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Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

Dear People of God,

Happy New Year! January 1 is remembered as the eighth day of Jesus' life when he was circumcised and named. The following is an excerpt from the homily that I preached at the 7:45 service on January 1. I am sharing it with you to commend the Jesus Prayer to you in 2012.

Not only does Jesus' name remind us who He is as the Savior of the world, but His name also contains power in and of itself. We pray to God in Jesus' name. We heal the sick in Jesus' name. We obliterate evil in Jesus' name. We dispel darkness in Jesus' name.

I have a book that I would like to commend to you if you have not read it. The name of the book is *The Way of the Pilgrim*. It is often published with its sequel *The Pilgrim Continues His Way*. Those writings come from Orthodox or Eastern Christianity and they are about the Jesus Prayer. Though the exact wording of the prayer varies, it usually goes something like this:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Savior of the world, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Because of the sheer power of the Holy Name of Jesus, I would suggest that you have the Jesus Prayer in your spiritual toolbox. Whether you read the book or not, I would suggest that you memorize the Jesus Prayer, keep it in your mind and heart, and use it as needed. Because of the power of the Name of Jesus, the prayer can be used to dispel darkness in times of anxiety and fear. It can be used to pray for yourself in the form that I gave to you, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." It can be used to pray for someone else as in "Have mercy on John, a sinner." It can also be used to pray for the world by leaving out

the name and simply asking the Lord Jesus to "Have mercy."

I have found the prayer extremely helpful in all kinds of situations and I commend it to you. When I first learned the prayer from Fr. Ron Haines, who was our rector at St. Francis, Rutherfordton, he taught it in the way in which the character in *The Way of the Pilgrim* uses it, which is praying it always. The way it works I'm told, for I have not used it for long periods in that way, is that the prayer becomes a part of you and is in the back of your mind during every waking moment.

At first we might think that it would be impossible to use the prayer in that way. However if you try it for 30 minutes or so, you will discover that you can pray the prayer while you do other things. Indeed as you do other things, the prayer prays itself in the background. It may be that the spiritual benefit of praying the prayer is to keep our minds and hearts centered on God at all times, which may keep us from the

“ . . . In Your Holy Name, Jesus, we pray. AMEN . . . ”

less holy thoughts that often flit through our minds. Because of the power of the Name of Jesus, I wanted you to know about the Jesus Prayer and the books *The Way of the Pilgrim* and *The Pilgrim Continues His Way* and I commend them to you. Even if you have read the books in the past, you might want to read them again. I think I will.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Savior of the world, we thank you for your Holy Name. Show us how to use your name to tell the world of your salvation, to bring wholeness to others and to ourselves, and to dispel the darkness of evil wherever we may encounter it. In Your Holy Name, Jesus, we pray. AMEN."

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11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

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Parish News

The **Daughters of the King** will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church office. Please call Melissa Comer at 775-5659 for more information. All women are welcome. Please join us.



Please join us for **Grace Fun Bridge**. It's bridge time at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 4 and 18. It's exercise for your mind and all for fun. Come join us – we need you.



LunchBunch will meet again in the spring when we prepare Easter baskets for our homebound friends, unless we decide to resume our monthly lunches before that time.



Joy Markey and her family would like to thank everyone for all your many cards, foods and expressions of love. We are moving to Charlotte and will miss you all. God bless you all. Please stay in touch.



Men of the Church will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. The hosts and cooks are Michael Nolan and Ed Woeckener. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.



The **Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, January 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will view session seven of our exciting DVD-based course *In His Footsteps*. If you missed previous sessions, don't let that keep you from coming to the January session.



The **Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class** will resume on Sunday, January 8 with a study called "Embracing Emergence Christianity." Church observers and historians have noticed that big changes have occurred every 500 years in Christianity. The last was the Reformation in the sixteenth century. The class is a look at the "garage sale" or shift that is happening in the Church today and its implications for us as Christians. Everyone is welcome to attend the six-week study whether you can attend every Sunday or not. Fr. Gary will facilitate the class. Come join us!

We Welcome Into the Church

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism . . .

Holden Davis Israel,
son of Will and Ashley Israel and
grandson of Mary Israel,
*was welcomed into the Church
on Sunday, December 4.*

Holden
is sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

Markey Farewell Reception

Carl and Joy Markey have served Christ with us here at Grace for about 18 years. Due to health concerns they have moved to Charlotte to be closer to their children. I am writing to invite you to a potluck farewell luncheon following the 11:15 am service (around 12:30 pm) on January 15th. Please plan on bringing a dish or two as we break bread together and wish Joy and Carl all the best in their new home in Charlotte. — Fr. Gary

Fifth-Sunday Brunch and Welcoming

Our first Fifth-Sunday brunch this year will be on January 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. There will be no Sunday School on that day. We ask you to bring your favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share and to join us for good food and a fine time visiting with folks from all three services. Also on the fifth Sunday we welcome anyone who is new and would like to join our parish. During the service Fr. Coffey will invite you to the front of the church, introduce you, welcome you and pray some prayers of welcome and blessing with you. Please call him at 273-0635 so that he can get you on our welcome list for the Fifth-Sunday.

Bible Study Continues

The Bible Study Sunday School Class which meets at 10:10 a.m. in the library will resume on Sunday, January 8. We are studying the "Prison Epistles" by Apostle Paul and will study the Book of Philippians next. All are welcome. Please join us.

