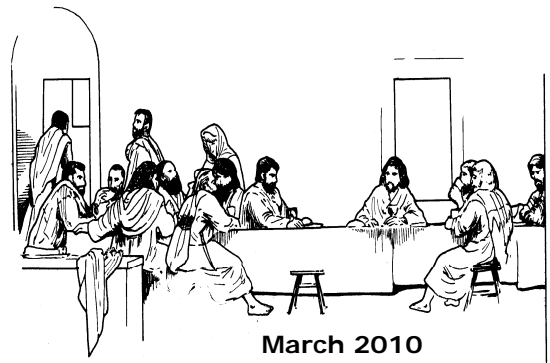


# Parish of the Holy Communion Newsletter

P.O. Box 177  
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MARCH, 2010  
AT HOLY TRINITY Glendale Springs  
One Service 10:00 A.M.  
Christian Education 8:45 A.M.



## Par for the Course

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is a time to refocus ourselves on Christ and our response to God's loving grace in our lives. We are to set aside some time and space to encounter God in intentional acts so we may be transformed by him.

For most of us it is hard to set aside time and space. We can never be truly quiet. Our world demands our attention. Its demands are sometimes so loud we cannot hear the "still small voice of God" through the din. Being able to take a break from the world's demands requires an act of will. The world will never do it for us. It requires a focused mindset. The following story is helpful in reminding us what that mindset should be.

In the south of Thailand some years ago, a famous abbot was building a new hall in his forest monastery. When the Rains Retreat came, he stopped all work and sent the builders home. This was the time for quiet in his

monastery.

A few days later a visitor came, saw the half-constructed building and asked the abbot when his hall would be finished. Without hesitation, the old monk said, "The hall is finished." "What do you mean, 'The hall is finished?'" the visitor replied, taken aback. "It hasn't got a roof. There are no doors or windows. There are pieces of wood and cement bags all over the place. Are you going to leave it like that? Are you mad? What do you mean, 'The hall is finished?'"

The old abbot smiled and gently replied, "What's done is finished," and then went away to meditate. This is the only way to have a retreat or to take a break. Otherwise our work is never finished. [Ajahn Brahm in *Who Ordered This Truckload of Dung?* (Wisdom Publications, 2005.)]

Take some time like the monk to step away and take a break.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fr. Steve".

## Remember in Your Prayers



Dolores Pitts	Blanche
Ruth O'Neill	Sechrist
Bill and Peggy Scarpino	Oscar Stacy
Sadie Presnell	Sharon Summers
June Knight	Katy Taylor
Betty Gullion	Kelsey Wilson
Fr. Steve Miller	The Deitz Family
Jessie Overend	The Litschert/Miner
Mitch Overend	Families
O'Neill/Hamilton	Melissa Anderson
Families	Thelma DePalma and
Sarah Goodman	Family
Butch Barden	Martin and Carol
Nick Blume	Williams
Robin Brown	Jamie and Cindy Poe
Bill Cook	Del Hubbard
Muriel & Jim	Estelle and Henry
Jamie Grabe	Dunbar
Jenn and Chad Gullie	Cambra Overend
Doug Hale	Ruth Overend
Makayla Houck	George and Ruth
Bob Ivey	Burgess
Tiffany Jones	Sarah Gabarde
Cheryl Lewis	Gail Martin
Peggy Madden	Roy Hutchins
Judy Morris	Nigel Mumford
Susie Murdoch	Drew
Becky Myers	Jean Temple
Phyllis Myers	Lillian Graham
Travis Nichols	Tiffany
Kitty Parmalee	The Jordan Family
Bobby Pennington	Edna Lawrence
Sherry Perry	Elizabeth Nichols
Stan Pinion	Al Corum
Nathan Sawyer	Amy and Brin
Krys Scrivener	Harriett Leech
Scott Sears	

## Men's Group

The Men's Club did not meet in February due to weather conditions. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 12 noon at Smokey Mountain Bar-B-Que. Among the topics to discuss will whether to have a "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" on a Sunday morning in Lent prior to the 10 am Eucharist.

### SHARING CENTER NEWS

The latest winter weather has driven Sereita Powers, the Sharing Center Director, right into the doors of a real estate agent in Florida! It is with great sadness that we bid Sereita farewell as she assumes her new role as "snowbird". Her hard work, organizational skills, and endless energy will be missed. She is irreplaceable, a fact that is proven by her replacements: ten committees headed by Board members who will hopefully be able to keep the Sharing Center running smoothly and efficiently as it did when she was the director.

The increased jobless rates in the county, coupled with the winter weather, have created a drain on the food supply at the Sharing Center. For instance on a recent Friday we had 60 people come in, most of whom wanted food. The following Monday, 50 people came in, again, most of them needing food. Ready for an alarming fact? In 2008, the Sharing Center spent \$8,000 on food; in 2009, \$30,000 was spent on food! The Center relies on food and money donations from Scout troops, churches, and other civic-minded organizations. It is always appreciated when people donate money, food, clothes, or household items. Right now we are in great need of blankets, canned veggies and fruits, canned meat, soups, flour, sugar, and evaporated milk.

