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Comfortable Words

January 27, 2010

Godspeed

For some, twenty-five years is a long time, but Sarah and I have learned just how fleeting a quarter-century can seem when life is full. Since our family's arrival on a snowy mid-winter day in 1985, we have loved our years with you, our church family. We marveled at your welcome, feeling right at home with Holy Comforter.

There is just a real sense of community here. Even if you are "new" here, you probably know what I mean. In a rapidly-changing, often unsettled world, Holy Comforter folks, in all of our variety, are great at "showing up." There are lots of smiles in these hallways, and what better model for God's ministry? What fine times we've had--not only Sarah and me, but our children Jeremy, Lissa, Britton, and Christopher who was born here. All of our kids served as acolytes, three sang in Jeannette Hassell's children's choir, and each has fond recollections of Holy Comforter.

The memories are rich. As your Rector, I've known that there would come a day to step aside, an opportunity for new pastoral leadership. Who knows what tomorrow may bring? Sarah and I are excited for Holy Comforter and her future with new priestly vision and guidance. Another 100 years is before us, and I have all faith that Holy Comforter will continue her Christ-centered tradition of worshipful liturgy and music, creative programs and community ministry, with red doors wide-open to all God's children.

Dear friends, you have one another. You also have a terrific professional staff. Laurie Ryan, Ginny Allison, Debbie Coker, Kim Futrell and John Fitch are here to serve the Church, offering kind hearts and open minds to the work of our Lord. Care for them. I know they will care for you. Your vestry is already working overtime--with your bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry and his Diocesan staff--on responsibilities of transition, choosing an Interim Rector and establishing a Rector Search Committee. You will continue to hear from Scott Turner, Senior Warden, on a regular basis.

I look forward to celebrating our years together at this Saturday evening's dinner party in the Great Hall and in Eucharist services this Sunday morning. Both the 8:15 and 10:30 church services will be extraordinary, accompanied by brass, full choir and organ and followed by cake receptions.

How do I say farewell when the greeting seems like just yesterday? Sarah and I will see you around town and, someday, we'll return home to the pews of Holy Comforter. Godspeed, not good-bye, and blessings on you, each and every fleeting day.

David, your Rector

Christian Formation

Sunday Morning Opportunities for All Ages ~ 9:30 – 10:15.

Adult Classes/Groups:

Coffee & Talk: An informal time of fellowship in the Parlor.

Sunday Morning Matters: —Jan. 31 in the small dining room – “Living the Way of Jesus”
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28— “Religion in the Middle East”

Children & Youth:

Preschool – 5th grade classrooms are all on the ground floor.

Ages three – 2nd grade meet each Sunday morning with 10 minutes of singing in the St. Nicholas classroom. Children will then be directed to their appropriate classes. Grades 3rd – 5th begin Sunday school in their classroom. *Children’s Chapel* begins each morning at 10:30 for the first half of the service (K-5th grade).

The Nursery is available downstairs during Sunday School and the 10:30 worship hour. Children five and under are welcome.

Journey to Adulthood Program: Rite 13, J2A & Y.A.C. meet on the 3rd floor.

SUNDAY MORNING MATTERS

Living the Way of Jesus: Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount –
January 31st - final session

The Sermon on the Mount is an amazingly thorough distillation of Jesus' teachings. In three programs, Kathy Hykes will lead us in looking again at Scripture that seems very familiar, yet offers us a surprising amount of material on which to reflect. There is much to comfort us in Jesus' words and even more to challenge us. *Small Dining Room Ground Floor*

See page 5 for complete details February’s Sunday Morning Matters program.

CALLING ALL 3rd – 5th GRADERS...

Chancel Drama practice begins February 7th each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in your regular Sunday School room (St. Catherine Classroom - downstairs, the last classroom on the right). The play will be performed at both services on May 16. That may seem like a long way off but with Lent & Easter, it sneaks up on us fast. Regular attendance is very important and not to mention – a lot of FUN!!!

