




TIDELINE

MAY 2010

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Care Kits & Banana Splits, May 2nd, 3 PM**
 - **Taco Night, J2A, May 5th 4-7 PM**
 - **Reception, May 23rd after 11AM service**
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- **Early bird lobster orders due, May 14th**
 - **Lobster sales end, May 27th**

Dream A Little

Verna Dozier, a gifted biblical commentator and all 'round wise woman, used to say that we should pursue the dream of God. It takes hardly a glance at scripture to see that God dreams. And so should we. Dreaming opens us to new visions of what might happen in our lives. It loosens our moorings a bit and allows us to move in new directions. It renews hope and adds flavor. Spring is a good time to dream--as we see surprising spurts of life emerging all around us (and not *only* in our gardens!).

The COS Vestry is doing a bit of dreaming too. We are taking a little time at each meeting to think of possibilities for the future of our congregation. Do you have some dreams for Church of the Servant? They can be practi-

cal: headphones for the hard of hearing or more orderly storage spaces; or they can be wild and crazy: a water slide in the playground, a sweat lodge in the woods, a healing team that travels the world.

One practical issue that will be coming down the road is a decision about whether to expand our building. How would having a big parish hall, a bigger kitchen, and a few more classrooms change or fulfill our vision? Would it allow us to reach toward our dreams--and God's--more effectively? Or would it be a drain on resources and a pain to bring into being? The planners of our complex thought we would eventually expand. Is this still part of our dream? Pause in the middle of weeding some of those surprising

spurts of life that are coming up in your garden. Pause on the golf course or while watching a child at the beach or just staring out the kitchen window. What dreams does God have for you? For us?

Dreamily,
Catherine

A Big Thank-You

I want to send out my personal thanks to everyone who made Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so meaningful this year. The Lenten dinners and education programs, the inquirers/confirmation class, the children's program, the special liturgies of Holy Week, and the fantastic Easter services were glorious! They exceeded expectations and inspired us all. Thank you, thank you, everyone!

Newcomers Welcome

Join us on Sunday, May 23rd at the 8:30 and 11 AM services to recognize and welcome all the newcomers to our church. There will be a reception following the 11 AM service for Pentecost!

And please wear your name tags. It helps everyone place a name with a face.



Children's Library



The committee of Children and Families of Church of the Servant is proud to announce the establishment of a Children's Library. As a starting point, Catherine has graciously provided us with a list of her favorite books (see page 3) and we are looking to our community to help us acquire materials for this new venture. We hope to provide a resource for families and children where they can check-out books on a weekly ba-

sis. Various ideas we talked about included books that reflect the following themes: progressive, inclusive, biblically-based, books about nice people, healthy self-esteem, and positive images. Other ideas are of course welcome.

We are interested in having new or used books for children of all ages. For those with grown children, what were the books you loved to read with your young-

sters? As you begin spring cleaning around your home, and you discover some of these gems, consider donating them to this great cause. If you would prefer to keep those in your home library, we would be happy to accept a new copy or a monetary donation for us to purchase something you suggest.

We are also asking that you consider adding a short

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“Well, he sure didn’t hold back his laughter; but neither did I.”

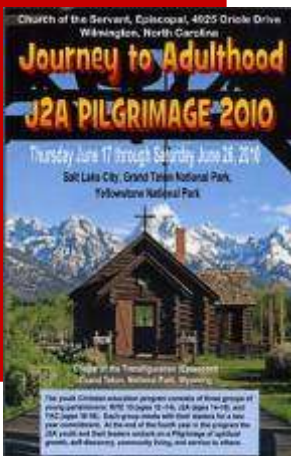
A Work of Art

Church of the Servant is not only a place we go on Sundays, but a place I go to hang out with my peers, learn, and watch over our future leaders. I, personally, have experiences that will be remembered forever. I definitely will never forget the Saturday before Palm Sunday. I went to help our youth beautify the church and grounds, helping them paint their hands and put

them together to make a butterfly--symbolizing Easter or Spring. Some kids even painted their own hands, and one started a trend of doing every finger a different color. The banner turned out beautifully. But I made the mistake of offering a high-five to a hyper paint-covered child, who smacked the palm of my hand. Suddenly my face and my shirt were covered

in bright yellow. Well, he sure didn't hold back his laughter, but neither did I. Now my paint-stained shirt is a memory of that day, and I'm positive he won't forget. That's why I love being a part of this family, where you must expect the unexpected. That day, at Church of the Servant, I became a work of art.

