind you of your blessings as you drink your cup of coffee with that delicious pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving Day.



Psalm 69:30, NIU

Stewardship of Presence

	8am	11am	6pm	Combined
Oct. 7	30	87	11	128
Oct. 14		111		111
Oct. 21	33	75		108
Oct. 28	34	78		112

Stewardship of Giving

19 items of food for Yokefellow

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
Oct. 7	\$2,069.10	\$926.00
Oct. 14	\$993.00	\$1,041.00
Oct. 21	\$1,041.05	\$549.00
Oct. 28	N/A	N/A

YOKEFELLOW

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

For November
CANNED MEATS

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

Episcopal Church Women



Mark your calendar for the
next

Episcopal Church Women
(ECW) Meeting
Saturday, November 17
10:00 am at the Rectory

The program will focus on WORSHIP.
The Reverend Dee de Montmollin
will be our speaker.

THANK YOU

for making The Marketplace a success!
We made over \$1,400.00 to support ministries
which are not included in the St. Francis Budget
for 2007!

CHRISTMAS CHEER

This year we will be dressing bears as our
participation in Christmas Cheer.

Bears will be available in the
Narthex on Sunday, November 4.
A signup sheet will be available to
include your name, the date you
pick up your bear, and the date
you return the bear.



Thank you for helping with this
ministry!



Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 18
St. Francis Episcopal Church
7:00 pm
Reception will follow
in the Parish House

FROM THE RECTOR

...Continued

Drinking From My Saucer

I've never made a fortune
and it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sow,
I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches
and sometimes the going's tough,
But I've got loving ones around me
and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings
and the mercies He's bestowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

O, Remember times when things went
wrong;

My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke
and sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe
about the tough rows that I've hoed,
I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
to help others bear their loads,
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

-Author Unknown

My cup has overflowed with the love of God for all
of you.

In Christ's love and service,

Dee

The Rev. DeeAnn deMontmollin +

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Our youth have been pretty busy this month! Many of them attended the annual Blessing of the Animals with their beautiful (and reptilian) pets! The middle school class has begun making our Jesse Tree Ornaments this month, as well. The Jesse Tree is a way to remember and re-tell the story of the Old Testament and to remind us of the days of Jesus and his teachings. Many different crafts will be made and we started it off by making Jacob's Ladder out of popsicle sticks! Three of our youth participated in confirmation this month, as well. Terry Demas, Lee Roberts, and Alex Spence have been attending many sessions of study for over two months to fully understand their very mature decision in their relationship with Christ. Make sure to give them a hearty congratulations when you see them this month. We also had a memorable Halloween-themed movie night at the Parish House and a treat-filled night of Trade or Treating where we went door to door collecting candy and exchanging bookmarks with our church's information of worship times, the Prayer of St. Francis, and the Youth website information. Another great way for our youth to get out into the community and spread God's word.

Amberleigh

Amberleigh Richardson
Youth Director



YOUTH NEWS

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. The meeting opened with a devotional by Dick Wilkins.
2. The minutes of the July 11 and July 26, 2007 meetings were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. Large print bulletins are now available in our worship service.
6. The Senior Warden's Report and the Junior Warden's Report were received.
7. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism and Education.
8. Motion was made, seconded and carried to hire Cindy Hill as the new Financial Manager.
9. A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold \$20,000 as a reserve in the General Fund at all times.
10. A motion was made, seconded and carried to create an irrevocable trust fund from the proceeds from the Edna Hampton Estate.
11. A motion was made, seconded and carried to use The Western

North Carolina Community Foundation for the Edna Hampton Estate.

12. The heating and air conditioning system in the church was replaced during the month of July.
13. There is a need for a missionary liaison to receive email updates.
14. Sherry Clubb is the new director for Day School.
15. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention in November are David Lloyd and Ed Richardson with Susan Keith and Linda Bailey as alternates.

