

The Herald

January 16, 2011

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of a Pale Light

“And when he rode past, I seen he was carrying fire in a horn the way people used to do, and I could see the horn from the light inside of it. About the color of the moon. And in the dream I knew that he was going on ahead and that he was fixin to make a fire in all that dark and all that cold...”

The quotation above is from Cormac McCarthy's *No Country for Old Men*, in which a young everyman finds himself caught up in a drug deal gone horribly wrong. Because millions of dollars are at stake the scenario turns violent, and the darkness seems to reach into every corner of the story touching the lives of every character. The novel is a work of fiction, but the truth of the matter *vis à vis* the illegal drug trade is all too real. It is a dark violence affecting the entire world community. The slaughter continues along the American-Mexican border on a scale never seen before. The old half-retired sheriff is one of the few characters in the novel who stays alive....and at the end of the novel he tells his wife about a dream he had the night before. (above)

In the dream he his high up upon a snowy mountain pass and he sees his father, now dead, and a former sheriff of the same county, ride past carrying a fire in a horn, presumably to enable lighting the next camp fire along the way. A fine metaphor I think for the life of faith. I am sure great care would have to be taken to protect this light, this light that will preserve life. In a mountain pass the wind changes direction often and the flame would at times gutter against it, be sorely challenged by it. The custodian of the flame must pay rapt attention lest the one rogue gust extinguish it.

We are in the season of Epiphany in the church, the season of light, the season of revelation....We are the caretakers of this tenuous light. Lane Densen, blogger extraordinaire, says that Christmas, like the circus, comes all of a sudden into town and then gets the heck out....and what is left is a pale and fragile flame in the wind in a dark time of the year, a light that bears all truth, a light to which we must tend as if our lives depended on it, and the lives of others....because such is the truth of the matter....This light is the light of our true humanity, modeled by the life and ministry of Jesus....the light of mercy and compassion...of hospitality and embrace....of non-violence and forgiveness and living together justly...a light though frail, but powerful enough to transform our world.

Take courage, travelers....live the dream that the light persists...persists because love persists...bear the flame with all due care, the flame golden as the moon, beauty of the beginning, our sacred inheritance...bear it with loving care, pay attention to the capricious wind, for this meagre light is more than vital for us to fix out there in all that dark and all that cold.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 11

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels
choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 12

7:30am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St. Cecelia choir rehearsal
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministries
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 13

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, January 14

5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, January 15

7:30am Food Share Distribution

Sunday, January 16

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office closed

Tuesday, January 18

12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael and All Angels
choir rehearsal
6pm Vestry Meeting

January Food Share is this weekend! It will begin with preparation of the food bags on Friday, January 14, at 5:30pm in Stirling Hall. Distribution of food will take place on Saturday, January 15, at 8am. Please come by 7:30am to help unload and bag frozen food items. Please join us!



Meeting Change for Vestry

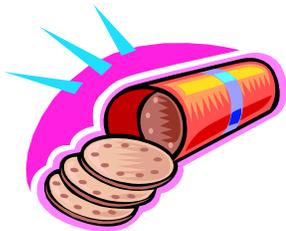
Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is the regular Vestry meeting day in January. Since that is a day that the church office is closed, **the Vestry will meet instead on Tuesday, January 18, at 6pm.** Please plan to be at this important meeting when the budget for 2011 will be presented.

New Adult Christian Education offering

Rector's Forum: Questions, Answers and Speculations
This new class lead by the Rector will begin Tuesday evening, February 1. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with supper and class will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30. There was great demand after this year's Inquirer's class that we continue our exploration of the Episcopal Church, its history, its practices (why we do the things we do) and its current polity. We will also discuss the interpretation of scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, among a wide range of topics decided upon by the group as a whole. This is intended to be not a lecture series but a conversation. The class will meet bi-weekly.

Peanut Butter & Crackers

At each Food Share, the Food Bank sends foods that we have not ordered but must take, in addition to the food we do order. Last month, we received MANY boxes of crackers that we have stored in the Parish Hall to give to people who come during the month asking for food.



It has been suggested that it would be nice to have peanut butter to give along with the crackers. If you would like to donate small jars of peanut butter, bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks from the office volunteers who greet our hungry neighbors daily!



