

The Herald

December 19, 2010 through January 2, 2011

From the Rector: Of News at the Solstice

I used to be afraid of the dark. Each night as a child I would ceremoniously crack the bathroom door so that just a ribbon of light might give me my bearings lest I should wake in the dark. But now, I've made friends with the dark, its seductiveness, its mystery. At this the darkest time of the year the heavens quite paradoxically seem closer to us. Maybe it's just the low humidity, but the stars seem somehow nearer.... the stars along their familiar voyages, Orion, the hunter in his eternal quest, the Pleiades huddled in mysterious sorority speaking each to each of some question, some proposition perhaps... Polaris, the axial heart of the matter, ordering, wheeling the starry lights of the northern hemisphere into something that resembles a dance... a dance of purpose... a dance of hope... light the outward and visible sign of hope... hope that is always, always born in the dark... hope sent to us from the future as sign of what we might expect when all is said and done.

I noticed posted on the *Episcopal Life* website an article about a church in California offering a "Blue" Christmas Eucharist... a service seeking to honor our grief during this dark time of the year... the memories of loved ones gone and tragedies befallen that always surface at the solstice... The dark about its graciously sad but necessary duty... It is as if, as the light fades, our humanity rises to meet the heavens coincidentally descending in the dark to engender yet again the hope that will forever sustain us. That is why we have no alternative than to celebrate... name this descending and rising... name this coming... name this birth and the potential this birth brings.

There is news from the dark: An admission that the vast darkness of the universe has been pierced by the light... In spite of untold light years of the breadth of space, the light cannot be prevented by the dark.... Hope is forever engendered among us in spite of the dark... calling us into lives of sacrifice and advocacy to bear the light into the dark corners of our world... with the sure and certain knowledge that the solstice will give way to quickening light... God's coming again... a memory of the future... a future in which all manner of thing shall be well... and no need to crack the door and be afraid.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, December 14

12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal
5:30pm Family Promise Host Coordinators (Stirling Hall)

Wednesday, December 15

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)
7:30pm Choir rehearsal w/ Trinity choir

Friday, December 17

5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, December 18

8am Food Share distribution

Sunday, December 19

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:30am Christmas Pageant
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, December 20

6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, December 21

3:30pm combined rehearsal, St. Michael and St. Cecelia choirs

Wednesday, December 22

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30pm Hanging of the Green & Supper
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 23

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

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

12N Office closes until Jan. 3
5:15pm Prelude and Carols
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
10:40pm Prelude and Carols
11pm Holy Eucharist
Christmas Cheer following (Smith Rm)

A South Alabama Cares tree is in the office vestibule. Please consider taking an ornament from the tree to provide Christmas gifts (wish lists are on the backs of the ornaments) for some of the South Alabama Cares clients. Instructions for wrapping and returning are next to the tree.



Food Share is Friday & Saturday, Dec.

17 and 18. Please come help prepare the food bags at 5:30pm Friday in Stirling Hall. Saturday morning, help is needed by 7am in order to unload hams from the Winn-Dixie and other frozen food from our freezers in order to begin distributing the food at 8am. This will be our last Food Share for 2010!



Pageant Practice on Saturday!

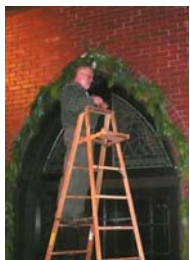


Final practice for the Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 9:00am in the church. The rehearsal will last until 10:30 and you can pick up your costume afterward.

Be in your costume and ready in the EYC Room in Stirling Hall on Sunday no later than 9:15am. If you have any questions, please call or email Elizabeth Doyle at 694-3019 or eliz_doyle@comcast.net.

The December Vestry Meeting is this Monday, Dec. 20 at 6pm in the Saad Room. All current vestry members and all new vestry members are asked to attend. Please let the office know if you are unable to be there (438-2492).

The Hanging of the Green, decorating the church for Christmas, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, beginning at 5:30pm. Come when you can to help after work, and join us for a chili supper when we're finished. Choir members are encouraged to come, too; we'll be through with supper in time for choir practice.



