



Tidings

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Open Vestry Meetings are
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Bill's Corner

The Rev. William D. Oldland

Alleluia!
Christ is
Risen.

The Lord is Risen
Indeed! Alleluia!



Yes, the days of
Lent have passed.
Holy Week and its
wonderful and yet,
sobering and even
frightful, events are
behind us. We stand now in

the days of the resurrection looking at the
empty tomb with the stone rolled away. We
hear these words every year, but what do
they mean for us in our daily lives?

As you know the theme of all of the
messages we heard from Palm Sunday
through Easter centered on the word hope.
Hope is an interesting gift from God. We
receive many gifts from God. We receive
life. We receive abilities like producing art
or making music. We receive abilities to
write well or accomplish tasks. While these
gifts can be developed there is something
about the innate gift that enables us to
accomplish the task at all. The gift is given
and it is either utilized or it is not. Despite
that fact, the gift is given. We have it. It is
something we can sometimes see, touch,
feel and smell. It is something we can
comprehend as tangible in some way.

Hope, however, is the only gift that is
different in its very nature. Hope is
believing in the unseen, the unknown, the
unimaginable. The gift of hope deals with
the spirit and the heart more than the hands
and the feet. Hope allows us to be open to

the possibilities and wonders of God.

A simple example to use is the empty
tomb. The gift of sight allows us to see that
the stone has been rolled away. We see the
stone to the side and the dark opening of the
tomb before us. It does not place a value or
a meaning to what is observed. The gift of
hope allows us to wonder and question.
When I look in will the tomb really be
empty? Is it possible that Jesus really did
rise on the third day? Has his promise been
fulfilled?

The marvelous opportunity for the
Easter season is that we can play with the
concept of hope. We can reflect on times
and events where we have wanted or
experienced hope in our lives. We can look
at those times when we have hoped for an
answer from God. Did God give us an
answer to our hopefulness? What was the
answer we received? If the answer wasn't
what we wanted, does that mean hope does
not exist? Or is hope a means to something
else?

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Bill's Corner

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Hope is the gift from God that allows us to dream. Hope is the gift from God that allows us to expect the unexpected. Hope is the gift from God that leads to faith. Over the remainder of these fifty days of Easter, we are invited to explore the empty tomb and the stories of the resurrected Jesus. Each story, each event is an opportunity to see the wonder and imagination of God. Each story is an opportunity to explore the power of a loving and compassionate God. Each story is an opportunity to see where God is acting in our lives today. It is an opportunity to explore with hope the depths of our faith.

Have a wonderful, exciting, explorative Easter season.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Peace,

Bill +



Adult Sunday School & Bible Study

The adult Sunday School is examining the teachings in the New testament concerning Stewardship. This class has been very interesting because we are finding out how much stewardship is a way of living our daily lives, and not simply about money. Come and join the class at 10:00 am in the Vestry Room.

The Monday Bible Study is finishing up its study of the book of Revelation. The class meets at 12 noon in the Vestry Room. We are nearing the

time of the building of the New Jerusalem in the text. Come and see what meaning this text might have for our lives today.



Stephen Ministry Congratulates Three New Stephen Ministers

On April 23rd **Melinda Rice, Don Gwarek** and **Dot Ferneyhough** were recognized and congratulated on completing the course of training to become the first three Stephen Ministers at St. Thomas. They have completed fifty hours of training in how to be a spiritual companion to an individual. Please congratulate them on their accomplishments.

What about confidentiality? A Stephen Minister is completely confidential. They are not at liberty to divulge the name of their care receiver. They are also not at liberty to share the issues they have discussed with their care receiver with anyone.

What is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister is a spiritual companion and guide for a person who would like someone to listen and assist them in thinking through an issue.

Does anyone else know about the Stephen Minister and their care receiver? The only people who knows who a Stephen Minister is seeing is the coordinator and the priest. At this time that person is Bill Oldland.

What kind of issues might those be? The issues include but are not limited to

- :
 - = Someone who is having some difficulty with recent developments in their life.
 - = The loss of a loved one by death, moving or divorce.
 - = Recovery from an operation or illness (Short or long term).
 - = Loss of a job or looking for a new one.
 - = Family issues.

