

The **Prayer List** is found in a notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or by calling the church office.

Prayer List

Beverly Mills

Kathleen Johnson, mother of Russell Johnson

James Ford, father of Lori Taylor

Verner Godwin

John Gurkin, brother of Chloe Tuttle

Debora Willoughby

Abby Cameron

Tommy Wellington, father of Ginny Webb

The Rev. Elizabeth Webster

Margaret Jeanne, sister of Stephen Batten

Gloria

Peggy

Eric

For those departed and their families

The Hon. Mary Elizabeth Wynne

Birthdays in June

1, Jesse Critcher

6, Lee-ann Courtney

8, Russell Johnson

12, Don Beach

16, Kristen Caldwell

18, Al Chesson

20, Kim Michel

22, Maddie Michel

25, Della Margaret James

29, Corey Baker

30, Mary Charles Coppage



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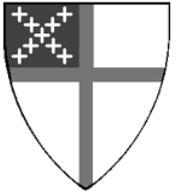
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JUNE 2015



SEASON AFTER PENTECOST: ORDINARY TIME

**United Thank Offering is
Sunday, June 7, 2015**

Our parish celebrates United Thank Offering this year on June 7, 2015 during our 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist.

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church.

Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God.

These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings.

Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity.

United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

If you are unable to attend church on June 7 and wish to contribute to UTO, please contact our parish UTO chairwoman, Frankie Biggs..

Parish Family Weekend is July 17-19, 2015

We have **one room** left in our cluster at Trinity Center for Parish Family Weekend! The Rev. Bill Smyth and Frances Smyth will be our guests and Father Smyth will celebrate Holy Eucharist Sunday morning at the Beach Pavilion. Adults: Single Occupancy \$100 per night; Double \$80 per night, children ages 1 to 4 are \$12 and 5-17 are \$29 per night.

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Summer Begins at Church of the Advent



We will gather for Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays from June 7 through August 30.

This season after the feast of Pentecost is called Ordinary Time.

The phrase Ordinary Time is the English translation of the Latin *Tempus per annum*, or literally “time throughout the year.”

The theme of this season, the longest in the church year, is the fulfillment of the resurrected Christ’s “Great Commission” to the apostles to spread the gospel throughout the world. It is a season of mission, evangelism, and the ministry of the Church to all peoples and nations.

The most famous version of the Great Commission can be found in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 28, verses 16 through 20:



“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some

doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end

of the age.” (NSRV)

Green is the color of this season which continues until the first Sunday in Advent, December 1. Feasts of the church this month are The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 1, St. Barnabas the Apostle on June 110 and Saints Peter and Paul on June 29.



Abraham in retirement

Province IV Synod at Kanuga, June 3-5

Every summer at the beginning of June, the Bishops and General Convention deputies (including Stephen Batten as an alternate deputy from East Carolina) of Province IV of The Episcopal Church gather at Kanuga Camps and Conference Center outside of Hendersonville NC. This three day meeting is considered a preparation for the 78th General Convetyion of the Episcopal Church leater in the month in salt Lake City, Utah. *(continued on page 3)*



General Convention June 25-July 3

What is the General Convention?

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. It is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies, with more than 800 members (up to four clergy and four lay persons from each diocese); and the House of Bishops, with over 300 active and resigned bishops.

General Convention gathers every three years. The 2015 meeting will convene in Salt Lake City, Utah for a nine-day legislative session (June 25 –July 3, 2015), and will be the 78th General Convention of the Church.

The work of General Convention includes adopting legislation of concern to the Church; amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church; adopting a triennial budget for The Episcopal Church; and electing candidates to offices, boards and other committees. This work in undertaken in support of the mission and ministry of the Church, and with prayerful gratitude and spiritual discernment.

Stephen Batten will be attending the General Convention from June 23 through July 5. Stephen is an alternate deputy from our diocese and has volunteered for and been accepted

as a legislative aide to the Rules and Dispatch of Business Committee of the Convention chaired by the Hon. Byron Rushing of Massachusetts.

At this General Convention, the House of Bishops will elect and the House of Deputies will confirm the election of the next Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church.

Candidates for the office are:

The Right Reverend Thomas Breidenthall, Bishop of Southern Ohio;

The Right Reverend Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina;

The Right Reverend Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut; and

The Right Reverend Dabney Smith, Bishop of Southwestern Florida.

Stephen will be updating his Facebook page and he will also (once he learns how) “tweet” news from the General Convention on Twitter.



Let's Celebrate Father's Day

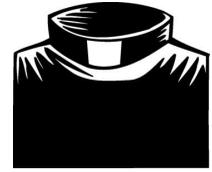
Church of the Advent
Fellowship Dinner
Sunday, June 21st
6:00 p.m.

Home of Jeanne and Stephen Batten
904 School Drive

Pizza and Margaritas Provided
Please bring salads – lots and lots of salads!
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Clergy Transition News



The Vestry met on the evening of May 20 in the Parish Hall with The Reverend Canon Matthew Stockard, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of East Carolina and Diocesan Deployment Officer.