Haley Koehler, J2A member



J2A Pilgrimage 2010

I have often thought that I am one who scatters the proverbial mustard seed. I am not sure what lessons the youth will learn during this pilgrimage, but there will be challenges and opportunities for growth. Some lessons

will be learned immediately and some lessons will take years to develop. There will be times that we are cold, tired and grumpy and there will be times we laugh hysterically. We will all be in a situation that is not in our normal comfort zone. (Here I am thinking of tent

cabins and showers that take 5 minutes before the warm water starts.) I am looking forward to seeing how all of us deal with the unusual and unexpected situations that are bound to occur.

Margie Hunter, J2A Pilgrimage Leader

Children's Library *continued*



note in the front of the book to share the reasons this book was special or important to you.

A book plate with the name of the donor will be put inside the cover of each book. For more information or questions, please feel free to contact Laura Wisotzkey at

Laura.Wisotzkey@gmail.com.

A bookshelf will be placed outside of the vestry office for your convenience. Thanks so much for your consideration,
The committee for Children and Families

Book wish list for children

Youngest:

The Seed of God (set of 5, may be bought individually, available from the Center for Children and Theology)

The Story of Jonah (board book), Dorling-Kindersley

*The Beginner's Bible, Henley

*The Shepherd and the 100 Sheep by Hudak (lasts into early elementary ages)

Tough Boris, Fox & Brown

A bit older, through elementary:

Tomie DePaola's books of Bible stories or saints: The Miracles of Jesus, The Clown of God (not a saint, a legend about pleasing God), *The Song of Francis, The Night of Las Posadas, Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland, The Lady of Guadalupe, The Legend of the Bluebonnet, The Friendly Beasts, *Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi, Mary: The Mother of Jesus

Bijou LeTord's books all show great sensitivity to nature and to the heart of the message. She has books on the Lord's Prayer (*The River and The Rain) and the parables (God's Little Seeds), the nativity (The Little Hills of Nazareth), creation (The Deep Blue Sea), Noah's ark (Noah's Trees)

Brian Wildsmith's The Easter Story, St. Francis, A Christmas Story, Joseph, Jesus, Exodus, The Road to Bethlehem

*The Children's Illustrated Bible, Dorling Kindersley (a good book of Bible stories for mid-to-older elementary children; stays close to the Bible without editorializing; interesting sidebars, good maps and background)

*All about Jesus, M. Blanc-Rerat (another very nice Bible story book, good for younger elementary children)

*Bible Atlas, Dorling Kindersley

*The Big Book of Bible Animals, DK

Kregel Pictorial Guide to Everyday Life in Bible Times, Dowley & Perry

Living in Bible Times, Dowley
Food at the Time of the Bible, Vamosh (for family cooking)

*Chronicles of Narnia (5 books) by C.S. Lewis (good read-aloud family books)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, Judith Gwyn Brown, illus. (illustrates the hymn, identifies the saints mentioned in it)

The Other Side, J. Woodson
Especially Heroes, V. Kroll
The Next Place, W. Hanson
The Tenth Good Thing about Barney, Viorst
Everett Anderson's Good-by, Clifton

Old Turtle, D. Wood
When I Make Silence and My Shining Light (may be bought through the Center for Children and Theology)

St. George and the Dragon by Hodges and Hyman
Heart Talks with Mother God by Bridget Mary Meehan et al.

Older elementary, into Middle School

City of Gold by Dickinson and Foreman

Ancient Israelites and their Neighbors by Broida

A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, A Ring of Endless Light by Madeline L'Engle

*As you begin
spring cleaning
around your
home, and you
discover some of
these gems,
consider
donating them
to this great
cause.*

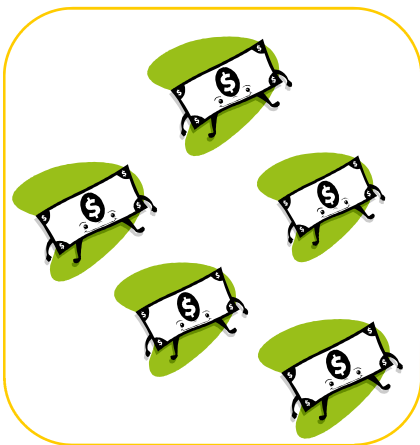


Cinco De Mayo
Tacos to-go
Or dine-in and
we'll clean up!

