



# Through The Lych Gate of Saint Francis Church



February 2008

Colossians 3:

*Clothe yourselves in the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge of its creator. As God's chosen ones, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

These are God's words to us today. Every week at the end of the 11:00 o'clock service we sing that surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. For the presence of the Lord to be here, the gift of the Holy Spirit is to be with us. When we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we realize that the gift is not static but changing, dynamic. For St. Francis to continue to grow, we must know the Holy Spirit in our hearts, nurture that and let it grow. And then we can clothe ourselves in love.

How do we know this growth? We know when we see more and more people at worship each Sunday. In fact, we have had our fourth straight year of gain in average Sunday attendance, up 25% since 2003. We know when we see more and more children in Sunday School. There is also a growth in our own spirituality occurring all the time.

We are to have change if the presence of the Lord is surely with us. This past year some changes

have been:

1. The establishment of the St. Francis Restoration Fund. A fund that will assure that everyone will enjoy the historical building and stain glass windows of St. Francis for 100's of years to come.
2. Amberleigh Richardson is our new youth director. She and Andrew come to us with youth, enthusiasm, creative ideas, and a sense of humor.
3. Cindy Hill is now the Finance Manager. Lesley Bush continues being our Parish Administration.
4. We have a new air conditioner/heater for the church and have had tremendous work done on our trees, both pruning and removal. We will continue to access our properties and care for them.
5. Because of a generous and loving angel, the Cloister House is being redecorated and is much more comfortable for our meetings.
6. Since our church is used primarily on Sundays, we have reached out and made our facilities available during the week for NAMI meetings, Girl Scout meetings, Rutherford Foundation meetings, and Yoga classes.
7. This past year we continued to focus on prayer, the foundation of our faithfulness. The Daughters of the King pray daily for all of you

and for special needs. I pray for you during my own spiritual times. We began construction of the labyrinth or 'circle of prayer.' We will have that finished soon. This will give you and others in our community a place to come and be with God in a traditional form of prayer that has been used since the 1200's.

We must always remember that there are many who are unable to be with us on Sunday mornings. I continue to make 100's of hospital, nursing home, and home visits. Assisting me with this are the Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Our tape ministry assures that they can hear the service. It is also available to you.

The most important relationship is that one you have with your Lord. All that you do here at St. Francis is important ...yet, what is most important is each of you deepening your spirituality. We will explore our own spiritual uniqueness in our Lenten studies this year. I hope that on Tuesday evenings, our Parish House will be as filled as at Pot Luck Sunday. We will explore how we can deepen our spiritual ministries here at St. Francis to better serve our Lord.

I have mentioned this before but I was told by a very wise bishop when I was a seminarian that he has never seen a church not grow spiritually if the church gives a tithe or 10% of their budget to others. He feels that for individuals

## Stewardship of Presence

	8am	11am	6pm	Total
Jan. 6	29	106	6	141
Jan. 13	38	73		111
Jan. 20	21	84		105
Jan. 27	32	84		115

## Stewardship of Giving

52 items of food for Yokefellow

There were 205 visits to the web site,  
looking at 313 pages.

## FROM THE RECTOR

...Continued

also - even if they cannot tithe but are working towards one. On that day years ago, I prayed that I would be a rector of such a church.

Well, I feel I am a rector of such a church. It is here, St. Francis Episcopal Church. As a church, we give more than our tithe. Because of your generous giving, we will give 16.4% of our budget to others which counts our diocesan pledge. Of that, 7.4% is for missions and outreach. I have faith that each of you will be working towards your own tithe.

Let's clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and love. Let's continue to grow in the Holy Spirit together. Let us never lose sight of the homeless, the needy. For in serving those, we serve Jesus himself.

It continues to be an incredible privilege to serve God here at St. Francis. I will continue to pray for each of you as we spiritually grow together. Pray for me also.

In Christ's love,

Dee+

The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+

*(The above is a copy of the remarks made at the Annual Meeting on January 6, 2008.)*

# YOKEFELLOW

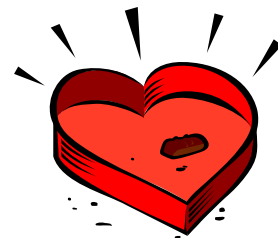
Service Center, Inc.  
102 Blanton Street ~ Spindale, NC

For February  
**CANNED VEGETABLES**  
*(Although any non-perishable  
item will be accepted)*



Thompson Child &  
Family Focus  
Campbell's Soup  
Labels Needed

Please place untrimmed whole labels in the area designated in the narthex of the church.  
ECW will be sure they are sent to Thompson Child & Family Focus.