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. The meeting opened with a devotional by Marian Beavers.
2. The minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. Life Journey, a book featuring life journeys of parishioners of St. Francis Church, is available at a cost of \$5.
6. The Community

Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church on Sunday, November 18. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

7. The Diocesan Convention will be held November 8-10.
8. The Advent Retreat will be Saturday, December 1.
9. Deborah Brinson, Celtic folk harpist, will be playing at the midnight Christmas Eve service this year.
10. The Senior Warden's Report and the Junior Warden's Report were received.
11. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care, and Service.
12. The Marketplace raised over \$1,400. Twenty-three family units participated by donating to the fundraiser. Ministries of the Habitat Resale Store and The Salvation Army were supported by furnishing the organizations with items left from the fundraiser.
13. The library has been moved to the Parish House.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 4	Proper 26 All Saints Day Service	Psalm 149	Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 11	Proper 27	Psalm 17	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Luke 20:27, 34-38
Nov. 18	Proper 28	Psalm 65	Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10	James 1:17-18, 21-27	Matthew 6:25-33
Nov. 25	Proper 29 Christ the King Sunday	Psalm 46	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:35-43

November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Church Potluck: 4th - Denise Hempstead</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship: 4th - Phil de Montmollin</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee Fellowship: 18th - Rebecca Melton and Eric Truempy</p>				<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga-Advanced 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Labyrinth Construction</p>
				<p>All Saints' Day</p>		
<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM Potluck 5:00 PM Cursillo 6:00 PM Contemporary Eucharist</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 PM Girl Scouts 5:30 PM LEM Training</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Carolina Cafe 5:30 PM Handchimes 6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Healing Service 5:15 PM Joiful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga-Advanced 6:30 PM EFM</p> <p><i>Diocesan Convention at Kanuga Conference Center</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Diocesan Convention at Kanuga Conference Center</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Labyrinth Construction</p> <p><i>Diocesan Convention at Kanuga Conference Center</i></p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 11:00 AM HE Rite II</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Carolina Cafe 5:30 PM Handchimes 6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Healing Service 5:15 PM Joiful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga-Advanced 11:00 AM Yoga-Beginner 6:30 PM EFM 6:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Junior DOK</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Labyrinth Construction</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM Christian Ed Comm 12:30 PM Coffee Hour 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service & Reception</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM NAMI</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Carolina Cafe 5:30 PM Handchimes 6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Healing Service 5:15 PM Joiful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>22</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Labyrinth Construction</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 11:00 AM HE Rite II 12:30 PM DOK</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast @ Carolina Cafe 5:30 PM Handchimes 6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Healing Service 5:15 PM Joiful Noyz 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga-Advanced 11:00 AM Yoga-Beginner 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p>30</p>	

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

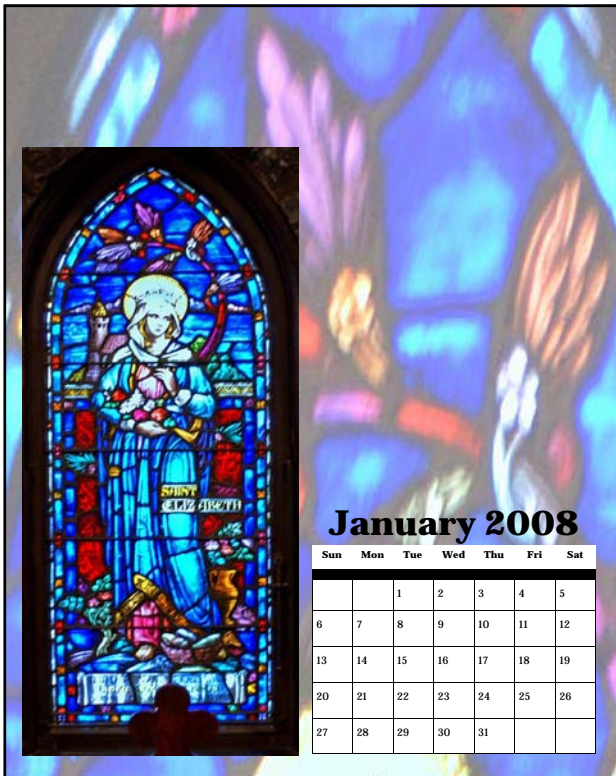
8:00	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov
Usher	Richard Williams	Mary Gregory	Doug Price	William McClain
Usher	Roy Morehead	Denise Hempstead	Josef Sibley	James Brown
Greeter	Kathy Demas	James Brown	Dick Wilkins	Martha Wilkins
Reader	Mary Gregory	Marian Beavers	Richard Williams	Sue Lloyd
Chalicer	Cynthia Ruppe	David D'Alessio	Josef Sibley	Susan Keith
Sunday School Greeter	Diane Dickerson	Magi King	Anita Quinley	Judy Scott
11:00				
Usher	Betty Dickey	Don Corry	Bob Blanton	Bud Quinley
Usher	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Lyn Corry	Becky Reger	Anita Quinley
Greeter	Paula McIntosh	Becky Reger	Art Tucker	Betty Dickey
Oblationer	Carolyn Gardner	Gordon Scott	Vera Scroggs	Linda Jeanne Harrill
Oblationer	Sam Ayers	Judy Scott	Betty Dickey	Rebecca Melton
Yokefellow	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier
1st Reader	Grace Melton	Paula McIntosh	Susan Keith	Susanne Richardson
2nd Reader	Madeline Demas	Bill Coxe	Nancy Bole	Miriam Dixon
Prayers	Mary Brown	Barbara Hobson	Judi Gustafson	Roscoe Conn, Sr.
Chalicer	Susan Keith	Anita Quinley	Ed Richardson	Dee Ullrich
		Eric Truempy		
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead
	Rebecca Melton		Susan Melvin	James Segers
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
Coffee Hour 8	Phil de Montmollin			
Coffee Hour 11			Rebecca Melton	
			Eric Truempy	
Potluck	Denise Hempstead			

