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# The Bells are Ringing

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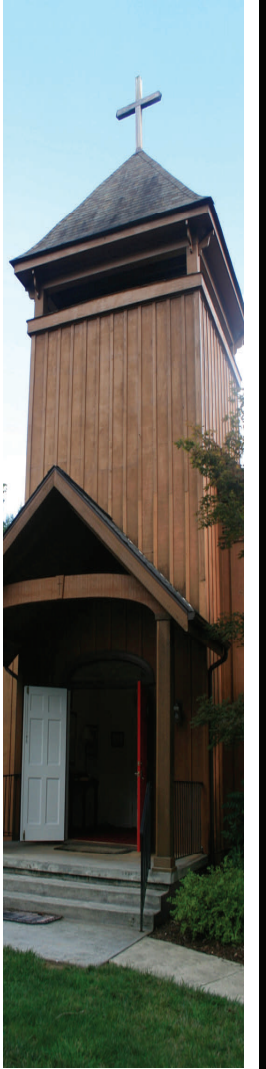
November  
 2009

Festivities for  
 All Saints' Day November 1st  
 Consecration Sunday  
 At St. Paul's —  
 The choir will sing-  
 The children will process with their  
 Created saints' shields-  
 The community will celebrate with  
 Gratitude God's blessings in our lives-



*"I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
 who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they  
 loved and knew. And one was a doctor and one was a queen,  
 and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them  
 saints of God—and I mean, God helping to be one too."*

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 293



**Our Mission**  
 Seeking and serving Christ in all people and in the whole creation through:  
 WORSHIP, LOVE, JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION

## From the Rector's desk



Over the past six weeks or so, I have been preaching about the topic: "What on Earth am I here for?" Inspired by the modern classic, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, by Rick Warren, I have discussed the five purposes that God has for your life. This will help us understand the big picture—how all the pieces of your life fit together. Having this perspective will reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and, most important, prepare you for eternity.

### The five purposes:

- You Were Planned for God's Pleasure**
- You Were Formed for God's Family**
- You Were Created to Become Like Christ**
- You Were Shaped for Serving God**
- You Were Made for a Mission**

Living on purpose is the only way to *really* live. Most people struggle with three basic issues in life. The **first is *identity***: "Who am I?" The **second is *importance***: "Do I matter?" The **third is *impact***: "What is my place in life?" The answers to all three questions are found in God's five purpose for you.

I recommend reading the book by Rick Warren, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, or re-reading it if you have already read it in the past.

"God calls each of us to live out his purposes, he also wants us to help others do the same. God wants us to introduce people to Christ, bring them into his fellowship, help them grow to maturity and discover their place of service, and then send them out to reach others, too.

This is what purpose-driven living is all about. Regardless of your age, the rest of your life can be the best of your life, and you can start living on purpose today."

*Father Jim Rains +*

## ECW

*Submitted by Lynn Hoffman*

The ECW is working ahead on the next project. St. Paul's ECW met on October 12th with 9 members present. Items discussed were:

1. **Options** - Kay Rose announced that the some of the Options Bags have been filled by her and Biff. The special request items for flu season will be turned in as bulk items. Diane asked if any items would go to McDowell County this year. The group agreed that we should continue to support them, also. Diane will deliver the bags to them. Kay will deliver the items to Options of Morganton next Monday, October 19th.



*Options Donations ready to send*

2. **Kitchen Supplies**- Biff suggested that we should ask the vestry to take on more of the kitchen supplies in addition to the general supplies since we are only having one breakfast per year. Mary was asked to gather the amount of expense ECW has paid out this year for kitchen supplies so we can give the vestry an idea of how much extra expense to expect.

3. **A-B Tech Luncheons**- Biff brought information about luncheons put on by the A-B Tech culinary program. She suggested the women sign up and try to go one Thursday. The group suggested we try for December 3. Biff will have a sign up sheet at church, for women only.

4. **Shoe Boxes**- Rose announced that we have 55 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. They will be available for pick up on Sunday. The asking price for shipping is \$7.00 per box this year. In the past, ECW has paid the \$7 for all boxes that did not have this money included. After discussion, the group decided that only the money collected would be sent. ECW will not pay the difference.