Our prayers are offered for Bibb and Clara Leder Lamar at the death of his mother, Mary Muckle Miller Lamar, last week. *May the souls of the departed rest in peace.*

Christmas Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, December 26, at the 10:30 service, the combined parishes and choirs of Trinity Church & All Saints' Church will celebrate together with a Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols. As many of you know, Trinity is undergoing a complete renovation of the church nave, choir and sanctuary. They have been having services in the Great Hall for several months now, using piano instead of the organ. This will bring together the choirs and parishioners of both churches for a time of worship and community. The 8:00 am service of Holy Eucharist will be held as usual.

Music for the service includes carols by Boris Ord, Charles Wood, Paul Manz, Dale Adelman, Glenn Rudolph, Harold Darke, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and H. C. Stewart.

Please join us for this lovely service of readings, carols and hymns, followed by a reception in the Walter K. Smith Room.

This Herald covers the services

from December 19 through January 2, as well as the January calendar and the list of those who serve for the month of January. **PLEASE** read through these schedules carefully. If you are assigned to a particular date and time and are not able to serve then, find a substitute and let the church office know, or if you cannot find someone, please call Mary Robert (438-2492).

There will not be a full Herald again until January 4, but there will be an 'announcement' page sent next week if necessary.

The church office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 24, and stay closed until Monday, Jan. 3. Jim Flowers will be out of town from the afternoon of Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. For emergencies during that time, call Mary Robert at 458-8581.



Stewardship Report Update

Last year, 2009, our total number of pledges made was 140, for a budget of \$444,000.00. As of this week, 114 pledge cards have been returned to the office for a total of \$378,865.44. Of these 114 pledges, 16 decreased from their amounts last year, 45 have increased since last year, and there are 15 new pledges. There are still 38 pledge cards outstanding. It is time to make a budget for 2011. PLEASE make every effort to fill out those cards and turn them in as soon as possible!!

Bayou Bash Report...

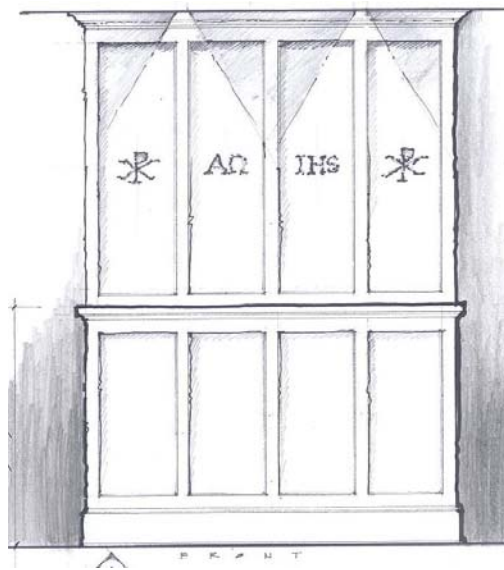
Good news! Although some items from the Bash auction still need to be picked up and paid for, the Bayou Bash net is approaching \$14,000! This is great news for the local agencies and ministries which are served by this annual fundraising activity! The Community Ministries committee will be meeting in January to decide how the money will be distributed. Thanks to all of you who made this happen!

We have bills to pay... We are still nearly a month behind on pledge collections, and it is putting the church in a cash crunch. Please make every effort to catch up your pledge for 2010!

Chapel Reredos Being Carved

The new chapel reredos is almost complete! A reredos (the carved wooden panel and retablo behind the Altar upon which the Cross sits) has been commissioned which will give focus and beauty to this intimate space. Hastings and Anne Read are doing the work; they are consummate woodworking artisans who were reared in the Church of England. They understand the importance of the aesthetics in this enterprise.

There is almost enough money to pay for the reredos, but we need a little more to improve the lighting. Now would be a good time to make a memorial if you are interested. Please mark your donation for 'Chapel memorial.' The reredos will be dedicated at the Epiphany service on January 6.



The reredos, which will be against the wall behind the chapel altar, is hand carved. There is spot lighting above it. The shelf (or retablo) can hold candles, vases and the cross.

