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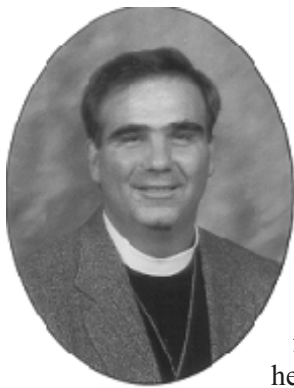
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From the Rector's Desk

The Rev. William D. Oldland



We are all aware of the destruction that has occurred in Louisiana, Mississippi and other areas of the Gulf Shores due to Hurricane Katrina. The pictures of the devastation of the winds, the surge tide, and the floodwaters from the levees are heartbreaking. So many people have lost everything they own. They

have lost their possessions and their livelihood. So many people are still missing. So many people have lost their lives. Seeing the pictures of this devastation and hearing the stories can cause a sense of numbness. It can cause us to feel the problem is so huge that we can't begin to help.

Add on to the feelings we have the attention various people have placed on assessing blame. At some point I have heard everyone being blamed for everything. Letters have been written blaming the people for not leaving, the mayor, the governor, the president, the congress, and, of course, God. The problem with assessing blame in the midst of this tragedy is that it moves people away from doing what needs to be done. So

energies get deflected into assessing blame rather than addressing the problems of feeding the hungry, collecting water and funds, and finding crews to help rebuild. The issues of a huge problem and assessing blame can cause inactivity to assist.

In deference to these story lines and photos I would like to offer another picture. We saw amazing work done by the Coast Guard and individuals in rescuing people from the rising waters. We have seen amazing work by people who have found shelter and housing, food and clothing, water and medical supplies for the needy. Response teams have arrived from all over the United States and areas beyond to help. Cities have opened their doors to help those who have had to be evacuated. These efforts are continuing today.

We, at St. Thomas, have also helped. We are collecting funds to assist with relief efforts. The first check has been mailed. We continue each week to pray for the victims and for those who help. As next summer approaches, we will look for opportunities for our mission team to go and work on site. After all, the work we have done in Charleston is due to information learned from Hurricane Hugo. We will continue to do the work of God in helping those in need in our community, in our country and abroad. Please

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Open Vestry Meetings are every third Monday at 6:45 p.m.

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continue to support all of the Outreach efforts of St. Thomas. We are a caring, loving church. We have been blessed and we now have the opportunity to share our blessings.

Jesus said, "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 34-40 NRSV

Peace,

Special Services: October & early November

The annual **Bishop's Visit** will be on **October 30th**. Bishop Curry will be here on that Sunday to celebrate, preach, confirm and reaffirm. We will also have time for him to meet with the congregation at a luncheon and have a long conversation with the Vestry. In order for us to accomplish all of these activities we will have one service at 10:00 am. Please come and support our members and they confirm and reaffirm their faith, and meet and greet our Bishop.

Another special service will be held on November 1st, **All Saints Day**. This special celebration remembering all of the saints who have gone before, the saints among us now, and the saints to come will take place on that Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. The members and choir of **Zion Baptist** will come and celebrate this important feast day with us. Please make every effort to join us in this celebration.

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

For the fall there are two opportunities currently for adults at St. Thomas. **The first opportunity is on Sunday morning**. Currently the class is studying the history and meaning of the **Nicene Creed**. After finishing this topic the class will move to a Biblical understanding of the word "**STEWARDSHIP**". Too often, we believe we have an understanding of what the words mean through previous experience. However, experience alone is not always the best teacher. Experience must also be tempered with knowledge and reason. We are attempting to look at these topics using all three Anglican tools. Come and join the fun.

Also, our studies on the book of **Revelation** continue and our class continues to grow. We are currently in Chapter 13 and we have seven and eight attending on a regular basis. Please come and join the class on **Mondays at Noon**.

Directions for Nominating Vestry Members

The **annual meeting** for St. Thomas will take place on **Sunday, Nov 20th**. Nominations for vestry are now being received. Nominations may be given to Dot Reilly, Ann Montaigne or Todd Walker. There are three main qualifications for serving on the vestry. They are a part of the definition of being a member in good standing.

1. The person should attend church on a regular basis.
2. They contribute financially to the glory of God and to the working of the church.
3. They take an active part by involvement in at least one ministry of the church.

Please be sure to talk to the person you might nominate before you give their name to the committee.

An Open Invitation

There are other members of our community who might be interested in leading or participating in a **book, Bible or topical study**. There also might be some interest in forming a **prayer group** or **support group**. All of these opportunities are open and possible. If anyone is interested in leading such a study or group, please notify the office. There are three things that have to be known:

1. The type of group one would like to start.
2. The day and the time the group will meet. (We have to check the calendar).
3. The material to be covered in the class.

Please remember that Bill does need to be aware of the books to be studied or the sources one would use.

