

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

2011



RECTOR'S CORNER

November 2 is the Feast of All Souls, which also is known as The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is a day to remember those saints who lived among us who have gone on to see God face to face. When I celebrate this feast annually, I recall those members of our church who have died since last November 2 and give thanks for the ways in which their lives have blessed me and the rest of us. I recall their countless acts of goodness and generosity. This past year there were five members of our church whom I recalled and thanked God that I was privileged to know them. I remember Bill McNary who in his life always thought of others first. Even during his last days, I am reminded of how he would help clear the tables at the church's weekly community dinner and how he treated all with such beautiful dignity and respect. Then there was Vern Andrews who along with his wife Pat would spend his winters with us. Vern was one of those quiet men who always was ready to help behind the scenes and do what was necessary to be sure that all was running smoothly. Proc Proctor was another of our church members who is no longer among us. For me the description I think of when I think of Proc is what a kind and gentle man he was. I know for myself I always felt the better after spending time with Proc.

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Bill Bentley is another man who has left us. For Bill time became unimportant when he was visiting with someone. He always took such an interest in what you and your loved ones were doing. He also made sure annually that there were flowers planted in our future spiritual garden long before the TCW created this beautiful garden. Finally, there is Fred Kiehle who while he was living in the area gave so much to the church with his leadership skills and his intellectual curiosity. He also sought to make this world a better place by his words and actions. It is with special gratitude that I remembered them all on November 2 and prayed that God continue to bless and keep them.

As we continue our spiritual journeys together, may we see all the saints among us and give thanks for the ways in which they touch and bless our lives.

**Namaste'
Mickey Mugan**

Condolences: Fritz Kiehle and family on the death of Fred Kiehle.

VESTRY FUND RAISER

On Saturday, October 20, the Vestry had a very successful fundraiser. All enjoyed a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner...**GREAT FOOD AND GREAT COMPANIONSHIP.** Many thanks to those who made it possible

Following the dinner, Carl Nelson arranged for us to be fortunate to have Rev. Lee Weaver from St. Augustine present a dramatization from the Bible about Judas. It was a wonderful presentation, and as you can see from the pictures, the audience was deeply involved and intent in the drama he was presenting.

Rev. Weaver is an excellent role player with a splendid reputation. You can read more about him on his website, Leeweaverministries.com.

Rev. Weaver did not want pictures taken of the dramatization, but you can tell from the audience it was a deeply moving experience.



SENIOR WARDEN

HOORAY

ATTA-BOY

GREAT JOB

CONGRATS

AWESOME

Pick one or all. Everyone in our Congregation deserves many thanks for their efforts and contributions in 2011. Time and talent came to the forefront.

The Church entered this year with a serious budget challenge. After a number of meetings and concessions, we made good headway, and as of now, we are in the black. A request for an increase of ten percent in pledges was positive. Volunteers have taken over a number of duties, with excellent results.

New faces have been seen on Sunday mornings, and lately the choir stalls have been filling. Attendance at the Sunday suppers has grown for this wonderful outreach activity. The recent Spaghetti dinner, complete with the appearance of "Judas," was a great success.

I know that more detailed information was covered in past newsletters; however, I just wanted to shout praises to all as we end this eventful year.

**Thanks again,
Jack Stanier Senior Warden**



JUNIOR WARDEN

The last couple of months have been relatively normal for the buildings and grounds committee. However, much work continues behind the scenes to continue to beautify and strengthen our church.

Carl Nelson has installed a new bookcase in the Parish Hall so our Library is now in full operation. Take advantage of this wonderful project.

The Medinas continue to enjoy their home in the rectory and we have had very few problems with the building and grounds.

We recently had to have electrical work in the Parish Hall as several of the electrical plugs had wiring problems that were affecting the electrical system in the office. Harriet reports she is no longer working in the dark.

As we look toward 2012, we can continue to work together to maintain our wonderful place of worship.

Robert





Once again Mickey donned his “red shoes” for Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes.

