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... and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

Literally, the Word of God 'pitched its tent' among us. In other words, in the Incarnation, God is right here, in the thick of our lives, living among us, as one of us, experiencing all that we do.



Every obstacle between God and God's people has been removed. The way to relationship with the creator of

all that is has been made clear. The great highway foretold in Isaiah has been created. The mountains have been brought low. The rough places have been made plain. The valleys have been lifted up.

In the countenance of Jesus, God looks into our eyes with a face like yours or mine. In the works of Jesus, God sets the model for how we are to live, one with another. In the life of Jesus, God dwells with us, showing us how God never leaves us, even in our darkest moments.

In this coming season of Epiphany, we remember the various ways in which Jesus' identity was made known to the world. May we prayerfully consider the ways in which God is calling us to make known to the world today the Good News of God in Christ.

In our faces, created in the image of God, we share the love of God. In our works, we act as Christ's hands and feet in the world, continuing Jesus' ministry even now. In our lives, modeled on Jesus' life, we remind those around us that God is still camping out right here in our midst. Alleluia!

Pax et bonum,

David+

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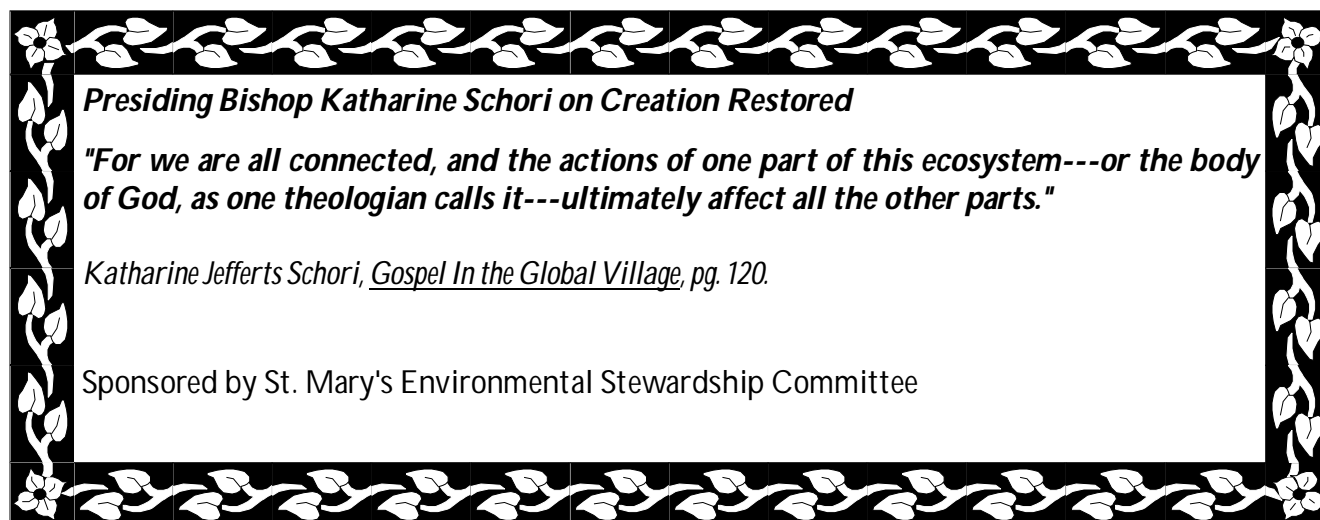
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am writing to give you an update on the financial results of the Every Member Canvass. As I reported at the Annual Meeting on December 5th we are very close to meeting the 2011 budget proposed to the Vestry. This year's canvass has seen 23 new pledges (some people new to the church, some who had not made a written commitment in 2010) and the average gift from "repeat pledgers" is up over 4%. So as to encourage parishes to keep talented recent graduates here, the diocese has given us money to supplement Sara Palmer's part-time salary. In addition, we have a surplus from prior years when our staffing levels were below budget. These are wonderful things but our goal is to balance the budget without using this money. The problem with using these two pots of money is that they are one-time sources of income. What we need to achieve is a level of giving that will allow us to maintain and grow (our staff, outreach, and programming) at a financially sustainable pace.

