



Through The Arch Gate of Saint Francis Church



April 2009

Holy Week Schedule

April 5-12, 2009

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist and
Distribution of Palms
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross
Monday thru Thursday
12:05 p.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.

Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, 6 p.m.

Community Sunrise Service
Sunday, 7:00 a.m.
Rutherfordton City Cemetery

Easter Sunday
Festival Eucharist
8 and 10:30 a.m.



Stewardship of Presence

	8am	10:30am	Total
March 1	31	71	102
March 8	28	79	107
March 15	35	125	160
March 22	41	95	137
March 29	32	88	120

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
March 1	\$1636.35	\$449.00
March 8	\$2064.00	\$1277.55
March 15	\$2143.65	\$296.50
March 22	\$1249.00	\$1169.15
March 29	N/A	N/A

~ Birth Announcements ~



Congratulations to Julie & Blue Pittman on the birth of their twin girls,
Sophie Alexa (6 lbs 6 oz)
and
Mia Abella Pittman (5 lbs 11 oz)
Born: March 13, 2009



Congratulations to Barbara Hobson on the birth of her great-grandson,
William Gavin Fish (6 lbs 2 oz)
Born: March 22, 2009

YOKEFELLOW

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

For APRIL

CANNED FRUIT (Except Pineapple)

*Although any non-perishable
item will be accepted*

Relay For Life Spring Salad Luncheon Silent Auction

The Relay For Life team has moved its Silent Auction to the Spring Salad Luncheon which is Sunday, May 3. Some of the articles we have for auction are tickets to Flat Rock Playhouse, a night for two at Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, a print of Lake Logan from the Episcopalian artist T Pennington and artwork from members of St. Francis. I hope you will join us after the 10:30am service for lunch and the auction.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

February 14, 2009

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in called session during the Vestry Retreat on Saturday, February 14, at Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. The reduction of paper used during Lent on the Sunday order of worship was discussed.
2. Motion was made, seconded and carried to undertake a three-month pilot project for the Bag Breakfast Program for feeding the hungry of Rutherford County.

March 9, 2009

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. David Lloyd opened the meeting with Daily Evening Prayer, Rite Two.
2. The minutes of the February 9 and February 14 meetings were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. The memorial service for Mary Haines is scheduled at St. Francis Church on Sunday, June 14, with the Reverend Derek Harbin as the Officiant.
6. Sabbatical for the Rector is scheduled for June, July and August of this year.
7. The Senior Warden's Report was received.

8. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
9. The Vestry expresses thanks to Don Corry for continuing his ministry with the emergency medical equipment.
10. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Education and Pastoral Care.
11. The Christian Education Committee welcomes Bettina Conn and Richard Gill as new members.
12. Receipts for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper totaled over \$600. The Youth Group will receive all proceeds after expenses are calculated.
13. A Ministry Fair will be held at St. Francis Church on June 14.
14. Motion was made, seconded and carried that proceeds from the Lenten Soup and Bread Meals will be given to support the Bag Breakfast Program.
15. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the tuition for St. Francis Day School remain at \$90 per month, with members of St. Francis receiving a 20% discount on monthly tuition for their children.
16. Motion was made, seconded and carried that a quarterly music concert be held at St. Francis Church beginning this spring.
17. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Highland Episcopalian

Beginning in April and continuing almost every other month this year, the Highland Episcopalian will be posted online, and not mailed. A pdf file will be posted on the diocesan website AND will be emailed to all parishes in the diocese. This online publishing is for months April, June, and October. For the remaining months - May, July, September, and November - the Highland Episcopalian will be printed and mailed as usual.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

April 5	The Sunday of the Passion PALM SUNDAY	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
April 12	The Sunday of the Resurrection EASTER SUNDAY	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalms 118:14-17, 22-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
April 19	The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalms 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 26	The Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19	Psalms 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year, we accept gifts of flowers which are used to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to give a gift, please fill out the form below, and drop your order in the mail or in the alms basin. The name(s) of the person(s) you are honoring will be printed in the Easter bulletins. Please return the form and money to the church office or place in the alms basin by **Sunday, APRIL 5**

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Thanksgiving for:

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ Easter Lilies
@ \$15.00 each.

Attached/Enclosed is my check/cash for

\$_____.

