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The Grapevine

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Vicar's Column

Across the Lenten season a limited but enthusiastic group of us have been identifying and celebrating some of our companions in mission and ministry who live and work alongside us in Pittsboro and Chatham County. We have joined with Presbyterians, Alston Chapelers, Staunton Memorial Methodists, and Roca Fuerte evangelicals in worship, study, and song, taking delight in what unites us. Now our journey toward Easter continues, decorated by spring blossoms on all sides.

The schedule for Wednesday, April 1, through Easter Sunday, April 16, is listed in its entirety on the reverse of this page, for your ease in posting and remembering.

God willing, the following four persons will be baptized at the 10:30 service on Easter Day: Ariel Alston, Cierra Alston, Candice Nickerson, Michael Stehlin, and Linda Wang. If others wish to be baptized they (or their parents) should be in touch very soon with the Vicar so proper preparation can be made.

I would like to meet with any and all persons who want to be confirmed or received into the membership of our church. This is a call to such persons to join me on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. It includes anyone who wants simply to transfer their membership from another church to this one. If you have an interest and cannot be present at this time, please contact me either at the church office or at home.

Yours in Christ,
Carl

Vestry Actions on March 11

Agreed to a contract for renovating the cupola above the church entrance
Approved the Annual Parochial Report for submission to the Diocese

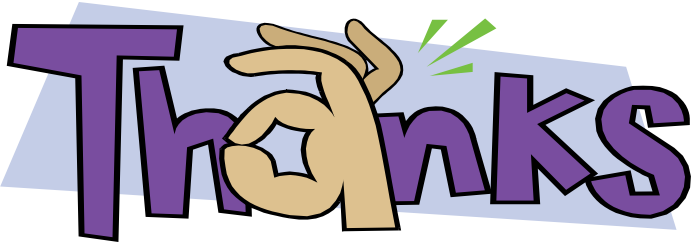
Notes of appreciation

- To those who helped with the Cambridge Hills service on March 1
- To all those good people who prepare, serve, and clean up at the Thursday luncheons
- To Linky Betts, Lyn Sims, and others who provided the delicious foods for our Wednesday evening Lenten suppers on March 11 and 18
- To our Companions in Mission at the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, the Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, Alston Chapel, and La Iglesia Bautista Misionera "Roca Fuerte" for welcoming us into fellowship across this Lenten season
- To our Companions in Mission from the Staunton Memorial C. M. E. Church for joining us in fellowship, song, and bible study on March 18
- To Teresa Brooks for her service over the past two years as friend and caretaker of our Nursery on Sunday mornings
- To June Dixon who has agreed to take over from Teresa Brooks as our Nursery caretaker
- To Sara Wilson for hosting the Vestry on March 29 for its day-long planning session

Altar Flowers

We will be leaving the green season of Lent and returning to memorial flowers on April 19. There are many Sundays available for you to choose from for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, thanksgivings. They may be ordered from a florist, purchased from the grocery store or picked from your garden. If you need help in arrangements or ideas, talk to Lyn Sims, Nancy Simons, Bev Donaldson or Ginny Gregory. The sign-up chart is on the door between the parish hall and the church.

Nancy Simons



Knitting/Crafting Community Announcement

Do you want to join a community of crafters coming together to work on projects for the community?

We are a group of knitters, crocheters and quilters getting together to create prayer shawls, lap robes, premie caps, chemo caps for those who may need them. Guidance in knitting will be provided. Come and share in the laughter, learning and goodies as we prayerfully dedicate our crafts to those in need.

First meeting to be held in the Parish Hall at St. Bartholomew's Saturday, April 18th at 10 am.

Lyn Sims

An update to the church history,

St. Bartholomew's Parish, 1833-1983, is finally finished. Copies are on the table outside the office for the taking. Only 25 copies were printed, so if you are only mildly taken with it, please return your copy after a quick read. Only about ten copies remain of the 1983 history. They are available for \$5, while they last, from the parish administrator, with the money going to defray costs of reprinting. The new printing will include the update section.

