



# The Messenger

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## Rector's Corner



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In the scripture readings which we have appointed for the month of November, as well as those for Advent, we frequently are reminded of God's faithfulness during times of waiting, times of struggle, times of uncertainty and times when we are tempted to despair. Certainly all the apocalyptic

writings about the end times with their metaphoric pictures of division, persecution and destruction could lead us to a sense of hopelessness. But permeating all of these readings is a challenge to those of us who listen to these words proclaimed to hold on to hope not only because God is faithful to his promises, but because Jesus conquered sin and death through his speaking the truth to the corrupt political and religious leaders of his time which resulted in his persecution and crucifixion. Yet as we as Easter people know, Jesus' suffering and death were not God's final answer as God proved by affirming Jesus by raising him from the dead. And as we also know, the Spirit of God that dwells in us and among us is still very alive and well challenging us and transforming us into all that we can be.

During these uncertain times for all of us, I cling to this promise and this hope and this transforming reality. As Dick Washburn reminded the vestry several years ago, since our church faced this economic downturn earlier than our recent economic depression, "The church has faced such times before and has survived. And it will do the same again. And the most important reality to remember is that the Church of the Transfiguration is the people, and not the physical structure." He also recently reminded me that that the model prayer that Jesus taught his disciples was "Our Father" and not "My Father." All are invited and welcomed to the table of the Lord.

As I look around me and see the spiritual garden, the safe, smooth walkway to the church and church hall, the making of the curve in the driveway safe, your contributions to the church in

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## Upcoming Events for our church

Every Sun., 4:00 p. m.,



*Friendship Dinner*

Friendship Dinner all invited, free with freewill offering possible.

Sat., Nov. 21, 8:00 a. m., Church breakfast with proceeds to Shepherd's Care heating fund

Thurs., Nov. 26, 10:00 a. m.,



Sat., Dec. 19, 8:00 a. m., Church breakfast with proceeds to Shepherd's Care heating fund

Sun., Dec. 20, after 10:00 a. m.,



Greening of the church

Eucharist, soup and sandwiches followed by Greening of the Church

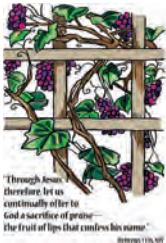
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your offerings as well as those who provided the financial reserve that unfortunately we continue to choose to draw down and in the friendship dinners as well as in your concern and love for one another, I constantly am reminded of Julian of Norwich's revelation that "All will be well."

My prayer for each of us continues to be that we are people of trust, people of hope and people being transformed and instruments of transformation because of the loving Spirit of God that dwells in us and among us.

Mickey Mugaan +



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### Sunday, Dec. 20 - Deadline for Christmas Poinsettia order



If you wish to assist the church in the purchase of poinsettias, the cost for each poinsettia is \$10.00. Please make the check out to the church. Place in offertory plate or mail/leave in church office by Sunday, Dec. 20. Include your name, in memory of: or in thanksgiving for: or in honor of:. Thank you.

### Thurs., Dec. 24, 6:00 p. m., Christmas Eucharist



### Thurs., Dec. 24, 10:30 p. m., Carols

Christmas Carols

### Thurs., Dec. 24, 11:00 p. m. Christmas Eucharist



### Fri., Dec. 25, 10:00 a. m., Christmas Eucharist



### Junior Warden's Report:

I want to thank Dean Egly for paying to have the poles and rip rap installed to fix the ditch beside the driveway. It has been needed for a long time.

Fall is here and the leaves are ...falling. We always welcome church members that are willing to help keep the church grounds looking nice. If anyone is interested please contact me so we can have a coordinated effort.

I will have the leaves cleared and removed probably around Thanksgiving. This is an expense that will be negative to budget but is absolutely necessary. Also the bank behind the church needs to be cleared. That will be done during the winter. It is very hard work and I prefer to hire it out.

Happy holiday season to everyone.

Chuck Hailey, Junior Warden

I would like to thank our congregation for the donations of used cards, address labels, yarn , stickers and most anything else you needs a recycled life. My kids just about anything. And if I They especially love “reading” have not been torn. They give spirit of community and bring cards that are sent in the mail



know is too good to throw out and can certainly find a creative use for can't use it, our art teacher can. the script messages in old cards that them to each other in a beautiful loving notes home to family. The and old cards that people receive are

so beautiful and the children really enjoy them. Thank you also for your donations to buy a donkey for an African village sponsored by the Polk County High School. This is such a giving, loving family community of parishioners. It always reminds me why I joined this church.

God Bless! Julie Maziarka

## Shepherd's Care



### Thanksgiving Food Collection

We want to thank all the members of the church for helping with the restocking of our food pantry in October. We are now in the process of collecting food for our families' Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Would you



please take a H.O.P.E. Bag from the back of the parish hall and put what food you can in the bag so we can help feed our families for Thanksgiving. Return bag to the drop off center or thrift store by November 20th. We will be giving out the Thanksgiving Baskets on Tuesday, November 24th. Your help is greatly appreciated.



### Angel Tree

We will be giving out our Angel Tree Names this coming week. If you wish to get a child's name to buy a gift would you please come by the Food Drop Off center which is two doors down from Subway or contact me at 625.8338 (h) or by email at [mransom1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mransom1@bellsouth.net)



We will be needing help also with the H.O.P.E. Bags for Christmas and those bags will be put out in the community after Thanksgiving.

Any help you can give to Shepherd's Care is appreciated.

Mary Ann Ransom, Shepherd's Care Board, & Volunteers



We need Gifts for our Angel Tree

FINANCIAL FACTS



Financial information through the end of October 2009.

**As you can see our revenues are falling further behind our expenses.**

Operating Revenues		\$77,730
Expenses:		
Maintain our facility	\$18,610	
Office & worship	\$19,579	
Clergy & related expenses	\$58,631	\$96,820
Net Expenses over Revenue		(\$19,090)

In relation to our budget:

Budget Revenue	\$96,075	
Actual	\$77,730	
Under Budget		(\$18,345)
Budget Expenses	\$102,077	
Actual	\$96,820	
Under Budget		\$ 5,257
Behind in Budget		(\$ 13,088)

We are optimistic that our revenues will increase as they normally do through the end of this year. May God continue to bless us as we reach out to one another in love and friendship.

JoAnne Ellingson  
Treasurer



**November Birthdays**

- 04 - Jeri Williams
- 15 - Marion Wilson
- 17 - Max Banks
- 21 - Seth Williams
- 21 - Alex Grimsley
- 24 - Al Hinders
- 24 - Judy Hutchinson

**December Birthdays:**

- 06 - Michael Gray
- 11 - Mary Ann Ransom
- 14 - Robin Stanier
- 15 - Aaron White
- 21 - Frankie Pearson
- 25 - Ken Kinnett
- 29 - Phyllis Maze



31 - Joanne Woodcock

**November Anniversaries**

- 14 - J & Carol Michael
- 20 - Fred & Marion Wilson
- 29 - Fr. Jim & Carol HIndle



**December Anniversaries:**

- 02 - Wiley & Nori Bourne
- 04 - Aaron & Linda White
- 18 - Robert & Harriet Taylor
- 21 - Bill & Jerry McAninch
- 26 - Blaine & Veryl Lynn Cox
- 29 - Dave & Carlann Scherping



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