Christmas Greenery and Flowers can be given as memorials or in thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to do so, please turn in this form and your donation (suggested: \$50) to the church office by the deadline of Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 4pm.

Please PRINT the name(s) as you would like them to appear. Check Memorial Thanksgiving

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If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for January 2011

| Date | Time | Lector | Intercessor | Chalice | Acolytes | Ushers | Altar Guild | Flower Guild | Breakfast | Reception |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Jan 2 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> | 8:00 | P Carsten | S Willcox | B Ratcliffe | | B & B Evatt | S Drew J Rogers M Winkler L Raouf | C Ryan B Bentley | J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez | |
| | 10:30 | M Allison J Hamilton | B Barrett | L Thomas J Carson | L Wood B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres | R Bradford H Brewster M Elledge T Locke | " | | | TBA |
| Jan 9 <i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord</i> | 8:00 | S Willcox | J Clearman | K Winkler | | M Taylor C Coker | " | K McKenzie S Hester | C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider | |
| | 10:30 | C Bailey L Bailey | C Blackwell | B Harris J Carson | L McDonald L Gray T Thiel E Gray | D Mosley H Caddell J Ayres S Robertson | " | | | C Ryan B Brewster |
| Jan 16 <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> | 8:00 | T Pressley | B Ratcliffe | M Taylor | | W English B Ratcliffe | " | E Doyle B Hardaway | K Flowers K Gray R Greene | |
| | 10:30 | R Gray D Foster | L Carsten | M Morrison J Carson | JB Pappas B Williams D Greene E Doyle | D Greene C Doyle M Williams R Pappas | " | | | E Mosley |
| Jan 23 <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> | 8:00 | J Basenberg | Bill Evatt | S Willcox | | W Smith R Feuerlein | " | S Drew B Wilson | C Hall A Hamilton K McDonald A Thompson | |
| | 10:30 | A Lilly M Petithory | H Caddell | M Elledge J Carson | M Williams S Williams G Williams M Mosley | A Mitchell J Hamilton C Conte B Hines | " | | | P Reeves K Gray |
| Jan 30 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> | 8:00 | S Powell | T Pressley | R Hester | | J Basenberg B Case | " | K Butler C Hall | C Kelly C Doyle W Hester | |
| | 10:30 | D Nichols M Morrison | R Coarsey | S Robertson J Carson | D Williams D Reeves D Reeves | C Mackey EYC | " | | | TBA |

January Birthdays

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| 1 Susan Chiepalich, Ayen Guet, Diany Deng, Manath Dieu, Kun Dieu, Agum Kuot | 17 Will Mayhall, Blake Wingard |
| 2 Mary Rachel White-Spunner, Trevor Thiel | 21 Charlie Bailey, Bibb Lamar, Sarah Smith |
| 5 Frank Hall, Richard Fuquay | 22 Bill Hines |
| 6 Pat Kemper, John Cleverdon | 24 Burl Ratcliffe |
| 7 Julie Praytor | 25 Frances Rouse |
| 10 Weathers Bolt | 28 Selwyn Slaton, Lucy Pryor Brady, Russ Mackey, Sarah Bolt, Grace Williams, Sarah Williams |
| 15 Brian Allison | 30 Henry Snow, Lucas Snow |
| 16 Hunter Shain | 31 Tate Kelley |



January 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 2nd Sunday after Christmas 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following | 3 | 4 11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place No choir rehearsals today | 5 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir | 6 The Feast of the Epiphany 12N Al-Anon 6pm Holy Eucharist & Dedication of the Chapel Reredos 7pm AA, Smith Rm | 7 | 8 10:30am PFLAG |
| 9 1st Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following | 10 | 11 3:30pm St Michael choir 5:30pm St. Cecelia choir | 12 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir | 13 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA | 14 5:30pm Food Share preparation | 15 8:00am Food Share distribution  |
| 16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following | 17 6pm Vestry mtg | 18 12N Golden Circle 3:30pm St Michael choir 5:30pm St. Cecelia choir | 19 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir | 20 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA | 21 | 22 |
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Sunday Lectionary: 4th Sunday of Advent, 12/19

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 19

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: Clayton Ryan, Diana Nichols