Annual Meeting Set

This year's annual parish meeting and vestry election is scheduled for Sunday, February 12 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Operation Christmas Child Delivers

Julia Anne Dawson

It was a pleasure to deliver thirty-seven Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the collection center at First Baptist Church. Four eager teenagers were helpful with unloading the car and taking the gift boxes inside. A representative from Operation Christmas Child graciously thanked Grace parishioners for participating in the

program, which brings joy to children in impoverished areas of the U.S. and countries the world over. Filling a shoebox is fun and easy for the giver, and it brings huge smiles and pleasures to a child. Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Update

Thanks to everyone from the Stewardship Committee for your response to our pledge campaign and your support of the work of God through Grace Church. We currently have 118 pledges for a total of over \$357,000. Several members have said that you are still planning to send in your pledge cards. It would be great if you could get them in as soon as possible, as we are completing the program planning for the coming year.

If by chance you have not turned in your Covenant letter to God for the coming year, what better way to start the New Year? Please place it in a self-addressed sealed envelope and drop it an offering plate. We'll mail it back to you later in the year for a sort of reality check on how you're living up to your covenant.

Thank you!

Grace Outreach Notes

Sue Thompkins

BackPacker Program

Our Backpacker program provides weekly bags of food for forty students at Jones School. We try to provide the students with fresh fruit each week. The food that we purchase for the program from Manna Food Bank often does not include fruit. Donations of fruit (such as apples, oranges, bananas, and so on) and/or financial contributions for the purchase of fruit would be very helpful to the program, particularly since we are serving such a large number of students. The bags are packed beginning at about 5:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to donate fruit to the program, please label it "Backpackers" and leave it in the church kitchen before 5:00 on Thursdays. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of fruit, please make your checks payable to Grace Church and write "Outreach--Backpacker fruit" on the memo line. Thank you for helping us to provide the students with healthy food.

Parish: Thank You

The members of the outreach committee would like to thank all the members of the parish for your support of our recent projects: Operation Christmas Child, the Angel Tree, and our ornament donations. Operation Christmas Child allows us to send presents to needy children throughout the world by partnering with Samaritan's Purse. The Angel

Tree gives us the opportunity to provide Christmas presents to foster children who are wards of the courts in Buncombe County. Your contributions to the ornaments will allow the Grace Outreach committee to continue to support local and international charities as well as our own Backpacker program.

Special Gratitude

The Grace Outreach committee would like to give special thanks to Imogene Brown and James Cannon for the beautiful ornaments that they have made over the last few years as their special gift to outreach. As we place the beautiful ornaments on our own Christmas trees, we are reminded of the wonderful stained-glass windows here at Grace. Thank you, Imogene and James. We would also like to thank Monty and Cade Wooten and Cheryl Deyton for the beautiful Angel Tree that they lovingly cut and donate. The fragrance of the tree turns the foyer into a special place during Advent. Also thanks to the many others who have helped to decorate the Angel Tree over the years. Both Becky and David deserve our thanks and gratitude for their unflinching help with all the outreach projects during the year and especially during the Advent season. We would not be able to accomplish so much without their help and cheerful support.

Advent Children's Service a Big Hit

The Grace Children's Advent Service was held on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18. Many of our parish children led and participated in all aspects of the service. The service began with Atrium III sharing the meaning of and lighting the fourth candle of Advent. The children led the congregation in prayers, songs, and dramatizations of the Visitation and the Annunciation. An instrumental group performed for the offertory and special vocal music was presented. Nancy Smith delivered thoughtful insights about Mary as part of the homily. It was indeed a service that focused on the religious meaning of the season and everyone involved did an excellent job. The service brought joy to the hearts of many as we moved forward in the celebration of Advent and the birth of the Christ Child. It is always a blessing to have our youth share their faith and talents with the congregation.

Many thanks to all the children who participated and to the adults who also added their talents: Judy Rhodes, Monty Wooten, Ben Scales, Cheryl Deyton, all Sunday School teachers, and many others. We hope to continue to have the children participate in celebrating our worship at Grace.

The following is the homily presented by Nancy Smith during the Children's Advent Service. Nancy's wonderful insights into Mary's motherhood and servanthood should encourage us all.

Nancy is a senior attending Enka High School. She has attended Grace with her family for the past ten years. She is active in Key Club, varsity soccer, varsity cross country and Poetry Out Loud at school and enjoys hunter-jumper equestrian and reading on her own time. Nancy is an active member of the St. Luke's/Grace EYC and has attended Camp Henry since age eight. She hopes to attend the US Naval Academy, Georgetown University, Davidson College, or the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill to pursue a career in law.

Address to Grace Church, Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Mary

I have long found myself particularly able to identify with two specific Biblical characters.

The first, Noah, appealed to me in the most basic way; he saved all the creatures – large and small – from the first, the last, and the greatest downpour this world has ever experienced. As a child who dubbed herself the “Chipmunk Whisperer,” I couldn't help but love the Bible story and the man who plucked the olive leaf from the mouth of the dove and knew that it represented God's promise.

The second Biblical character is Mary, Mother of Jesus.