Our First Bishop

by Don Gwarek

America's war for independence was over and Anglicans in this new country were without a Bishop. Any new Anglican Priests would have to go to England to be ordained.

Some clergy in Pennsylvania and Maryland advocated bypassing the traditional Apostolic Succession by just appointing Bishops and ministers temporarily. They also wanted to change the form of worship to a more Protestant form. But the fourteen Priests left in Connecticut felt that the Church should continue its' High Church tradition. So in 1783, ten of the clergy met in secret and elected Jeremiah Leaming or Samuel Seabury to go to England to obtain Episcopal consecration. The Reverend Leaming declined.

In the eyes of many, the Reverend Seabury would seem like an unlikely candidate to lead this fledgling nations' Anglican community.

For one thing, he lived in a state that was predominantly Congregationalist. Before the war, he was a staunch loyalist living in a hotbed of the revolution and an area rife with patriots. He wrote a number of pamphlets protesting the new Congress, was arrested and spent time in a jail. During the war, he also served in the British Army as both Chaplain and medical officer, positions he bragged about when in England.

And so it was that Samuel Seabury went to England at his own expense to seek consecration.

He stayed in London for a year trying to be consecrated but the Archbishop of Canterbury refused him this honor for various reasons not the least of which was swearing allegiance to the British King.

Finally Samuel Seabury traveled to Scotland where he found three Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church who were willing to consecrate him without the oath of allegiance. On November 14, 1784, in keeping with true Apostolic Succession, Samuel Seabury was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God thus assuring a valid episcopate for the American Church.

Bishop Seabury returned to Connecticut where he served the Anglican community honorably for the next twelve years until his death in 1796.

Years later the Church of England dropped its requirement of allegiance to the King and other American priests traveled to London to be elevated to the rank of Bishop.

What an inspiration he is to us.

He was an unlikely candidate but he persevered despite all the hardships that he faced because of his strong belief in his Church and its traditions.

With Gods' help we can all have the courage to do the same.

Musical notes from



Loosening Leaves

It was this time of year, 22 years ago, that my older son quizzed me about my younger son's birth. "Daggie, when's the baby coming?" "Look at the trees," I said. "When the leaves have fallen off the trees, then it will be time for the baby to come." We are now in that busy time of early autumn, when school is back in session and we have resumed our routines. During September we have been reminded of God's love and grace and of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We enjoyed a community concert on September 11 and our choir helped round out the festive atmosphere with a beautiful song of quiet peace. We wished Ms. Josephine yet another happy birthday. The Shrimp Fest is just around the corner, as I write this, and I am eager to hear the music from Don Gwarek and company.

October promises more lessons about God's love and our call to faithful, loving service. Confirmation studies continue. We look forward to the Bishop's visit on October 30. November brings us All Saints' Day (Gospel style!) and the last Sundays of the church year, as the leaves finish falling.

Thank you again for your warmth and your joyful spirits. I'm having a wonderful time with you.

Ed Spencer

Endowment Fund

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to prepare for the future of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church ensuring financial stability. Contributions may be made to the Endowment Fund throughout the year by making memorial contributions, sharing stock, remembering the Endowment Fund in Estate Planning

If you have more questions, see members of the Endowment Committee: **Ann Donecker, Laura Felts, Starr McHugh, Bill Sutton, and Steve Worth.**

ECW Fall Bazaar & Luncheon

Friday, October 28, 2005

It's St. Thomas' ECW Bazaar time again and we need your help! Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2005 Fall Bazaar and Luncheon Friday, October 28th. We depend on this fund-raiser to enable the ECW to help a number of worthy causes in the world, community and in our parish. Let's make this Bazaar a huge success!

Since the flea market was held this past spring we will not be collecting items to sell in October. Start saving those items now because we will be asking for them in the spring. We will now be able to use the flea market space to set up tables for the luncheon.

LUNCHEON

Lunch will be served from 11 AM 'til 2 PM. The Luncheon Committee will be asking for donations. We'll need salad items, pimento cheese and peanut butter sandwiches and desserts. The vegetable beef and tomato basil soup will be made by the Soup Committee. If you have extra vegetables from your garden or if you would like to help make the soup let us know.

BAKED AND CANNED GOODS

Of course, we will have the Baked and Canned Goods Booths. These items are very much in demand on bazaar day. Dot Ferneyhough has worked the entire summer canning and preserving jams, jellies, pickles, chow chow and more. For our Baked Goods Booth Dot Trent is asking everyone to contribute items to sell. We need pies, cakes, cookies, breads, fudge, cheese biscuits, brownies or your specialty. You may bring your donations either Thursday

night or early Friday morning the day of the bazaar.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We have four great prizes to raffle. Tickets are \$1 each. You will be given tickets to sell. Please give your luncheon and raffle money to Marion Safriet, treasurer. Please mark on envelope # of luncheon tickets sold and # of raffle tickets sold with stubs. We would like to calculate these separately. If making a donation without selling tickets please make that notation also.