It is often mentioned that those of us who volunteer there always have "closest moments". We also have a good time enjoying each others company and meeting new people. Won't you consider joining us one Thursday from 10:00 to noon and then noon to 3 pm? You will wish you had volunteered sooner! See Pat Franklin or Barbara Sears if you are interested.

### **ATTENTION**

Please review the Prayer Request list. If you know anyone whose name can be removed from the list, let Pat Mills(846-9614) know. Thanks!



# The Deacon's Desk

Just a little reminder (in case we've forgotten as the snowflakes fell)....

The Heifer International collection will be on Easter Sunday morning. Large plastic Easter eggs will be handed out before then so that we can put our offerings inside. Our basket full of eggs, representing new life, will be blessed by Fr. Steve and then the gift will be forwarded to Heifer. When it is distributed throughout the world it will give families opportunities to step out of poverty and to support themselves. In other words, they will be given the opportunity for a new life.

Pairs of animals, hives of bees, flocks of chickens, gaggles of geese and hundreds of tree seedlings are given to families, with the promise that they will give offspring of these animals/plants to

neighboring families in their communities. In this way, more than just one family is helped in each area - neighbors help neighbors and the chain goes on and on.

This is a grand opportunity for our parish to be a part of international outreach. As a parish we are extremely active in local and even statewide outreach, but our international outreach (as a parish) principally comes from this Easter collection for Heifer. If you are not familiar with the Heifer program, look them up on the internet - I think you'll be pleased at what you see!

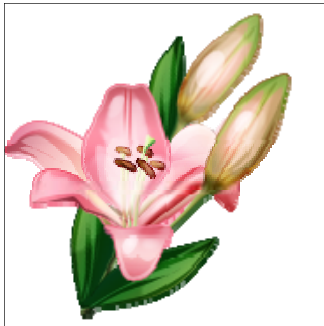
For us, Easter is a time of rejoicing because we know that Christ has risen and that we will have life forever in Him. What could be a better time to help provide life for others around the world.

Blessings in this Easter season,

*Shirley*



## Donation for Easter Flowers



*Clip out this coupon and either mail it, drop it in the collection plate or bring it by the church office*

I wish to make the following donation:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person(s) to memorialize or to give thanks

Memorial

Thanksgiving



# Please Note

- † **Friday, March 5.** Men's Group will meet at Smokey Mountain BBQ, 12:00 noon.
- † **Sundays, 8:45 am.** Christian Education, Mission House, prior to the 10 am Worship Service.
- † **Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.** Bible Study, Mission House.
- † **Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.** Daughters of the King, Mission House.
- † **Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.** Bible Study, Mission House
- † **Thursday, March 11, 4:30 p.m.** Vestry Meeting, Mission House.
- † **Sunday, March 28.** Humane Society food collection. Bring your food donations to 10 am Service, place in basket at front.

## Charles Supin's New Play Premeires In March!

The latest play written by our very own member of the Parish, Charles Supin, will be produced by the Ashe County Little Theater, with three performances at the Arts Center, on the evenings of March 26, 27 with a matinee on Sunday, March 28th.

Titled *Interruption*, the play is a contemporary thriller, and centers on what is both farcical and tragic about the current trend toward reality as captured in culture and on television.

The play, in an earlier draft, was given a staged reading in Las Vegas, and was directed by Jerry Lewis, for whose MDA Telethon Supin wrote for ten years.

This production, featuring four local actors, will be directed by Michael Yelton.



Pat and Joe Franklin as seen dancing on their wedding day:-)

## "Keep the Heat on" Luncheon Rescheduled on March 17

At Jefferson Methodist Church from 11am to 2pm. The cost is \$6.00 and includes soup, corn bread, dessert and a drink. Entertainment (hopefully!) will still feature Wayne Henderson, the Mountain Overtones and others perhaps with some Irish and Celtic tunes.

This luncheon is sponsored by Wee Care Planning Committee of BROCC. Any donations of food or sides are appreciated. Any questions? Call Pat Franklin at 877-3607.

## From the Vestry

Old Man Winter played havoc with many parish events last month, including the regularly scheduled Vestry Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 4:30 pm at the Mission House.

## Odds 'n' Ends

✠The Sharing Center continues to have a need for blankets and the following food items especially: canned meats, jelly, canned fruit and canned vegetables.

✠Pat Franklin and Jane Maddocks have started an "Instant Sunday School" for newborns to five years old that began Sunday, February 14. Materials will be ready at both churches. Volunteers are needed for a month at a time. Talk to Pat or Jane for more details.