Just 4 Youth

Activities for youth grades 6 – 12

Upcoming Calendar Items

January 30	David's retirement party – Help needed from Rite 13 & J2A classes from 5:45 – 8:00p.m.
February 1	American Red Cross Blood Drive – 3:00 – 7:30, Holy Comforter Great Hall - volunteers and donors needed (see page 5).
February 6	Alamance ElderCare SuperBowl X (see page 10).
February 7	Sub Sandwich youth fundraiser – arrive at 8:30 a.m. to prepare subs.
February 16	Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (youth fundraiser) – 5:30 p.m. - Youth arrive at 4:00
February 26-28	Outreach weekend in Charlotte (see below) – leaving at 4:00

TEAM: HOLY COMFORTER YOUTH

Get a team together and let's go bowling! Maybe a little friendly competition between youth Sunday School classes? February 6th at the Alamance ElderCare SuperBowl is the perfect opportunity to get with your friends and have some fun – mark your calendars today!!

ATTENTION HOLY COMFORTER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...

2010 Outreach Weekend

Registration deadline is February 17th!

REGISTER ONLINE NOW – www.episdioncyouth.org

Location: Cedar Grove Conference Center, Kannapolis (near Charlotte)

Date: Friday, February 26 at 6:30pm to Sunday, February 28, at 11:00am

This will be a fun, challenging and spiritually enriching weekend...guaranteed.

February Birthdays (grades 6 – 12)

2 – Ethan Hood

27 – Sarah McQueen

Questions? Please feel free to contact **Kim Futrell**, *Christian Formation Director*
at 227-4251 or kfutrell@holycomforterburlington.org.

From the Music Director

Compline will be observed each Sunday evening in Lent at 7:30 p.m. in St. Athanasius chapel. This is an unaccompanied chanted service of less than one-half hour's duration. If you have not yet attended one of these services, please come. It is a meaningful way to close the day and to prepare one's spirit for the evening before the start of the week.

Laurie Ryan

TRANSITION - ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Please welcome **The Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer** who will celebrate and preach in our morning worship services. Dr. Spencer directed the School of Ministry for the Diocese of North Carolina for many years.

NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

We have a busy weekend ahead of us with David's retirement party this Saturday January 30th and David's last Sunday as our Rector this Sunday January 31st. Both services that day will include full choir, special music and a reception following. I hope each and every one of you can be at these important transitional events in the life of David and Sarah and in the life our parish.

We have included another "Memories of David and Sarah..." sheet in this issue of *Comfortable Words*. If you haven't already done so, please use this sheet to write down any stories, memories or any other thoughts you would like to share with David and Sarah. We will compile these into a scrapbook and present it to them as a keepsake. Return completed sheets to the church office.

Preparation for the interim period is in full swing. As soon as we get all the approvals needed we will be making an announcement about our new Interim Rector. In addition the Vestry is working on how best to choose a well balanced and representative Search Committee. You will be hearing more about that in the near future. Stay tuned!

Scott Turner

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Holy Comforter on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=58594233752].

Outreach Hero of the Month

The Reverend David R. Williams has been recognized as Outreach Hero of the Month. Usually the rector is not eligible for this recognition but under the circumstances, we wish to recognize the example David has led us with in caring for those in need. The folks who need him will miss him and we as parishioners should carry on with enthusiasm what we have been taught to do.

Pete Glidewell

Outgoing head of Mission Outreach

PS: Bill Ratcliffe is the new head and nominations should be forwarded to Bill for people who do work for those in need outside our church family.

Sunday Morning Matters

Living the Way of Jesus: Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount

January 31st- Kathy Hykes will lead us in the concluding segment of the study on the *Sermon on the Mount*. This week's discussion will focus on *Where is our Treasure? On Money and Generosity*. We have learned some new ways of reading these scriptures in Matthew and found much on which to reflect. Each segment stands alone, so come join us.

Coming in February

Religion in the Middle East

This four week series will explore Christianity, Judaism and Islam today in the Middle East. February 7th- *Christianity in the Middle East* with Dr. James H. Pace who earned both a Masters of Divinity degree and a Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies from Emory University. He came to Elon University in 1973 and has been a full professor of religious studies since 1987. He holds membership in the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature and has participated in many archaeological expeditions in the Middle East. Jim has participated in our Forum for the last several years and has impressed us all with his scholarship and his intense interest in sharing his insights.