**“Love actually...is CHOCOLATE!”**  
after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am services  
February 10, 2008  
in the Cloister House  
Homemade goodies for Valentine's Day.

*Love actually...is CHOCOLATE will be hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Francis Church. Proceeds will be used to support ministries within the parish, diocese, community and world.*

# KID'S PAGE

## Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

**Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.**

### What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

### What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

**Just for KIDS**

**LOVE**

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>The Last Sunday After the Epiphany</b>	Psalm 2	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	Psalm 32	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	1 Corinthians 12:1-13	Matthew 4:1-11
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Psalm 121	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>	Psalm 95	Exodus 17:1-17	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-41



### IN PREPARATION FOR LENT A CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE.

#### JOIN US

for a Morning Service of  
**SCRIPTURE, SILENCE AND SONG**  
in the style of the **TAIZE COMMUNITY**

**SATURDAY MORNING  
FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM**

Come for just one hour or for 2 or 3.

**EXPERIENCE THIS TAIZE WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**AS YOUR PERSONAL PREPARATION  
FOR THE LENTEN SEASON.**

*Sponsored by St. Peter by-the-Lake  
Episcopal Daughters of the King  
for members of this and other local communities,  
St. Peter by-the-Lake Episcopal Church congregation, friends  
and visitors.*

Bring a friend or spouse, or come alone.

We look forward to sharing this “calming and quieting of  
our souls” together in the presence of God. (*Psalm 131*)

St. Peter-by-the-Lake Episcopal Church  
8433 Fairfield Forest Road, Denver, NC 28037 704-483-3460

**(Contact Susan Keith if you would like to attend.)**

## JOIFUL NOYZ MEALS NEEDED!

We are looking for people to help provide meals for our children's choir, Joiful Noyz. We need the meals delivered to the Cloister House on Wed. by 5:15 p.m. You do not have to provide drinks or plates and silverware. Just a wonderful, delicious meal to feed 4 children and 2 adults. Meals can also be brought frozen on Sunday and I will cook it for the following Wednesday. If you can help, please call me at 429-2895 or e-mail at [kathydemas@msn.com](mailto:kathydemas@msn.com). March 5th, 12th and all of April are still to be filled. If you can't help provide a meal, we can also take donations of paper plates, cups, napkins, forks and spoons. We also take monetary donations and then go out and buy a meal for that Wednesday for you if you would like to help that way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that have provided and will provide a meal for Joiful Noyz. Your help has made all the difference.

Kathy Demas



# February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Church Potluck:</b> 3rd - Rebecca &amp; Grace Melton, Kathy Demas</p> <p><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship:</b> 3rd - Denise Hempstead</p> <p><b>11:00 am Coffee Fellowship:</b> 17th - Rebecca, Grace &amp; Caroline Melton</p>					1	2 8:30 AM Evangelism Comm. Breakfast
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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
Usher	Mary Anne Hamilton	Mary Anne Hamilton	Mary Anne Hamilton	Mary Anne Hamilton
Usher	Mary Gregory	Mary Gregory	Mary Gregory	Mary Gregory
Greeter	Jane Cassada	Keppie D'Alessio	Doug Elliot	Sue Lloyd
Reader	Linda Bailey	Marian Beavers	Miriam Dixon	Doug Elliot
Chalicer	David D'Alessio	Denise Hempstead	Cynthia Ruppe	Josef Sibley
Acolytes				
Sunday School Greeter				
11:00				
Usher	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill
Usher	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe	Bill Coxe
Greeter	Betty Dickey	Paula McIntosh	Susan Keith	Beverly McKinney
Oblationer	Don Corry	Rebecca Melton	Betty Dickey	Anita Quinley
Oblationer	Michael Carrier	Susan Keith	James Segers	Liz Segers
Yokefellow	Blue Pittman	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier
1st Reader	Bob Blanton	Rosco Conn, Sr.	Judy Gustafson	Barbara Hobson
2nd Reader	Vernon Hoyle	Miriam Dixon	Paula McIntosh	Rebecca Melton
Prayers	Nancy Bole	Anita Quinley	Rebecca Reger	Susanne Richardson
Chalicer	Dee Ullrich	Gerry Roberts	Don Corry	Bob Blanton
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead
	Kathy Demas	Diane Dickerson	Beverly McKinney	James Segers
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
Coffee Hour 8	Denise Hempstead			
Coffee Hour 11			Rebecca & Grace Melton	
			Caroline Melton	
Potluck	Rebecca & Grace Melton			
	Kathy Demas			

