

# THE MESSENGER

JULY - AUGUST

2011



## RECTOR'S CORNER

On the Sunday after the Ascension this year, we were reminded that the disciples were told to return to Jerusalem and to wait and to pray. As I reflected on this in my sermon for that day, there are times when this practice is still the best way to discern what is God's will for us. The vestry certainly experienced this a few months ago as it examined various options concerning the budget shortfall which the church was having. During the specially called vestry meeting a number of options were considered in an atmosphere of trust and respect. Then our senior warden suggested that we all take time to pray over these options and return in two weeks for our regularly scheduled vestry meeting. As a result of this time of waiting and praying when we returned, I believe that the Spirit had enlightened all of us so that we could agree on how to proceed to reduce the deficit. Thanks to the generosity of a number of you who have volunteered to take on added responsibilities in the church, we as a church have been able to let go of our church secretary and our cleaning service. Thanks also to the increased giving, which a number of you have so generously done, this past month our budget was in the black for the first time in many months. Certainly, the vestry and I can verify the truth of what the psalmist wrote in Psalm 46: 10: "Be still, and know that I am God." In doing just this, we were able to pause and take in the bigger picture regarding our relationship with God and with one another and not be overwhelmed by the difficulties that faced us. May we as individuals and as a church continue to take time to wait and to pray especially when we are faced with major decisions.

Namaste,  
Mickey

### Condolences:

Lori and Richard Loftus on the death of Lori's Grandfather, DeForest Gevette

Julie and Mike Maziarka on the death of Julie's mother, Florence Knick

The Kelly Family on the death of Mary Kelly

Fr. Jim and Carol Hindle on the death of Carol's Brother-In-Law, Curtis Rebels

## **THANK YOU CARD**

**The following is taken from the card to Transfiguration from Patrick and Allison Mugan for the wedding gift from the church:**

**“To my church family,  
Thank you so much for the generous gift to Allison and myself. What an unbelievable gesture from an unbelievable group of people. I am truly grateful for all the love, prayers, and support over the past 14 years. You have all played a vital role in making me into the person I am today. My family has been lucky to be a part of this wonderful church family. Once again, I can’t thank ya’ll enough for your generosity.**

**Love for all,  
Patrick & Allison”**



## THANK YOU REPORT FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

**There are so many people to thank for taking time and energy to keep our church running and in good condition.**

**Carl Nelson and Blaine Cox have cut down a couple of dead trees. Carl has painted the railings in front of the Church to match those in the Spiritual Garden. He also repainted the automobile lines in the parking lot. In addition to this, he has cleaned and polished the floors in the Parish Hall as well as the flooring leading to the Altar and choir areas.**

**The Vestry Cleaning crew is doing a great job. This crew consists of Carl Nelson, Bruce Smith, and Sandra Nelson. It's great to know the bathrooms and kitchen are clean and usable.**

**TCW ladies are taking wonderful care of our Spiritual Garden and it truly enhances the beautiful surroundings of our church.**

**Another thank you is to JoAnne Ellingson for her devoted work in maintaining the finances of the church by keeping pledges and contributions current, paying bills, making deposits, etc. Her diligence in this area is most appreciated.**

**Finally I want to thank Harriet Taylor for taking on the responsibility of the Weekly Bulletin, Prayers, Lay Ministries and other secretarial duties as well as continuing to be Editor of the Messenger.**

**We are truly blessed with wonderful parishioners who love our church, love each other, and want to continue our ministry for years to come.**

**Heartfelt thanks to everyone,**

**Jack**



## JUNIOR WARDEN

### 2011 work efforts are now underway

It has certainly been a busy two months as Junior Warden!

All of March was devoted to scraping, painting, fixing, hiring contractors and many visits to Lowe's and Home Depot. The week just before the Madinas' moved in, we had a great group of parishioners to put on the final touches by cleaning the baths, cleaning the windows, and anything else, they saw necessary. All assistance given was greatly appreciated and a blessing.

The Medina's appear very happy with their new home. Just 2 minutes from their restaurant so that was a real plus. They have also agreed to split our quarterly garbage pickup with us. They will remit \$17.50 per month along with their rent payment beginning with the month of April.

It is now wonderful to have the facilities in our bathrooms free of rust stains and know that our water supply for both the church and rectory is free of iron. The new filter was costly, but over the years it will be worth it in protecting not only the parishioners, but also our renters, icemakers, water heaters, refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.

Carl Nelson and I spoke with the incumbent lawn service group from Hendersonville. The contract with them was renewed. Our grounds had a beautiful Spring with blooming flowers, shrubs, and our fabulous Dogwood. Thanks to all who take the time to pull a weed or tend a plant. We are all participants in the care of our church.

As we move into the next few months, we need to concentrate on the inside of the church and parish hall. We will try to arrange a good clean-up day for dusting, vacuuming, polishing, etc. Kudos to Carl Nelson for polishing all of the pews in the Nave and Choir areas.

Since there is no cleaning contracted any longer, we need to have some volunteer teams to perform this service on a once a week basis. I project it will take two people about 3 hours to perform the various cleaning functions.

We have a beautiful church and certainly want to keep it that way.

Blessings,  
Robert



## **OUTREACH REPORT**

The Vestry voted in June to send donations from the Outreach Fund to the African Medical Mission and to the Hospice of Rutherford County. Both organizations shared their mission activities with us during our Wednesday evening Lenten Suppers. We thank JoAnne and Curt Ellingson for organizing that wonderful fellowship activity this year. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

George and Hope Wittmer have been providing every Sunday evening a very special Outreach Dinner Social. It has given us an opportunity to enjoy a meal with folks in our community and each other. Thanks to everyone for supporting this activity by helping to set up the Parish Hall, and participating in the fellowship. And, most of all, thanks to George and Hope for this terrific Outreach gift!