February 14th- *Islam* with Shereen Elgamal, Assistant Professor of Arabic and Middle-Eastern Studies at Elon. She was born in Egypt, where she lived until 1993. Although she now lives in Cary, she returns to her home country every other summer. She has traveled extensively within the Middle East, including to Mecca and Israel. As a devout Muslim, Elgamal says she is "proud" to have Christian and Jewish friends and is eager to promote better understanding between our faith communities.

**Sunday Morning Matters Meets in the Small Dining Room Ground Floor
More in the next issue of *Comfortable Words*...**

Kathy Hykes

HOLY COMFORTER BLOOD DRIVE

The Holy Comforter Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday February 1, 2010, from 3:00pm-7:30pm, in the Great Hall. Please call **Betty Brown at 336-616-1042 or Ginny Allison** in the Church office at **336-227-4251** to schedule an appointment to donate blood or to volunteer to help out in other ways. You can sign up on your own to donate blood at www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule. Click on "search by sponsor code" and enter 14834 along with your birthday and email address.

Betty Brown

Men's Wednesday Breakfast
6:45 AM, at the Burlington Diner on S. Church St. at the intersection of Routes 54 & 62

The month's theme will be, "Celebrating the Character of our County" sponsored by John Freeman and Lane Anderson:

February 3rd - "What's Right and What's Wrong With Public Education Today" Lane Anderson

February 10th - "All About ALAMANCE MAGAZINE and ALAMANCE WOMAN" Paul Rovegno, Publisher

February 17th - "Issues Facing Our City" Ronnie Wall, Mayor

February 24th - "Issues Facing Our County" Ann Vaughan, County Commissioner

Submitted by Lane Anderson

"Yes We Can" - Vision Campaign to retire the Capital Debt

Remember that Sunday, February 7th is the date for returning your coffee cans filled with your loose change from the last three months. We haven't yet figured out how we're going to count all of those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters but we will by the deadline please put your name on a slip of paper and place it securely inside of the can. This will allow Debbie to credit the amount of your contribution on your church statement. We will collect the cans at each service in the back of the church as you enter.

Since the annual meeting in November the amount of pledges paid has caught up to and exceeded the amount of the annual mortgage payments due for last year. The contributions in the "yes we can" short campaign will allow us to pay down some extra principal due on the loan for this year. Thank you very much for your participation!

Bob Hykes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Please note that some envelope numbers have changed for 2010. To avoid confusion and make sure donations are correctly posted, please don't use envelopes from previous years. If a new box wasn't prepared for you, please notify Debbie in the office. Thanks!

Debbie Coker, Financial Secretary

'ON THE EDGE' DISCUSSION GROUP:

EXPLORING THE GNOSTIC GOSPELS
THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2010

Please join with us as you wait for Spring to arrive and as we study some of the Gnostic gospels in a DVD series entitled **"Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles Over Authentication."** The lecturer is Dr. Bart Erhman, Professor at UNC, Chapel Hill; the series is produced by The Teaching Company. We will start with the Gospel of Thomas.

Our meetings are in the **church library** on **alternate Thursday evenings** from **7:30 to 9:00**. For additional information contact the church office or one of our regular participants: Betty Hatch, Jasper Becker, Shirley Freeman, Edwina Haddad, Carolyn Hill, Carol Soliday, Karen Stamm, Steen Gorby, Gary Gorby, India Cain, Nancy Cook, Dawn Spadzenske, Jeannette Hassell.

Jeannette Hassell



SUB SANDWICH SALE

Sunday, February 7th

**Place your order today and let us do all the work for
your Super Bowl party!**

**Cost: Donation – all proceeds will benefit the
J2A Youth Pilgrimage!**

Orders will be ready for pick up downstairs in the Great Hall after both services

Please place this order form in the basket at the back of the church or mail to the church office. You may also place orders by e-mail: kfutrell@holycomforterburlington.org.

Name _____

- _____ # Turkey & Swiss 6" subs
- _____ # Ham & American 6" subs
- _____ # Vegetarian - can be made at time of pick up.
- _____ # Platter - \$40 min.
- _____ Check here if you will need to pick up my order after the early service.