When I was very small I looked forward to the moment during Christmas when my brother would be put to sleep and I could play with the Nativity above the mantel in the living room. Our Nativity is a true work of art I must say: eight elegantly hand-crafted pieces collected around the Christ Child and an angel, the glorious bringer of Good News, perched atop the stable. The Wise Men offer their gifts with pious eyes, Joseph clasps his hand to his breast and Mary looks down upon the Christ Child in the perfect expression of love and wonder. Now that I am older, I often ponder how much of that

came from the love and wonder of being the mother of the Savior of Man and how much simply stemmed from the love and wonder of being a mother.

When asked to play the part of Mary in the children's Christmas pageant, I could not have been more enthralled. It seemed to be the fulfillment of every young girl's dream — along with being a flower girl in a wedding and owning a pony. I remember telling everyone about it for weeks before Christmas Eve — long conversations on the bus rides home after school, conversations about Christmas trees and presents — and Mary.

So you see I have a long and intimate history with this woman. But what is it that makes Mary so engaging, so inspirational? The obvious answer – or so it would seem to most – is that Mary is the mother of God on Earth, the woman who gave us the Messiah and the third piece to our Holy Trinity.

But when asked to speak this morning, I was able to look more deeply into the story of Mary – from its beginning to its end – and to develop an understanding of this woman and the image of her that we have engraved in our minds.

I believe Mary to be among the few individuals who truly embodies Christianity and the teachings of the New Testament.

And using my amazing skills acquired in AP

English III last year, I'm fully prepared to qualify and prove that statement using “specific factual information.”

I'll start with the Magnificat or Luke 1:46–55, Mary's most extended speech in the Bible:

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,

For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things; and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them who fear Him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree,

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy;

As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to our seed forever.

Ten lines — ten lines and Mary will fall silent. From Luke 1:55 on she will speak very little. Yet those ten lines bring the utmost respect, for every word is spoken with the true power of faith and the depth of understanding.

Mary states, “My soul doth magnify the Lord,” an ideal that all Christians should strive for. It is one thing to proclaim your faith but do you truly live it? Does it motivate your decisions, actions, and day-to-day life? Mary with the Son of God within her must never have forgotten her duty as both a mother and a believer. As she carried and raised Jesus it must simply have been ingrained in every fiber of her life.

Then she mentions that she is a “handmaiden” of the Lord. As the New Testament develops that idea of servitude not only to God but also to each other becomes more and more prominent. Peter, Paul,

James, and Jude – later apostles and followers of Jesus – all claim the same title of “servant.” But Mary is among the first in the New Testament to make such a statement.

My favorite aspect of the Magnificat however is, “He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.” It eerily parallels the story of Matthew 19:23–24 when Jesus tells the rich young man to go and sell his many possessions in order to achieve the Kingdom of God.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Now I know that Jesus must have felt particularly strongly about that idea because he uses a metaphor. When Jesus pulls out the metaphor he means business. And I find it very significant that Mary echoed her Son's words years before they were spoken.

The contradiction of such a “rich man poor in heaven, poor man rich in heaven” also speaks to Mary on a personal level. She is a child possibly in her early teens at the birth of Jesus. One estimate based on Jewish customs of the time actually places Mary's age at around thirteen, since Jewish women were often engaged at twelve and married one year later. Mary in summary is weak, poor, and seemingly insignificant in the vast reaches of history. Had her life gone according to “plan,” she should have been barely a blip on the radar screen fading in and out of existence as quickly as we all do.

But Mary's name stays with us. This girl kneeling in the cold with a newborn baby gripped tightly to her will be enshrined, shrouded in purple and gold – the colors of royalty! – for thousands of years to come. Her name will be bestowed upon millions. Her Wikipedia page is the very first thing to emerge upon typing the simple word “Mary” into Google search engine online. Her effigy will be reproduced in thousands of different ways from sculpture to oil paint to the large wax statues that sit in every Catholic Church across Europe. Mary is enduring

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yet her story is humble. She truly lived the value of Christianity in every sense of the word.

But my favorite aspect of the entire story of Mary comes at Luke 1:34 just after Gabriel tells her of how she will conceive and carry the Christ Child.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing as I know not a man?

This girl confronted by an angel and told that she will carry the Savior of Man has the audacity to stop to ask him a question, actually to question a messenger of God. How many of us would do the same? And how many of us would unquestioningly accept the angel Gabriel's words?

But Mary does not ask out of disbelief; she asks out of true curiosity and with a burning desire better to know what has been laid before her.

Because you see that is the true measure of faith, the true value of Christianity — questioning. What is a faith that cannot grow and learn? Mary in asking Gabriel how such a thing could come to pass is setting a model for millions of Christians to come.

It's one of the things I most love about Grace Church. I may ask questions without fearing ridicule

Member Daniel Neff Authors First Novel

In December the *TEAM* featured Daniel's amazing first book *God Said, "Not Yet!" – One Man's Experience with "Terminal" Cancer*. Daniel has now published his first novel *Donovan's Island*.

The book is a riveting adventure story set along the coast of the northeastern United States. Max Velius takes his family away for a relaxing summer vacation on the island or so he thinks.

Max has practically grown up on Donovan's Island. His family had spent every summer of his youth at their home there. The house which had been built by his grandfather is a majestic Victorian-style home that sits on the bluffs which overlook the Atlantic Ocean. When he was young Max had spent endless hours in the turret, or crows' nest as he called it, staring out at the ocean and dreaming of swashbuckling adventures and fair maidens. He hopes that this summer will be a healing salve to his malaise, but he is about to have the most adventurous summer of his life.