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
AND **THEN** CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. 828-287-3888

FALL UTO INGATHERING

The United Thank Offering is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessing in our everyday lives—for good weather, happy times, job opportunity, safe travel---there are so many things for which we can be thankful. At the very least, we can be thankful to God for blessings and take action by putting coins in the Blue Box or using the envelopes provided in the pews. It is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with the prayers and offerings of Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world. Over 100 grants are awarded each year. These grants address compelling human need and/or expansion of mission and ministry.

On Sunday, November 11th, bring your Blue Box/Envelope to church for the Fall Ingathering. Many of you were out of town during the Spring Ingathering, so we hope all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to give. Any amount is greatly appreciated!



The Windows of St. Francis Episcopal Church 2008 Calendar

Available early November.

Profits from the sale of this calendar will help establish a Restoration Fund for the upkeep of our 108 year old church building!

Holy Listening:

Becoming Aware of the Presence of God

An Advent Retreat

An opportunity to open ourselves (mind, body and spirit) to the Presence of God. Learn how to use all our senses to become closer to God in all things of life.

This retreat will take the form of presentations, meditations and silence. An indoor labyrinth will be available for meditation time. The retreat will end with Eucharist.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

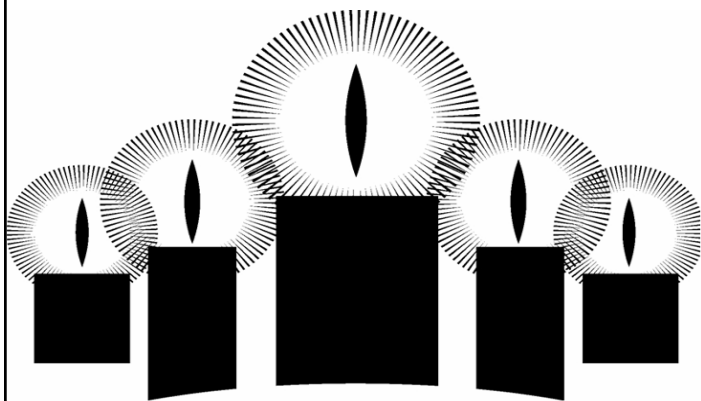
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Francis Episcopal Church

Cost is \$15 (includes lunch)

Please call the church office
287-3888 or email the church
stfrancis@rfci.net
by November 26 to register

*Sponsored by the Phoebe Chapter,
Daughters of The King*



Advent

HOLY LISTENING RETREAT

MITE BOX OFFERING FOR DURGAPUR



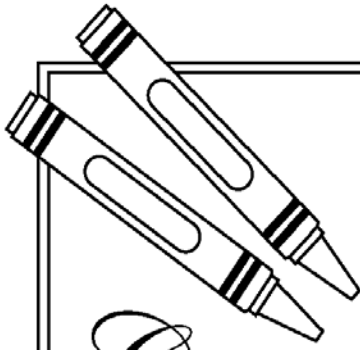
Last year the people of the diocese collected hundreds of “shoeboxes for Christmas” for the children of our companion diocese of Durgapur. The response was overwhelming and these were packed up, shipped to India and were gratefully received.

When the program was reviewed, we were shocked to find that the shipping costs were horrendous. It cost approximately \$12 per box to ship them to India. When the Committee on the Companion Diocese reviewed this we wanted to come up with a way to be better stewards of our resources in this ministry.

This year, we decided to start a “mite box” program and have the supplies that go into these Christmas gifts purchased in India rather than having to ship them. The mite box program goes back over 50 years to a program where children took these small cardboard boxes and put their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills in the mite box during Lent and then they were ingathered on Easter Sunday.

