



# THE CHURCHMOUSE

Lent 2011

"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see  
your good works, and glorify your Father,  
which is in heaven" —Matthew 5:16

## SERVICE SCHEDULES

**Sunday Service: 9:30 am**

### **Monday Nights**

Taizé Healing & Holy

Eucharist: 5:30 pm

(starting 3/14 through 4/18)

See the insert for the

### **Wednesday Night Lenten**

**Series on *Will Work for Food*** from 5:45—7:45 pm.

If you need help with transportation to the events, call the church office.

We ask that you bring a non-perishables food item each Wednesday and each Sunday if possible.

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church reveals the light of Christ as a beacon of love in the world.

## FROM THE VICAR

Lent is just around the corner. We know this because our joint Oyster Roast with St. Matthew's will be on Shrove Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. This year we are going to try something new for our Lenten discipline. The area Spartanburg Churches are going to have a joint Wednesday evening program focusing on *Hunger*. We are calling it "Will Work For Food." We are quite literally going to work with, for and about food and hunger while utilizing our strength as Episcopalians. Together as Spartanburg Episcopalians we hope to lead the way to a response towards the hunger in our midst..

We have all seen the person standing on the side of the road with a handwritten sign that says, "Will Work For Food", and we have all heard television reports of beggars at WAL-MART making in excess of 30K a year. These facts give us an abundance of cynicism. This joint program sponsored by the four Episcopal Churches in Spartanburg is designed as an intergenerational program that will inspire us and remove some of our natural cynicism while giving us the opportunity to "get our hands dirty."

The biblical mandate of Matthew 25 informs us, and our Baptismal Promise encourages us, while our faith and Lenten discipline offer us the opportunity to respond to the hungry in our midst. Each week we will meet at a different Episcopal Church (St. Christopher's will actually host twice) to learn and do around the subject of *Hunger*. Our Lenten series will be each Wednesday evening beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on April 13<sup>th</sup>. See our enclosed Lenten Brochure for program details or check out our website.

Each program is wrapped in the context of liturgy, "The Work of the People". As you know, in the Liturgy of the Word, our worship follows a pattern of Word, then Response. We will hear the Word and each week we will be given an opportunity to respond in a way that will help those in need while educating us and inspiring us to do more than crisis management. We will hear the Word, we will respond to God's Word, we will pray for one another and the world, we will break bread, we will have communion and we will go out into to the world inspired and ready to spread the Good News that Jesus is Lord. We will do "The Work of the People", liturgy. So please, make it a part of your Lenten discipline and join the other Spartanburg Episcopalians in our liturgy. Help us embody what it means to say, "Will Work For Food." Joseph+

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

### Save the Date: March 8, 2011, Shrove Tuesday Oyster Roast

Representatives from St. Christopher's and St. Matthews have been meeting to plan our joint shrimp & oyster roast. This year's theme will be "Reaching Out". Each rector will have an opportunity to describe the ongoing out reach programs of each parish – no formal program - lots of opportunities to visit with old friends and make new friends!

What can you do to support this important social and fundraising event?? First buy tickets, invite friends and share in the fun. Second, volunteer to help. We had about 300 attendees last year. There are all kinds of jobs at all skill levels. There are signup sheets at the front desk.

This year the menu will include: shrimp, oysters, beans and slaw, as well as clam chowder. We have added hot dogs and chili for our non-seafood friends.

We have kept the price of the tickets the same as last year, \$25. Ticket sales began Sunday, February 6, 2011, at each church. We are encouraging parishioners to buy tickets now as we have a limited number left. ~Jay & Mary Ann Palmer



## WHERE IS THE DEACON?

Often, when I am not in attendance on Sunday, I get questioned as to my whereabouts. Unless I was on vacation, I usually have two standard answers. I've either been assisting the Bishop at a parish as he confirms, receives, or baptizes.....or I am visiting other convocation churches in my role as convocation Deacon. In either case, I function in the Liturgy as the Deacon: process the Gospel, read the Gospel, preach, bid the Confession, set the altar table, assist in dispensing the elements of the Eucharist, clear the table, send the congregation forth into the world. Sometimes I teach a Sunday School class.

