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FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN . . .

The Vestry completed its annual retreat at Twin Lakes on January 13-15.

We had both a productive and spiritual retreat and are grateful for Adam's leadership in facilitating our meetings and daily prayer services. The Holy Spirit was with us as we were faced with the difficult decisions involved in setting a budget for the year. We have a wonderful group of dedicated parishioners on the Vestry and each of us is committed to adhering to fiscal responsibility as we conduct the business of the parish during 2012. We established the following major goals for the year:

1. Transition of Christian Formation leadership with continued support of Christian Formation Programs for all ages.
2. Building on the momentum of a fiscally sound, debt free parish.
3. Focus on strategic communication both internal and external with electronic and paper medium.
4. Reinvigorate preexisting mission initiatives while also exploring new partnerships in the community and beyond.

Each organizational division and sub-committee will establish their own goals for the year and report back to the Vestry in February.

You are now aware of a new transition that will take place in the near future regarding a major change in the staff. We are excited that Elizabeth Costello has been accepted as a postulant and will be serving for a year in an Episcopal seminary as she continues her journey to becoming a priest. We appreciate the fine job Elizabeth has done as Christian Formation Director and will certainly miss her, but we wish her well in her new endeavor. The Vestry made a decision to hire a new Assistant Rector to replace the position Elizabeth will be leaving.

Adding an Assistant Rector has been a goal of several previous vestries. In formulating the 2012 budget, we found a creative way to fund a 3/4 time Assistant Rector position with little impact of new funding for the position. The Vestry feels strongly this new position will be an avenue to stimulate growth in the parish, particularly in attracting more new young families. Our attendance at Sunday services continues to grow and the new position will allow us to seriously consider adding a third service, either on Saturday or Sunday. This has tremendous potential for helping the parish to grow even more.

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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: — begins at 9:30 a.m. and meets in the small dining room.

Children & Youth: Preschool – 5th grade classrooms are all on the ground floor. *Ages pre-school to 5th grade pick-up and drop off is in the great hall.* *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.

Christian Formation

Children's Sunday School

2012 Godly Play Story Schedule

January 29: The Story of Creation

February 5: The Flood and The Ark

February 12: Parable of the Good Shepherd

February 19: Parable of the Good Samaritan

Vacation Bible School Informational Meeting: February 5, 2012

It is time to start planning for VBS! If you'd like to be on the planning committee, please come to the informational meeting on **February 5, 2012, following the 10:30 am service in the library.** At the meeting, we will go over volunteer opportunities, choose a theme, and dates for VBS. We will set the date for the next meeting at the meeting on 2/5/12. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, but cannot attend the first meeting, please let me know.

As you know, VBS is a unique opportunity for our church to spend time with children from within and from outside our church community and share God's love through food, lessons, crafts, games, music, and drama! Being part of the planning committee will give you the opportunity to help design the curriculum. Please prayerfully consider being part of this opportunity to share God's story with the children in our parish community.

-Elizabeth Costello

J2A Chili Sale

Order some tasty chili and support our J2A group! See *page 7 of Comfortable Words* for an order form! Pick-up is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5, 2012 in the Great Hall.**

Upcoming EYC Activities

EYC Bowling - January 29 from 5-7pm. Holy Comforter youth (6th-12th grades) will meet at Holy Comforter and then ride over to the lanes together. Bring a few extra dollars for dinner on the way or at the lanes! We'll be back at the church by 7:00 pm.

Youth Ski Trip at Appalachian Ski Mountain, Saturday, Feb 11, 7am-9pm Join our Holy Comforter youth for a day on the slopes! The cost to ski if you are 12 and under is \$39, for everyone else it's \$55, plus extra money for food. Meet at the church to leave at 7am, we'll ski from 10-6, stop for dinner and be back by 9. This is a sign-up only event! Sign up with Hannah Warner by Sunday, February 5. Scholarship money is available!! Please contact Hannah for further information.

Sunday Morning Matters

The series on the **Orders of Ministry in the Church** continues.

January 29th- *Laity, the "Fourth" Order of Ministry* will be the topic presented by Kathy Hykes. This will be an interactive presentation.