Tickets \$5

DATE: WED. MAY 5

TIME: 4:00PM—7:00PM



1 Ticket = 6 Tacos or 2 Nachos
Or split and get 3 Tacos and 1 Nachos

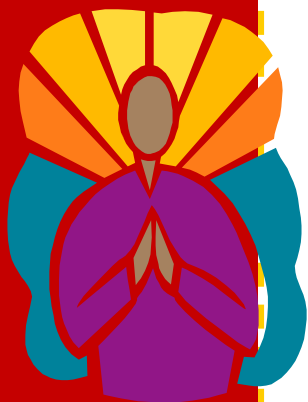
On the way home from School or work? In a RUSH and HUNGRY???

Let COS youth do the dinner planning and prep for you. Drop in and pick up hard or soft tacos, nachos and fixins or eat-in and enjoy some salsa music!

CONTACTS: JEN GALLO 910-392-3882 OR

MIKE CHAPMAN AT 919-417-1205

FUNDRAISER FOR JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO
YELLOWSTONE / GRAND TETON



“Stewardship is giving my time and talents to the church community.”

A Shower of Thanks to All

Jamie Mills, director of Interfaith Refugee Ministry – Wilmington sent a thank you note for all the donations we made during our Kitchen Shower event. Jamie wrote:

“Thank you very, very much for your recent donations to Interfaith Refugee Ministry – Wilmington through the Kitchen Items Drive recently completed this month. All told, the in-kind value of your donations surpassed \$600!

In tangible terms, you have helped to supply new refugee families with needed kitchen items that will help them as they settle here. With your support, it is possible for us to assist refugees who have fled persecution to build new lives of hope and promise

here in the United States.” Thank you also to Betsy Bilger, Betty Brownlee and Pamela Minor for all of their contributions to making the Kitchen Shower such a success.

Update on new arrivals: in addition to our first gentleman from Columbia, we will have had two new families arrived by the end of April. The first is a Karen tribe family from Burma and another Karen family of four the following week. By the end of April, we will have had a third of our first year cases in place. The Methodist Church purchased and house and renovated it and are supporting the first family of five. The second Karen family does not yet have a sponsor but our kitchen

donations will go to furnish the homes of these first two families. The Karen tribe has been fighting for independence since January 31, 1947. After the military takeover of the democratic government, they continued to oppose the military dictatorship. There are estimates of as many as 200,000 Karens living in refugee camps along the Myanmar/Thailand border. The Karen people are 30 – 40 Christian which also accounts for their being targeted by the current government.

Thank you, Church of the Servant, for welcoming the strangers in our community.

Carol Milam

What Stewardship Means To Me

A standard dictionary’s definition of stewardship is: the management of another’s property, finances or other affairs. From this I get the idea of giving money to the church. However, my definition of Stewardship is much broader and

not just limited to monetary matters. For me, stewardship is giving my time and talents to the church community. It means to open my heart toward others with active listening and respect. It means walking across the sanctuary to

greet someone I do not know. It means speaking up or asking a question when I am uncomfortable. I could go on and on, but my space is limited.

Frank Ogden

Congratulations!

Congratulations to those who were confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or who reaffirmed their Baptismal vows during

Bishop Murray’s visit: Catherine Colburn, Anne Cousineau, Vincent Cousineau, Nancy Dudley, Angela Longerbeam, Can-

dace Sandusky, Laura Schultz, and Lisa Thompson.

Bargain Box of Wilmington Awards Grants

Bargain Box is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's grants:

Ability Garden Wed. Morning

Garden Group: \$500

Cape Fear Literacy Council
computer lab: \$500

Carousel Center for Abused
Children, Project One Stop:
\$500

CASTLE: \$500

Speech therapy for children
who are hard of hearing or deaf

Communities in Schools of
Cape Fear, Partnership for
School Success Program: \$500
DREAMS, Family Arts Night
Program & Building Renovation:
\$500

First Book, Science & Technol-
ogy books acquisition: \$500

Opportunity Shop: \$1000

Recently opened thrift store in
Windsor NC run by St. Thomas
Episcopal

Thompson Child & Family Fo-
cus, Christian education/chapel

program: \$500

There were 13 grant applica-
tions this year requesting
\$34,901. Since Bargain Box had
only \$5,000 and all applicants
were worthy causes, there
were difficult decisions to make.
Some applicants will be assisted
through Bargain Bucks and
other existing Bargain Box pro-
grams.