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal day and time has changed. The new schedule is Wednesday from 4-5pm.

Golden Circle will meet for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, January 18, at 12 noon in Stirling Hall.

The Friday night supper club

will be on Friday, January 21, 7:00 at Margaret and Keith Winkler's, 9601 Three Notch Rd, 666-0984. All are invited and newcomers are welcome.

The Curiosity Shop needs you!

Donations of "gently-used" decorative household items and furniture are needed at The Curiosity Shop Thrift Store. Proceeds from The Curiosity Shop benefit The Service Center of Catholic Social Services which provides direct assistance to the poor. Donations may be dropped off at the shop, located next to Yellow House Antiques on Airport Blvd. at the Loop, Tues.-Fri. 10-4 or Sat. 10-2.

Please: no clothes, books, toys or electronics! For further information about donations or to volunteer at the store, call 471-3030.

Cursillo #144 will be held on February 24-27, 2011 at Beckwith Camp & Conference Center. Cursillo means "short course in Christianity". For more information or an application, please contact Lisa McDonough at 251-343-1324.

Pledge Report

We have pledges now for 2011 totaling **\$453,000**. That is the third consecutive increase in three years. Thank you! There are still some pledges yet to be turned in, so please do that as soon as possible as the vestry will be approving a budget at its meeting next week.

We are also still **\$34,000** short in collecting last year's pledges. This is greatly hampering our cash flow and impedes our ability to meet our diocesan pledge so please, **catch up!**

2011 MLK Day of Service Community Cinema

In partnership with the Crescent Theater, Mobile United and HandsOn South Alabama will offer a selection of inspirational films, at no cost to the public, in support of MLK Day of Service. All screening events feature a one-hour documentary film followed by a facilitated interactive discussion reflecting on the film, its application to the local community and the significance of MLK Day of Service.

Seating is limited and not guaranteed; please arrive early.

The following films will be presented:

January 17, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at the Crescent Theater

The Calling by Daniel Alpert

A behind-the-scenes look at young Americans - Christian, Jewish, Catholic, and Muslim - preparing to become the nation's next generation of religious leaders, *The Calling* explores the forces that are drawing a new generation of young people to serve their communities and their faith.

January 20, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at the Ben May Public Library

A Village Called Versailles by S. Leo Chiang

A story of this little-known, tight-knit community in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. When the storm devastated New Orleans in August 2005, Versailles residents rebuilt their neighborhood faster than any other damaged neighborhood in the city, only to find themselves threatened by a new toxic landfill slated to open just two miles away. Forced out of Vietnam by the war 30 years ago, many residents felt their homes were being taken away from them once again. Watch as a devastating disaster turns into a catalyst for change and a chance to build a better future.

For questions or additional information please contact
HandsOn South Alabama at 251-433.4456

Sudan referendum success in Juba

By Robin Denney, January 09, 2011 [Episcopal News Service] Few generations have the chance to shape the future of their people in such a dramatic way as the people of southern Sudan do today. Few people get to witness the birth of a new nation. And few nations divide in peace. The success of today's voting is a sign that all of this is happening in Sudan right now.

Thousands of people were already lined up at every polling station around Juba when the voting opened this morning at 8 a.m. Throughout the day long lines persisted, as people cast their votes. Despite the crowds and long waits, the people were patient and joyful. People congratulated each other as they voted. There was a general feeling of solemnity in the air, a state of awe at the historic event we were witnessing and participating in. It is hard

to describe the intensity of the overarching feeling of joy and pride that pervaded Juba today.

The Catholic and Episcopal archbishops went together to vote, with a delegation of observers including Muslim and Christian leaders from different parts of Africa. They arrived to great applause by the people waiting in line at the polling station. International and domestic observers came and went as we were at the polling station...

The voting will continue through Saturday, Jan. 15, and the announcement of the result will be a week or so afterward. Should separation be the result, the transition period will end with the establishment of a new nation on July 9, 2011.

We praise God for this joyful peaceful day, and we continue to pray for peace in all corners of Sudan as these events unfold.

-- Robin Denney is an Episcopal Church missionary living in Juba.

It's been a busy week in Lake Wobegon...