Jane Pyle

CORA

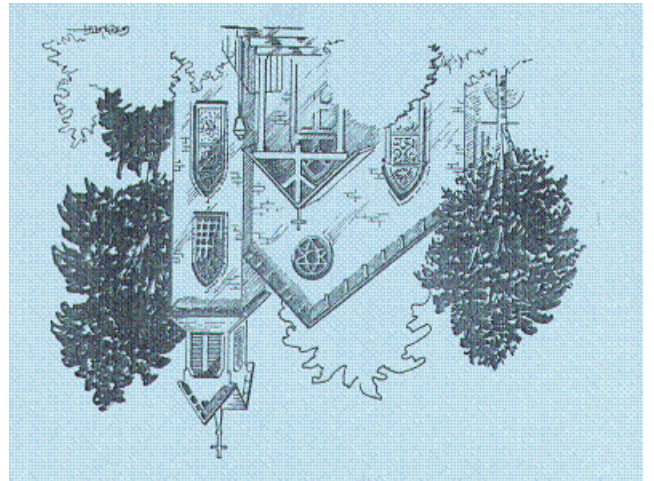
As we read in last month's Grapevine, the Episcopal Relief and Development's mandate is from Matthew 25: "Lord when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?" It then ended with the statement, "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." We don't have to look further than CORA to see how we can fulfill that mission right here in Chatham County. Please continue the good work of bringing at least one can of food to church each week to place in the CORA baskets.

Our needs this month are:

Regular sized cans of fruits, collards, black beans, black eyed peas, salmon, as well as peanut butter, Jiffy baking mix, one pound bags of rice and dried beans, cereal, and dry milk. The clients always appreciate receiving paper towels and toilet paper.

Your paper bags with handles are always needed, and can also be dropped off at the CORA baskets. Thank you, Saints,

Sally Earnest



Wednesday, April 1

6:00 p.m.: Lenten Parish Supper. We will gather again in our own parish hall for a light supper. We'll relish each other's company and take stock of what we have learned and what additional ventures we might anticipate and plan.



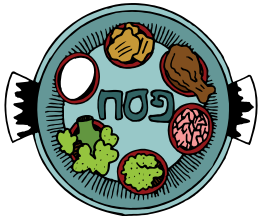
April 5: Palm Sunday

8:00 Holy Eucharist with procession from the Parish House to the Church, and congregational reading of the Passion Narrative

10:30 Holy Eucharist with procession including congregants from the Staunton Memorial C.M.E. Methodist Church. The procession, with cross, musical instruments and drums, will begin in front of the church and circle the block, stopping three times for hymn singing. The service will include the congregational reading of the Passion Narrative.



Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Wednesday

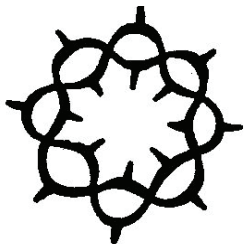
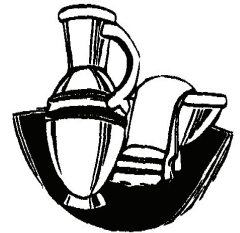


6:00 p.m.: An Instructed Passover Seder Meal. We will have a special opportunity to learn something about one of the most important festivals belonging to our Jewish brothers and sisters. An instructed Passover Seder meal will begin at 6:00 p.m.. We'll learn about the rituals, songs, and liturgy that make this festival so rich in importance both for Jews and for Christians. To the extent we can we'll also enjoy the traditional foods associated with it. Children are especially likely to enjoy this event.

April 9: Maundy Thursday

7:00 p. m.: Holy Eucharist with foot washing
at the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church

8:30 p.m. until Friday at 6:00 a.m.: The Garden Watch. St. Bartholomew's Church will be open all night for people to come for prayer and meditation. A special garden display will be lovingly provided to enhance the setting and the experience.



April 10: Good Friday

12:00 noon—The Good Friday Liturgy with homily, congregational reading of the Passion Narrative, the Solemn Collects, and the tolling of the bell.

1:00—3:00 p.m.: The Stations of the Cross. The church will be open for those who wish to walk the Stations of the Cross. Printed meditations for use at each station will be provided.

April 12: Easter Day - Alleluia!

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptisms, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall and the Easter Egg hunt in the Cemetery