What Is God Like?

What does God Look Like?

Like the newborn beauty
Of infant growth in spring,
Colorful, like the rainbow
Yet pure and clean
Like fresh snow,
Delicate as the smallest flower,
Majestic as the tallest mountain,
Awesome as the greatest
canyon.

What does God's voice sound like?

It is joyous,
Like the happy song of the bird,
As calming
As a gurgling stream trickling
Over rocks
It tickles your ears
Like the laughter of children.

What does God feel like?

Like a cool breeze
Touching your skin with
The slightest hint of moisture,
like the steady massage of a
waterfall,
Like the sun that thaws the
wintered ground
At the birth of spring.

Pastoral Care

The Church of the Servant extends heartfelt condolences to:

Courtney and Alfreda Gee on
the death of Courtney's father
and Arie's grandfather, James
Maurice "Jimmie" Gee, on
March 25, 2010.

And to Ed and Leslie
Danilowicz on the death of Les-

lie's father and Alex's grandfa-
ther, J. Marshall Crews, on
April 13, 2010.

And to Hoke and Lynn Pollock
on the death of Hoke's mother;
to Hoke and Cristi Pollock on
the death of Hoke W.'s grand-
mother and to Hoke S., Cole,
Miles and Maxton's great-

grandmother, Jeannie
Pollock, on April 15, 2010
in Southern Pines, NC.

"Give to the departed
eternal rest; Let light per-
petual shine upon them."
BCP p. 387



Treasurer's Report



Casey Ludlum keeping count during Lobster Fest 2009

In March we had more expenses than income and increased our year to date deficit to \$4517, still a bit better than our budget forecast at this point. At March 31, there were still outstanding expenses and income for the Palm Sale. I'll have the final figures next month. There was additional stock sold and other fundraising for the J2A pilgrimage that brought

in about \$1,000 in March. The first quarter of 2010 has flown by and spring is finally here! There are many opportunities for everyone to get involved in the myriad programs and projects that are ongoing here at COS. The committee for the upcoming Lobster Sale, our major fundraiser of the year, is already in full swing. Many hands

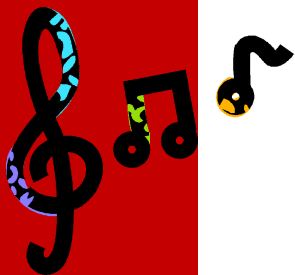
have been working behind the scenes for months to ensure that we have our biggest and best sale ever. Please look for a way you can help our church community. We appreciate everyone who supports the Lobster Sale and all other activities of the church. With thanks for all God's gifts, *Janet Autry, Treasurer*

Operating Fund, 03/31/2010	Actual March	Monthly Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Over/Under YTD
Total Income	23,426	24,327	73,914	70,421	312,687	3,493
Total Expense	27,653	25,790	78,795	80,078	326,293	-1,283
YTD Net Deficit	-4,227	-1,463	-4,881	-9,657	-13,606	4,776
Prior year's net income, offset shortfall	364	364	364	364	4,418	0
Net Deficit after offset	-3,863	-1,099	-4,517	-9,293	-9,188	4,776
Balance Remaining on Property Loan:	456,496					

Adult Christian Education

Can't get a tune out of your head? The Dies Irae, a ditty written in the 13th Century about the Second Coming has been in the collective memory of composers for 800 years and counting.

Come hear Dennis Conlon talk about the tune at Adult Education on May 16th, and how everyone from Berlioz to Rachmaninoff to Steven Sondheim have been recycling it in their own works.



What Is Lobster Fest?

By now you have received your invitation to the 26th Annual Lobster Fest! It's on June 5th from noon to 5 PM. Orders for fresh Maine lobsters are due by May 27th but order by May 14th and get a discount! Order forms may be found in the church narthex, on the church website or just call the Lobster Line: 910-545-5378 and a COS volunteer will happy to assist you!

Lobster Fest is the church's primary fundraiser but it's so much more. On Event day join in and help with check-in, cooking lobsters, serving customers, cooking corn/potatoes/sausage or making deliveries. There will be sign up sheets in the narthex. Thanks from your Lobster Committee. (T-shirt artwork right by Maria Williams)



Cooking Lobsters



Serving Customers



Checking In



Bake Sale & Lobster Shack



Photos by John Bauerlein/Mandala Services Inc.