As of December 5th, there was about \$40,000 outstanding from people who pledged in 2010 from whom we have not heard this year. As of today (12-16-10) that number has dropped to \$27,000. With this \$40,000 and the diocesan gift/surplus (\$16,000) money in the budget we are \$2,600 over budget. We can meet the budget without these one-time sources of income as "repeat pledgers" consider increasing their pledge as others have been able to do, and parishioners who have not made a written commitment to the budget prayerfully consider what they can do. Last year almost \$40,000 from new and repeat pledgers came in between the Annual Meeting and the middle of January. Whatever happens, please be assured that your Finance Committee and Vestry will be faithful stewards of the gifts you have returned to God for His work here at St. Mary's.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Stewardship Chair. It has been fun and very, very rewarding.

Carroll Ann Miller



From the Assistant to the Rector

Dear friends,

Last Thursday, I went to a day-long workshop in which I was trained to be a facilitator for the pre-marital and marriage-enrichment course, Prepare/Enrich. The on-line survey course is tailor-made for individual couples, allowing each person to explore important topics such as expectations about marriage, children, money, intimacy, in-laws, and cultural and personality differences. I was given a list of useful resources for helping couples dealing with various issues; Ron L. Deal is the author of several books about remarriage such as *The Smart Step-Family*, *The Smart Step-Mom*, and *The Smart Step-Dad*. Another best-selling book is Gary Chapman's book *The Five Love Languages* which enables us to understand how we can express our love for our spouse in a way that they will hear.



As we focus loving attention on the holy family in Bethlehem this Christmas, I hope we can make time to also cherish our husband, wife or partner. Let us set aside time each day if possible to be truly present with our spouse, to listen with our hearts as well as our minds, to enjoy our relationships, and to have fun together so that we can build strong marriages and partnerships that will endure the stresses of life. Sadly, many people have lost much money in investments during this economic downturn; however, the time, love and energy we expend in treasuring the one whom God has given us, thanking them for the little deeds of kindness and respect, and expressing our affection in word and deed, will often reap rich dividends. Relationships are the only things that will last forever.

I am thankful for each one of you at Saint Mary's, for your thoughtfulness, generosity and support during the last six months. I look forward to sharing my ordination day with you all on January 15th. Merry Christmas and God bless each one of you in the coming year.

Best wishes,

Sara+

If you have had a change of address, phone number and/or e-mail address, please notify the office so we can insure that you receive all publications. Thank you!

Christian Formation

Lectionary Class

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Ed Crissman

Location: Rm. 115 Ed. Bldg.

This class discusses the lessons for each Sunday. Usually we focus on the Gospel lesson, since most of our sermons are based on the Gospel. Each Sunday you will receive a copy of the Synthesis, a lectionary guide, which gives background and additional information about the events going on in the lessons. A discussion then takes place inspired by the lessons and application to our daily lives.

The Bible and Theology

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: David Idol

Location: Common Room

Beginning January 9, this group will discuss how the Good News is interpreted in various New Testament passages. Current day interpreters welcomed.

Adult Forum

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Various

Location: Parish Hall

The Adult Forum will return on January 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. On Jan. 16 and 23, we will be viewing the film, "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North." On Jan. 30, Mother Palmer and Fr. Umphlett will lead a discussion of the film. Parishes across the diocese are viewing this film as part of the diocesan convention theme of reconciliation.

From the film website (www.tracesofthetrade.org):

In the feature documentary **Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North**, filmmaker [and Episcopalian] Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide . . .

From 1769 to 1820, DeWolf fathers, sons and grandsons trafficked in human beings . . . Over the generations, the family transported more than ten thousand enslaved Africans across the Middle Passage. They amassed an enormous fortune. By the end of his life, James DeWolf had been a U.S. Senator and was reportedly the second richest man in the United States . . .

The film follows ten DeWolf descendants (ages 32-71, ranging from sisters to seventh cousins) as they retrace the steps of the Triangle Trade, visiting the DeWolf hometown of Bristol, Rhode Island, slave forts on the coast of Ghana, and the ruins of a family plantation in Cuba. Back home, the family confronts the thorny topic of what to do now . . . Meanwhile, Browne and her family come closer to the core: their love/hate relationship with their own Yankee culture and privileges; the healing and transformation needed not only "out there," but inside themselves.

The issues the DeWolf descendants are confronted with dramatize questions that apply to the nation as a whole: What, concretely, is the legacy of slavery—for diverse whites, for diverse blacks, for diverse others? . . . What would repair—spiritual and material—really look like and what would it take?"