There's been a lot going on at All Saints over the past week or so.

On Thursday, the Feast of the Epiphany, a service of Holy Communion was held in the chapel. During the service, the newly created, carved and installed reredos was presented to All Saints by the artisans who made it and blessed for its use to the glory of God.

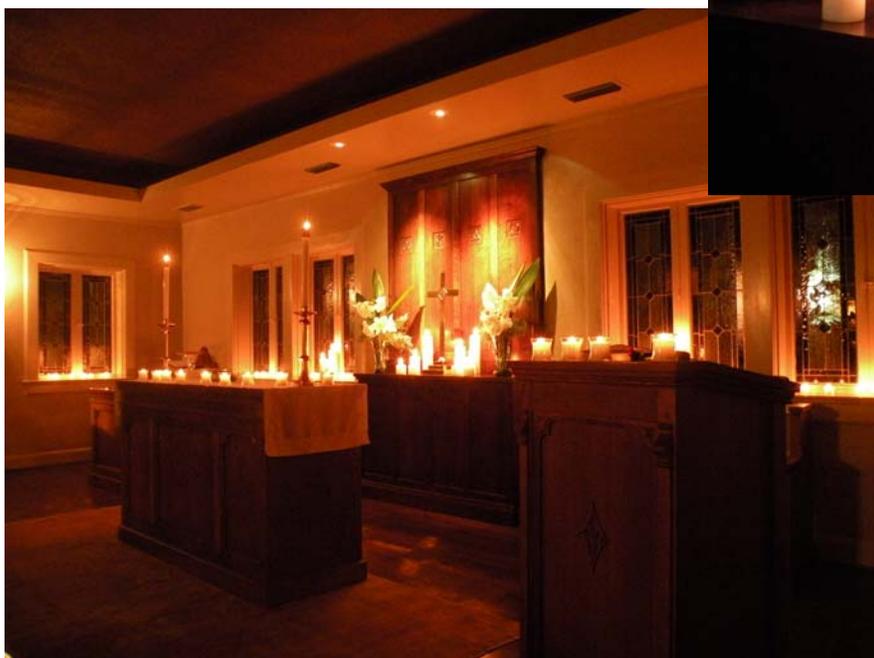
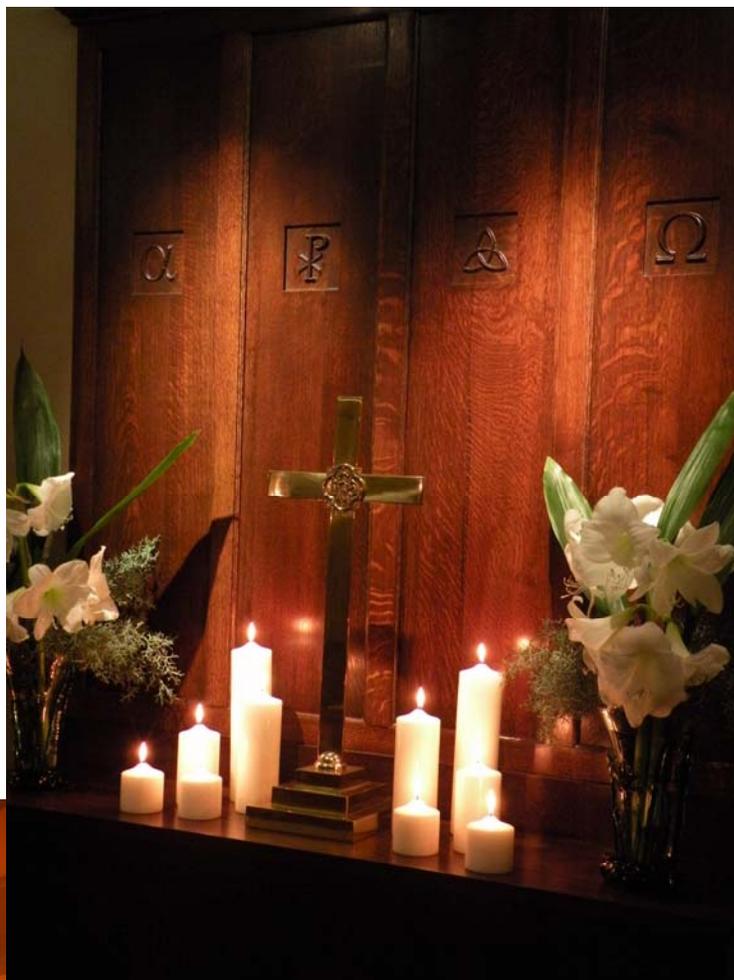
On Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the infant daughter of Nic and Karly Dodson was baptized into the household of God.