May Services Schedule

ACOLYTES: Contact Arie Gee 515-1085; amg7882@uncw [Also ECM parish liaison]

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
John Barri	Hannah Gary	Tess Colby	John Barri	Hannah Gary
Eva Barri	Lauren Posey	Ben Snow	Eva Barri	Lauren Posey
Casey Ludlum	Rachel Posey		Casey Ludlum	Rachel Posey

ALTAR GUILD: Contact Earla Pope 763-6929; earlapope@bellsouth.net

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Margie Hickman	Eric Eberhardt	Earla Pope	Kim Sincox	Cheryl Plowden Margie Hunter

LECTORS 8:30 AM: Reader (top line) and Prayers. Contact Grace Crooks 796-6550

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Phil VanCampen	Kemille Moore	Veda Wilson	Mark O'Neal	Lee Blalock
Carole Tallant	Lee Blalock	Chris Moore	John Ormond	Chip Blalock

READERS & LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEM) 11AM: Contact Kathie Jorgensen 791-6357; jmail@ec.rr.com.

Top line: OT reading; 2nd line: Epistle; 3rd line: Prayers of the People; * indicates chalice bearers

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Joe Hickman	Janet Autry*	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum*	Kim Sincox*	Bill Christophersen*
Liz Bryan*	Ed Danilowicz	Casey Ludlum	Ken Colston*	Jan Christophersen*
Frank Ogden*	Doug Sincox*	Bill Mercier*	Amy Newsom	Margie Hickman

GREETERS 8:30 (top line) and 11AM: Contact Sharon Irwin 392-9722; sharonirwin@peoplepc.com

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Anne Knopf	Cheryl Plowden	Frank Ogden	Alice Willis	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum
Laura Williams	Laura Adams	Ken Colston	Jane Broder	Alfreda & Courtney Gee

VERGERS: Contact Doug Sincox 799-9456; kimsincox@bellsouth.net

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Barbara Rowe	Don Hickey	Doug Sincox	David Hoolahan	Mike Barri

FINANCE/DEPOSIT: Contact Joan Geiszler-Ludlum

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Mary Ames Booker	Carl Salisbury	Susan Beam	Ian Hunter	Dona Robertson

VESTRY PERSON: Contact Philip Stine 793-4469; philipstine@earthlink.com

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Dennis Conlon	Mary Ames Booker	Phil Stine	Rebecca Blake	Laura Williams



Church of the Servant Organization

Bishop of East Carolina: The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd, DD
Bishop Assisting, Diocese of East Carolina: The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray

Canon to the Ordinary: The Rev. Canon Matthew Stockard
Rector: The Reverend Catherine Powell

Deacon & Pastoral Care: The Reverend Sonja Robinson
Music Director & Organist: Jennifer Sugerik

Parish Administrator: Peggy Coulson

Sexton: Luis Hernandez

VESTRY & OFFICERS

Senior Warden: Philip Stine

Junior Warden & Buildings/Grounds: Don Hickey

Treasurer: Janet Autry

Clerk & Communications: Mary Ames Booker

Adult Christian Education: Dennis Conlon

Children & Families: Cristi Pollock

Finance: David Hoolahan

Liturgy: Carl Salisbury

Newcomers: Laura Williams

Outreach: Keith McCahan

Parish Events: Stephanie Norris / Dennis Conlon

Stewardship: Rebecca Blake

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Church of the Servant Photographs

You often see John Bauerlein in church with his camera. He records many of the events at Church of the Servant. Now you can browse John's photo galleries on-line: [http://](http://mandalaservices.smugmug.com)

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You can visit any of the galleries without a password.

Once you are in a gallery, move the cursor over the upper right side of the photo and get a drop-down menu that lets you enlarge, save or buy the photo.

If you want to buy a photo, you do so directly from SmugMug. John does not realize any profit from the transaction. The purchase process is pretty straightforward like any web site.

If you click on the "Slideshow"

button in the upper right corner (once you are in a gallery) you will get a full screen slide show of all photos in the gallery. This is really fun to play with. If you have questions, you can contact John by phone or email: Phone: (910) 762-6713; email: jsb@ec.rr.com



Dona Robertson and Rose Bauerlein at Lobster Fest



Kali Newsom (above) and Mike Chapman (below) during Lobster Fest 2009