How can I confidentially let the church know I would like to consider having a Stephen Minister? At this time there are two ways. The first is to call the church and leave a message for Bill Oldland. The second is to send a note to Bill directly. We will have some envelopes with cards in the pews for future referrals soon.

Something to Ponder

by Don Gwarek

How would you like to hear a little tale of heresy, riots, politics, exile, betrayal, treason and murder. It took place a long time ago, but the results of this affair are still shared by millions of people today. Interested? Then let's get into our time machine and travel back to the fourth century. Ready?

Poof. Here we are. It's the year 318 A.D. and we are in a little church in Alexandria, Egypt. Bishop Alexander has just concluded a lecture to some of his priests about the "Oneness" of God when a young priest named Arius argues that while Jesus was a God, he could not be on the same level as God the Father because he was created.

Now at the time, this view was not new and to Arius it was logical. But to his Bishop it was heresy. "Recant," he told his subordinate, "or be excommunicated. Arius refused and the battle was on.

News of the discussion spread like wildfire and became the hot topic of the day. Everyone took sides. Clergy, merchants, beggars, housewives. There were arguments, fights, and soon riots broke out. Sailors and merchants spread the word of the debate throughout the length and breadth of the Roman Empire and soon everyone seemed to be involved. The Christian community was divided. A schism seemed possible.

Now the Christian church had already become a powerful force in the Roman Empire and all of this bickering and fighting was disrupting the peace and unity of the empire. The Emperor Constantine was worried. The problems caused by the dispute between Arius and Bishop Alexander were a threat both to the church and the state and had to be resolved.

In an effort to bring peace among his subjects Constantine invited all of the 1800 Christian Bishops in the Empire to attend a council at his summer retreat in Nicea where he hoped they would resolve their problems. Only 319

showed up, mostly from the eastern provinces, and after an impassioned plea for peace from Constantine they set to work. They eventually established various church canons or laws and approved a beautiful profession of faith written by a deacon named Athanasius.

They also banished Arius to Illyria. But Arius wasn't one to just accept exile lightly. Instead, he began to seek further support for his views. He found friends in high places one of whom was Constantina, the sister of the Emperor where he soon had the ear of the court.

Shortly after Athanasius received a letter from Constantine, commanding him to reinstate Arius as a communicant of the church. Athanasius refused and he was accused of treason and banished from the Empire.

Arius returned to Constantinople in triumph, ready to be received back in the bosom of the church. But it was never to be for church leaders vowed that he would never receive communion again. Bishop Alexander prayed that either he or Arius would be removed from this life before Arius would receive communion again.

His prayers were answered, but assuredly not by God because on the day before Arius was to be readmitted to communion, he was poisoned and died an agonizing death behind a stone column of a building in the city.

As for his views, Christians continued to argue them until the year 379 A.D. when the emperor Theodosius outlawed the movement called Arianism.

Well, our story is almost over so let's get back in our time machine again and head back home. Ready?

Poof! Here we are again at Saint Thomas and the rest of the story is right there in the pews. Pick up the Book of

Common Prayer and turn to page 326. Do you see where it says, "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty." This beautiful profession of faith, which we call the Nicene Creed, was written by Athanasius over 1681 years ago and is still said by millions of Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians and Presbyterians each week.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Vestry Highlights from Joanne Piazza, Sr. Warden

Greetings to members and friends of St. Thomas. The Lenten season has passed and we are now into the Easter season. April was such a busy month for all of us and we decided to delay our usual third Monday Vestry meeting to the fourth Monday to give **Father Bill** a chance to catch his breath.

The meeting opened with a reading from the 14th chapter of John's gospel, followed by a short discussion before we opened the business for the evening.

The first order of the evening was to approve the addition of **Dot Reilly** to head up the Communication Commission, replacing **Melinda Rice**, who previously resigned. **Scotty Reeder** moved to approve and **Don Gwarek** seconded the motion.

Financial reports followed. **Steve Worth** and **Richard Piazza** were in attendance to present the Treasurer's Report and to answer any questions. Next, we had a report from the Endowment Committee, which was presented by **Bob Lee Watt**. His report was very informative. He passed out copies of the Resolution that established the Endowment Fund, and will be sharing more specific details with the congregation through Newsletter articles or direct mailings. The committee will make quarterly reports

to the Vestry, going forward.