✠Don't throw away your old Skyline or Bell South phone books! Bring them to Susan Miller on Sundays up until March 31. Schools receive 25¢ for each phone book collected.

✠The Prayer Shawl Ministry was given a donation of a box of yarn suitable for knitting shawls. The box is in the hall of the Mission House. Help yourselves if you wish to knit a shawl for someone. Donations of yarn or money are always gratefully received.



## Holy Week Schedule

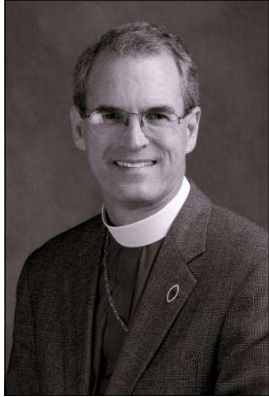
Maundy Thursday, April 1, Holy Trinity Church, 6pm.

Good Friday, April 2, 12 Noon, St. Mary's Church.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at Dusk, Holy Trinity Church.

Easter Celebration, Sunday, April 4, 10 am, Holy Trinity Church

## Bishop's Weekly Reflection



I write to you on this Feast of St. Matthias from Louisville, KY where Maria Hoecker and I have been attending a Louisville Institute seminar on Sabbaticals and Sabbath (Maria is taking her sabbatical this summer; I am next summer). I came thinking this would be about nuts and bolts and certainly that was part of the program. However, the speakers have taken me to a deeper place about Sabbath.

We had the great privilege of hearing Wendell Berry, the poet, speak Monday night and then Norman Wirzba, a professor at Duke Divinity School, speak yesterday. Both spoke about Sabbath not so much as a time when we cease activity but as a stance towards our lives or a way of being alive. Sabbath is about delighting in creation and affirming the sheer gift of all of life. While it is a set time-one day a week we are commanded to rest-we are not simply to work like crazy people the other six days so we primarily experience our exhaustion on the Sabbath.

On the Sabbath, God rested to enjoy the goodness of God's creation, but God said "It is good," every day of the week. Can we? Norman Wirzba speaks of Sabbath as "being attentive and practicing delight" which we are meant to do all the time. We are called to experience the goodness of this gift of life and this world every day and to make a society where such experiences are normative and not exceptional. This means to slow down and think about the one necessary thing worth doing well instead of being anxious about the multitasks our gadgets enable us to perform by not doing anything well and seldom being fully alive in the present moment.

Which brings me to Wendell Berry. I have been a fan of his since college. He repeated over and over how we need to change our pace of life and reconnect to the earth and its rhythms. He writes: "Found your hope, then, on the ground under your feet./ Your hope of Heaven, let it rest on the ground/ underfoot." As the Psalmist says, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord," which we do exactly where we are. As Berry writes, we seek the place where we "rest in the grace of the world, and am free."

If Maria and I and you simply stop for one day but don't change the other six, we will not fully experience Sabbath. It's about becoming more alive; it's about turning away from a way of living that is not abundant life and turning towards that which is; it's about remembering why we were created in the first place and attending to that part of us that we have neglected far too long. It's about knowing all seven days that these gifts are good.

### Vestry Terms

2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
George Hayworth	Bill Simmons   Anne Reintges	Barbara Sears   Joe Franklin
	Paul Wetzel	Doug Worsham

## **A Note from the Treasurer**

Your vestry makes plans for the coming year based on the best guesses they can make about what we want to do and what we will have to do it with. This year, plans were based on a level of pledged giving at the same level that it was last year – and this year so far, while your giving continues, the number of pledge cards we have received is lagging. Your treasurer will credit any amounts you have already given without a pledge to your 2010 pledge once it is received. If you have not yet filled in your card, the sooner you do this, the less tense your vestry will be, and the fewer adjustments your treasurer will have to make. Thank you in advance, David Trask.

**2010 Pledges Received: 29**

**2009 Pledges Received: 48**

**(12 increased, 12 remained the same, four decreased, one new pledge)**

### PARISH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REPORT - as of JANUARY 31, 2010 (unaudited)

	Actual for current month	Actual from January to current month	January to current month Budget Difference	2010 Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pledge	10,651.00	10,651.00	1,859.33	105,500.00
Plate	765.00	765.00	(1,193.33)	23,500.00
Visitor Boxes	94.42	94.42	(1,572.25)	20,000.00
Funds transferred from investment acct.	none	none	none	none
Other Income / interest	400.00	400.00	75.00	4,300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 11,910.42</b>	<b>\$ 11,910.42</b>	<b>\$ (831.25)</b>	<b>\$ 153,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				
	<b>\$ 12,760.60</b>	<b>\$ 12,760.60</b>	<b>\$ (14.38)</b>	<b>\$ 153,300.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME (Short) / Surplus</b>	<b>\$ (850.18)</b>	<b>\$ (850.18)</b>	<b>\$ (816.87)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>