February 5- We are delighted to welcome **The Rt. Rev. Alfred "Chip" Marble**, retired bishop of Mississippi and assisting bishop to Bishop Michael Curry in our diocese. His topic, appropriately will be *Bishops, the First Order*. *This is a change in schedule due to an unexpected change in the Bishop's schedule.*

February 12- Joseph Wolyniak will talk with us about the *Third Order of Secular Franciscans*. *If you did not know about all these Orders, or even if you did, please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the small dining room. You need not have attended any of the sessions to find the topic interesting. All are welcome. We would especially appreciate your participation on February 5th.*

ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Are you a curious seeker who likes to engage scripture? Consider joining a Bible Workbench Group! Groups have begun meeting at the church on Mondays at 1:30 pm in the library and on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine's room. For more information, please speak to Kathy Hykes or Robby Wheatly.

Holy Comforter Book and Movie Club

C. S. Lewis, a Christian writer of the mid- twentieth century, still seems to have important things to say to the contemporary reader. For February and March we will follow a reading of one of his books with a movie that features a story from his life. The reading will be *The Problem of Pain* which we will review on Sunday, February 5th in the small dining room, after the late service. In March we will view *Shadowlands*, the beautiful movie about Lewis' relationship with the poet, Joy Gresham.

As always, we will serve lunch and everyone who is interested is welcome. Please call or email me if you are interested in joining us for the first time.

Kathy Hykes 538-0985 or khykes@ec.rr.com

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We did pass a new budget for 2012 at the retreat. Estimated revenues are set at \$478,000 and expected disbursements are \$478,000. Historically, more contributions do come in during the year so we try to estimate what that amount might be. This does make it somewhat of a guessing game and obviously makes it more difficult when we do not have an actual amount with which to work. We deeply appreciate all who have already pledged for 2012. Even though we ended the year 2011 with a \$12,000 shortfall, last year's Vestry did an excellent job of managing our money to our budget. We will work very hard this year to end the year with a balanced budget. However, we need more help from the parish to make that happen. As of January 13, 2012, of the 355 pledge cards sent out, only 179 have been returned (50.5%), generating \$395,820 and 176 are still out (49.5%). Therefore, we are estimating additional income of \$82,180. Loose offerings, other contributions, building usage fees, and investment revenues are also included in the revenue side of the budget. However, around 87% of total revenue must come from parish pledges. To give you a couple of examples of how every donation helps, if only half of the 176 gave \$20 per month, it would generate an additional \$21,120. At \$100 per month, an additional \$105,600 would be generated. As you can see, it takes a lot of money to manage the business of the parish.

I would like to make a plea to those of you who have not yet pledged for 2012. We need your help for us to continue to sustain the many fine parish and community outreach programs we have in place at Holy Comforter. Holy Comforter has historically had strong programs within the parish and continues to be a leader in the community for outreach programs. Parish programs such as Christian Formation, including our new Godly Play curriculum for children; Youth groups, ECW, Men's Breakfast Group, Mature Voice, Hospitality, Home Gatherings, Young Adults Group, Homebound Visitation, Prayer Chain, Sunshine Committee, St. Martha's Guild, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Readers, Chalice Bearers, Verger, Welcoming Committee, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Choirs, and Tape Ministry. Also, our Communications/Technology continues to expand with our own web page, Facebook, and You-Tube, in which we will soon have audio/video of each Sunday service. Community Outreach programs include Allied Churches, Loaves & Fishes, Meals-on-Wheels, Foster Children's Program, Elon University/LEAF, Nets for Life, Crop Walk, Blood Drive, Women's Shelter, and our new partnership with Newlin Elementary School. I ask that you prayerfully consider offering a pledge that will help us maintain our programs.

These are exciting times at Holy Comforter. God's presence and the Light of Christ are with us each day, each moment. As we continue in Epiphany and prepare for Lent, may we pray for each other and do our own part to become more involved in the many wonderful opportunities in this Holy place, the place of Holy Comfort indeed! Please continue to pray for the Vestry that we may continue to serve our Lord, you, and our community as best we can. May God Bless each of you as we move forward together in our spiritual journey.

**In Peace,
Phil Deadmon**

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BUILDINGS SAFE AND SECURE

If you are leaving the building after hours and without a key, please use the North Door (across from the Children's Chapel), the Back Door (down from the Music Room and offices), or the Great Hall parking lot door - rather than unlocking a bolted/keyed door. On occasional mornings, members of the staff find a random door unbolted and unsecured; please help us avoid this.