Between an old flame whom he hasn't seen in years but who is still as beautiful as the last time he saw her and an old friend he thought he'd lost, Max's plans for a tranquil summer are about to be torpedoed as he is swept up in a world of international intrigue and espionage.

Here are the book's site and Amazon page links: <https://www.createspace.com/3699703> and http://www.amazon.com/Donovans-Island-Daniel-Neff/dp/1466394668/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1321903949&sr=1-2. For those interested in Daniel's personal experience with terminal cancer *God Said, "Not Yet!"* here are the links for that stirring story: <https://www.createspace.com/3441533> and http://www.amazon.com/God-Said-Not-Yet-Experience/dp/1451562306/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1321904880&sr=1-1.

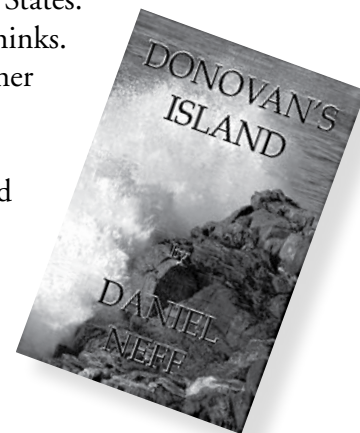
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or feeling as though my faith is flawed. We are a church that lives as Mary did with acceptance and willingness to do what is asked but also with a certain level of curiosity. It proves that we can grow and cultivate our faith with special care.

I'd like to finish with a certain piece of information that was presented to me by Judy Rhodes in the course of my research. It goes back to the first five books of the Old Testament, which are referred to in Hebrew as "Towdah." We have come to interpret that word as the "Law," yet the true meaning according to renowned Hebrew scholar Dr. Karl Coke is "Mommy Teacher."

As I approach the Christmas season and begin to see the wonder of Christ's birth on every face and in every heart, I must also remember the woman who first experienced that same wonder as she held her newborn Son in her arms for the first time. Only a child herself she would become the "Mommy Teacher" of the greatest Teacher this world has ever known. She was not without doubt and fear but she was also not without faith. I would hope that I have the strength both to question and to live in wonder of God's work.



Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

It is almost time to begin registration for our long-awaited Healing Prayer workshop. It is an opportunity for all of you to deepen your spiritual lives. We especially invite those of you who are interested in deepening your prayer lives and in learning more about healing prayer. The title of our workshop is "The Good News of Jesus' Healing." The first session will be on Friday evening, March 23. That session is also entitled "The Good News of Jesus' Healing." On Saturday, March 24 the workshop will run from 8:00a.m. until 3:15p.m. The sessions covered that day will be "The Role of the Holy Spirit in Healing Ministry," "Healing the

Hurts of the Past," "Listening to God, Hearing God, Dialoguing with Jesus," "The Healing Power of Forgiveness" and "Soaking Prayer."

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for both days and a catered lunch. Registration forms will soon be available in the church office or from any of the Healing Prayer Ministers. We hope that all of you will be able to attend. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have John Rice come to Grace to teach us. Because many other churches in the area will be invited, I encourage you to register early to insure your place at the workshop.

The Baptism of Our Lord – January 8

*The following reprinted from a bulletin insert from The Episcopal Church
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On the Sunday following the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6), the Episcopal Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Although originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana, the celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord came to be celebrated separately, as a feast day distinct from the Epiphany.

The event of Christ's baptism is recorded in all four gospel accounts:

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'" (Mark 1:9-11).



"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'" (Luke 3:21-22).



"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:13-17).



"The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'" (John 1:29-34).

FAQ - Epiphany - The Unique Christian Celebration

The following is gratefully reprinted from the web site of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Kingsville, MD

What is the Epiphany of our Lord?

The Epiphany of our Lord is the wonderful liturgical festival observed on January 6. It is the oldest of the Christmas festivals and originally the most important. Since January 6 is most often a weekday, liturgical Protestants sometimes shift the celebration of the Epiphany to the Sunday immediately following or preceding the 6th. Epiphany is also a season that lasts until the beginning of Lent and encompasses four to nine Sundays depending on the date of Easter.

What does the word Epiphany mean?

The word epiphany comes from the Greek noun *epiphaneia* which means “shining forth,” “manifestation,” or “revelation.” In the ancient Greco-Roman world an epiphany referred to the appearance of one of the gods to mortals. Since Hellenistic kings and Roman emperors were considered by many to be gods the word epiphany was also used as a term for divine majesty. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates the many ways through signs, miracles, and preaching that Jesus revealed Himself to the world as Christ, God Incarnate, and King of kings.

What does the Church commemorate during Epiphany?

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord originally commemorated three incidents that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). Nowadays most liturgical churches emphasize the visit of the Magi on January 6 and celebrate Christ's baptism on the first Sunday after the 6th.

Who were the Magi?