Because I'm taking up traveling to other congregations this year in earnest, I thought it might curb some confusion to post a calendar of my activities, including where I am to be on Sundays, on the wall outside my office. Anyone is welcome to take a look and see where your Deacon will be during the week or on Sunday.

In addition, I have begun creating a bulletin board of special things, also on the wall outside my office. The board will be divided into three sections: 'In Our Lives, In the Nation, In the World.' I will have articles and photos relating to the outreach in which St. Christopher's has participated, as well as outreach endeavors of

other local and national churches. 'In the World' will focus not only on outreach, but Christian persecution around the world. It is important to remember what we do in the name of Christ at St. Christopher's, look closely at what others

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Most Sunday's we enjoy a discussion on the Lectionary texts for the day. Occasionally, we have seasonal teachings that will be announced and publicized.

### YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We are meeting in the loft at 11:00 on Sunday morning as we read and discuss stories from the Old Testament.

### CHILDREN CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**11:00 AM—11:45 AM**

This year we are starting a new program for Christian Formation called *Godly Play*. *Godly Play* teaches children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Each week there is a hands-on Bible lesson that helps the children experience the love and wonder of God. *Godly Play* will take place during the Adult Christian Formation time in the *Godly Play* Room.

### OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK INCLUDE:

The *Vicar's Brown Bag Bible Study* is at noon on Mondays in the Connector.

**TAIZÉ WORSHIP WILL be on Mondays at 5:30 pm during Lent.**

**Wednesdays during Lent** will feature a joint series sponsored by the Episcopal Churches in Spartanburg called: "Will Work For Food". Please see the enclosed brochure for details.

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## YOUTH NEWS

The Youth have started off 2011 with a bang! In January, for Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend, we went up to Snowshoe, WV, for a weekend of skiing, card games, and hot chocolate.

February is proving just to be exciting. We had our very own family game night one evening and are going bowling later this month. The Youth have also raised \$327 for the Souper Bowl of Caring and are looking forward to our next service project, the 30 Hour Famine. We have some great things on the horizon for the next couple of months as well, including paint-balling, whitewater rafting, and a movie night! You can find us on Facebook at the St. Christopher's Youth page complete with pictures and updates!



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### Why is Everything Late this Year?

Okay, so not everything is late this year. New Year's Day was on January 1, Valentine's Day on February 14, the Super Bowl the first Sunday in February, St. Patrick's Day on March 17. What is late (or what feels like it is later than usual) this year are the major Holy Days and Feast Days that the Church celebrates in the winter, spring and early summer. We're used to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent being about the middle of February, Holy Week and Easter at the end of March or beginning of April, and Pentecost and Trinity Sunday in late May or early June. And the run down this year:

Ash Wednesday	March 9
Palm Sunday	April 17
Easter Sunday	April 24
Pentecost	June 1
Trinity Sunday	June 19

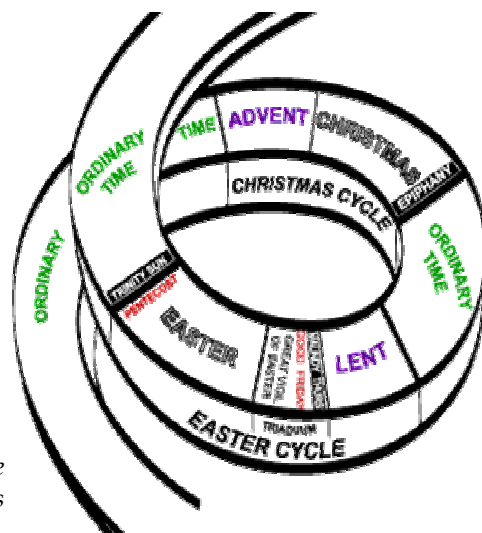
All of these dates center around the date of Easter. The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal equinox. Which means that Easter will always be the first Sunday after (or on) the first full moon following the first day of spring. This means that Easter can occur anywhere between March 22 and April 25. So this year we are almost hitting the last possible date for Easter and in 2008, Easter was on March 23, almost the earliest possible date for Easter.