The fixins' will be provided to dress your subs or to take with you.

St. Martha's Guild News

Bitter cold weather is the perfect time to be knitting nice warm prayer shawls. They keep us warm twice: Once while prayerfully knitting them (St. Martha's members pray for the unknown person who will receive the shawl, as they are knitting), and then we are warmed again just knowing that the shawl will bring comfort and warmth to someone facing a life-changing situation.

We invite anyone interested in our ministries to join us at one of our meetings. We meet the second Monday of each month, and our next meeting will be on Monday, February 8th, at 6 p.m., in the church parlor.

We hope to see you there.

St. Martha's Receives Thank You Notes

Dear Members of St. Martha's Guild,

Thanks for the lovely shawl you gave to our mother. She is enjoying the warmth and softness. You have blessed her.

Sincerely, ***Barb, Joan, Mark, Laurie and Julie, the (Arlene) Ryan Clan***

David & Our Church Home,

Thank you so much for your care, concern and prayers for John. The flowers were lovely and cheerful. The recent visit by a St. Martha's Guild member to bring the beautiful prayer shawl was very special. It make John feel very loved by our church family. He seems to be doing better but still has to remain home for health care. We can't wait to be back to worship but know we feel part of the church everyday. ***Linda and John Spacek***

Arlene Veix and Juli Hauser

**SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

SAVE THESE DATES:

Building an Ethical Economy - Trinity Institute webcasts - January 27-29 - Hosted live at Holy Trinity, Greensboro. St. Philip's in Durham and Christ Church in Charlotte will be hosting delayed webcasts.

Re-imagining the Call: 5th Annual Warden's Conference (Clergy invited to attend) This year held regionally: in the East Region on **March 6**.

Clergy Study Day at Duke Divinity School featuring **Ellen Davis, Thursday, March 11, 2010**.

Education for Ministry (EfM) Mentor training events. **March 11-13 and September 9-11** St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville.

Encountering God by the Sea Spring Tide Retreat featuring **Lauren Winner April 28-30** at Trinity Center Salter Path on the North Carolina Coast.

See website: www.episdionschool.org for more details on all events

Submitted by Ginny Allison



ECW News

ECW is in full swing for 2010 ! Join us for presentations exploring selected Bible excerpts with everyday life.

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb 8th 10:00 in the Parlor. Hostesses are Pat Puett, Jennell Harris and Susan Ryan. All women are welcome.

Coming up this spring: What do the Beatitudes mean to you?

Holy Comforter women are welcome to the upcoming ECW spring meetings to learn more about the Beatitudes and how they are incorporated in our lives today. Meetings are open to all women of Holy Comforter so mark your calendars for February 8th, March 8th and April 12th at 10:30 am. A brief time from 10:00 to 10:30 is set aside to socialize with the meeting beginning at 10:30 and ending no later than noon. If you have questions about ECW or the spring meetings, please contact Nancy Smith at 336-430-7838 or Kathie Longbrake at 919-563-0057.

Nancy Smith, President, 449-5585

**WANT TO HELP SOMEONE ALONG THE ROAD TO RECOVERY?
Drive a Cancer Patient to Treatment at ARMC**

This is an invitation to join me and others who are volunteer drivers for Road to Recovery. Lack of transportation sometimes leaves people with cancer with few options for completing their treatment. The American Cancer Society Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Jenkins will gladly tell you more about a simple way you can help..

Your commitment is quite flexible. You are not tied down to a set schedule but may tell Mary how often (weekly, monthly, occasionally, etc.) you want to be available. Now you can't beat that! And you are well oriented to expectations and guidelines that respect you and the patient. Currently 40 more drivers are needed. The need is expanding weekly.

Give Mary a call at 336-586-3504 for more information. Also call me if I can answer any questions.

**Betsy Savage
227-1367**

ATTENTION - YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults luncheon was a big hit last Sunday. Approximately 20 adults enjoyed wonderful food and companionship while the children had a good time playing in the Great Hall. We discussed several ideas for getting together socially and for service projects in the community.