Given By:

(PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH FLOWER)

Spring Work Day

Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dick Wilkins
- 3 Grace Melton
- 5 Susan Lester
- 6 Terry Chandler
- 6 Sarah Coxe
- 7 Elizabeth Lloyd
- 8 Ann Lattimore
- 9 Robert Crummie
- 11 Donald Bell
- 12 Margaret Thomas
- 13 Sam Ayers
- 14 Mark Demas
- 15 Lisa Martin
- 17 Holly Okpych
- 19 Melanie Greenway
- 19 Diane Dickerson
- 21 Rob Bole
- 22 Arthur Tucker
- 22 Pam Boryta
- 26 Warner Stewart
- 26 Fran Isbell
- 27 Bob Helms
- 27 Sallie Cowan

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Steve and Diana Spence

Our Spring Work Day on Saturday, March 21, was filled with wonderful memories. Twenty-four people came together to work on the grounds of St. Francis Church, parish house and rectory. Each person worked enthusiastically, cheerfully and joyfully. Our time together was a time of experiencing and realizing that we do need each other; so much could not have been accomplished if only one or two people had been able to come on Saturday.



We were blessed to discover the date **1904** inscribed on the front stone wall of the property. I wondered who might have made the inscription on the wall. As I traced 1904 with my finger, I prayed a silent prayer for those who worked on these grounds many years ago. They gave us a very special gift.

Our presence together on Saturday is another special gift. On the evening of Saturday after returning home, I prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for Bob Blanton, Lesley Bush, Josephine Conn, Roscoe Conn, Bill Coxe, The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin, Phil de Montmollin, Claudia Gephart, John Gephart, Denise Hempstead, Susan Keith, David Lloyd, Sue Lloyd, Beverly McKinney, Jesse McKinney, Grace Melton, Jimmy Okpych, Gerry Roberts, Lee Roberts, James Segers, Liz Segers, Alex Spence and Richard Williams who participated in this ministry.



Linda Bailey,
Junior Warden



The April Menu for Angel Food is available on the table outside the Parish office. If you wish to pay for your order by check please place your order by Sunday, April 5. The deadline for placing an order for April is Sunday April 12. You should plan to pick up your order on Saturday April 18 at 11:00 a.m. You might want to bring a cooler in which to place your frozen foods. There are a couple of items worth pointing out on this month's menu. There is a new Allergen-Free menu and new this month is a seafood menu. Also, in addition to the regular fruit and veggie box, there is a fruit box with just Valencia Oranges in it. If you have questions or wish to place an order please see Mary Gregory, Anita Quinley or Susan Keith.



St. Francis Concert Series

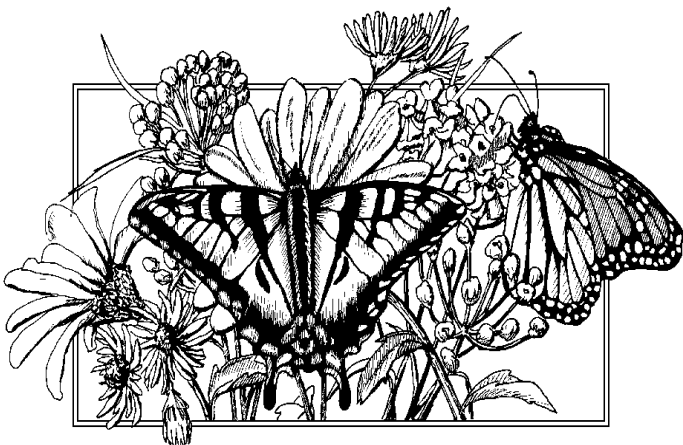
A quarterly concert series is being planned for St. Francis. The kickoff concert will be by the Tryon Presbyterian Choir. It will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday May 3 in the sanctuary.

The concert is free and open to everyone. Please join us for this inaugural concert.



REMEMBER The Marketplace is Saturday, September 26!

It is not too early to begin saving items for this special event sponsored by The Episcopal Church Women.



The year continues to stay busy! Our Younger Youth were invited to Ms. Linda Bailey's house for lunch and a movie last month. We enjoyed pizza,

salad, beautiful pies and cookies, and sat down to watch a movie with popcorn and sodas! Our gracious hostess invited us back in the summer to enjoy her pool and a cookout and the kids have been anticipating that trip ever since! We also had our Annual Pancake Supper and St. Francis allowed the proceeds to go to the Youth- over \$600 in dinners and donations!!! We all extend a very happy thank you to all of the participants, volunteers, and Youth that spent a wonderful evening of pancakes, music, and candlelight! The money raised goes towards outings, Movie Nights, BBQ's, and materials. Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and we are looking forward to the many that attend. Our older Youth will be on hand to help and to earn their summer trip to Lake Tahoe May 24 and 25. We are planning a Bowling Night for all and always looking forward to new adventures and new memories to be made! Our Youth numbers are growing! We welcomed Mia and Sophie Pittman, Marilla Louise Okpych, and there are more babies to come this year! God is so good to our families and our church! Remember to thank Him everyday for all of the blessings in your life- they are all because of Him!

