

Here are this week's announcements:

If you are interested in having your membership transferred to Holy Cross, or joining our parish family, please contact the church office at 963-4609. <http://www.holycrossvallecrucis.net/>

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

A COMBINED SUNDAY SERVICE to celebrate completion of the renovation of St. John's will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 AM with a potluck picnic on the grounds following. *Please note: On this special day only, this event is in lieu of the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services at Holy Cross.* John Zellner and Beth Turner will lead the liturgy together. Guest musicians of many varieties will be present. We look forward to blessing all our new furnishings and ornaments—including the new bathroom and restored east window. Plan now to attend this unique service celebrating the gift of St. John's!

Services at St. John's Church continue this Sunday, beginning at 9:45 AM.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day the church is open as a special outreach ministry of Holy Cross. Services at St. John's are a less formal, 'folksy' take on the Episcopal service of Holy Eucharist and conducted by our Vicar, Beth Turner with guest musicians each week.

Music at St. John's 2008 – The Carolina Brass! Sunday, July 6 at 5:00 PM. Celebrate your 4th of July weekend with the energetic brass ensemble that is sweeping the country with stellar performances of beautiful music ranging from the classical to the hard driving sound of big band. This one is lively fun for the whole family! Bring a picnic for fellowship following the concert. Also, please note that the Carolina Brass will be playing at the 11:00 AM service at Holy Cross on this date. This is a great weekend for friends and family to attend church together and top off the day with a concert and picnic!

There will be a picnic on July 10th at 11:30 for the Diocesan ECW Board at the Valle Crucis Park. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be in Skiles Hall. **All women of the church are invited.** Food will be provided. Please call Sally Prosch for reservations - 963-2395.

Mark your calendar: **Sunday, July 13 at the Apple Barn**, for "**HOLY HOP**" with famous disc jockey Larry Byerly. Food, music, dancing, fun for the entire family. Yes, Elvis lives!

A Day of Prayer, this Sunday, June 22nd, has been called for by Bishop Schori for the gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion. The Lambeth Conference represents one important way of building connections and relationships between churches in vastly different contexts, and reminding us of the varied nature of the Body of Christ. The Bishop is asking your prayers for a peaceful spirit, a lessening of tension, and a real willingness to work together for the good of God's whole creation.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Ushers and Oblation Bearers

June 22, 2008

8:30 Service: Sibyl Pressley (L) Hugh Bennett (C) Ann Iles (C/P)

11:00 Service: Francille Shelley (L) Ed Shelley (C) Trish Lanier (C/P)

Greeter and Oblation Bearer: Bill & Susan Stone; Ushers: George & Ann Greer

Crucifer - Maclain Copeland; Gospel Bearer: Savannah Copeland

St. John's Service 9:30: Erin Kirby (L) Susan Duke (C)
http://www.holycrossvallecrucis.net/Layread_Greet_Oblation_Sched.html

Mission and Outreach

Don't Forget to Purchase Lowe's Foods Cards! Lowe's Foods donates a portion of all cards sold at Holy Cross to the ECW for the Scholarship Fund. These cards are available from Sally Prosch or Francile Shelley. Cards may also be purchased in the office from Kathy Williams. Easy to buy! Easy to use! Easy to help make a difference!

THOMPSON Child and Family Focus is having a Summer Fun Drive. Please help the boys and girls of Thompson have fun this summer with donations of the following items: Art Supplies, Baseball items, Bottled Water, Balls, Disposable Cameras, Hula Hoops, Jump Ropes, Sunscreen, Sand Toys, Chalk, Water Toys, Swim Suits, Tickets, and Gift Cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Home Depot, Craft Stores. For more information contact Rachel Eldridge, reldridge@thompsoncfc.org or 704-644-4403

ECW NEWS

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Spring Food Drive for Mission and Outreach: Start your spring cleaning by cleaning out your cupboards with any food that has not been used in the past few months. All food will be used to stock our pantry and given to those in need. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY and clean out those cupboards.

Villager Initiative: One evening a month volunteers play and care for foster children while their foster parents have two hours of respite. Additional persons are needed to help provide this important ministry. Contact Alicia Toomey at 297-7586 or MtnToomeys@aol.com to volunteer for service or for more information.

June Birthdays

6/2 Bill Pritchard & Stewart Tugman
6/5 Theo Copeland
6/7 Trish Lanier, Ryan Loflin, & Joan Webber,
6/8 Faye Cooper
6/9 Ernestine Glover,
6/13 Louise Hatch, Tracy Maness & Alicia Toomey
6/18 Stephen White
6/21 Ann Carlton-Jones, Debbie Pace, and Mia Platt
6/22 David Barnhill
6/24 Dedy Traver
6/25 Evelyn Hall
6/26 Debbie Galleher & Claire McDonough
6/28 Edie Tugman
6/30 Ken Craig & Susan Stone

June Anniversaries

6/2 Ken & Niki Craig
6/4 Ernie & Mary Armstrong; Hugh & Harriet Bennett
6/5 David & Betsy Walker
6/6 Tracy & Jackie Maness
6/7 Ralph & Sandy Barnhardt
6/9 Dale & Ernestine Glover
6/13 Earl & Barbara Pariseau
6/19 Bill & Susan Stone
6/20 Fred & Lisa Martin
6/30 Bobby & Hattie Yates

Diocese of Western North Carolina
Bishop's Weekly Reflection

6/18/08

The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori, has called all Episcopalians to a Day of Prayer this Sunday, June 22 for the Lambeth Conference and all bishops in the Anglican Communion. She has suggested the following prayer be used both in our corporate and private prayers:

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My prayer is that all members of the Body of Christ will go deeper in our faith and our love of Jesus Christ. I believe that the divisions among us are a call for us to put our whole trust in Christ's grace and love. When we find that we do not know what to do to mend what has torn apart, then we look to God. Our faith is never in ourselves but in God's promises for God's people. We must ask God to make us one, just as Jesus prayed that we be one.

Therefore, let us take heart. As the poet Tennyson writes, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Let us dream of a global communion united in their service to One Lord, saved by One Baptism, and guided by One Faith. Let US pray for that on June 22 and every day.

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