Youth Bible Study

Facilitator: David Umphlett

Location: Carter Brothers

Every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. we gather with the Rector at Carter Brothers on Main Street for breakfast and Bible study. All middle and high schoolers are welcome. We resume on January 5th.

Mother's of Young Children Bible Study

Facilitator: Sara Palmer

Location: Common Room

Every Monday morning at 9:30a.m. and will last until 10:45. The group will study a chapter of Luke's Gospel each week. Childcare is provided.

Women's Bible Study

Facilitator: Mary Darby

Location: Common Room

A Bible study for women will start Wednesday January 12th at 9:30 am in the Common Room. We will be studying the Book of Luke. All women are invited to attend. Please call Mary Darby at 889-3581 if interested.

Children & Youth

Classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Grades	Curriculum	Room
Fours to Grade 1	Godly Play I	215
2nd - 5th Grade	Godly Play II	217

Grades 6 - 12 at the Little House, for a discussion of the NOOMA series.

Children's Chapel during the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sundays beginning from Church.

From the Desk of the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

A couple of weeks ago on a Wednesday afternoon after the Cherub Choir was finished rehearsing, a couple of the children came to the Education Building to hang out. They were drinking from the water fountain, running up and down the halls and feeling very comfortable here. What a great thing to be happening. In my last church this occurred all the time, children and youth of all ages visited and made lots of noise and showed the ownership they had on their campus. It was the first time since arriving in September I felt so great about the possibilities that lie here at St. Mary's.



Children and Youth need to feel welcomed more than any other age group in our church. Why is that? The main reason is we continually find ways to send them away. In December we offered Intergenerational opportunities for the whole parish of which a small group of families took advantage. But don't forget that intergenerational includes our single members, our older members, and our newest members. We are one congregation together and we need one another to learn from and to laugh with and to grow with.

So I invite you to first make sure you are taking every opportunity to get to know all your fellow parishioners of all ages. You can do that by attending everything and being a part of it all. If you have children and youth, yes bring them to the programs we are providing so their Christian walk is enriched but also if you are in town, at choir or whatever just stop by the Education Building and make some noise! Come be heard, talk to us, hang out in our office and talk and share with us your thoughts so we can grow St. Mary's together.

Let the trumpets sound!

Don Carlson



Caroline Cottam seated next to Bishop Curry at the Bishop's Ball.

Christian Formation Program Reminders

January 2 - No Programs or Nursery

January 9 - Instructed Eucharist for all at 9:00am. Come learn why we do what we do when we do it!

January 16 - Christian Formation for All Returns! Programs for all ages!

Youth Programs News

Grade 6-12 Youth Group Schedule

Regular Youth Group January 9	4-6pm	Little House
Regular Youth Group January 23	4-6pm	Little House

Deposit and Commitment Form Due to Don for iMission Trip by January 9.

Youth Volunteers Training - Sunday, January 16 – All who work with our teenagers are asked to attend the 9:00am Informal Service, then Christian Formation at 10:00am and then Training at 11:00am in the Little House.

Wake Forest Basketball Game Youth Group Road Trip – January 29 – 2:30pm. Deadline for forms and money – January 23.

Winter Jam Christian Concert – February 5 – 4:00pm. Deadline for forms and money – January 30.

I hope as we grow our children's and youth ministry programs that I can be a part of your young adults every day life. Please try to contact me either by e-mail, cell phone or text me to let me know of your young adult's upcoming event. I would love to be on the side line for a sporting event, sitting in the audience at a musical production, a dance recital, or a karate tournament. - Don Carlson

Congratulations on Operation Smile

We raised \$500.00! With donations from our children, parishioners, and other donors, we raised enough money to help two children. In the month of December the Operation Smile Program matches our gifts, so we will be helping four children! Great work Church School!



Jesse Tree Making - December 12, 2010

Instructed Eucharist

Ever wonder why we do what we do in worship and why it all matters? On January 9th at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy, we will celebrate an instructed Eucharist to answer our questions. The Rector will lead us through the Eucharistic service explaining everything from seating arrangements to vestments to vessels to prayer postures. This instruction will also serve as an early Communion class for those families wishing to have an educational experience before its youngest members begin to receive the Blessed Sacrament.



This fun worship experience will continue into the 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation hour and will serve as church school for all ages on that day. Our 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services will continue as usual on that day.