5. **2010 Calendar**- There was discussion of the 2010 calendar to be presented to the vestry for approval and included in the directory. Biff will work on the calendar.

6. **ECW Officers**- Lynn announced that she is looking for officers for ECW in 2010. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

7. **ECW Deanery**- Lynn asked who would be going to the Foothills ECW Deanery meeting at St. Stephen's on Thursday. Only Kay Rose and Lynn are available to attend this time.

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### **Foothills ECW Deanery**

1. There were 6 churches represented at this meeting, and two churches from the Asheville Deanery. Approximately 26 attended the meeting.
2. The Diocesan ECW is requesting that an additional 10% be paid in dues next year.
3. The Church Periodical Club is still collecting funds for: a) the National Book Fund and b) Miles of Pennies to purchase books for children. All are urged to continue supporting these programs.
4. Support for Jericho House is still on going.
5. Members are urged to send in 2010 calendars to be sent to Seaman's Institute.
6. The next ECW Deanery meeting will be on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Ascension in Hickory.

### **In Celebration**

#### **November Birthdays**

*"Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP p.830)*



2	Melina Keller	13	Joshua Cooke
2	Father Al Zadig	13	Cole Thomas
8	Anne Carter Zadig	18	Debbie Scott
12	Kameron Gress	24	Kiley Edwards

### **Prayer Corner**

**For Parishioners:** Pat LaFevers, Rose Raines, Mildred Richard, Edna Scott, Rick Pindell, Eunice Barrier, Red Creswell.

**For Others:** Joy Valmassoi's mother; Pat LaFevers' sister Elsie.



### **From the Library**

*Submitted by Kay Rose*

I would like to thank someone who emptied their bookshelf. There are some great books on the table waiting to be checked out. This past week, I finished "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. I was deeply touched and I had to keep reminding myself this was fiction and one man's opinion. It gave me a better understanding of the Trinity and why tragedies occur that we can't understand. I appreciate Tippy for lending me this book.

### **Happy Tuesday**

*Submitted by Rose Raines*

Happy Tuesday, an outreach to area seniors, meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Fitzgerald Hall at 11:30 a.m.. For the month of October, our guest speaker was Susan Janney from Legal Aid. The guest speaker for the month of November. will be Philip Adams from the Senior Center.



*Rose Raines and Biff Bauer preparing for HT*

For some seniors, Happy Tuesday is their only enjoyable outing of the month. It is a fun time for all including our church members who prepare and serve the food.

### **Who Am I?**

The person featured in last month's newsletter was **Jerel Hoffman**.

### **Who Am I?**

I was raised in the Methodist Church, baptized in the Baptist Church and found out I was a true Episcopalian in 2002. On my daily walk to Benfield's Boat Landing, I would pass the church and think I should go and hear the "preacher". Father John touched my soul and taught me how to worship God. I try to serve in my limited way and, I try to be a good follower to those who lead. **Who am I?**

## Sunday School

This fall Gin Creswell has been teaching the children about the 10 commandments. A children's service begins in a circle near the children's altar. They open with prayer, each child has an opportunity to add their prayers when an ornate wooden cross is passed around the circle. On October 25th colorful Saint's shields with saint symbols were created for the 1st annual Saint's Procession on All Saint's Sunday in church.



Carly Creswell and Allie Yelton

## Diocesan Convention

The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will be held on November 13-14 at the Kanuga Conference Center. Registration is between 8 and 10 am on Friday. Our delegates/alternates who are able to attend are Bob and Biff Bauer. Also, Father Jim Rains and Sharon Rains will be attending the Convention. The Diocesan Convention has been shortened this year by one day in order to save money.

Offices to be elected at the 2009 Convention include: Standing Committee:

1 clergy, 1 lay person for 4 year terms. (The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop and is the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in the absence of a Bishop.) Also, 1 lay person to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Diocese (a 5 year term); 2 lay persons for The Episcopal Foundation of WNC; 4 lay persons, 1 each from the four Deaneries and, 1 clergy from the Asheville Deanery and 1 clergy from the Western Deanery; The Highland Episcopalian Board: 2 persons for 3-year terms.