The Magi were members of the religious hierarchy of ancient Persia and Media (the region corresponding to modern Iran). They were scholars and practitioners of astrology, divination, and the interpretation of dreams. Their expertise in those arcane subjects was the reason they were often referred to as “wise men.” The Magi of Babylonia undoubtedly came into contact with exiled Jewish priests living among them. Through those acquaintances the Magi learned of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of Christ including the cryptic “messianic star” passage of Numbers 24:17. That explains why the astral phenomenon described in Matthew 2:1-12 so fascinated the wise men of the gospel narrative.

Many pious legends about the wise men have arisen over the centuries. In Western Christian churches those include the traditions that there were three Magi who visited Jesus, that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and that they were kings. To get more detailed information about the Magi you're invited to read two excellent resources on the subject: *The Magi/Wise Man FAQ* by the Rev. Dr. Richard P. Bucher and *The Visit of the Magi—Fact or Fiction?* by the Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier.

What is the liturgical color for Epiphany?

White, the color of purity, holiness, and joy, is the traditional liturgical color for the Epiphany, the first Sunday after the Epiphany (the Baptism of our Lord), and the last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Transfiguration of our Lord). For the other Sundays of the season green is normally used. Green represents the new life that Christ gives us in baptism as well as the spiritual growth that we experience during the season as we study the Lord's ministry of teaching, healing, and miracles.

Why is Epiphany such a special day and season?

Epiphany is one of the most important festivals of the liturgical year because it shows the church how God comes to His people. God took the initiative and came to us by becoming one of us. The most holy and almighty God condescended to take on human flesh in order to reveal His salvation to the world. That is the mystery of the Epiphany of our Lord.

During the season Christians meditate on many of our Lord's epiphanies. Epiphany Day itself commemorates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to worship the Messiah and bring Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and

myrrh (Matthew 2:1-12). Since the earliest days of the church those wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the Earth. By means of a miraculous star God showed them that Jesus was born to be not only the King of the Jews but the Lord and Savior of all nations.

The Baptism of our Lord is the first Sunday after the Epiphany. That important festival is the observance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of John the Baptist (Mark 1:9-11). The words of the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove as Jesus came out of the waters revealed Him to be God's true Son.

The Transfiguration of our Lord, the last Sunday after the Epiphany, is a celebration of the moment that Christ in the company of Moses and Elijah literally shined His glorious divine nature on Peter, James, and John leaving them dazed and awestruck (Luke 9:28-36). That event, the greatest of Christ's epiphanies until His triumphant resurrection from the grave at Easter, serves as the dramatic conclusion of the season. Transfiguration Sunday stands in vivid contrast to what takes place just a few days later: Ash Wednesday, the day of sorrow and repentance that initiates the season of Lent.

Between the two Sundays that mark the Lord's baptism and transfiguration the church concentrates on several of the other incidents from Scripture that show how Jesus manifested God's love to the world through His ministry of preaching, miracles, and healings. What is common to each of those epiphanies is that in one way or another they make known the identity and mission of Jesus Christ: True Man and True God born into this sinful world to be the Lord and Savior of all humanity.



“Journey of the Magi” by French painter Tissot (1836-1902)

Christmas Flowers and Greens

Grace Church is always beautiful. At Christmastime with the efforts of the Altar Guild, the Flower Guild and their many volunteers our parish seems to exude the special warmth and coziness of the season. It's through many generous gifts that we're able to enjoy a wonderful worship space. Thank you, one and all, for your contributions.

Advent Candles/Wreaths

Beth McKinsey
Shannon Townsend
Judy & Mike Bohan
Zoe Davis
Colleen May
Rita Spragg
James Standingdeer
Rhona Nunez-Scales

Christmas Greens/Flowers

Joy E. Navrkal, Marge Schweizer, Ellie Sedlak, Judie Foust and Elizabeth Smith in memory of their sister Angie Vest.
Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for her Altar Guild pals.
Earlyn Hart in memory of Dave Hart and in thanksgiving for family and friends.
Bill and Barbara Crownover in memory of Jim and Margaret Crownover and Clarence and Nancy Boone and in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren.
Zoe and Matthew in memory of Phyllis and Robert Davis and in thanksgiving for fellowship and the Christmas season.
Deb Pegel in memory of Louis A. Pegel and in thanksgiving for Grace Church.
Angela Chasteen in memory of Uncle Burt and in thanksgiving for his love.
Jenny Thomas in thanksgiving for the Rev. John Thomas' 50 years of ministry.
Maryli Perkins in thanksgiving for sons Stephen, John and Timothy.
Bill and Sherry Coward in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.
Colleen May in memory of parents Nelle and Stafford May.
Joe and Bobbie Eblen in thanksgiving for our family.



Hugh and Chal Vaughn in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our family.
James Cannon in thanksgiving for Grace Church.
Jenn and Noah Clary in memory of Joyce Reynolds.
George and Pat Davis in memory of Mike & Sally and in thanksgiving for family and friends.
Ed Denison
Cuyler Dupree in memory of his parents, LaGrange and Dan Dupree.
Mary Israel in memory of Tom Israel.
Rhoda Larsen in memory of her husband, Rev. Donald H. Larsen, and in thanksgiving for his life and mission for the poor, homeless and refugees.
Cal and Nancy Remmers in memory of Audrey Feehan, and in thanksgiving for all our family members.

Numerous Anonymous Gifts.