The New Chapel in the Community Life Center

As we look forward to the groundbreaking for the new building on the corner of Farriss and Hillcrest, we await not only a building that will better enable outreach and mission, but one that will offer a new space for worship as well. On the upper floor of the building (the level on which one will enter from Hillcrest) there will be constructed a chapel slightly larger than the Common Room in the Educational Building. The chapel will face out onto Toteria and Ardmore Circle.

This lovely new space will feature gothic windows with clear glass to see out into God's creation and a wonderful high ceiling. All the furniture will be moveable, from the altar to the lectern to the chairs. And yes, the new chapel will be furnished with chairs instead of pews. This highly adaptable furniture will allow for creative and innovative uses of the space and will serve as an interesting contrast to our main worship space. A small (8 ft. by 2 ft. by 4 ft), three-stop Noack pipe organ (circa 1969) has become available for our purchase from the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are exploring the possibility of the purchase and incorporation of this instrument into the new space.

The chapel will be home to various liturgies throughout the year. We imagine that often the Daily Office will be prayed there. The intimate setting will be especially appropriate for small funerals and weddings. Informal Worship is scheduled to find its permanent home in this new space as well.

Ordination to the Priesthood

On Saturday, January 15th, God willing and the People consenting, the Rt. Rev'd Alfred C. "Chip" Marble will ordain Sara Palmer to the Sacred Order of Priests at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. A cookout luncheon will follow immediately sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Please mark your calendars to be a part of this momentous occasion in Sara's life and in the life of our community. Childcare will be provided in the Nursery for children birth through age 3., and a program for children aged four through 10 in Room 201 in the Education Building.



St. Mary's Clergy with Bishop Nicholas

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On Sunday, January 9, at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism along with Communion. We will also celebrate the seldom used rites for thanksgiving for the adoption of a child by a family in our parish. The next baptismal opportunity will be at the Great Vigil of Easter on the eve of Easter Day. If you or anyone you know is interested in seeking baptism, please call the Rector (886.4756, ext. 22).

The New Crèche

You will have noticed by now the magnificent new crèche that sits on the Memorial Altar. This 14-piece, 35 cm tall set is hand-carved of olive wood and has come to us directly from Bethlehem. This incredible devotional and artistic item was created especially for us and purchased with Memorial Funds. The crèche will remain up through much of Epiphanytide. Appropriate prayers for use while contemplating the Incarnation are available in a brochure near the Memorial Altar. The crèche will find a year-round home on display in a curio cabinet in the Parish Hall building.

The tradition of setting up a crèche, or manger scene, is said to have been first popularized by St. Francis of Assisi in the 12th and 13th centuries.

(See photo on front cover)

St. Mary's welcomes the following individuals to our church family:

By transfer:
Ray Carney

Diocesan Convention

Members of St. Mary's will join with representatives from all the other parishes of the Diocese of North Carolina for the 195th convention of the diocese. The Vestry has selected the following people to represent us in the councils of the church: Alicia Archibald, Barry Collum, Evie Cottam, and Kathy Jacobs. Judy Stalder will attend as an alternate. Sara Palmer and David Umphlett both also have voting rights as clergy persons. Don Carlson and Jim Armstrong will be attending as observers. Amo Kearns will be present in his role as a member of the Diocesan Executive Council. Please keep all these members of St. Mary's and all those gathered in Winston-Salem in your prayers as they seek to discern the work of the Church.

Lose Weight & Help Open Door

Here's your chance to make good on your New Year's resolution! Lose weight and help Open Door Ministries. A 12-week Weight Watchers series will be held in the Common Room in the Education Building. Please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00pm.

For more information, please call Denise Reagan at 454-1292.

To the St. Mary's Family

Thank you for the many thoughtful comments and notes that I have received over the past few weeks. Resigning my position was not an easy decision for me for two reasons: one, I liked my job and two, I enjoyed interacting with the kind people of St. Mary's. I plan to stay in touch! If you need anything or have questions, please feel free to email me at rinman@northstate.net. Thanks again for making the last twelve years a very pleasant experience for me! - Rosemary Inman

The Feast of the Epiphany

On January 6th, the Church in the West commemorates the arrival of the Magi at the manger. This feast begins a new season of the Churchyear, one focused on the various ways in which Christ's identity was made manifest to the world.