On resolution entitled: "Repairing the Breach..." (Isaiah 58:12) addresses the topic of Reconciliation and involves an 18 month pilgrimage for our diocese: both congregationally and diocesan. It is our diocesan response to Resolution A123, passed at the 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church. "This resolution complements anti-racism training and other activities that are promoting justice and racial reconciliation in the Episcopal Church. It, also, addresses the Resolution A127, titled Restorative Justice.

"Resolved, That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races." The program, "Repairing the Breach..." involves each parish in developing their own Congregation histories. We, at St. Paul's, need to submit 2-3 names from our parish who will oversee the development of our congregational history. If you would be interested in exploring this possibility of service, please contact Father Jim. The names need to be submitted no later than Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

<i>LAY READERS, CHALICE BEARERS &amp; GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER</i>					
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	1	8	15	22	29
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Mike Fowler	Kermit Brittain	Bob Bauer	Bob Byerly	Kermit Brittain
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	Diane Byerly	Tippy Doak	Jan Fitzgerald	Diane Byerly	Mike Fowler
<i>Greeters and Ushers</i>	Mike & Betty Fowler	Kay Rose	Wanda & Donald Creswell	Susan & Carrol Epley	Bill & Rose Raines

*If you are unable to be a Lay Reader or Chalice Bearer, or Greeter on your scheduled Sunday, please switch with someone on the list.*

### November 2009 Readings for Sunday Eucharist

#### Greeter Responsibilities:

- Be in the narthex by 8:45 am and remain there until after the first hymn.
  - Greet people as they come in and give them a bulletin.
  - Welcome visitors and have them sign the register.
  - Keep doors to the sanctuary closed so that people who have already entered are not disturbed.
- Smiles and hugs are great!*



#### November 1st All Saints' Day

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 24  
Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

#### November 22nd Proper 29

2 Samuel 23:1-7 &  
Psalm 132:1-13,(14-19)  
Psalm 93  
Revelations 1:4b-8  
John 18 33-37

#### November 8th Proper 27

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

#### November 29th Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

#### November 15th Proper 28

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14  
(15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8



# Vestry Highlights

**October 7th Meeting** -The vestry reviewed a written summary of a meeting that Fr. Jim, Mac Hoffman and Jerry Haynie attended with the Board of Trustees of the Diocese. The purpose of the meeting was to “discuss the request we had made for replacement of monies spent on the sanctuary”. Their concern was that the LaFevers Trust “was for explicit items only and that we were slowly removing the principle thusly reducing our yearly payout”. Mac explained our understanding of the purpose of the trust and the procedure to request monies from it. “After some discussion, we were asked to put a short synopsis with our bills to explain how and why we spend the funds.” Our delegation left on a positive note and felt that we will receive part but not all of the funds requested.

Two items that were discussed for vestry consideration were:

1. A new budget item for \$2000 for vestry training in January 2010.
2. Instituting a fee for the use of Fitzgerald Hall by outside organizations.

Both items will be discussed at the next vestry meeting. Anyone with positions on these matters should discuss them with a vestry member or plan to attend the meeting.

## Rector's Report

Father Jim discussed the **Kanuga Vestry Conference, January 8-10, 2010**. The principal presenter at this coming year's gathering is the Rev. Dr. Reggie McNeal, a missional leadership specialist for Leadership Network of Dallas. McNeal has worked in congregational leadership for more than 20 years and is the author of, *Revolution in Leadership*, and many other books. His knowledge and humor are contagious! Other items that Fr. Jim discussed included the stewardship campaign plans and matters relating to supporting the diocese.



*Fr. Jim and Mac Hoffman*

## Senior Warden's Report

Along with the other various duties of the Senior Warden, Mac Hoffman was authorized by Fr. Jim to approach Jerry Haynie

to fill the unexpired term on the vestry of Bob Bauer. Mac announced that the election to fill two vacancies in the 2010 created by the completion of the terms in 2009 will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mac will also arrange for the vestry to be trained on use of the defibrillator. Any other member who desires to participate in the training should advise Mac at their earliest convenience

## Junior Warden's Report

Jerel Hoffman was elected to the position of Junior Warden and approved by Fr. Jim. He agreed to serve until the end of the year.