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to support Mickey in the annual Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes. Men are asked to walk seven blocks down main street in Hendersonville in four- inch high heels to raise awareness about domestic violence and to raise funds for Mainstay, Henderson County's shelter for survivors of domestic violence. It is always a fun event as well as the largest annual fundraiser for Mainstay.

JoAnne and Ackie Okpych joined Mickey and Maggie in walking down main street again this year.

TCW NEWS

Our trip to St. John's in the Wilderness in Flat Rock on October 6th was just wonderful. The church, gardens, and cemeteries were beautiful. Our tour guide gave us a thorough history of the church, which was started in 1836 and many colorful stories about the founders and family.

After the tour, we joined the ladies of St. John's for a great lunch at "A Day in the County" in Hendersonville.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at 12:30 with bag lunch and meeting at 1:00. Please join us as we need everyone one's thoughts and ideas to serve our church, our community, and each other with God's love.

Thanks to the "girls" for planting Knockout roses around the church Kiosk at the entrance. It really looks great.

**JoAnne Ellingson
President**



FANTASTIC RECIPES FROM COFFEE HOUR

Benne Seed Wafers

2 cups brown sugar	1 egg, beaten
1 cup plain flour	1 stick butter
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp salt	3/4 cup benne seed toasted (sesame seeds)

Cream the butter and sugar, add beaten egg, then flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Add vanilla and benne seed. Drop by teaspoon (very small amounts) on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in moderate oven 325 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Cool on parchment paper. Yield: about 100.

Recipe from Charleston Receipts

I added a couple tsp of extra butter because we like the taste. Using only a stick of butter will give you a cookie more like the Charleston Benne Seed Wafers--more substantial, less fragile, neater cookie.

Pineapple Nut Cake

2 eggs	2 cups plain flour
2 cups sugar	2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup pecans	1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple with juice

Mix all ingredients together by hand. Bake in a greased 9 x 13 inch baking pan at 325 degrees for 40 minutes or until tested done.

Topping:

1 pkg 8-oz cream cheese	1/2 stick butter
1 3/4 cups powdered sugar	1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup pecans	

For Your Information....

MOUNTAIN BREEZE.....

Be sure to pick up the next two issues of the "Mountain Breeze."
Joselyn Watkins' article is "Their Story" as told to her
by Mickey and Maggie Mugan.
January/February issue will feature Mickey's Story

NOVEMBER VESTRY MEETING... ..

Date has changed to Thursday, November 17 (4:00 p.m)
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

NEW PARISH LIBRARY... ..

We have a wonderful new bookcase and lots of great new books in our Parish Library. This is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of some fabulous reading. All you need to do is sign the books in and out so we can keep an inventory.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES... ..

Boxes with alphabetical dividers will be placed in the rear of the church in December for parishioners to share Christmas Greetings with each other without having to use postage.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH... ..

Following the 10:00 a.m. service on December 18, we will have our annual "greening of the church" followed by a bowl of soup. Plan to join to start the week to make Transfiguration Christmas very special.

SECOND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

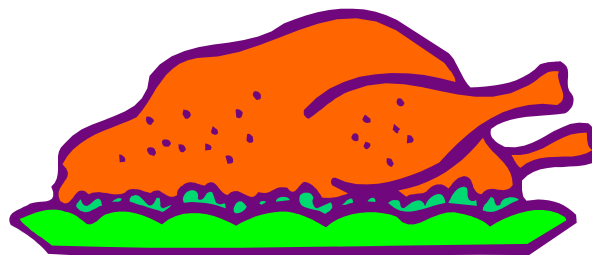
Saturday November 19, 2011

6:00 PM

Let us all gather together for food, fellowship and thanksgiving for the blessings we receive through our church family.

There is no cost for this dinner because you have already contributed through your time, talent, and treasure to bring our financial situation to a positive outcome.

Please join us as we celebrate YOU...



**GORGE-AREA FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
EVERY SUNDAY**

Please spread the word about the Gorge-area community dinner.
We encourage you to come and share a great meal and casual
get together with others.