Endowment – “The Gifts That Keep On Giving”

HAPPY AND JOYOUS 2012 ENDOWMENT REPORT:

Your Grace Endowment committee wishes you and yours a very joyous, healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope that the New Year brings you much happiness spiritually, physically and mentally. Since we go to press before the year closes on the Endowment Fund, we are not able to bring you the final yearly report. We will do that with pride in the February *TEAM* article and in our report for the annual meeting. We can inform you that as of November 30 our fund had a balance of \$188,259. During 2011 we had \$5750 contributed primarily in honor or in memory of church family members and friends. We received a significant bequest that will be reflected in our year-end balance. That will give us a gain for 2011 and will move us toward our \$500,000 goal. When we reach that goal we can begin making distributions for unbudgeted needs for our precious Church's services.

The following listing includes the names of family members and friends who were honored or memorialized; it also includes the names of donors. We appreciate your generosity as well as your continued commitment to the legacy and endowed programs and fund of our Church.

Those persons honored or memorialized during 2011 were Hannah Coffey Baynard, Bob Griffin, and Angie Vest.

Those persons contributing to the Endowment Fund were Mike and Judy Bohan; Georgi Bruce; Howard and Anna Cabiniss; James Cannon; Carole Cornelius; Bill and Sherry Coward; George and Pat Davis; Al and Julia Anne Dawson; Bill and Sue Dismukes; Eva and Dan Dupree; Toby and Sally Gabrielson; Doug and Jean Haldane; Don Hawkins; Rusty and Evelyn Herman; Ellen Knoebel; Clay and Annette Kyzer; Gregory Mayo; Angie McDonald; Charles Nelms; Billy and Ellanor New; Walt and Alice Noble; Dianne Patrick; Benjamin Sanano; Bill and Corinne Spencer; Duane and Lori Tallman; Sue Thompkins; Bob and Marie Townsend; Hugh and Chal Vaughn; David and Claire Vest; Douglas and Elizabeth Vest; Pat Vest; Paul and Vicki Vest; Barbara Wilcox; and Jack and Ellen Young.

Please feel free to call any of our committee members for additional information or if you wish to have a visit. Especially important is the drafting of a will by every individual and/or family. Attorney Annika Brock stands ready to assist any parishioner in drafting a will as her commitment to our Parish.

Pat Vest, chairman, Mike Bohan, Annika Brock, Charlotte Chiott, Rusty Herman and Michael Nolan

EYC January Goings-On

EYC continues to meet on Wednesdays and would LOVE for any sixth–twelfth grade youth to join us! We also do periodic service projects and are always looking for youth and adults to join us!

EYC can always use volunteers to prepare food and to assist with meetings! We meet every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30PM. This month we will be at St. Luke's. Please join us! Call Molly Coffey at 337-4350 (molcoff@yahoo.com) with questions.

January's EYC Calendar:

We will meet at St. Luke's this month unless otherwise noted.

January 5 (THURSDAY) – Epiphany Service and Twelfth Night Party. Service begins at St. Luke's at 5:30

and party follows.

January 11 – EYC

January 18 – EYC

January 25 – EYC

January 27–29 – **Radix** at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville for grades 10–12. The weekend is designed to enhance an individual's faith journey based on the Baptismal Covenant. It is a meditative and contemplative retreat: <http://www.diocesewnc.org/Youth/youth-calendar.html>. You can print the registration form there.

The Coal Basket and The Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson inquired, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

That time the boy ran faster but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket" and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of

water; I want a basket of water. You can do that. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At that point the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" the old man said. "Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket it was clean.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

That is the work of God in our lives: To change us from the inside out and slowly to transform us into the image of His Son. We should take time to read a portion of God's word each day and to share our love with a friend.

January Saints

The veneration of saints in the Episcopal Church is a continuation of an ancient tradition from the early Church which honors important people of the Christian faith. The use of the term "saint" is similar to Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions. Those inclined to the Anglo-Catholic tradition may explicitly invoke saints as intercessors in prayer. The saints are also recognized as examples in history of good Christian men and women. The Episcopal Church holds that all baptized Christians are saints of God and have the potential to be examples of faith to others. Episcopalians pray for each other and for all Christians as members of the Communion of Saints, including both the living and the dead, since all are in the hands of God. With that understanding a wide variety of Christians from various denominations and traditions, such as Martin Luther and Augustine of Canterbury, are thought of as "saints" in the Episcopal Church.

Here is the January calendar of saints found in the *Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church.

January 1 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- January 2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945
- January 3 William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894
- January 4 Elizabeth Seton, Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821

January 6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- January 8 Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
- January 9 Julia Chester Emery, 1922
- January 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
- January 12 Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
- January 13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
- January 16 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915. Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932

January 17 Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

January 18 The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle

- January 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
- January 20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
- January 21 Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
- January 22 Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa and Martyr, 304
- January 23 Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
- January 24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944

January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

- January 26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul
- January 27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith
- January 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274
- January 29 Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430
- January 31 Juan Bosco, Priest, 1888. Samuel Shoemaker, Priest and Evangelist, 1963

Our Prayer List

january

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so that you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so that you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so that you can contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Jo Brokenshire; Bill Coward; Sarah Gnilka; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Carl & Joy Markey; Maria Mason & Paul Schierhorn; Lianna Medina; Charlotte Melson; Dot Morgan; Theda Rudd; Corey & Tszyan Snyder; Jennifer Spencer; Grace Walker.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Jeanne Galyean; June Kelley; Gordon MacRae; Frances Payne; Helen Powers; Laura Stephens; John Sumner.**