The fire doors in the long hallways on the main and downstairs levels are installed to protect the building in the event of a fire - and the Fire Marshal has told us that these doors must be kept closed. If you must temporarily prop open one of these doors, please close it and help us protect this historic, beloved, and sacred structure.

PARISH HOME GATHERING RESHUFFLE

It's time again to reshuffle our Home Gathering groups. We will be signing up any adult who wants to be in a dinner group this spring. Sign-ups are after church for the next 3 weeks or send Jocelyn an email at safritr@bellsouth.net. On February 6th we will make the groups up and our reshuffle event will be Sunday evening February 12th. The reshuffle will not start until 6:15 this year. If you haven't joined a Home Gathering group before, or it has been a while.....please sign-up. This is a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners!

Jocelyn Safrit, Harriet Whitley, Cherry Wrenn

St. Martha's Guild News

St. Martha's Guild will have its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at 3:00 p.m., in the church parlor. Our meetings are open to everyone who is interested in bringing some comfort to those who are experiencing a life-changing event. The hand-crafted items we make include Prayer Shawls, Baptismal Blankets, items for the needy, and Comfort Dolls. They not only bring comfort to those receiving them, they also bring joy to our hearts knowing we have helped to ease the stress of others.

As a reminder, please be aware that we have received numerous donations of yarn, and our limited storage space is holding all it can at the present time. We thank all who have donated yarn in the past; it has helped keep our ministries going and we appreciate all the help you have been.

We invite you to join us at a meeting.....they are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00 in the parlor. Hope to see you there.

Arlene Veix and Juli Hauser

Attention All Men

If you'd like to get to know some of your church brothers, really get to be in relationship with other men beyond a greeting after a service, here's your opportunity.

Currently there are 3 Men's Groups that meet regularly each month, usually sharing a meal and conversation that bind them as friends. Each group functions independently of the others and has 8 members each that remain committed to the group for extended periods of time.

Any man who is interested in the formation of a new group is encouraged to meet with Phil Savage on Sunday, February 5 right after the 10:30 service in the Conference Room. We'll share with you a little of our experiences and assist you in beginning your group. Please give Phil a call (227-1367) if you'd like to come or if you're interested and can't.

Phil Savage

MANY THANKS

Thanks to all who sent notes of cheer, food, prayers for recovery, and visited me during my recent surgery recovery. Your loving support was generous and uplifting.

Margaret Park



Episcopal Church Women!!!!

of Holy Comforter

All women of the church are invited to become involved with ECW. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month for fellowship, and would welcome everyone interested to join us. We are committed to supporting Parish, Diocesan and Community Outreach Projects by funding and volunteer efforts.

ECW collects **food labels** all year round and they can be put in a gold box in the library anytime. All labels are processed to benefit Alamance Child Development Center. Labels Accepted: Campbell, Swanson, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Marie's, Open Pit, V8, Pace, Vlasic.

COME JOIN US !

Next meeting will be Feb 13th at 10:00 in the small dining room.

Nancy Smith, Co-ordinator - 336-430-7838

Meals on Wheels

In last month's *Comfortable Words*, I wrote about all the faithful people who carry on the ministry of Meals on Wheels in our parish. In this new year, I'm going to shine a spotlight on just one or two of those folks at a time, in hopes that all of us, both newcomers and "oldcomers," will become more familiar with and grateful for these members of our faith community.

On page 17 of our new church directory, you'll find Mildred Nowell with Tom, her husband of 65 years. Last month Mildred retired from the Meals on Wheels delivery schedule after some fifteen years of service. Why? Not because she's tired of it but because she's plagued with vertigo and doesn't want to let others down on days when she is too dizzy to drive. The Nowells generally attend the 8:15 service, so it's possible that some of you never see them. But they've been there, week after week, year after year, for over 46 years.

A New Jersey native, Mildred enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, reporting to her first post in Washington, D.C., on the day that Roosevelt died. Mildred served most of her time as a yeoman (that's a secretary for us land-lubbers) and finished in the W.A.V.E.S. (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). She met Tom at a U.S.O. Dance in February of 1946 and married him as soon as her mother would allow it, six months later.

After their time in the navy, the Nowells went on first to school (Tom has a business degree from UNC-Chapel Hill) and then to employment with Burlington Industries. When their daughters Cindy, Barbara, and Sharon were born in the 1950s, Mildred left the business world and took up the reins at home and church. The family arrived in Burlington in 1965, and Mildred became co-leader for the parish's Girl Scout and Brownie troops during the years her girls were growing up.