Amberleigh Kirton
Youth Director

2009 APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses: April 5 (9 am) Dick & Martha Wilkins April 5 (11:45 am) Judy Scott</p> <p>Potluck: April 5 Liz & James Segers, Betty Dickey</p>			<p>1 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM HE II Healing Prayers</p>	<p>2 2:30 PM -9:00 PM Directory Photo Session 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p>3 7:30 AM AA 2:30 PM -9:00 PM Directory Photo Session</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM -5:00 PM Directory Photo Sessions</p>
<p>5 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM HE Rite II 12:00 PM Potluck/Program: Advance Directives Palm Sunday</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Dayschool 6:30 PM NAMI Vestry Reports Due</p>	<p>7 7:30 AM AA</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM HE II Healing Prayers 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting</p>	<p>9 6:00 PM Seder 7:00 PM Stripping of the Altar after Seder Mundy Thursday</p>	<p>10 7:30 AM AA 12:00 PM -3:00 PM Seven Words From The Cross 7:00 PM JDOK Good Friday Rutherford Co. School Spring Break April 10-13</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 PM Saturday Easter Vigil</p>
<p>12 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II Easter</p> <p>Rutherford Co. School Spring Break April 10-19</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM NAMI</p>	<p>14 7:30 AM AA</p>	<p>15 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM MP Healing Prayers Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p>17 7:30 AM AA</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Christian Ed Comm Rutherford Co. School Spring</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Dayschool 6:30 PM NAMI</p>	<p>21 7:30 AM AA</p>	<p>22 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM HE II Healing Prayers</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Brotherhood Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM EFM</p>	<p>24 7:30 AM AA 5:00 PM -8:00 PM Grl Scouts</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM Dayschool 6:30 PM NAMI</p>	<p>28 7:30 AM AA</p>	<p>29 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 10:00 AM HE II Healing Prayers</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM</p>		



**Maundy Thursday
Passover Seder
April 9, 2009
6:00 pm in the Parish House**

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

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

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

The Passover Seder at St. Francis Church will begin at 6:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 9. After the Seder, we will go to the church for the Stripping of the Altar and Foot Washing.

Make your reservation for the Seder by completing the reservation form below. Please return your reservation by Monday, April 6

Names of persons attending:

_____ **adults @ \$10.00** _____

_____ **children (6-12) @ \$5.00** _____

_____ **children (under 6) free** _____

Total: \$ _____



**DIOCESAN PICNIC
at
LAKE LOGAN EPISCOPAL CENTER**

**Held in Conjunction with the Camp
Henry 50th Reunion**

Saturday, June 20, 2009 10 am-4 pm

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.



OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**! In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — **kept in heaven** for you"

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L	O	R	F	A	D
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easter
egg
hunt

**Saturday,
APRIL 11
10:00 AM**

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Reba Beasley,
Sean Beasley,
Julie Boulay,
Bev Bruce,
Jerry Budde,
Wanda Byers,
Michael Carrier,
Earl Conn,
Karen Crisp,
David,
Diane,
Betty Dickey,
Bettie Dury,
Sally Eddaich,
Betty Elliott,
Carolyn Gardner,
Larry Gardner,
Ernestine Gold,

Ed Goodrich,
Amanda Greenway,
Ron Hobson,
Nico Holliday,
Becky Huntley,
Joyce Jaynes,
Ashley Jones,
Heather Leigh,
Glen Melton,
Olive Mistretta,
Nathaniel,
Ackie Okpych,
Quinn,
Gail Revis,
Haley Riney,
Ronnie,
Austin Sherer,
Stevie Scroggs,

Julie Sibley,
John Stevens,
Warner Stewart,
Kay Taylor,
Ron Thomas,
Ann Marie Usher,
Ann Watson,
Hilda Wilson

And Those Serving in the Military...

Dustin Arledge,
Ben Blanton,
Jim Boyette,
Cory Bridges,
J. D. Brock,
Steve Browning,
Forest Buff,
Scotty Clark,
Blake Craft,
Jamie Culbreath,
Andy Feree,
Branson Garrett,
Jeffery Hardin,
Tony Hartman,
Brad Hicks,
Patsy Howard,
Robby Howard,

Ian,
Jason Kallaus,
Baxter Keys,
Andrew Kinard,
Troy Laws,
Daniel Leech,
Benjamin Lucas,
Joseph McComas,
Matt McLane,
Drew Melvin,
Eric Neely,
Michael Parker,
Nina Paulino,
Kenneth Queen,
Rory Semelroth,
Jcee Shaver,
Christopher Smith,

David Smith,
Emmanuel Spencer,
Christopher Strand,
Devin Swinkey,
Anthony Tricarico,
Nick Turner,
Eric Velasquez,
Joseph Watson,
Kenneth Young.