Today we still use this approach for the UTO offering and the “Hope Chests” for ERD. We have received a supply of these mite boxes and we will have our ingathering of this offering on the first Sunday of Advent.

INGATHERING ON DECEMBER 2, 2007



Just for **KIDS**

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS."
GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE
FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE
NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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| 13 + 13 = ____ Christ | 2 + 2 = ____ the |
| 8 + 8 = ____ us | 10 - 5 = ____ God |
| 8 + 9 = ____ in | 4 + 4 = ____ of |
| 5 + 5 = ____ Lord | 9 + 9 = ____ the |
| 10 + 11 = ____ with | 10 + 13 = ____ spiritual |

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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Holiday Candle

On Thanksgiving, we share a special meal with family and friends. Make this holiday candle as a festive centerpiece for your table.

What you need:

- Paper towel
- One 8-oz. clear plastic cup
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
- Paper or plastic disposable bowl
- About 8 oz. of a variety of dried beans, peas, corn, etc.
- Bottle of white glue
- Plastic spoon
- An 8- to 10-inch taper or dinner candle
- Adult to help



What you do:

1. Using the paper towel, rub a generous amount of petroleum jelly on the inside of the cup (bottom and sides).
2. In a bowl, pour the dried-bean mixture.
3. Squeeze enough glue into the bean mixture to generously coat it. Stir the mixture with the spoon.
4. Spoon about half of the bean mixture into the greased cup. Then place the candle, with any plastic wrapping removed, into the center of the mixture. Next, fill the cup with the rest of the mixture. Smooth the top to make it flat, making sure the candle stays straight.
5. Squeeze extra glue around the hole made by the candle. Let the bean mixture dry completely, which could take a day or longer.
6. When the bean mixture is dry, gently pull the candle. Both the candle and beans should come out as one. (If they don't, pour more glue and wait another day.)
7. Place your candle on a small plate for a festive Thanksgiving centerpiece.

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Betty Dickey	16 Roscoe Conn
2 Josef Sibley	17 Johanna Quinley
3 Donna Ojala	18 Capability Dickerson
4 Sarah Strand	19 Ben Lucas
4 William Coxe	21 Michael Carrier
5 Vera Scroggs	22 Johnathan Jones
5 David D'Alessio	22 Dorothy Goodrich
7 Margaret Ingram	22 William Lemon
8 Robert Wall	23 Martha Revis
8 Stephanie Williams	26 Jim Campbell
8 Ann Coxe	26 Liz Segers
13 Mary Brown	26 Scotty Segers
15 Dagmara Cowan	28 Roger Smith
16 Ramona Freeman	29 Betty Morehead

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 John & Susan Keith
9 Dickinson & Judith Gustafson
21 Robert & Ann Crummie
24 Roger & Missy Hughes
27 Jesse & Beverly McKinney
30 Rodney & Kathy Coutu

THOMPSON ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING November 18, 2007



Thompson Child & Family Focus impacts the lives of over 2,000 children each year, through programs that embrace treatment, education and care.

A little girl or boy walks through the doors of Thompson – desperate, alone and afraid – only to emerge a few months later, secure in the knowledge that she or he is, indeed, valuable, worthy and loved within the Dream of God.

The magic number for these children is “20”. Seems insignificant, but it’s really just the opposite.

If EACH adult communicant in North Carolina’s Episcopal churches gives just \$20 to the Thompson Thanksgiving Offering, we could raise \$1.4 million for the children God calls us to serve.

You, our friends and supporters, create the reality that enables our children to “defy gravity” and soar into their possibilities.

Look for the bright orange envelope on Sunday, November 18, 2007, and fill it with the incredible power of “20’s”!

LABYRINTH PROGRESS

Thanks to the great diligence of some people, the inner half of the Labyrinth is almost done. We still need to trench the outer half and then set the stones. We have a good cadre of stone setters that have become fairly efficient on the harder half of the job, but they could definitely use some help on the easier, but larger half. Now that the weather has cooled off we will have a couple of all-day work parties with lunch provided. We could possibly finish off the Labyrinth in short order with a couple of good days. The Daughters of the King would like to acknowledge the people who have come out to work the last few Saturdays:

9/22/07 - Anita & Bud Quinley, Melanie & Brad Greenway, Dee+, Susan Keith
9/29/07 - Anita Quinley, Magi King, Members of the Order of the Arrow, Susan Keith
10/6/07 - Susan Keith
10/13/07 - Joe & Vicky Dury, Dee+, Susan Keith
10/22/07 - Dee+, Susan Keith

We would especially like to thank Joe Middleton who spent his last two mornings in town trenching out a quarter section of the Labyrinth so that the stone setters would be able to continue working. This list also leaves out all the wonderful people who helped move the stones and got the initial work started.