During the baptism, choir member Tom Hewitt received a 'buzz' on his cell phone to alert him that it was time to go to the hospital. His and wife Sheri's daughter, Meg, was delivering their third grandchild.

Pictures on these two pages are from those events.

The reredos was designed by parishioner Darrel Williams, who is an architect and interior designer. It was made by Hastings and Anne Read, master woodworkers.

The symbols carved in the panels are, L-R:
Alpha—the beginning
Chi Rho—the first two letters of 'Christ' in Greek
Trefoil—a symbol of the Trinity
Omega—the end





L-R: Hastings Read, Darrel Williams, Anne Read

Mary Abigayle Dodson (Abby) is baptized. Parents Karly and Nic are at far left with backs to camera. Godmother and Aunt Kim Gray is in background at right, as are cousins, Emma and Liam Gray.



Killoren Ann Caldwell was born on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011. She is healthy and seems to already have a beautiful smile!

EYC NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The high school EYC Mission Trip will be to Tulum, Mexico with Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12!!!
Email Catherine for more details.

I will be gone from January 2nd- March 3rd. I will have limited access to email, but will be checking periodically. There will be a different person to contact each week for questions regarding EYC.
I will miss you all, but will see you in March!

January 16th

Mission trip to New Orleans. If you signed up to go on the high school trip to New Orleans, please talk to Karen McDonald 251.533.0296

January 23rd

Taylor Park. We will be teaming with Ashland Place again this spring to play with the neighborhood kids. Meet at the park from 2-4.
Contact for this week: Kate Kelly 251.487.0525

January 30th

Mulherin Home. Coloring, baking cookies and playing with the residents.
3-5pm Contact for this week: Renea Greene 251.533.1536

February 6th

Mission Trip Fundraiser. Bake Sale! There will be a bake sale after both services. Please see Karen McDonald for details: 251.533.0296

Contact Info

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Sunday Lectionary: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#)

[Psalm 40:1-12](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)

[John 1:29-42](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler, LaVada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe
Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Beth Hardaway
Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene
Reception: Emily Mosley

8:00

Lector: Tressa Pressley
Intercessor: Burl Ratcliffe
Chalice bearer: Mark Taylor
Ushers: Will English, Burl Ratcliffe
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Rob Gray 2) Debi Foster
Intercessor: Lillian Carsten
Chalice bearers: Michael Morrison, Jayne Carson
Acolytes: Jane Bartlett Pappas, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene, Emily Doyle
Ushers: Doug Greene, Curt Doyle, Mark Williams, Ray Pappas

Music for Sunday, Jan. 16

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (BWV 618)
Processional Hymn 7 *Ratisbon*
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Shirley Hill *Psalm 40:1-12*
Sequence Hymn 543 *Eastview*
Offertory Anthem Richard Shephard *Jesu! Dulcis memoria*
Presentation Hymn 550 *Restoration*
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens S-167 *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*
Communion Hymn 312 *Malabar*
Motet Joseph Roff *None Other Lamb*
Post Communion Hymn 542 *St. Joan*
Processional Healey Willan *Caithness*

Please keep in your prayers:

Edward Barlow
Pauline Danner
Butch Boyington
Bette Coan
Clayton Ryan
George Weaver
Bill Mayhall
Betty Torbert
Dot Casey
Devanie Ellison
Barbie Driver
Patsy Childress
Marion
Debbie Davis
Chris
the White family
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Glenn Foster, Jr.
Soren Rodning
Zack Hadley
T. J. Sherman
Jamie Pontious
Haley Jones
Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.
Daniel Taylor
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

★ **Refugee Pantry Items** ★
★ We need items such as **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**,
★ **dish soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office
★ or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!
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Susan Meztista
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Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

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Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Refugees: Martha Harris
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Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)