BAG BREAKFAST MINISTRY

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ... and the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

(Matthew 25:37b-40 NRSV)

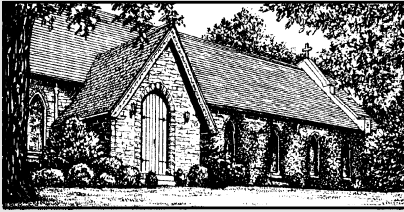
In recognition of the growing number of people who need food assistance, St. Francis has decided to offer carry-out breakfasts. We will be serving breakfast from 6 to 8 on Thursday mornings. These breakfasts will consist of a hard-boiled egg, a piece of fruit and two sandwiches or equivalent. We are looking to the people of St. Francis to assist us in this project. We need people who can supply us with eggs, or would be willing to donate fresh fruit from their own trees or bushes. We are looking for people who would be willing to boil eggs and/or make sandwiches. We are also looking for people who are willing to set up and serve meals, which would mean being at the Parish House from 5 to 8:15 on Thursday mornings. If you are willing to assist with this project please contact Gerry Roberts, Josephine Conn or Susan Keith. We would like to start serving either April 16 or April 23, depending upon the response to this notice and how quickly we can acquire the supplies that we need.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	
8:00 am					
Ushers	Kathy Demas Joe Sibley	Mary Gregory Dick Wilkins	Denise Hempstead Richard Williams	Bill McClain James Brown	
Greeter	Keppie D'Alessio	Doug Elliott	Sue Lloyd	Betty Morehead	
1st Lesson	Doug Elliott	Mary Anne Hamilton	Joe Sibley	Richard Williams	
2nd Lesson	James Brown	Sue Lloyd	Linda Bailey	Denise Hempstead	
Chalicer	Terry Demas	Cindy Ruppe	David D'Alessio	Anita Quinley	
Coffee Hour	Dick & Martha Wilkins				
10:30 am					
Usher	Bob Blanton	Sam Ayers	Vernon Hoyle	Linda Jeanne Harrill	
Usher	Becky Reger	Richard Gill	Christine Hoyle	Susan Keith	
Greeter	Larry Lester	Susan Lester	Paula McIntosh	Beverly McKinney	
Presenter	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Susan Keith	Beverly McKinney	Vera Scroggs	
Presenter	Christine Hoyle	Paula McIntosh	Lee Roberts	Betty Dickey	
Yokefellow	Bill Coxe	Michael Carrier	Blue Pittman	Lee Roberts	
1st Reader	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	Bill Coxe	Judi Gustafson	Vernon Hoyle	
2nd Reader	Roger Hughes	Susan Keith	Ed Richardson	Paula McIntosh	
Prayers	Susan Keith	Susanne Richardson	Becky Reger	Ed Richardson	
Chalicer	Susan Keith	David Lloyd	Ed Richardson	Gerry Roberts	
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead	
	Susan Melvin	Amanda Peacock	Magi King	James Segers	
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	
Coffee Hour			Judy Scott		
Potluck	Liz & James Segers, Betty Dickey, Grace Melton				

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



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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

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 Coxce

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*

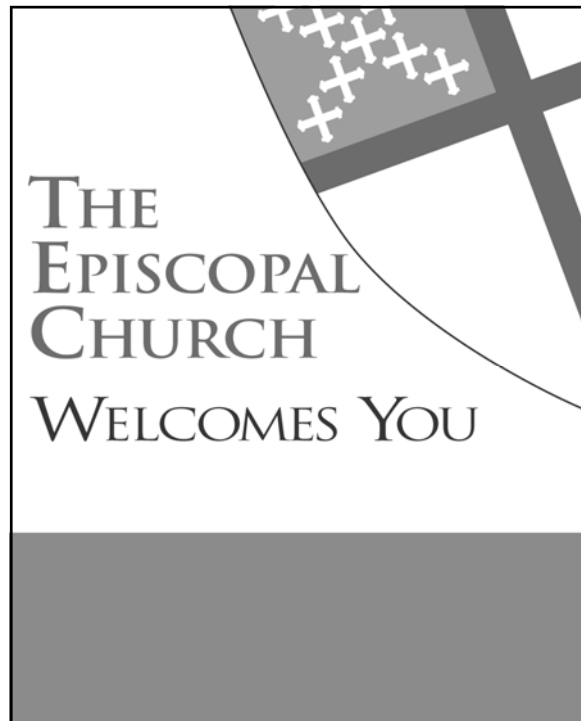
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Amber Smith - Poland*

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