The next meeting will be a potluck lunch after the 10:30am service on **Sunday, February 21**, in the Great Hall. We invite any young adults in the church (20s & 30s) to come and enjoy the fellowship. We are especially interested in extending the invitation to students at Elon University or in the LEAF program.

If you have any questions or want more information please contact Julie Swanner at julieswanner@yahoo.com. I am especially grateful to Julie for bringing everyone together for this group.

Jim Robbins

**COME BOWL WITH US
FOR ELDER CARE!**

Saturday, February 6, 2010 will be the 10th Annual Elder Care Bowling Tournament. This fundraiser will help the nonprofit agency guide care givers and older adults with health issues and aging needs.

To continue providing services to families and individuals in our community we need you to come bowl with us!

No bowling skills necessary

No age limit

Join the "Holy Comforter Cuties" or create your own team

Support Holy Comforter teams with a donation to Elder Care (please give donation to Ginny Allison)

Come cheer us on!

For more information call Elder Care board members: Susan Ryan - 226-2561, Phil Savage - 227-1367, Matt Wall - 226-8216 or Ginny Allison, the church office at 227-4251.

Submitted by Susan Ryan

**Calling all HC Art and Food Lovers -
A Dinner by Kate Crawford is in the Works to Benefit the Alamance County Arts Council!**

Our own **Kate Crawford**, well known to Holy Comforter folks for her creativity and expertise in the kitchen, is taking her talents public by serving as a volunteer chef for Alamance a la Carte, a February 26 dinner party evening to benefit the Alamance County Arts Council. Here's how it works -- Kate and 11 other chefs (many of whom you may also know) have created menus to serve dinner for 10 - 12 people. Beginning at 9 am on Tuesday, February 9, reservations may be made in person for entire tables (based on the menu only) at the Arts Council in Graham. Telephone reservations are not accepted until after noon. If more than one reservation is made for the same menu, a drawing will be held to see who gets it (priority goes to those who made in person reservations). Later in the week, if there are any remaining tables, reservations may be made for individuals, couples and small groups. The cost is \$85 per person, including dinner and wine. The fun part is that there's mystery involved -- the dinners are reserved based only on the menu, so the identity of your chef will be a surprise until the night of the dinner. And there's more ... the dinners are served in the homes of volunteer hosts, but the home you'll be going to also remains a surprise until the night of the dinner. A Holy Comforter couple - Janie and David Sellers - is on the list of volunteer hosts. Go to www.artsalamance.com for complete lists of chefs, menus, hosts and reservation details. These are very special evenings and the Arts Council is a deserving beneficiary for all it does to keep the arts alive and well in our area; many of the artists it supports are members of Holy Comforter. Kate, Janie and David encourage you to get a group together to support the arts and see if you can guess the menu that goes with a favorite HC chef or the one that will be served at Janie and David's home. But whoever your chef and hosts may be, a fabulous evening awaits!

Jane Whitt Sellers

Summary of the Minutes from the Vestry Meeting of December 21, 2009

Staff Reports

The Rector, David R. Williams, reminded the Vestry that at the conclusion of the meeting tonight the 2010 Vestry would have an unofficial meeting to discuss the leadership for next year. He requested that all Vestry members come to the end of the early service at 9:00 a.m. on January 3 to be recognized. The commissioning for the 2010 Vestry will be held at the second service on January 3. Between the two services on that Sunday, the 2010 Vestry would ratify the leadership positions. David then reminded the 2010 Vestry that the Retreat would be held at Twin Lakes on January 8-10. David told the Vestry that he had written his "Secrets of the Kingdom" to assist the Vestry and staff; these notes will be helpful after his retirement. Finally he thanked the 2009 Vestry for its service to HC and said that tonight would probably be his last meeting after 25 years.

Minister of Music, Laurie Ryan, reported that **Mikki Harper** will step in to play the cello for the 10:30 Christmas Eve service. A brass quartet will play on Sunday, January 31, David's last service as Rector. The Treble Choir is doing well.