Lape Smith came to our meeting to present a letter to the Vestry which explained his feelings about the importance of the Day School to our congregation and how we can and should support them to a greater level. It was wonderful to get direct feedback from a member of St. Thomas' who is so passionate about the issues concerning the Day School and we appreciated that he took the time and effort to address us directly.

We discussed some of the chores that are in process that were in our "to do" list from the Mutual Ministry Review. Signage is a big issue, both inside and outside, and we are still discussing different types of signs and prices. We looked at two different samples of identification labels for our greeters and ushers. These were provided to us for consideration by **John Bullock**, and he has agreed to make them for us. We want to make it easier for our visitors to know who to approach with any questions or directions.

Our Junior Warden, **Tommy Thorn**, has repaired the mailbox that was knocked over during Holy Week. He is getting quotes on repairing the parking lot and he has communicated to our neighbor that trees along their fence will

soon be removed.

Dot Reilly has been in touch with the Reidsville Review and will furnish details of our weekly services that will appear on their religion page. She also presented us with a list of special services and events throughout the year that will be given to the paper to follow up on with articles, i.e., the Blessing of the Animals, shrimp fest, ECW Fall Bazaar, just to name a few.

We discussed many items of interest, including the efforts of **Hazel Post** and **Teresa Ruhland** to get a wellness program started, selecting someone to head up the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, Father Bill's Sabbatical and work load, roof repairs needed, a youth fundraiser for the Mission Trip, Stephen's Ministry plans, Fran McKendree Concert, the Spring Festival for May 6th. We hope that all groups who use our church will participate in the Mission Fair portion of the Spring Festival by making some kind of stand up display of their activities. We also talked about the Mission Trip plans that have been made. I noticed that they could really use an adult female to be there for the girls, so if anyone is interested, please let Father Bill know.

Peace be with you,

Joanne Piazza, Sr. Warden

Easter 2006



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Episcopal Day School



We've just returned from our Easter Break at EDS. We hope you had a great Easter and time to reflect on the importance of this holiday - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We learned about Good Friday and Easter Sunday during chapel this month. We learned the story through the presentation of the Resurrection Eggs (a dozen plastic eggs with symbols inside each that tell the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem all the way through to the empty tomb). We also had an Easter party including an Easter egg hunt. The children decorated their own eggs with glitter, stickers and about anything else you can glue onto an egg! We made Easter cards for our Sr. Friends and mailed them before our break. This month we also

learned about the letters W, X and Y. During "W" week we talked about Wednesday and read the Dr. Seuss book Wacky Wednesday. "X" week we talked about x-rays and xylophones. This week **Lori Thorn** also presented a program on Earth Day. For "Y" week we found out that Yaks are 6 feet tall at their shoulders but they carry their head low to the ground. As big as they are, they are also good climbers.

We wrapped up our geranium sale and made an estimated profit of \$750. This money will go towards the playground equipment. Thank you for supporting us in this event. Our raffle tickets will be going on sale soon. There will be some in the church office. They are \$1 each and the prizes include \$100 cash, \$100 Gas Allowance (compliments of Rentz Oil) and a \$50 Savings Bond (compliments of Wachovia). O u r

spring program will be held on May 18th. We are doing a Noah's Ark play. The children are working hard rehearsing their lines and songs. We will have the drawing for the raffle this night. If anyone has a door prize (we'll take almost anything!) you would like to donate, please call Edie or Jeanette at 349-3511 or 342-6223. Thank you!

Ms. Edie & Ms. Jeanette

March Reading Madness at E.D.S.

Photos courtesy of Lori Thorn



Episcopal Day School 4-Day Readers



Episcopal Day School 3-Day Readers

Announcing - The St. Thomas' Environmental Education Commission

Episcopalians are seeking ways to integrate their faith with care for the environment. One of the resolutions of the 2006 Diocesan Convention provided that members of the Diocese, as disciples of Christ, strive to achieve in our time the preservation of God's creation for all future generations, making a difference that will fulfill the mission which God laid upon us in the Genesis creation story.