At this meeting, Canon Stockard handed a Parish Ministry Questionnaire to Senior Warden Bill Webb. The purpose of the questionnaire is to assist Bishop Skirving as he assists us in our joint search for a Priest in Charge.

A Priest in Charge is a priest serving under a letter of agreement with a parish and the bishop. The normal term of this agreement is three years with all parties having an opportunity to extend the term of the priest or offer tenure to the priest by electing him or her Rector of the parish.

In this type of search, the diocese (Bishop Skirving and Canon Stockard) assists the Vestry by helping to identify and then screen potential candidates.

The Vestry will meet on the evening of June 10 in the Parish Hall to complete the questionnaire and return it to Canon Stockard so we can start the process of helping to call the next Priest in Charge of The Church of the Advent.

Supply clergy are engaged for every Sunday through the end of September at this point in time.

“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Province IV *(continued)*

It will be our great honor to welcome our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, back to the Province of Sewanee and to Kanuga. This will be her last visit to us as the Presiding Bishop, so we plan to show her what we're made of here in PIV and offer our thanks for the work that she has done for the Church. Bishop Katharine will preach at Wednesday evening's Eucharist and will be with us through Thursday morning's plenary session where she will launch the discussion of our preparations for General Convention.

Adding to the excitement of having our Presiding Bishop with us, we are looking forward to hosting The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies; The Rev. Michael Barlowe, Executive Secretary of General Convention; and The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls (formerly of our province), Chief Executive Officer of The Episcopal Church.

Province IV HIV/AIDS Retreat June 5-7

The 24th Annual HIV/AIDS Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C., will be held June 5-7, sponsored by Province IV of the Episcopal Church as well as a number of individual dioceses, other groups and individuals. This year we are invited to come together to contemplate “The Holy Within,” and talk about what it means to carry the holy within us and thus out into the world.

The HIV/AIDS Retreat is not your typical “Kanuga” retreat. Of those attending, only 13% are Episcopalian. The rest are Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, etc., with 25% claiming no church affiliation.

In 2014, 79% were HIV-Positive, 63% were Black/African American and 78% needed financial assistance to be able to attend. Most attendees live well below the poverty level. Many have had difficult lives filled with pain, despair, addiction and a myriad of other complications. This one weekend each year is a time they count on seeing God's love in action!

Leading the retreat will be The Rev. Bob Hudak, an Episcopal priest who is passionate about his ministry to promote trusting relationships toward the vision of Dr. King's “Beloved Community.” He serves as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, N.C. He brings a “Franciscan heart” to his life, his work and to this year's retreat.

Providing the music leadership this year will be Randolph James, who began his career in church music at the age of 12 and has been an organist and Director of Music in the Episcopal Church since 1979. He brings to Kanuga his vast experience, exuberant style and joyful personality. We ask that you hold this retreat and those who attend in your prayers. — *Lola Thomas, Chair, Province IV HIV/AIDS Ministries*



Parish Picnic at Green Acres is Perfect

-This year's Parish Picnic was an unqualified success. With over 60 people in attendance on a day with beautiful weather, we worshipped in the amphitheater led by Father Bill Smyth. Following the service, we had a picnic lunch.

Thanks to Kit Reddick for setting up a beautiful altar; our musicians Grant and Russell for bringing music to our worship, and Bob and Janice Greene for their flawless hospitality.

We honored our graduates: Regina French, Collins Crowe, Sarah Smith, Will Raiford, Garron Chesson, Paul Sessoms and Isabelle Peel.



Our worship was filled with music and dappled with sunlight through the trees. (left) Grant and Will Michel helped to lead the hymns in good voice. Jim and Maria Allen, Kit Reddick and Sue House raise a joyous song to the Lord.

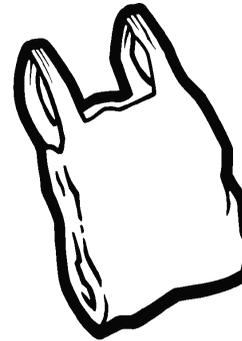


Carrie and Katie Holtz Mills enjoying the service at Green Acres. (left)



Christine, Garron, and Doug Chesson returning from altar and Holy Communion. (above)

Bags Needed for Blessings in a Backpack



Please bring your used plastic grocery store bags to church and place them in a specially marked hamper in the church vestibule. A collection hamper is also located in the hallway of the Parish House.

These bags are used as individual food packs for students to take with them to use during the weekend.

Once the volunteers pack the bags, they then load them into carrier bags for delivery to the schools.

Bags are needed all year long.

Also needed are very large cloth or canvas or heavy duty plastic bags to be used as carrier bags. These bags can have logos.

If you have bags that can be used as carrier bags, please give these directly to Kit.

Bishop Skirving confirms 16 at St. Paul's Edenton on The Day of Pentecost

The Right Reverend Rob Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina (assisted by the Right Reverend David Bane and the Reverend Jim Reed, Interim Rector at Saint Paul's) confirmed and/or received 16 persons at the Albemarle Deanery Pentecost service at historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton.

At right, the Reverend Jeff Douglas presents a confirmand from St. Thomas Aho-skie and Bishop Skirving, assisted by Bishop Bane and Jim Reed, confirms him as a member of The Episcopal Church.