FIRST PRIZE: 4 retired pcs. from Department 56, "New England Village Series". This year we have the Sleepy Hollow School, Stoney Brook Town Hall, Livery Stable & Boot Shop, Blackbird Seed & Bulb plus a sleigh with 8 reindeer and a street lamp post. All of this is a \$425 value and donated by Suzanne Howard and Parker Graham.

SECOND PRIZE: \$100 gas allowance donated by Rentz Oil Company

THIRD PRIZE: "Sunday Buffet for 6" at CaterFest - A \$58 VALUE!

FOURTH PRIZE: 7-Gallon Cold Hardy Camellia Japonica "Pink Icicle" donated by Dot Reilly. Please check the enclosed list of committee assignments and call the chairman of your committee to ask what you can do to her for a day of fun and fellowship.



To the Glory of God,

Dot Reilly, Bazaar Chair

Committee Assignments

Tickets - Laura Felts, Grace Moffitt - Co Chair

Publicity - Teresa Ruhland,

Set-Up/ Decorate - Martha Balsley, Chair. Kathy Gentle, Parker Graham, Mary Jane Ham, Suzanne Howard, Anne Montaigne, Ellen Oldland, Susan Turner, Jan Wheless, Polly Yeago

Luncheon - Anne Donecker, Donna Van Ness, Judy Yarborough Tri-Chair. Pat Bobbitt, Gayle Ferguson, Jeanne Horsley, Starr McHugh, Joanne Piazza, Jane Pullin, Anne Rogers, Cindy Teague, Stephanie Trent, Freda Watt

Calling Committee - Cheri Barrett, Mildred Cummings, Susan Dalton, Pat Foeller



Bake Sale - Dot Trent, Dru Smith, Co-Chair.

Home Canned Goods - Dot Ferneyhough, Chair. Nancy Gwarek

Soup Committee - Priscilla Foster, Betty Melchert, Mavis Simon, Dottie Worth, Dot Reilly

Treasurer - Marion Safriet, Chair. Hazel Post, Jenny Johnson

Luncheon Support - Pam Allen, Linda Avery, Nancy Bennett, Ginny Campbell, Judy Cardwell, Fran DeChurch, Leslie Dent, Susan Fitzgibbon, Dale Fulton, Adrienne Gatton, Emily Giles, Pam Haigler, Mitchelene Martin, Tammy Melchert, Amy Newnam, Kate North, Bettie Benton Rhodes, Sissy, Sizemore, Beth Smith, Sandra Strader, Melody Watt, Dianne Young

ECW Doings

by Martha Balsley

The ECW of St. Thomas' met September 11 to kick off their fall schedule. The **Bazaar this year will be held October 28** in the Parish Hall. Chairman **Dot Reilly** has a nice slate of items for the raffle. Also we have some interesting selections for a silent auction, including a bird house by **Shirley Graham**. Tickets for the luncheon and raffle tickets are being distributed to the church women. Ladies, expect to be called soon about bringing food for the luncheon and for the bake sale and canned goods sale. **ANYTHING YOU CARE TO MAKE WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE TO SELL AT THE BAZAAR.** Also, we need to be thinking about new ECW officers for the upcoming church year. Our present slate of officers has served for two years. Serving for two years is not mandatory. We will need a new **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN OF DEVOTIONAL LIFE, EDUCATION, SOCIAL RELATIONS, and UTO.** Ladies, please prayerfully consider serving as an officer. If you feel called to serve, let **Martha Balsley** or **Donna Van Ness** know. In addition, if you are called by the Nominating Committee and asked to serve, please prayerfully consider it. We need to have the new slate of officers selected by the December 11 General Meeting.

At the December 11 General Meeting, the church women would like to have a **VINTAGE CLOTHING** display. It is our goal to have items from each decade that St. Thomas has been at its present location -- the 1920's. We want to open this program to the church as a whole. So after church on Dec. 11 we would enjoy the clothing display before going into our lunch and business meeting. Everyone, please be thinking about vintage clothing items you may have tucked away in cedar chests and attics. This could include bridal wear, prom dresses, men's suits, ties, hats, gloves, baby clothing, etc. In addition, we would love to have pictures of you or other family members from the "old days" to display along with the clothing. If you bring an item to display, please try to have it on a hanger or think of some way it could be **SAFELY** displayed. We think this could be a lot of fun. Please plan to participate.

About the ECW logo... The Cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The Circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The out flowing lines from the center depict the many works of the Episcopal Church Women, going out into the world. The intertwined lines represent our lives centered in Christ.