Commission areas of interest are:

- Environmental audit of church and grounds
- Recycling

· Clean up sites in community (e.g., greenways, walking paths, Lake Reidsville)

· Environmental education

Anyone interested in participating in the Commission's meetings or projects should contact members **Lauren Ruhland, Paul Barrett, Jeanne Horsley, Marian Safriet, or Kris Rogers.**

"What you do may seem insignificant, but it's very important that you do it!" Gandhi

For the Beauty of the Earth

Fifth Annual Conference

Sponsored by the Committee for environmental ministry, The Episcopal diocese of North Carolina

June 10, 2006
8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Spiritual Leader
The Rt. Rev. Gary Gloster, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina

Adult Program Leaders:

Frank A. DePasquale, Architect, AIA Emeritus, and member of St. Luke's, Durham, author of the new practical manual, **CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: A MANUAL TO SAVE HUMANITY**, written for use in our Diocese as well as all churches. Frank will speak about the necessity for Christians to assume responsibility for "God's gift of this precious earth we have been given" and present ways of doing this in our parishes and homes.

Robert Ward, Pulitzer Prize in Music winner for his opera, *The Crucible*, and named to the American Academy for Arts and Letters, will lead a workshop

which will link our care of Creation with the inspiration of the arts. He will show the connections with music that can inspire the environmental journey man must take today.

Youth Program Leaders:

Dan Besse, City Council member, City of Winston-Salem, representing the Southwest Ward since 2001. As an attorney, Dan's career has focused on public policy matters for private non-profit organizations with a concentration on environmental law and policy. His workshop will explore issues like global warming, clean air, and clean water, and provide ways individuals can affect environmental policy at the local, state, and national levels.

Katelyn Deaton. Katelyn was born a triplet in July of 1989, and grew up to be the exuberant, eccentric young adult she is today. Her interests are chess, art, guitar, water skiing, the environment, and rock music of the sixties. Her interest in the environment led her to conduct a Girl Scout Gold Award project educating her church in ways to

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Upcoming Events

May 7 - Noon **Environmental Education Commission Meeting** vestry room

May 20 - 10:00am
Cleanup of the Greenways Walking Trail

Meet at the church and wear old clothes and comfortable shoes; bring work gloves if you have them

· A **cookout** will follow in Courtland Park

June 10 - **For the Beauty of the Earth** a one-day workshop at the Summit

5th Annual Conference by the Committee for Environmental Ministry

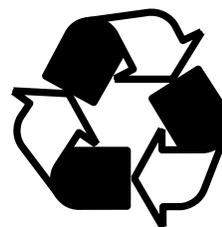
Open to Middle School, High School and Adults

For more information contact Tom Droppers:
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Recycling Reminder

Remember: **old cell phones, ink jet and laser cartridges** which keep our environment cleaner and bring some funds to our youth.

Boxes for recycling can be found in the narthex of the church, the parish hall, and the choir room.



ECW Retreat

During the weekend of March 24th & 25th, twenty-four of our ECW members enjoyed a wonderful retreat at the Franciscan Prayer Center in nearby Stoneville. From all reports, everyone had a wonderful time and came back with glowing reports of both the weekend and the facility.

Twelve arrived to spend the night there on Friday evening. After dinner Father Louie took them on a tour of the prayer center which includes prayer rooms, a library-book store, conference room, dining room and kitchen. The center, situated on 140 acres with magnificent scenery and a babbling brook is just over a year old. It is staffed by volunteers from Greensboro and the surrounding area who do all of the housekeeping and the preparation and serving of the meals which were delicious! Following the tour, our ladies played some games and concluded the evening with a service of Compline.

Another twelve arrived on Saturday morning for study sessions led by **Mariana Newton**. The weekend's theme was "**Seasons of Life - How does your garden grow?**" Plants and gardens yield many metaphors for considering the nature of our own lives, life universals, and the gifts of God.

Mariana, a cradle Methodist and great granddaughter of a Methodist minister, grew up in Lander, WY and was confirmed in 1965 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Redlands, CA. She earned her B.A. in communications, music and religion at the University of

Redlands (Baptist), and her Ph.D. in communications sciences and disorders at Northwestern University. She retired in 2000 after 31 years as Clinical Director, Professor and Administrator at UNCG. She has continued there part time in the capacity of consultant for the past three years. She has been a member of St. Francis in Greensboro for 35 years and she says that she has been, "spirit-led and abundantly blessed with many wonderful activities there." These activities include singing in the choir, working on several book and yard sales, and being a lay reader. A great focus of her discipleship for the past 25 years has been involvement with the Vietnamese families sponsored by St. Francis plus fourteen Vietnamese foster children sponsored by Lutheran Family Services who, now adults, call her their "American Mom". Presently she is also a Stephen Ministry leader, the chair of the Discovery Team, a member of the Search Team for a new rector, and was recently elected to the vestry of St. Francis.