IT'S FREE, CASUAL, TASTY AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME

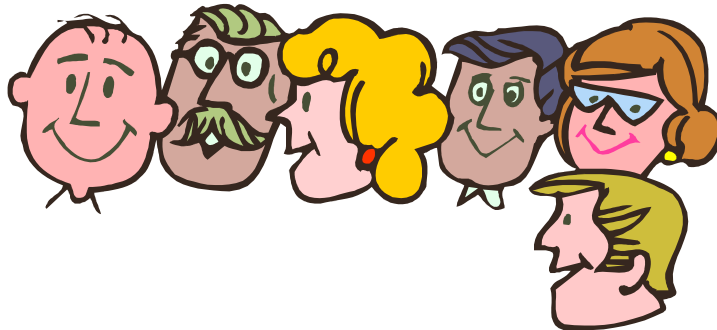
WHERE: Church of the Transfiguration
Saylor Lane @ Hwy 64/74, Bat Cave

WHEN: Sundays form 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM

MENU CHANGES WEEKLY

**NO COST
NO DRESS CODE
NO RESERVATIONS
NO CHURCH SERVICE**

Also, if you know someone that could use a good hot Sunday dinner, please
ask them to attend==or just come eat with us yourself, and then carry out
a "go box" dinner to them.





FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial information as of September 30, 2011

Operating Revenues		\$85,543
Expenses:		
Maintain our facility	\$16,653	
Office & worship	\$20,313	
Clergy & related expenses	\$48,760	\$85,726
Net Expenses over Revenue		(\$ 182)

In relation to our budget:

Budget Revenue	\$76,135	
Actual	\$85,543	
Over Budget		\$ 9,408
Budget Expenses	\$82,509	
Actual	\$85,726	
Over Budget		(\$ 3,217)
Over Budget		\$ 6,192

Our contributions have continued in an upward trend. The expenses have been very close to budget with the exception of additional repairs to rectory and utilities increase.

There has been such a wonderful spirit with everyone working together to bring our church to financial stability.

God is working through each one of us as we continue to love and support our church in our own unique way.

JoAnne Ellingson, Treasurer

Special Music Event

Sunday November 27th
at the
10:00 AM Service

The Episcopal Church Choir of Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC has been selected to sing at the Biltmore Saturday, November 26th and a group of their choir will be singing for our service that Sunday. Also their music director, Dr. Lorna Barker, a well-known musician and composer/arranger will be playing the organ during that time.

We can thank Jeanette Auld (who has been singing in our choir) for this wonderful musical addition to our service. Jeanette sings at Christ Church when she (and Johnny) are not in Lake Lure.

Please make a big note on your calendar to be at church Sunday November 27th at 10:00 to give this group a warm welcome to Bat Cave and enjoy some very special music.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sundays:** Eucharist 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Community Dinners – 4:00 PM
November 27 – No Community Dinner
December 18 – Greening of the Church
December 25 – 10:00 AM Christmas Eucharist
- Tuesdays:** November 8 and December 13
TCW – Bring-A-Lunch – 12:30 PM
TCW Meeting – 1:00 PM
November 8 - 9:00 AM – Trip to Valdese
- Wednesdays:** Healing Service with Eucharist 10:00 AM
Bible Study 11:00 AM
- Thursdays:** November 17 and December 8
Vestry Meeting – 4:00 PM
November 24 – 10:00 AM – Thanksgiving Eucharist
- Saturdays:** November 19 and December 17 -
8:30 AM - Church Breakfasts
November 19 – 6:00 PM Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
December 24 – 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Eucharist
December 24 – 10:30 PM Carols
December 24 – 11:00 PM – Christmas Eve Eucharist



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Hank Will
04 Jeri Williams
09 Susan Brooks
10 Nathaniel Smith
15 Marion Wilson
18 Johnny Auld
17 Max Banks
24 Al Hinders
26 Don Brooks

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14 J. and Carol Michael
14 Don and Sue Brooks
24 Hank and Hazel Will
29 Fr. Jim and Carol Hindle

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

06 Michael Gray
11 Mary Ann Ransom
14 Robin Stanier
15 Aaron White
21 Frankie Pearson
31 Joanne Woodcock

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



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