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

Stewardship

## Frequently Asked Questions About Serving/Ministry at St. Francis

*How come I am not being scheduled to \_\_\_\_\_ anymore?*

Did you fill out a Time and Talent Pledge card for this year? At one time, people complained that once they signed up for something they could never get back off that list. That was addressed by the use of the Time and Talent Pledge card. Each year most ministry lists at St. Francis are wiped clean and only those names who signed up for that ministry on their Time and Talent Pledge card were put back on the list. So if you read lessons last year and have not been scheduled this year, you should check to see if your Time and Talent Pledge card was received and if you checked Lector on the card.

*I think I would like to serve on the \_\_\_\_\_, but I don't know who to approach?*

You could fill out a Time and Talent Pledge card and check the line for that ministry area. Your name will be given to the chair or coordinator of that ministry and they should contact you to discuss your serving.

*I'm new to St. Francis and I used to \_\_\_\_\_ at my former church. I don't know too many people here and don't know who I should talk to about serving at St. Francis.*

You can always speak with the Rector as you are going out the door. However, what should work just as well is to find one the vestry members at your service and talk with them. They will be able to introduce you to the person coordinating the ministry area that you are interested in. You can identify a vestry member by the vestry pin they wear whenever they are at a church service.



*I signed up to do \_\_\_\_\_, but now find that I am not able to. How do I get off the list for this ministry?*

The best way to get off the list is to contact the coordinator for that ministry area. If you do not know who that is, then contact the Parish Office and let Lesley know that you need to get off that ministry. He will let the appropriate coordinator know. Do not be surprised if that coordinator calls to check on you after they get the notice from Lesley. We care about each other at St. Francis and want to help where we can.

Susan Keith, Stewardship Chair

## AWAKENING YOUR SPIRITUALITY

*Are you ready to finally find out?*



St. Francis is a spiritually gifted church because the church is the body of Christ. The church needs spiritual gifts to reach its full potential as a life-sharing body. For us to continue to grow spiritually, we need to awaken our own individual spiritual gifts. This Lenten season we have an opportunity to do that.

This Lent join us for our exciting Lenten Program, *Awakening Your Spirituality*. Are you ready to finally find out what your ministry gifts truly are?

The program will begin on Tuesday, February 13, 2008 and continue for five weeks. Tuesdays during Lent begin with the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, Soup and Bread Dinner at 6pm and our Lenten Program at 6:30 pm.

The facilitators for the Lenten Program will be Susan Keith, Linda Jeanne Harrill, Richard Williams and The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin.

Come. Awaken your own spirituality and realize that you are a vital part of the body of Christ - a vital part of the community of St. Francis Episcopal Church. We can't be the spiritually gifted church that Christ intended us to be without you!