The study sessions continued after lunch and Father Bill arrived with his guitar to lead us in singing and to celebrate a Eucharist for the afternoon closing in the chapel.



Thank you ECW!

March 28, 2005

Dear Dot and friends in the ECW at St. Thomas church,

I have reflected many times about our time together this past weekend and want to thank you all for making our retreat together so special. I enjoyed every one of you, and all together you are a real garden bouquet! The location was lovely and perfect for being together. You all contributed so much to our discussions, meditations, and laughter. I am both humbled and honored to have been invited to share this time with you. Thank you so very much!

Thank you, too, for your generous gifts! I will use the money for some new varieties of hydrangeas, lilies, and camellias that will have a special place in my heart and garden. Thank you, Dot, for your special pickles, apple butter and jelly. I also received a marvelous telephone message on Saturday evening from one of you. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and love.

Warm wishes to all for a happy Easter,

Mariana



Mariana Newton, Retreat Leader

Good News!!!

The **Frank and Marion Lane Scholarship** was recently established at Rockingham Community College by Marion Lane as “a way of honoring Frank’s dedication to the community.” She said, “Frank valued education. He believed in training for a career and in continually improving oneself.”



Photo contributed to the Reidsville Review
Sunday April 9, 2006

Church Signs

Many thanks to **Joanne Piazza** for sharing some Church sign sayings with us. We’ll include more in future issues as space permits.

**IF YOU CAN'T SLEEP, DON'T COUNT SHEEP.
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD.**

Thank You !!!

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

March 8, 2006

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
PO Box 72
Reidsville, NC 27302



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank you for your recent donation to the Diocese of Louisiana in the amount of \$1,125.00. Your kindness and generosity mean much to us.

As we struggle to be the heart and hands of Christ in this devastated area, the task before us seems impossible. It is only by the loving way in which fellow disciples of Christ reach out that we are able to carry on. I worry about the integrity of the Diocese of Louisiana in the future. So many of our congregations suffered much during the flood and every church in New Orleans and surrounding civil parishes will be greatly impacted by the demographic shift. I read that Katrina displaced more people than any other disaster in American history. It is important that the Church be here, that the Diocese be strong, and that we work as one to be beacons of Christ's light and mercy.

Please do not forget us. The struggle ahead is long and arduous.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, D.D.
Tenth Bishop of Louisiana

Easter Breakfast 2006





St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Women

Spring Flea Market & Bake Sale with Ministry Fair

Saturday, May 6th 8 AM - 2 PM

**Breakfast and Lunch will be served by
The Men's Club and EYC**

Come join us at St. Thomas'

**Breakfast & Lunch
served by the
Men's Club & EYC**

**Biscuits:
Egg, Cheese
Bacon, Sausage
Coffee**



**Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
ST Rib Sandwiches
Fish Sandwiches/Plates
Roast Beef
Sandwiches/Plates
French Fries
Baked Beans**

Musical notes from



He Is Risen!

Those words have more meaning than ever for me this year. In addition to all the wonderful things those words stand for, this year I also rejoice that I survived Lent and particularly Holy Week! I know that **GINNY, BILL**, and I got some idea of what an automobile assembly line must be like as we brought out another worship bulletin, another, and another, on and on. We welcomed the community into our sanctuary on Wednesday and on Thursday we remembered many of Jesus' parting words and a few of his last acts with his disciples. I heard the readings detailing Jesus' death an unprecedented (for me) 4 times in just a bit over 5 days, leaving me emotionally exhausted and physically drained as well. Then there was the Great Vigil...two hours of remembering God's salvation history and "turning the corner" from death back into life. And finally it was Easter...and life goes on.