## Committee Information

- **Education Committee:** In the absences of Rick due to illness, Mac raised the issue of the lack of teachers for the Sunday School. The vestry discussed the current issues associated with the Sunday School and agreed that an effort must be made to find additional teachers so that Sunday School can continue.
- **Financial Committee:** Committee met with Jerry and adopted a proposed 2010 budget. The total proposed budget is \$66,875. After much discussion, the committee suggested that we have a steward

ship campaign to determine the actual funds we will have to work with next year. Diane made a motion for a stewardship campaign to begin on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Betty seconded the motion. Motion passed. The campaign will end on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Consecration Sunday.

- **Worship Committee:** No Report.
- **Outreach/Congregational Care:** Art announced that the newsletter editor Sharon Rains' goal is to publish the newsletter at the beginning of the month beginning with the November issue. Information for the newsletter should be in to Sharon by the third Sunday of the month. Contact information for Sharon is available in the newsletter. Also, Art is forming a sub-committee on membership. He has met with Fr. Jim on Strategy and will develop a plan which will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the membership sub committee should contact Art.
- **Volunteers Committee:** No report

*(Note: Details of the meeting can be found in the Vestry minutes posted on the bulletin board in Fitzgerald Hall)*

## Don't forget

Please check the **2010 Parish Directory** in Fitzgerald Hall to update your family information. Did your e-mail change last year? Is your phone # correct? Everyone needs to check the table under the window near the bathrooms. Deadline November 8th. **Thanks!**

## Help Wanted

**Newsletter Reporter and Newsletter Clerk** - to help facilitate the smooth production of the monthly newsletter. See Art Trunkfield or Sharon Rains for information.

**Sunday School Volunteers** - every week, once a month or for special projects. For further information, please see Biff Bauer or Fr. Jim.



## Season of Advent

November 29th is the beginning of the new liturgical year C for the Eucharistic readings. For the Morning Prayer readings we will be using year 2 cycle. The

season of Advent has a dual theme as: (1) we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at his birth; (2) the second coming at the end of time. The colors for Advent are blue and sometimes purple.

## Around the Diocese

### Eucharist and Healing Service - November 3rd – 7 p.m.

Grace Church Asheville (871 Merrimon Ave.) Fr. Jim has led this monthly service for the past 4 years as part of the OSL team. All are welcome.

### Tuesday Healing Service - 7 p.m.

Weekly healing service at Grace church, Asheville.

### OSL Mountain Chapter - Nov. 12

This ecumenical healing ministry and teaching is open to all. Host church is Grace Episcopal Church, Merrimon Ave. Asheville. From 6:30–8:30 pm. Ask Fr. Jim for more information on this monthly meeting.

### Fresh Start Clergy Meeting -

November 24th at the Diocesan Center at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Diocesan Convention-

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## Upcoming Dates

### November

- 1 All Saint's Day and Consecration Sunday
- 4 Vestry Meeting
- 9 ECW meeting
- 10 Happy Tuesday
- 13-14 Diocesan Convention
- 22 Vestry Election
- 29 First Sunday in Advent

### December

- 2 Vestry Meeting
- 5 Hanging of the Greens
- 6 Church Christmas Party
- 8 Happy Tuesday
- 19 Poinsettias
- 24 Christmas Eve service 10 p.m.

### January 2010 highlights

- 17 Annual meeting, covered dish

### February 2010

- 16 Shrove Tuesday - *Men's Pancake dinner*
- 17 Ash Wednesday- *Evening Service at 7 PM*
- 21 First Sunday in Lent

## Leadership

**Jesus Christ, Head of His Body, the Church**  
**The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop**  
**The Rev. H. James Rains, Rector (828) 645-1383**  
**Cell (828) 545-9596**  
**The Rev. John Fitzgerald, Rector Emeritus**

## Vestry Members

Mac Hoffman, Senior Warden	584-2961
Jerel Hoffman, Junior Warden	584-0192
Diane Byerly (Finance)	584-3417
Betty Fowler (Worship)	584-4692
Rick Pindell (Christian Ed.)	584-8760
Art Trunkfield (Outreach)	584-0615
Lynn Hoffman (Clerk)	584-2961
Jerry Haynie, Treasurer	584-0104

Debbie Scott	Organist, Choir Director
Lynn Hoffman	ECW President
Rose Raines	Happy Tuesday Outreach

## Sunday Worship

<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>

***Life isn't about waiting  
for the storm to pass...***

***It's about learning to  
dance in the rain.....***

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