On January 6, 2011, we will gather at St. Mary's for Choral Evensong at 6:00 p.m. followed by a covered-dish supper in the Parish Hall. Saint Mary's Choir will be present to lead the singing of Epiphany hymns, sing the canticles, *Magnificat*, and *Nunc dimittis* in settings by Healey Willan, and an Offertory, *Kings in Glory* by Martin Shaw with soloists Rebecca McAtee and Eric Wilson.

Continuing in the tradition of last year, those interested in sharing their various talents with the church are invited to do so. We share our talents with one another in remembrance of the Wise Men's gifts to the infant Jesus. At the Epiphany supper in 2010 we had folks offer poetry, dance, song, and instrumental pieces. Please email the Rector if you plan on sharing a talent.

Organ and Piano Recital - January 23

Our Sunday afternoon music programs continue on January 23 at 4:00pm with a recital of organ and piano music by Tony Robertson. Mr. Robertson, a native of Macon, Georgia, began piano study at the age of six, and organ study at sixteen. He is a graduate of Greensboro College where he studied organ with Harold Andres and Lorna Lutz. He has been organist-choirmaster at several churches including Holy Comforter Episcopal, Burlington, and First Friends Meeting, Greensboro. He is presently organist and assistant choir director at First Baptist Church (CBF), Elkin, NC. He has served four terms as Dean of the Winston-Salem Chapter, American Guild of Organists.



No stranger to Saint Mary's, as a college undergraduate he sang with the St. Mary's Choir of Boys and Men. In the intervening years he has frequently accompanied Saint Mary's Choir and been part of Saint Mary's Orchestra in major choral presentations, most recently in Benjamin Britten's *Saint Nicolas*.

Sunday's program will include piano music by Poulens (*Mouvements Perpetuels*), Brahms (*Intermezzo*, Op. 118, No. 2), Chopin (the third of *Trois Nouvelle Etudes*), Debussy, (*La plus que lente*, and *La Cathedrale Engloute*), Scriabin (*Two Etudes*, *Prelude in E*, and *Album Leaf*) and Heller (*Tarantella*). The organ pieces comprise Bach's "Dorian" Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, and the final two movements of Vierne's First Organ Symphony.

Admission to all of our programs is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Prayers & Milestones

Kim Keyes		Esker Amos
Ann Davis		Tim Foster
Kathy Brown		Alice Whitehorne
Lily Blackman		Nicole Dolder
Spencer Wilson & Family		Cecily Cass
Nancy Wood		Nicole Pulliam
Patti Burns		Eunetta Morris
Susan Kaley		Shannon & Ed Widner
Ernst Lenz		Ragelene Russell
Carol Kenn		Jarell
Joy Samuels		Larry Bliss
Jack Marsh		Treva Hammer
Tammy Archibald		Kay Kelly
Megan Williams		DJ
Renea Seay		Ralph Ketchum & Family

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen”

January Birthdays

01	Joseph Hayworth	10	Frann White	22	Charles Lynch
	Stacy Hoots		Robert Hoots		Mary Eliza Duckett
02	Judy Straight		Peter Gary Biesecker		Natasha McClellan
	Kim Chaney	11	Alan Chaney		Madeline Rhoton
	Lindsey Finch		Jessica Henderson	24	Will Moore
03	Tim Yates		Kieler Kunder	25	David Farshing
	Frosty Culp	12	Lorna Brown	27	Suzanne Lea
04	Stephen Uhlin		Stephen Farshing		Jeff Brown
05	Ann Crowell	14	Evie Cottam		Sam Duckett
	Cece Biesecker	15	Patti Saunders		Avery Higgins
06	Candice Greig	17	Joan Betsill	29	Marita Gates
	Lorinda Umphlett	18	Richard Miller	30	Ma-Ziah Watakila
07	Kerie Beth Scott		Barbara Farshing		Julie Adams
08	Jim Snow		Adair Smith		
	Melanie McNamara	21	Kitty Congdon		
			Larry Warlick		
			Margaret McDonald		
			Laura Johnson		

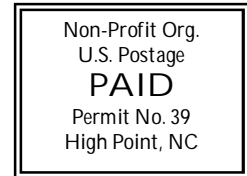
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Please e-mail your submissions to: administrator@stmarysepisc.org

Services at St. Mary's

Sundays

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Informal Worship
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist



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