Thank you to the choir, as always...you folks are so important in your role as worship leaders and redemptive community. Thank you to **BILL** and **DANIEL OLDLAND**... Bill for being the kind of pastor and the kind of friend that I can respect and support wholeheartedly, and Daniel for sharing your trombone with us on Good Friday in the first of what I hope will be many times. Thank you to other worship leaders, helpers behind the scenes, on and on...yes, that includes you, my son **JOEL**...beautiful playing as always!

Let us enjoy the Easter season together. I will be gone May 7 to attend my son Joel's graduation, but the other Sundays I will be here to give the most important thanks of all...to God.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Ed Spencer

Youth Plan Mission Trip to Charleston

The Youth Group is going to Charleston July 9th–15th to work on homes in that area. We will leave after the 10:00 am service on the 9th. Everyone is asked to be present to wish us well for our trip. Currently, we have four adults and seven youth signed up to attend. We are expecting a few more youth and adults to sign up this week. We are expecting fifteen to eighteen on the trip.

To help raise funds for the trip we are cooking and selling Boston Butts. They will weigh 10 -12 lbs. pre-cooked. We are selling them for \$25.00. They will be cooked on June 3rd and ready to be picked up after 4:00pm that day or on Sunday morning. Please support the youth group on this exciting trip.



EYC: Youth Activities

May 7 – “Star Wars” and popcorn theology continues with the fifth movie of the sequel. Everyone be present at 4:45 in the Pipkin Parlor. Please do your best to attend.

May 13 – We will be helping the Environmental Commission with a special clean-up of a local park. The time to be at the church will be announced.

May 21 – Fun Day. Be at the church at 3:00 for a day full of fun activities. Bring yourself and a friend. Also wear clothes that can get messy.

May 28 – Meet at the church at 4:45. We will be having our last meeting before the Mission Trip. All of the particulars will be ready for

you then. Be sure to make this meeting if you are planning to attend.

June 3 & 4 – we will be cooking the Boston Butts. Be sure you know when you are to be present at the church to help on Saturday. Everyone needs to be at the church at 8:00 am to get everything ready for deliveries and for pick-up.



Beauty of the Earth

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become more environmentally conscious. Kate will share her experiences and provide youth with specific ways to become more involved in environmental education in their communities.

Musicians:

Jimmy Stowers, guitarist, member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Greensboro, began playing guitar in the Episcopal Church at any early age and enjoys all types of music. He has previously worked as an environmental scientist performing assessments and wetland delineations. Jimmy is married with two sons, and is an avid outdoors person who enjoys backpacking.

Carl Laurent, guitarist and member of All Saint's Episcopal Church, Greensboro, began playing the French Horn in the 4th grade and the guitar at age 12. He has played for church services ever since he learned his first three chords. An engineer by profession, Carl is married with three children, all of whom have or still are deeply involved in diocesan youth conferences at the Summit.

HARP: Outdoor Program leaders

The Haw River Program (HARP) is a year-round environmental education effort, reaching out to schools from Texas to Rockingham county. HARP staff members will give us experiential learning of this wetland area north of Greensboro, both in the classroom and in the field.

SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
9:15 a.m. Meditation, Bishop Gloster
10:00 a.m. Group Program Activities
12-12:45 Lunch
1:00 Group Program Activities
3:00 Closing Eucharist, Bishop Gloster
4:00 Departure

Where Two or Three are Gathered Together...



DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
March 26 <i>Lent IV</i>	8:30 a.m.	16
	11:00 a.m.	58
April 2 <i>Lent V</i>	8:30 a.m.	10
	11:00 a.m.	62
April 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:30 a.m.	12
	11:00 a.m.	74
Holy Wednesday <i>Community Noon Service</i>	12:00 p.m.	160
Maundy Thursday	7:30 p.m.	21
Good Friday	11:00 a.m.	15
The Great Vigil	7:30 p.m.	18
Easter Sunday	8:30 a.m.	35
	11:00 a.m.	<u>90</u>
Total for Easter		143
April 23 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m.	10
	11:00 a.m.	69

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UTO Spring Ingathering

Sunday May 28
Envelopes are enclosed
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Pledge Report

	March 2006	Year To Date
Total Revenue	\$ 9,958.09	\$ 33,966.91
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 10,322.89	\$ 37,536.76
Difference	- \$ 364.80	- \$ 3,569.85



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