When Tom retired, the couple started traveling in earnest, beginning with a two-month cross-country trip in a van. Mildred remembers visiting all 50 states but one: They neglected to cross into North Dakota when they were in South Dakota! Both Mildred and Tom became serious golfers, and while they no longer compete in tournaments, they're out on the links as often as possible.

I salute you, Mildred, for your long service to our community through the agency of Meals on Wheels. I hope all of you will join me in saluting her as well.

**Marilyn Tyler, coordinator
Meals On Wheels**

The Weather is Cold...Our Chili is **HOT, HOT, HOT!**

Place your order now for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th!

_____ 1 quart-Traditional Chili (ground beef/kidney beans)
of quarts

_____ 1-quart-White Chili (chicken/white beans)
of quarts

_____ 1-quart-Vegetarian Chili
of quarts

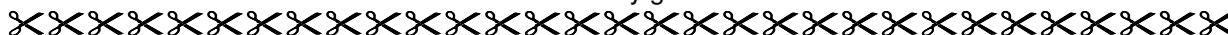
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Each quart is \$8.00. To place your order, return this order form with your check made out to "Church of the Holy Comforter" to the Church Office or email your order to Elizabeth Hood at: ehood@frankhood.com and pay for your order at pick-up.

Proceeds benefit the J2A Pilgrimage in 2012. Thanks for your support!

We are very grateful!



Memoir Available for Sale

Betty Pulkingham's book, ***This is My Story, This is My Song: A Life Journey*** is available in the church office for parishioners wishing to buy a copy. Books are \$18. which includes a CD of Betty's music.

If you have not read the book, this is what parishioner Steve Buckley said about it:

"When an acquaintance self-publishes a memoir, one begins to read it with some trepidation. Less than a chapter into Betty Pulkingham's "This is My Story, This is My Song," all my misgivings were swept away. The book is a wonderfully written journey that becomes an adventure as the reader is swept up into Betty and her husband Graham's moves to new missions and new challenges. Betty is not boastful about the high points, and she doesn't gloss over the low points. The book is a compelling and interesting read".

Submitted by Kathy Hykes

An Invitation from First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for our Inter-faith Speakers Forum, **Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon room**, as we welcome Rabbi Fred Guttman to speak to us on his perspective on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Rabbi Guttman has served as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, North Carolina from 1995 to the present. From 1979 to 1991, Rabbi Guttman lived in Israel and served as the rabbi and principal of Alexander Muss High School in Israel No reservations needed.

Submitted by Kathy Hykes



Blessed Sacrament School Open House!

Blessed Sacrament School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 1-3pm. Experience the advantage a National School of Excellence offers your child! We offer small classes for personal attention, our standardized test scores in Math and Reading are in the Top 10% and our students participate weekly in a Science Lab Learner program, Art, Music, Spanish, PE and Computer Class. At Blessed Sacrament School we focus on Faith, Family Values and Strong Academics.

Now enrolling for preschool-8th grade.

No registration required at our Open House! For additional information contact admissions@bssknights.org.

Blessed Sacrament School
515 Hillcrest Avenue, Burlington

OUR MISSION IS GROWING!!!!

LEAF.....our chaplaincy program at Elon University is growing by leaps and bounds! We have seen the numbers double this year. 20 to 30 students are coming to the Sunday evening service/dinner/fellowship. Pastor Olson is doing a great job even given his limited 1/2 time schedule. I told Julie Hauser and Sue Schilke that the January 8th meal wouldn't have to feed so many. It is Interim.....a mini-semester, when lots of students are gone to study abroad or take advantage of other "hands on" activities and the LEAF group reflects that with lower attendance. They got there and found 28 hungry students. It was a Loaves and Fishes experience, I'm sure.....and the students are so grateful that it really doesn't matter. But, WOW, the numbers of students coming is a wonderful thing! LEAF has the most attendance of any organization at Elon!

Harriet Whitley and Nancy Smith are preparing the meal for the students on Feb.26th.

I need some cooks for the February 12th meal, however. So please call me 260-7557 or email safritr@bellsouth.net if you are interested. Thanks to all our cooks!