For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Jerry Allen** (cousin of Alice Moriarty); **Mary Lou Baker** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Holly Barker** (daughter of Becky Barker); **Ed Bishop** (father of Sue Thompkins); **Arnold Clark** (former parishioner); **Stewart Coleman** (friend of Mary Israel); **David Denison** (brother of Ed Denison); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Joe & Bobbie Eblen); **Ruth Ann Fair** (mother of Greg Townsend); **George Frady; Billy Gentry** (brother of David Gentry); **Mary Hood** (mother of Karen Compton); **Carol Howell and family** (friends of Greg & Shannon Townsend); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Katharine Guerrant** (daughter of Bishop & Mrs. Johnson); **Natt Hall** (brother of Nora Jones); **Maria Metakis** (friend of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Nina Powell** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Jonah Snelling** (friend of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Donna & Timothy Trimnal; Bonnie & Kelly Wiggen** (daughter & granddaughter of Nancy & Cal Remmers); **Jonah Snelling** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Amanda Eller Williams** (stepdaughter of Lynda McCredie's sister); **Alicia; Brian & Tara** (son-in-law & daughter of Shari Lane); **Elizabeth; Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Laurey; Rachel & Judah; Sandrina; Sue; Susan; Wanda; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless and for all people affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Katharine**, our Presiding Bishop; **Porter & Robert**, our Bishops; **the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Mic Ball** (grandson of Judy & Ralph Morris); **Stephen Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Adam Hardesty** (grandson of Chal & Hugh Vaughn); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Marty Hawks** (son-in-law of Joy & Carl Markey); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Matthew Jackson** (son of Marcia Jackson); **Courtney Lattimore** (friend of Linda Nye); **Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **David Norris** (friend of Cal & Nancy Remmers); **Robert Reese** (son of Bob Reese); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Michael Sumner** (son of Nancy Porter); **Kevin Quinn; Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Roscoe Woodard; Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Charlie Brown** (husband of Imogene Brown); **Mary Beth Bucholtz; David Noble** (son of Walt & Joyce Noble).

For Our President Barack Obama, His Cabinet, Congress and Our Country.

For peace and resolution of conflict in the Middle East and throughout the world; for the people of Haiti; for those who bring rescue and relief and for raising world awareness.

For victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and other areas.

For rain across the earth; for better stewardship of water.

January Anniversaries

Andrew and Margaret Dahm	5
Robert and Maggie Green	10
Walter and Mariza Adamson	12
Walt and Joyce Noble	14
Keith and Patricia Hargrove	20
Carl and Joy Markey	23
Ron and Jeanne Sims	27
Ben and Peggy Grimes	31
Ed and Marla Woeckener	31

January Birthdays

1 Mike Bohan	15 Jenny Thomas
1 Rick Hayes	17 Elly Withers
2 Lockie Hunter	20 Brady Blackburn
4 Matthew George	20 Alexander Sanderson
4 Sarah Wilkey	21 Paul Wolfe
5 Annie Dephouse	22 Rebecca Wartman
5 Miles Edwards	23 Judy Bohan
5 Charlotte Melson	23 Melissa Comer
8 Rick High	23 Jamey Smith
8 Michael Potter	23 Cade Wooten
9 Stella Coffey	24 Tamara Calabria
10 Moira Stewart	25 Cheryl Deyton
11 Frances Payne	25 June Kelley
11 Greg Plank	25 Ray Kuykendall
11 Lona Scott	27 Laura Ellington
12 Deb Gravatt	27 Kim Hayes
13 Arlo Elder	29 Kathleen Griffin
13 Bob Perry	29 Lara Hackett
13 John Sherman	29 Susan Macdonald
14 Jennifer Goldenberg	29 Maryli Perkins
14 Neill Mason	31 Jim Siemens
14 Carol McMichael	31 Tsz-yan Snyder
15 Joan Sanderson	

Gifts For All of Us To Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle for January is given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce.

The sanctuary flowers for January are given to the Glory of God by

Doris Lederer in loving memory of her husband Edwin Lederer;

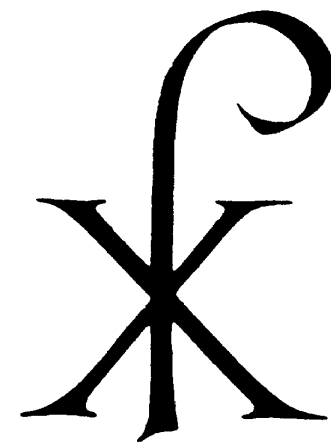
Greg, Kerry and Dylan Melson in honor of Charlotte Melson;

Martin Shaw in loving memory of his wife Mary Leigh Shaw;

Ed Denison in loving memory of his wife Pat;

the Herman family in memory of Oz and Jo Herman;

Eva and Dan Dupree in thanksgiving for our Grace Church family.