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Julie Woodard, Jean Tucker

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Woody Hannum, Renee Dillard

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Amy Hunter, Clayton Ryan

Intercessor: Hendrik Snow

Chalice bearers: Marion Elledge, Lister Thomas

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Darrel Williams, Jane Bartlett

Pappas, Kate Kelly, William Kelly, Wieu Kuot

Ushers: Catherine Mackey, EYC

Christmas Eve Lectionary: Friday, December 24

[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)

[Psalm 96](#)

[Titus 2:11-14](#)

[Luke 2:1-20](#)

Lay Ministers for Christmas Eve

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: all members

5:30pm

Lectors: Catherine Mackey, Mary Hunter Slaton

Intercessor: Debi Foster

Chalice bearers: Serena Willcox, Ben Harris

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Mark Williams, Brendan Williams, William Kelly, Emily Doyle

Ushers: Pete Mackey, Skeeter Robertson, Curt Doyle, Don Mosley

11:00pm

Lectors: Thomas Locke, Beth Hardaway

Intercessor: Melanie Petithory

Chalice bearers: Andy Mitchell, Frances Rouse

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Louie Wood, Hendrik Snow

Ushers: Burl Ratcliffe, Woody Hannum, Bill Evatt, Chris Conte, Ricky Bradford

Reception: Choir

Sunday Lectionary: 1st Sunday after Christmas, December 26

[Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)

[Psalm 147:13-21](#)

[Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7](#)

[John 1:1-18](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 26

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Jean Tucker

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Jean Tucker

8:00

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessor: Larry Hallett

Chalice: Ray Hester

Ushers: Fred & Barbara South

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Debi Foster, James Hamilton, Diana Nichols, Hays Thompson

Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Mark Williams, Sarah Frances Greene, Emily Doyle

Ushers: Louie Wood, Cart Blackwell, Henry Callaway, Hubert Tate, Michael Morrison

Sunday Lectionary: 2nd Sunday after Christmas, January 2

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

[Psalm 84](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a](#)

[Matthew 2:13-15,19-23](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Jan. 2

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler, LaVada Raouf

Flower Guild: Clayton Ryan, Betty Bentley

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Robert Rodriguez

Reception: Charlotte Hall

8:00

Lector: Paul Carsten

Intercessor: Serena Willcox

Chalice: Jayne Carson

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Molly Allison, James Hamilton

Intercessor: Bruce Barrett

Chalice bearers: Foy Hannum, Jayne Carson

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Brewer, Liam & Gillian Ayres

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Marion Elledge, Thomas Locke

EYC News

December 19th

EYC Ushers. EYC will be ushering for the 10:30 service.

I need 4 people, so please let me know
if you can be there.

EYC Christmas Party. 5-8pm: All ages are welcome
for the party and dinner.

All Junior EYC-ers (middle school) need to be picked up
at 8pm.

Senior EYC (high school) will have a Christmas movie
marathon lock-in!!

December 26th

No EYC. Merry Christmas!!

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Please keep in your prayers . . .

✚ For healing for:

Bill Mayhall

Barbara Taylor

the Highland family

Thomas Lancaster

Theford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Betty Torbert

Edgar Hughes

James Ogilvie

Don Armentrout

Dot Casey

Devanie Ellison

Scott Podstato

Barbie Driver

Frederick Salvo

Brian Montgomery

Patsy Childress

Pete Gaillard

David Sanders

Marion

Debbie Davis

Chris

Leila Hollowell

the White family

Kate Makkai

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Laura

✚ For the safe return of those who
serve in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Soren Rodning

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Haley Jones

Our policy is to keep names on the prayer list for one
month. After that, they will be removed. If you want a
name to be on the list longer, please call the office; the
request will be updated and it will be kept on for an-
other month.



Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper**, **toothbrushes**, **toothpaste**, **paper towels**, **dish soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



Wishing all of you a very blessed Christmas Season
and a Happy New Year!

From,
The clergy and staff at All Saints



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Return Service Requested

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Harold Dodge
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Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

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Choirs: Jeff Clearman
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Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
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Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
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Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
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Service Schedule

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