Now that we have an explanation for the date of Easter we can work out everything else. Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent is forty six days before Easter, since Lent does not include Sundays. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter and the beginning of Holy Week. Pentecost, which celebrates the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church is fifty days after Easter. Trinity Sunday is usually the first Sunday after the beginning of Pentecost. ~Lathrop Mosley

## DEACON (CONT.)

in our community and the nation are doing, and remember that many in the world are persecuted simply because they are believers.

All of this is to be a reminder that my job is to be out....in the world....observing the needs of others....and bringing those needs back to the Church to be met....by the Baptized....that's you! It is also a reminder for you, to also be on the lookout for outreach opportunities of any kind, but especially those that are close to your heart. Together, my prayer is that we remember those things that are important 'In our Lives, In the Nation, and In the World.' Pray for our outreach programs currently, those yet to come, for those in our community and the nation. Pray for Christians who are threatened and persecuted, that like they who stand tall in their faith, we at St. Christopher's may also have the courage to 'reveal the light of Christ as a beacon of love in the world.' We do this through our worship, through our prayers, and I'd like to believe.....through our outreach.....in our lives, in the nation, and in the world. ~Deacon Fergie



## PASTORAL CARE

The December Team met for lunch and made Christmas arrangements for the people they served in December. This annual event was started three years ago and has proven to be one which is anticipated each December. A big thank you goes to Nancy Gibson who has planned and hosted it each year!!!

The Pastoral Care volunteers have once again provided assistance to the members of Saint Christopher's with dedication. Many on this Committee have served for years. We miss Holly Broadwell, as I know those of you who received her cards and notes for several years do. Barbara Grubbs, who now assists Betty Holland in this part of Pastoral Care, has shown her talent in this area. Bliss Harley and Kay Cook have joined the team of which Cheryl Parker is the Team Leader and their enthusiasm is evident.

Welcome to those three members .We hope to welcome more new members during 2011. ~Doris Beasley

## THANK YOU FROM THE BOYCES



Dear Father Joseph and St. Christopher's,

It is midnight, Sunday, January 30, 2011. I am sitting at Meredith's bedside. She is resting comfortably now and no alarms or buzzers are sounding in PICU. This is the most peaceful time that I have had over these past days and I am thankful. My heart is full of thankfulness for so many things. I'd asked God to let Meredith just be able to brush her teeth again as we sped down I-26. On Thursday last week, my prayer was answered.

She had her brain surgery on Wednesday. She came through it well and I was remarkably calm and at ease. She told me one day that she actually felt the prayers.

We received the letter with the generous gift cards and the box with the Prayer Shawl. We are loved and humbled beyond measure.

Oh...another praise report, especially for Anne and Keith: they were having to reset four IVs and one arterial line in MeMe on Friday. She was screaming and I had to leave the unit during this mess. When I came back fifteen minutes later, she was singing. She turned her screams of pain into music and was able to bear it. She was singing, "Sing, sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong..." Are you crying yet? I am.

Love, Adele

*(Meredith is at home now and recovering quite nicely. She has not yet returned to school, but is very anxious to do so! She plans to sing in the Spartanburg Day School Talent Show on April 8th, where she will have a chance to show the world that she is a walking miracle...that prayers are definitely answered! She still appreciates receiving notes and cards since she is still stuck at home. Her address is: 104 Emory Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307)*

### October:

Telephone Calls-11  
Meals-1  
Visits-6  
Transportation-1  
Cards/notes-21

### November:

Telephone Calls-14  
Meals-7  
Visits-12  
Transportation-2  
Cards/notes-21

### December:

Telephone Calls-9  
Meals-1  
Visits-14  
Transportation-1  
Cards/notes-21

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. *Matthew 6:3-4a*

Let's tune out Matthew just for a minute and take a look at some of the giving that came through members of this church in 2010.

**Giving Food** - 730 pounds of food was donated to T.O.T.A.L. Ministries through the scheduled 3rd week of the month donations and the special spring "Loaves & Fishes" project.

**Giving School Supplies** - 455 Houston Elementary School Children received basic learning materials at the start of the school year.

**Giving Warmth** - 150 blankets and warm clothing items were given to the Red Cross and Spartanburg Sheriff's Department.

**Giving Ice Cream** - Every Houston Elementary Student was given a special ice cream treat at the end of the school year.

**Giving Housing** - Two homes were renovated by HomeWorks projects, one on John's Island and the other in South Spartanburg.