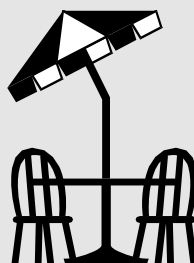
*The time is now.  
Are you ready?*

## FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

What a busy Youth we have here at St. Francis! Our middle school class has been getting to know one another and are developing deeper relationships with themselves and their walks with Christ. We do this using worksheets that get us talking, discussing, and really sharing our thoughts on topics such as parents, praying, honesty, material wants, and many more. I am so amazed at what mini-adults we have- their topics and concerns are above their age levels and I am happy to share my experiences and life lessons along with them each week. We *are* quickly growing out of our small room in the Parish House (which is a very good thing!) and are very much looking forward to our future move to the basement of the church-making it a great hang-out spot. We've been enjoying some basketball and football on these chilly mornings and evenings after Movie Nights, and are planning on painting half court lines on the parking lot for our basketball hoop outside to make it feel more like a real court. We are having a Pancake Supper filled with fun, friends, and plenty of Mardi Gras beads! All of this is to help raise more money for our Youth- I have plenty of ideas to enrich their experiences at St. Francis, but it takes a few funds to do so. A Ski Trip is planned for February 10 where we will meet with others from the diocese to enjoy a day of worship, snow, and memories. The younger Youth are eager for a trip "just for them" and Kathy Demas and I have some plans in the works for their own trip. All in all, our members of our Youth are such a special group of kids and I am blessed to be a small part of their lives!

Love to my "kids",  
Amberleigh Richardson

### NEEDED:



Do you have any outside porch furniture that you would like to donate to St. Francis? We are trying to fix up the area between the parish house and the Sunday School rooms for an outside meeting area for the youth. Please call the church if you are this generous person.

## A Call to the Observance of a Holy Lent



### Ash Wednesday

February 6th  
Holy Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes.  
7 a.m. & 12:05 & 6:00 p.m.

### Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 7 a.m.  
beginning February 13th

### Holy Eucharist with Healing Services

Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
beginning February 13<sup>rd</sup>

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays 12 noon  
beginning February 8th

### Lenten Study

*Awakening Your Spirituality*  
5 consecutive Tuesdays  
beginning February 12th  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m., following  
Stations of the Cross at 5:30  
and Soup & Bread supper  
at 6:00 p.m.



## Holy Week Services

March 16-23, 2008



### Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist and  
Distribution of Palms  
8 and 11 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Monday thru Thursday  
12:05 p.m.

### Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

### Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Wednesday 10 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday

#### Passover Seder

6:00 p.m.  
Stripping of the altar  
and foot washing following  
the Seder dinner.

### Good Friday

12 noon - 3 p.m.  
*Seven Words  
from the Cross,*  
concluding with  
Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 a.m.

### Easter Sunday

Festival Eucharist  
8 and 11 a.m.

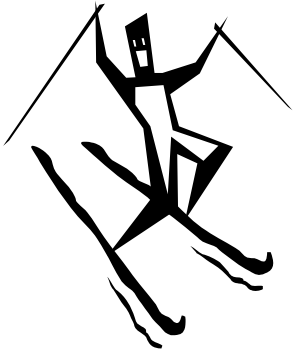
*The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is available to anyone who desires  
to make confession during Lent.*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Bailey	17 Linda Norris
3 Ross Beavers	17 Lassen Thomas
3 Roscoe Conn, Sr.	19 Lynne Tanner
3 Larry Thompson	19 Doug Price
5 Marilyn Harmeyer	20 Drew McClain
8 Susanne Richardson	28 Nancy Tucker
10 Nancy Bole	28 Ann Crummie
13 Olive Mistretta	28 Keppie D'Alessio
14 Reid Crummie	28 Michael Taylor
15 James Segers	28 R.B. McBrayer, IV

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Donald & Jane Bell  
20 Edward & Susanne Richardson



### EYC Diocesan Ski Trip

Sunday, February 10, 2008  
Beech Mountain, Beech  
Mountain, NC

Lift Tickets: \$24, Ski Rental: \$13,  
Snowboard Rental: \$25  
Group Lesson (optional): \$10

*If you would like to attend this event please contact  
Amberleigh Richardson.*



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**February 5**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Adults: \$5.00 /Children (6-12) \$3.00 /  
Children (under 6) Free

*Proceeds will go to support the Youth  
Ministry at St. Francis Church.*



### Acolyte Training

Sunday,  
February 17

*Following the  
11:00 am  
service.*

## LENTEN READING SUGGESTIONS

Bring special focus to your Lenten discipline by reading one or more of the following books and reflections. Reasonably priced used copies are available from amazon.com.

**A Season for the Spirit** – Martin L. Smith - ISBN 1-56101-026-X – Readings for the days of Lent with Forward by the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

**A Time to Turn: Anglican Readings for Lent and Easter Week** – Christopher Webber (Editor) – ISBN 978-081922-1100 – The book draws on the best sermons, books, poems, and hymns of Anglican writers throughout the centuries, with a reading for each day.