Nancy



## TCW NEWS

**We had a great turn out for our trip on Wednesday, June 22. After the 10:00 am Healing Service, we car pooled to Hendersonville for lunch at Mr. G's and then on to Wick Wire where our own Veryle Lynn Cox was the featured artist for June. We enjoyed seeing a beautiful display of her pottery and icons. After that several of us went to pick out plants for the garden and then plant them on Friday.**

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**JoAnne Ellingson  
President**



**ECW Ladies Visiting Veryle Lynn's Studio**

**EVANGELISM CORNER**

**TRANSFIGURATION CURSILLO PILGRAMS**

**Closing Session**

**St. James, Black Mountain**

**Don Miller**

**Cursillo Questions for Closing Session**



**Rosemary & Leon Sipes  
Nancy McNary**



## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

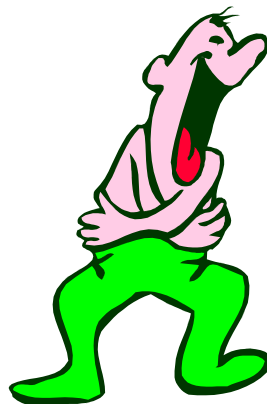
A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy, and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father, the 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."





## FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial information as of May 31, 2011

Operating Revenues			\$46,625
Expenses:			
Maintain our facility	\$11,923		
Office & worship	\$13,666		
Clergy & related expenses	\$28,096	\$53,685	
Net Expenses over Revenue			(\$ 7,060)

In relation to our budget:

Budget Revenue	\$42,310		
Actual	\$46,625		
Over Budget			\$ 4,315
Budget Expenses	\$50,455		
Actual	\$53,685		
Over Budget			(\$ 3,230)
Over Budget			\$ 1,085

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have made a prayerful increase in your contributions since our special meeting in March regarding our financial situation. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> there is no paid secretarial position. The work is being done by Harriet Taylor and JoAnne Ellingson at a savings of \$7,700 this year.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> Mickey has chosen to use Medicare for his health insurance at a savings of \$7,000 this year. An anonymous donation of \$5,000 was made to bring our budget deficit to zero.

The above expenses include some major repairs to our rectory along with many hours spent by Robert Taylor to be able to rent the rectory. After a final workday with many volunteers to clean every inch, the rectory was rented on April 1<sup>st</sup> for \$6,000 income this year.

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

JoAnne Ellingson, Treasurer

**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**

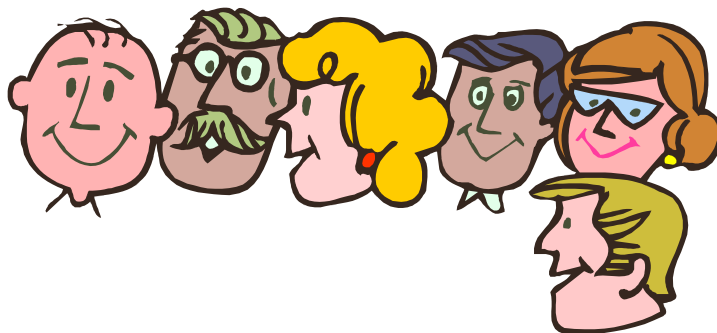
**WHERE:** Church of the Transfiguration  
Saylor Lane @ Hwy 64/74, Bat Cave

**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.





**“Mr. 50/50” is a wonderful way to clean out closets and garages, and help the needs of our church.**

**Any item of value you wish to sell you may now list in the Messenger, add to our website, add to the list on the boards at the back of the Parish Hall, put on the bulletin board as an classified ad, or give to Harriet and she will put a flyer in the bulletin. There are just so many ways to get the word out that we have things to sell and share.**

**In return for helping you sell your “worn-out-treasures,” you must donate 50% of the selling price to the church. Either way, it is a win-win proposition.**

**For further information, contact any member of the Vestry.**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sundays:** Eucharist 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Community Dinners – 4:00 PM
- Tuesdays:** July 12 and August 9  
TCW – Bring-A-Lunch – 12:30 PM  
TCW Meeting – 1:00 PM
- Wednesdays:** 10:00 AM Healing Service with Eucharist  
11:00 AM Bible Study
- Thursdays:** July 14 and August 11  
Vestry Meeting – 4:00 PM
- Saturdays:** July 16 and August 20  
Church Breakfasts – 8:30 AM



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

03 Fr. Jim Hindle  
05 William Burch  
09 Sara Bentley  
09 Betsy Longoria  
11 Rosemary Sipes  
17 Fred Wilson  
24 Nancy McNary  
26 Edie Davis  
27 Wiley Bourne  
28 Curt Ellingson  
29 Wendy Field  
30 Bill McAninch

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

03 Jack and Robin Stanier  
05 Bill and Sara Bentley  
05 Mike and Julie Maziarka  
27 Richard and Lori Loftus

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

03 Marshall Brooks  
07 Russ Maze  
07 Fr. Mickey Mугan  
10 Veryle Lynn Cox  
17 Joe Carter  
17 Race Artz  
21 Blaine Cox

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

14 Chuck and Joselyn Watkins  
24 Shirley Kuiper and Tom Fitzpatrick  
29 Riley and Marcia Hardy  
16 JoAnne Ellingson



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