A THANKSGIVING LITANY

by Susan Keith

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise your name. We give you thanks for your hand in our lives.

We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For all of creation, for the seas and the dry land for the stars and the sky. *We give you thanks Dear Lord.*

For our forefathers
For Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For our foremothers
For Sarah and Rachel, for Priscilla and Phoebe
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For the continuing cycle of life
For the fires that assure that cycle
For the rains that quench the thirst of the dry ground
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For those brave souls that follow your calling. For the firefighters who risk their lives to save ours. For the astronauts who risk their lives to enhance ours. For the soldiers and sailors who risk their lives for our security.
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For the people in our lives. For those who have survived the dangers of this age. For our families who love us in spite of ourselves. For our churches that bring us together in your presence.
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

For all your blessings that you shower us with every day. For employment, in whatever form it may take. For food and the nourishment you provide us with. For the pets that you allow us to hold close.
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

We give you thanks, Abba, Father
For giving us your Son to give us the path back to you for giving us your Holy Spirit to guide us along that path.
We give you thanks Dear Lord.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Ayden,
Andy Barnes,
Reba Beasley,
Wanda Byers,
Michael Carrier,
Rose Lee Crutcher,
Betty Elliott,
Carolyn Gardner,
Ernestine Gold,
Ed Goodrich,
Katie Graham,
Ron Haines,
Hannah,

Ron Hobson,
Jahnnie,
George Lancaster,
Elizabeth Laughter,
Laura,
Franklyn McIntosh,
Betty Morehead,
Richard Morgan,
Arabella Philbeck,
Beth Philbeck,
Jason Philbeck,
Haley Riney,
Anita Russell,

Kenneth Scroggs,
Stevie Scroggs,
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Jack Warmath,
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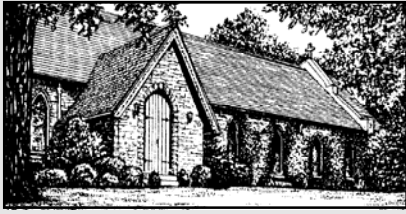
And Those Serving in the Military...

Ben Blanton,
Jim Boyette,
Cory Bridges,
J. D. Brock,
Forest Buff,
Scotty Clark,
Blake Craft,
Kyle Eller,
Andy Feree,
Branson Garrett,
Jason Hill,
Patsy Howard,
Robby Howard,

Natahley Infante,
Jason Kallaus,
Seth Keller,
Baxter Keys,
Andrew Kinard,
Tony Laws,
Troy Laws,
Daniel Leech,
Joseph McComas,
Drew Melvin,
Alaina Parker,
Michael Parker,
Nina Paulino,

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Rory Semelroth,
Chris Sikes,
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Jerome Smith,
Emmanuel Spencer,
Christopher Strand,
Kenneth Young

“Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...” Ephesians 6:18



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2007

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2008

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The Vestry meets the second Monday of every month.

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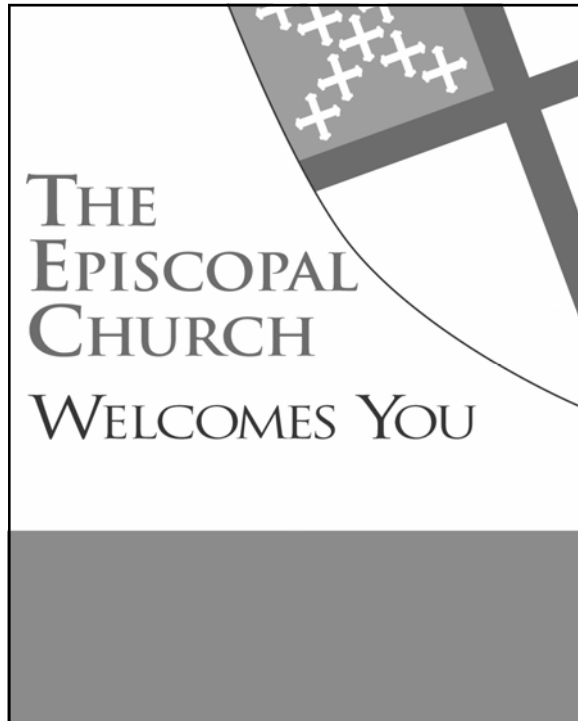
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