**Alleluia is the Song of the Desert: An Exercise for Lent and other Sacred Times** – Lawrence D. Hart – ISBN 978-1561010-2503 – Entering Lent can be imagined as entering the silence of a vast and empty desert that leads to an experience of alleluia.

**Blessed Is She: Living Lent with Mary** – Tim Perry – ISBN 978-081922-2336 – Drawing primarily from the Gospel of Luke, this lovely book of devotions sketches a Lenten Mary who teaches us about being disciples. Contains a meditation for each day of Lent, along with reflection questions.

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Ayden,**  
**James** Barrett,  
**Esther** Bennett,  
**Wanda** Byers,  
**Michael** Carrier,  
**Clark,**  
**Will** Cote,  
**Alexa** Crenshaw,  
**Toliver** Davis,  
**Cape** Dickerson,  
**Betty** Elliott,  
**Carolyn** Gardner,  
**Margie** Geer,  
**Ernestine** Gold,  
**Dorothy** Goodrich,  
**Ron** Haines,  
**Ron** Hobson,

**Matthew,**  
**Amanda,**  
**Ruth,**  
**Sue** Langdon,  
**Ken** McFarland,  
**Franklyn** McIntosh,  
**Olive** Mistretta,  
**Betty** Morehead,  
**Arabella** Philbeck,  
**Haley** Riney,  
**Darwin** Royal,  
**Walt** Rumpfelt,  
**Kenneth** Scroggs,  
**Stevie** Scroggs,  
**Kay** Taylor,  
**Teresa,**  
**Nancy** Tucker,

**Keith** Wellborn,  
**Kinsley** Wellborn,  
**Patricia** Westland,  
**Hilda** Wilson

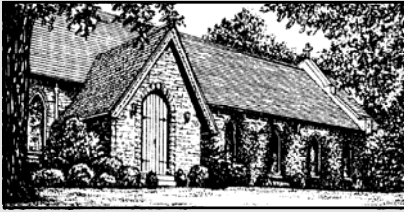
### *And Those Serving in the Military...*

**Justin** Bailey  
**Ben** Blanton  
**Jim** Boyette  
**Cory** Bridges  
**J. D.** Brock  
**Forest** Buff  
**Scotty** Clark  
**Blake** Craft  
**Andy** Feree  
**Branson** Garrett  
**Jeffery** Hardin  
**Patsy** Howard  
**Robby** Howard

**Jason** Kallaus  
**Seth** Keller  
**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  
**Chris** Sikes  
**David** Smith  
**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*



# Through The Back Gate

A Monthly  
Newsletter of  
**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
*The Episcopal Church of Rutherfordton*  
*Established 1842*

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Rutherfordton, NC 28139

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<i>Jesus Christ</i>	The Head
<i>The People of God</i>	The Ministers
<i>The Right Reverend G. Porter Taylor</i>	Bishop
<i>The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin</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*

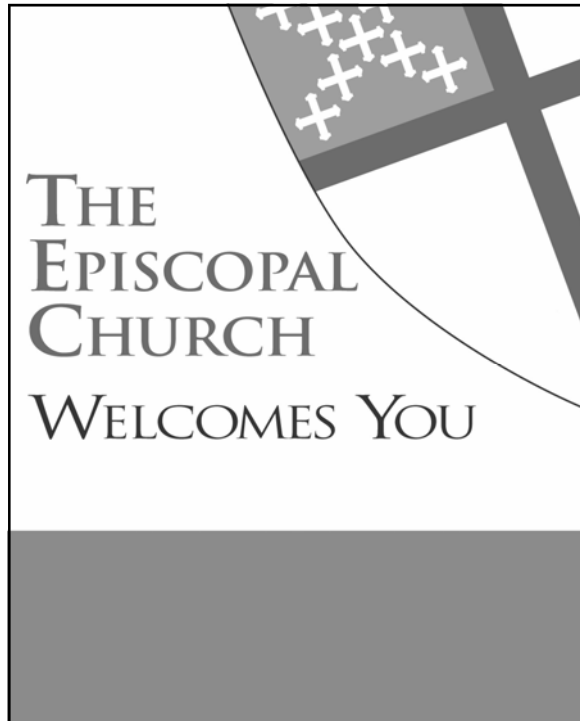
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