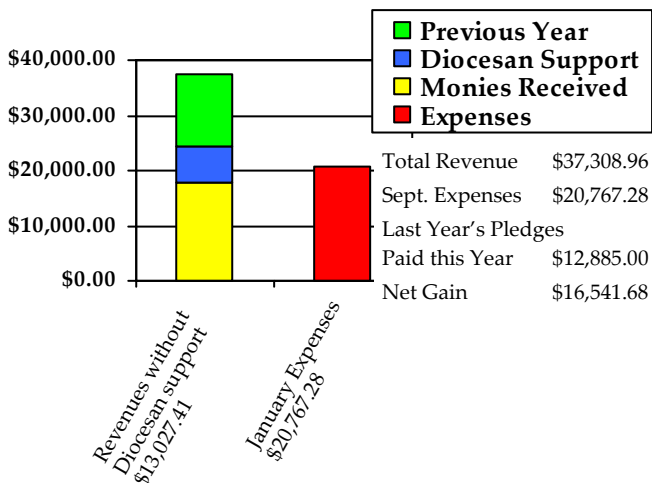
**Giving Christmas** - Angel Tree families received wrapped presents to share with us in the joy of Christmas.

**Giving Time** - So many participated in these and other projects like helping Houston in Ice Cream sales, driving Mobile Meals routes, volunteering, prison visitation, and responding to many other community pleas for help.

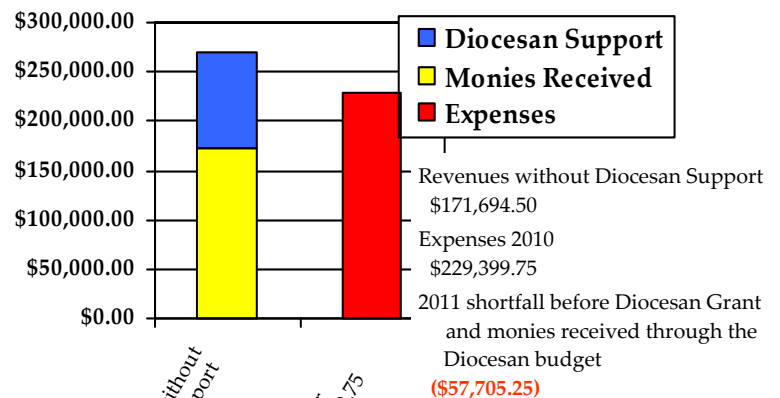
**Giving Money** - Where some were unable to participate in person, they willingly contributed financial help so that others could.

So a great "Thanks" is due to everyone for 2010 giving, both known and unknown; and "Praise God from whom all things flow"; and now - tune back into Matthew because 2011 will have continuing needs. ~Bill Canny

### January Finances 2011



### 2010 Finances



**Birthdays**

Johnsie Canny	3/03
Samuel Rochester	3/03
Keith Jones	3/08
Martha Harris	3/09
Ginny Scott	3/09
Cassandra Gray	3/12
Cheryl Parker	3/14
Brigitte Canny	3/20

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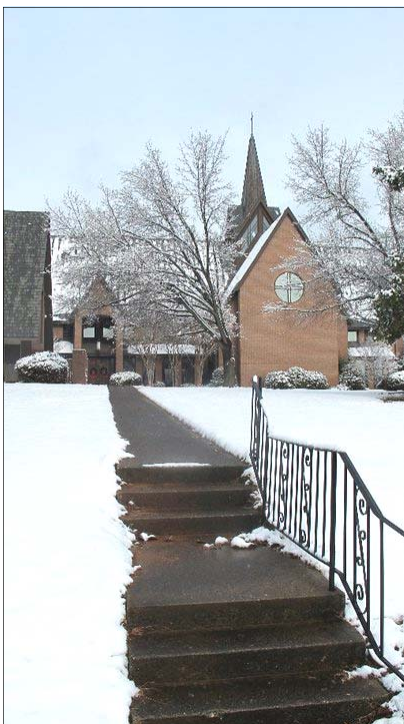
Eva Gilman	3/01
Harold Holland	3/01
Mary Ann Palmer	3/13
Mary Halphen	3/18
Peggy Wilson	3/22
Anne Woodward	3/26