January Events at a Glance

Bible Study — Weekly Gospel

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., LI

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., St. Luke's

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., CHR

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., CHR

Dream Group Advent Study

Monday, January 2, 7:00 p.m., LI

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 p.m., CH

Fun Bridge

Wednesdays, January 4 & 18, 1:30 p.m., LI

Adult Christian Education Meeting

Monday, January 9, 5:30 p.m., OF

Men of the Church

Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m., PH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, January 15, 8:00 p.m., CH

Office Closed—Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, January 16

Daughters of the King Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m., OF

Vestry Meeting

Monday, January 23, 5:30 p.m., LI

Welcoming Liturgy at All Services

Sunday, January 29, CH

Fifth-Sunday Brunch

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 a.m., PH

Pledges Down for November

Pledges, non-pledged offerings and open offerings were all down for the month of November, making our general contributions down by \$4000 for the year. All expense categories, with the exception of personnel, were less than budgeted for the month as well as the year.

Your Vestry

	Actual	Budget	Over/ Under
Income:			
Pledges	344,172	343,750	422
Non-pledged Offerings	34,380	27,500	6,880
Open Offering	10,191	7,333	2,858
Interest	268	252	16
Misc.	17,438	16,775	663
Total Income:	406,450	395,611	10,839
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	43,583	50,508	(6,925)
Parish Programs	10,551	17,426	(6,875)
Operations	53,818	57,888	(4,070)
Personnel	277,582	270,105	7,477
Total Expenses:	385,533	395,926	(10,393)
Income - Expense:	20,916	(315)	21,231

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January 2012 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Service Time	Date
Jan. 1											Jan. 1
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Sadie Rudd	Keith Rudd	Cuyler Dupree	Lessons & Carols	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Paul & Vicki Vest	1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	9:00	
	11:15	Sally Withers	Mary Withers	Elly Withers	Lessons & Carols	Pat Davis Karen Compton	John Rigsby Paul Stewart	1. Michael Nolan 2. Carol McMichael	Lelia Cort	11:15	
Jan. 8											Jan. 8
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Louise Wernicke	L - Joyce Milling I - Charles Milling P - Milling Family	Rita Spragg Jeanne Robertson	Kaderabek Family	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Tom Bell	Elaine Dephouse	9:00	
	11:15	Elly Withers	Grace Miller	Mary Withers	L, I, P - Cynthia & Michael Nolan	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Bill Spencer 2. Mary Cozine	Georgi Bruce	11:15	
Jan. 15											Jan. 15
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm		7:45	
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Noah Clary	Cuyler Dupree	L - Melissa Comer I - Debbie Jones P - Comer Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Carol Booth 2. Jennifer Clary	Cuyler Dupree	9:00	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Karen Compton Lynn Burkett	Bob & Jeanne Perry	1. Bill Warren 2. Michael Nolan	Peggy Grimes	11:15	
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten I - Henry Watts	Ingrid Adelsbach				Taizé 8:00 PM	
Jan. 22											Jan. 22
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue		7:45	
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Moira Stewart	Louise Wernicke	L - Theda Rudd I - Haig Rudd P - Rudd Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Green Family	1. Zoe Davis 2. Cuyler Dupree	Micki Newton	9:00	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mel Luedtke	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Corinne Spencer Sonny Rawls	Henry Watts Ron Sims	1. Sally Withers 2. Mary Israel	Martha Boyette	11:15	
Jan. 29											Jan. 29
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	Jack Frue		7:45	
	9:00	Cheryl Deyton	Keith Rudd	Cuyler Dupree	L - Bill Crowover I - Greg Plank P - Plank Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	9:00	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Jeanne Robertson	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Bob Turner Ed Woeckener	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bob Perry	Grace Walker	11:15	

Date	Counters	Depositors
Jan. 1	Martha Boyette	James Cannon
Jan. 8	Georgi Bruce	Judy Bohan
Jan. 15	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn
Jan. 22	Maryli Perkins	Anne Simmons
Jan. 29	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons

Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
Jan. 1	Davis, Newton	Group 1 - Dec. 31 - Jan. 6
Jan. 8	Davis, Newton Meeting on 9th @ 10:00 a.m.	Group 2 - Jan. 7 - Jan. 13
Jan. 15	Dawson, Cozine	Group 3 - Jan. 14 - Jan. 20
Jan. 22	Dawson, Cozine	Group 4 - Jan. 21 - Jan. 27
Jan. 29	Jones, Buchanan	Group 1 - Jan. 28 - Feb. 3

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6:00am LESSONS & CAROLS:O 7:45am Holy Eucharist::CH 9:00am Family Eucharist:CH 10:10am Sunday School:PH 10:15am Choral Practice::CH 11:15am Choral Eucharist::CH	6:00am NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY:O 7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 10:30am AA Good Livers:CR 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 6:00pm - 7:00 AA::PH 6:00pm - 7:00 AI-Anon :CR	8:00am Early Birds Men's :LI 10:30am - 12:00 OA:PH 12:15pm AA G.Livers:PH 7:00pm Generational Heal.Ser:CH	7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 12:15pm Eucharist and Prayer:CH 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 1:30pm FUN BRIDGE :PH 6:00pm - 7:30 p.m. EYC Meets at St. Luke's:PH	7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 12:15pm AA G.Livers:PH 6:00pm Smart Recovery:CR	9:30am Reunion Group:LI 12:00pm AA Around Room:LI 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 7:00pm - 8:30 ACOA ::LI	9:00am Altar Guild:CH 9:00am -11:00 Flower Guild:KI 10:00am - 11:00 AI-Anon:CR
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