Administrative Division Reports

Assistant Treasurer Bob Hykes reported that the working capital account stood at \$3500, and that the Finance Committee had recommended that we make a double payment on the mortgage in December. The Finance Committee also recommended that the surplus from All Saints' gifts be moved into the Undesignated Memorials fund. Bob also noted that payments for the Capital Campaign are coming in regularly and that we are keeping up with our payments. He expressed his hope that income will turn out fairly well by the end of the year and that the cash position would be favorable. With regard to the Annual Pledge Review, he announced that several pledge cards, which parishioners (who had been personally called by the Vestry) had promised to send, had not yet been received. The amount that we hope to receive from those who had pledged in 2009, but who have not yet responded this year, is \$29,000. For the April 17 party in the Great Hall, the recommendation is that proceeds be allotted to the Millennium Development goals and to youth activities.

Personnel: Janie Sellers reported that there are several new options for church employee health plans through the Diocese and that the committee would research these programs for a future report to the Vestry.

Program Division Reports

Mission and Outreach: Pete Glidewell announced that the Outreach hero for the year 2009 would be announced soon. The Outreach hero for January 2010 is **David Williams**.

Christian Formation, Worship, and Stewardship: Bill Ratcliffe reported on recent services during Advent. He also announced that there would be a "Welcome Back Breakfast" on January 3. **Betty Brown** announced the upcoming blood drive on February 1, 2010.

Parish Life: Kate Crawford reported on the recent meal and festivities for the greening of the church. She then reviewed the plans for the Rector's retirement party on Saturday, January 30. Also provided will be cake and coffee in the Parlor after the services on January 31. **ECW** and **Mature Voice** Christmas meetings/luncheons were lovely and well attended. With regard to Sunday, January 31 services, the Vestry agreed that both services should be full services with choirs and acolytes; the Rector felt that this would help bring closure to his ministry of 25 years here. **Mikki Harper** reported the New Member Packets had been completed and were in the Bell Tower for distribution. **Juli Hauser** announced that prayers shawls had been given to **Janice Whitaker, Shannon McQueen, Kathy Janson, and Betty Pulkingham**.

Junior Wardens' Reports: Michael Szigeti and Gary Schilke: **Michael** reported on the recent snow removal by our lawn care service. **Gary** noted that there was no SPC meeting in December (though there was a lovely party at 584 Grill).

Senior Warden's Report: Scott Turner reviewed the Vestry counting schedule and the Vestry duty persons for 2010. He thanked the retiring members for their faithful service.

New Business: The Rector noted that he would not be at the Vestry meeting during the Retreat due to his commitment to the Sunday Morning Matters program on January 10. He then said that 5 baptisms were scheduled for Sunday, January 17 at the 10:30 a.m. service. A motion to increase the cost of altar flowers to \$60.00 per week was approved.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and a benediction by the Rector.

As always, you are cordially invited to attend a Vestry meeting, which is held on the third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The complete minutes are available for your reading in the church office.

Respectfully submitted by **Martha T. Stewart, Clerk to the 2009 Vestry**

Summarization of Vestry Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Scott Turner, Senior Warden nominated Bob Hykes as Chairperson of the Rector Search Committee, and the Vestry voted in favor. Scott Turner reviewed the Stewardship resolution based on the Biblical tithe of 10% and encouraged all to strive toward this as a commitment to Christ through the work of the Parish. The vestry signed off on this.

Administrative Division reports

Bob Hykes, Financial Report:

- Current Capital Campaign debt \$281,341.00
- Conclude Campaign by 11/11/2011, Centennial Celebration
- Possible new fund raising campaign to eliminate the debt
- Discussion followed concerning the distribution of funds raised by the upcoming event on April 17 - voted to purchase an Ark from Heifer Project for \$5000 and the vestry would allocate the balance to the youth program
- Vestry agreed that monies credited to Transportation Account be a part of the youth program
- Letters will be sent to those parishioners that plan to pledge but have not yet returned their pledge cards

Pete Glidewell, Assistant Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made and passed to accept the deficit budget for 2010 but to "freeze" 1/3 of the program budget until March when the Finance Committee could present a revised budget reflecting the estimated costs for the Interim Priest
- A cash flow analysis was presented
- Asked the Property Committee to survey the future capital needs of the Church for the next 3 - 5 years
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Scott Turner, Senior Warden Report:

- Will produce an On-Duty list for Vestry to be present at each service throughout the year of the Interim Priest
- Will summarize each division's goals for the coming year and publish in the Comfortable Words
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New Business:

- Pete Glidewell suggested that a policy be established that anyone driving a van for a Church outing have training on the van in advance
- Scott Turner suggested that each parishioner be given an opportunity to write a tribute to David and Sarah on his retirement. It was decided that there would be an inclusion in the next Comfortable Words
- There was discussion about the Rector's Retirement party
- Tom Kebba, guest consultant, encouraged the Vestry to keep the parish informed about the progress of the Rector search throughout this process

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Respectfully submitted by Mikki R. Harper, Clerk to the Vestry

Memories of David and Sarah...

4 EPIPHANY
Lessons for January 31, 2010

	First Lesson	Jeremiah 1:4-10
	Psalm	71:1-6
	Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
	The Gospel	Luke 4:21-30
LAYREADERS	8:15	Bob Walker (First Lesson) Cecelia Walker (Second Lesson) Julie Smith (Creed, Prayers & Chalice) Curt Odem (Chalice)
	10:30	Marian Accles (First Lesson) Jane Romer (Second Lesson) Kathy Hykes (Creed, Prayers & Chalice) Donna Odem (Chalice)
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ACOLYTES	8:15	Richard Parker (C/CS) Ryan Ackley, Kelly Autry (T) Mack Ford, Declan Ford (F)
	10:30	Whitt Sellers (C/CS) Sara Behnke, Claire Hansen (T) Lea Behnke, Josh Mack (F)
ALTAR GUILD		Luzette Brown, Val Franklin, Mittie Landi, Kate Crawford, Jennell Harris, Genie Barnard, Janet Brown
USHERS	8:15	Frank Harris
	10:30	Michael Szigeti & Ryan Eubanks
GREETERS		Peggy Boswell & Dan Patterson
COFFEE		TBA
NURSERY		Susan Ryan & Marianne Harrington

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all people involved in conflict and war especially our own Armed Forces:

Scott Sroka, Ed Faulkner, Shawn Daniels, Will Ross, Charles Morris

Julia Raynor, friend of Betsy Baldwin

Bobbie Grose, friend of Jean Tippet

Laura Conway, Michael Szigeti's aunt

Mary Ellen Bush, friend of Rich Teska

Gregg Lee

Diana Lee

Nan Preas, Jocelyn Safrit's aunt

Jeremy Wynn, friend of Jessie Beddingfield

Charles Johnson, friend of Lisha Akers

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Joan Blanchard

John Harriss, Diana Wallace's father

BIRTHS

Colan Jack Blessington, grandson of Harriet Whitley, great grandson of "B" Holt
Madison Daisy Williams, daughter of Abra & Jeremy Williams, granddaughter of Sarah & David Williams

Calendar for Jan. 28-Feb. 11

28 THURS.

12:00 Mature Voice
7:30 EDGE Group

30 SAT.

6:15 Gala 25th Anniversary/Retirement Party

31 SUN.

8:15 Holy Eucharist II
9:30 Choir
9:30 Christian Ed.
10:30 Holy Eucharist II
11:30 Farewell Reception in Parlor

1 MON.

3:00 Blood Drive

2 TUES.

6:00 Standing Property Committee

3 WED.

11:00 Healing Eucharist
4:30 Treble Choir
5:30 Basketball
7:00 Personnel Committee
7:30 Adult Choir

4 THURS.

7:30 Church Ladies

7 SUN.

8:15 Holy Eucharist II
Sub Sales
9:30 Choir
9:30 Christian Ed.
10:30 Holy Eucharist II
Staff & Wardens
Sub Sales
5:00 Shepherd's Committee

8 MON.

10:00 ECW
6:00 St. Martha's Guild
7:00 Finance Committee

9 TUES.

10:00 Bible Study
7:00 Christian Formation Committee

10 WED.

11:00 Healing Eucharist
4:30 Treble Choir
5:30 Basketball
7:30 Adult Choir

11 THURS.

7:30 EDGE Group

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

Secretary 8 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1 – 5 p.m.

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