Episcopal Day School

September at EDS

Dear Members of St. Thomas',



We've had an exciting September here at EDS. It is hard to believe school has been under way for almost a month now! Our preschool class is full with 16 children who have learned so many things in just a little time. The first week of school we learned all about each other. We introduced ourselves and made new friends. The second week of school we learned about ourselves. We weighed and measured and learned about our hair color, eye color and our heads, arms, hands, legs, feet and toes. We also started learning our alphabet with the letters "Aa" and "Bb" during the last two weeks of September. We've worked on the numbers 1 & 2, shapes and the color yellow. We had our first field trip to the library and **Ms. Jacky** read us the book *Fall, Leaves, Fall* - just in time for us to study the changing seasons! Don't forget to continue bringing in your box tops and let **Mrs. Edie** know if you want her to register your Food Lion MVP card for donations. These are **EASY** ways for us to earn money for our program!

Mrs. Edie & Mrs. Jeanette



**EDS: Tim Talley Pictures
Wednesday October 5
Weather Permitting**

Hey, Food Lion shoppers...

You can help Episcopal Day School raise money just by using your **Food Lion MVP card**. Just link your MVP card and every time you use it, a portion of your total purchase will be donated to our school. It's that easy!!

This program does not interfere with the MVP discounts and no specific products have to be purchased to participate.

How do you link?..... by visiting www.foodlion.com and clicking on "Lion Shop & Share" OR call Edie Stadler at 342-6223 and she'll take care of it for you.

Godly Play - Day One

Sunday September 11, 2005

Many thanks to Story Teller **Polly Yeago**, Door Keepers **Scotty Frohock** and **Lauren Ruhland** and Feast Helper **Jim McCloskey** for kicking off Day One of Godly Play!

Participants included **Daniel Yount**, **Brooke Melchert**, **Hannah North**, **Adam Craddock** and **Rachel Craddock**.



Youth Group & Activities

The youth group met at Bill's house on September 11th. **Gayle Ferguson** and **Scottie Reeder** are the two other advisors currently. As a group of youth and adults the youth group decided to join with St. Francis for a few weeks to see how working with another group might enhance our youth ministry. So, for the next month we will be attending youth group with St. Francis in Greensboro. All interested youth need to contact Bill, Gayle or Scottie so we can arrange transportation.



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WWW.STTHOMASREIDSVILLE.ORG

FOR LATE-BREAKING NEWS OF YOUTH EVENTS

Free Clinic - "Celebration of Caring"

The Free Clinic of Reidsville and Vicinity, Inc. will hold its annual *Celebration of Caring* fundraiser, "A Night in Nantucket," on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at Pennrose Park Country Club. The evening festivities will begin at 7:00 pm with a seafood buffet dinner and will be followed by a dance.

Tickets to the *Celebration of Caring* fundraiser can be purchased by calling The Free Clinic at 349-3220. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Donations can be mailed to The Free Clinic, P.O. Box 2668, Reidsville, NC 27323-2668.

The Free Clinic opened its doors to the public in May 1998. Since then, it has provided well over a million dollars worth of medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services to the working poor of Reidsville. To be eligible for services the patient can have no health insurance or Medicare/Medicaid coverage and must be gainfully employed. The Clinic is a non-profit organization whose funding is completely dependent upon donations and charitable foundations and trusts.

Where Two or Three are Gathered Together...



DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
August 21	8:30	12
	11:00	54
August 28	8:30	11
	11:00	58
September 4	8:30	16
	11:00	50
September 11	8:30	15
	11:00	55
September 18	8:30	10
	11:00	48



To keep your directory up-to-date, please make note of two email address changes:

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Thank You!



The **Reidsville Soup Kitchen, Inc.** would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation for your recent expressions of goodwill.

Support such as yours ensures the continuation of this much needed community project.

From the Junior Warden

We still have one Summer project around the church that I need your help with.

The ECW funded the construction of a new addition to Bill's office cabinetry. I have been asked to get that painted. If you have the expertise (I do not, but can push a brush) to help with this or can help purchase the paint, please let me know.

Tommy Thorn

Spaghetti Supper Update

The final tally for the Senior Choir's August Spaghetti supper to benefit our building fund was **\$755** and included both ticket sales and donations.

Laptop Desired



If anyone has a laptop that they are thinking of discarding or not using and would like to find a home for it, then we would love to use it in the church office. A letter recognizing the donation to the church would be sent to any donor of this gift.

Rockingham County Ultreya

The Rockingham County monthly Ultreya, a covered dish, will be held on October 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Eden.

Meet at St. Thomas at 6:30 to share rides.

- Anne Rogers

Men's Club

The **Men's Club** will not meet in October.

Regular first Thursday meetings should resume on November 3rd. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend!

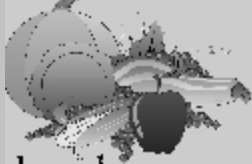
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