Thanks, Jocelyn Safrit

4 EPIPHANY
Lessons for January 29, 2012

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm	111
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
The Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

LAYREADERS	8:15	Therrel Brown (Lessons & Psalm) Robby Wheatly (Creed & Chalice)
	10:30	Kathy Hykes (First Lesson) Bob Kirchen (Second Lesson) Robby Wheatly (Creed & Chalice) Abby Groves (Chalice)
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ACOLYTES	8:15	Jim Robbins Jessie Beddingfield (C/CS)
	10:30	Raleigh Adams (C/CS) Elizabeth Adams, Ryan Steed (T) Michael Steed (Gospel Book)
ALTAR GUILD		Genie Barnard, Val Franklin, Jennell Harris, Janet Brown, Betsy Weatherly, Judy Driscoll
FLOWER GUILD		Carole Soliday, Jean Tippet
USHERS	8:15	Frank Harris
	10:30	Jim Lauritsen, Dan Patterson
GREETERS		Peggy Boswell, Barbara Simpson
VESTRY ON DUTY & COUNTERS		Frank Harris & Kate Wheatly
COFFEE		TBA
NURSERY		Kim Futrell, Ginny Allison, Marianne Harrington

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Andrew Hooper, Cole Thompson, Frederick Slott

Jan Scott	Jesse Page, Caroline Barnwell's father
Pat Puett	Anne Haughton Williams, Elizabeth Hansen's mother
Carl Coley	Jane Scott Combs, friend of Linda Buff
Chinkie Goodale	Jeff and Kate Lusenof, friends of Kate Crawford
Aurelia Taylor	Burns Blackwell, Tish & Joe Murray's nephew
Buster Brown	Jill Reynolds, friend of Juli Hauser
Marian Accles	Meg Mead, friend of Janie Sellers
Florence Greenberg	Julie Wilson, Mary Telander's sister-in-law
Steve Harper	Brandy Savage, Betsey & Phil Savage's daughter-in-law
Ashley Duncan family & Terri Morris family, friends of Kate Crawford	

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

(not previously listed in *Comfy Words*)

Beryl Crimston, Jim Green's sister
 Everett Fox, Bobbe Gray's brother
 Charlie Clark, friend of the Egede-Nissen's

Church Events Calendar for Jan. 26-Feb. 16

26 THURS. 7:30 Morning Prayer
12:00 Mature Voice Luncheon
7:00 Augustine Project
7:30 EDGE Group
29 SUN. 8:15 Holy Eucharist II
9:30 Choir
9:30 Christian Ed.
10:30 Holy Eucharist II
11:30 Endowment Board
30 MON. 11:00 Service at Vlg. Of Brookwood
1:30 Bible Workbench
31 TUES. 7:30 Morning Prayer
10:30 Bible Study
4:00 Treble Choir
5:30 Basketball
6:30 EFM
1 WED. 11:00 Healing Eucharist Service
7:00 Personnel Committee
7:30 Adult Choir
2 THURS. 7:30 Morning Prayer
7:00 Bible Workbench
7:30 Church Ladies
5 SUN. Pick-Up Chili
8:15 Holy Eucharist II
9:30 Choir
9:30 Christian Ed.
10:30 Holy Eucharist II
11:30 VBS Planning Committee
6 MON. 1:30 Bible Workbench
6:30 Standing Property Committee
7 TUES. 7:30 Morning Prayer
4:00 Treble Choir
5:30 Basketball
6:30 EFM
8 WED. 11:00 Healing Eucharist Service
3:00 St. Martha's Guild
7:30 Adult Choir
9 THURS. 7:30 Morning Prayer
7:00 Bible Workbench
7:30 EDGE Group
10 FRI. Good Shepherd Kitchen
12 SUN. 8:15 Holy Eucharist II
9:30 Choir
9:30 Christian Ed.
10:30 Holy Eucharist II
13 MON. 9:00 Deadline for Comfy Words
10:00 Episcopal Church Women
1:30 Bible Workbench
7:00 Finance Committee
14 TUES. 7:30 Morning Prayer
10:30 Bible Study
4:00 Treble Choir
5:30 Basketball
6:30 EFM
15 WED. Comfy Words mailed
11:00 Healing Eucharist Service
7:30 Adult Choir
16 THURS. 7:30 Morning Prayer
11:00 Service at Twin Lakes
7:00 Bible Workbench
7:30 Church Ladies

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