**Anniversaries**

Bill & Peggy Wilson	3/07
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There will not be any regular Wednesday Night Dinners during Lent. See the brochure on the Wednesday Lenten Series, which St. Christopher's will host on 3/23 and 4/13. We will be serving soup & cornbread those nights.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MARCH:**

- 8th—Annual Joint Shrimp & Oyster Fest with St. Matthew's; 6:00 pm
- 9th—**Ash Wednesday Service**, 6:00 pm/No supper or teaching
- 13th—Joint Convocational Lenten Evensong, followed by an organ recital by Polish concert organist, Marek Kudlicki, at Church of the Advent, 4:00 pm
- 16th—Joint Convocational Supper/Worship/Teaching on "Hunger" at Carver Jr. High sponsored by Church of the Epiphany; 5:45-7:45 pm
- 19th—Soul Survivors meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Connector;  
*Guest Speaker:* Linda Hurteau from The Shepherd Center
- 23rd—Joint Convocational Supper/Worship/Teaching on "Hunger" hosted by St. Christopher's; Soup & Cornbread; 5:45—7:45 pm (see brochure)
- 30th—Same as above at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; 5:45-7:45 pm

**APRIL:**

- **3rd—The Bishop's Visit**
- 6th—Joint Convocational Supper/Worship/Teaching on "Hunger" at Church of the Advent; 5:45-7:45 pm (see brochure)
- 13th—Same as above hosted by St. Christopher's; Soup & Cornbread; packaging of 15,000 meals for *Stop Hunger Now*; 5:45—7:45 pm
- **17th-23rd—HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday**-9:30 am service; **Holy Monday**-Taizé Service-5:30 pm; **Holy Tuesday**-Dupré's *Meditations on the Stations of the Cross*, Margaret Hopper/Brennan Szafron, noon, Church of the Advent; **Holy Wednesday**-Tenebrae Service-7:00 pm; **Maundy Thursday Service**-7:00 pm; **Good Friday Service**-noon; **Stations of the Cross**-6:00 pm
- **24th—EASTER DAY SERVICE—9:30 am**
- 30th—Joint Convocational Barbecue in Barnett Park; details TBA, \$20/ticket

**PASTORAL CARE CONTACT FOR MARCH: Mary Halphen 579-0870**

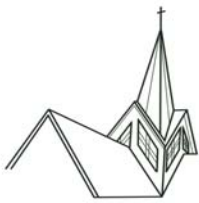
**EMERGENCY PRAYER TREE**

We offer a confidential 24-hour Emergency Prayer Tree for members of St. Christopher's and their families who are in crisis. Call the church office at 585-2858 or email: [epray@stchrisonline.org](mailto:epray@stchrisonline.org).

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Helen Bean	Marsha Dowell	Jim Johnson
Jim Bean	Roberta Gentry	Emilio Larrier
Joe Beasley	Jack Graham	Ginny Scott
Phyllis Bemelmans	George Hairston	Sherry Steinman
Jakie Bost	Pauline Harbison	Catherine Stroupe
Mary Brown	Martha Harris	Archie Taylor
Bea Bruce	Monique Harrison	Sue Teele
Les Cavin	Norwood Harrison	Betty Ruth Walker
Marion Craven	Betty Holland	Bill Wilson
Christopher Dowell	Fergie Horvath	John Woodward

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## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Service: 5:30 p.m.

### Staff

The Rev'd W. Andrew Waldo .....Bishop  
 The Rev'd Joseph K. Smith, ext.13 ..... Vicar  
 The Rev'd Deacon Fergie Horvath, ext.11 ..... Deacon  
 Anne Denbow, ext.14 ..... Dir. of Liturgical Arts/Parish Administrator  
 Margaret Hopper ..... Organist  
 Raiford Collins, ext.12 ..... Youth/Children's Ministries Coordinator  
 David Ferguson ..... Sexton  
 Anita Bruhnke ..... Volunteer Office Assistant

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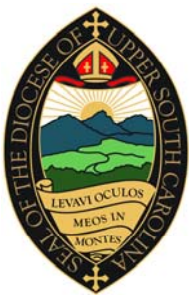
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