

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, calling the church office.

Prayer List

Keathley Malone

Beverly Mills

Ed Harrington

Ann Wallace

Kathleen Johnson

James Ford

Verner Godwin

John Gurkin

Deborah Willoughby

Abby Cameron

Jennifer Harris

Becky Bundy

Gus Griffin

Randy Scott & family

Julia Carr

Mac Allen

Pepper Etheridge

Brian Collins

Tommy Wellington

James Swain

Jeanne Batten

Trey Weldon

Birthdays in October

1, Sarah Lewis Peel

3, Chloe Tuttle, Will Greene

8, Bill Webb

14, Ellen Miller, Howard Mann

17, Joe Jernigan

18, Jane Jernigan

21, Betty Peel

22, Anne Slade

28, Amanda Smith

30, Valerie Cooke

For Those Departed

George McClancy



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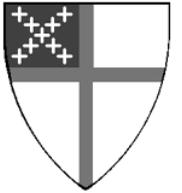
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**October** has arrived in Martin County with cooler breezes, the first of the falling leaves, and a proliferation of pumpkins. Here's to autumn beginning in earnest!

After a hiatus of several years, we are happy to once again offer a **Blessing of the Animals** in honor of **Saint Francis of Assisi** on Francis' feast day of **October 4**. Look to the article inside this month's edition of *Advent Advisor* for more details.

If it's October, it must be time for lobsters! **St. Thomas', Ahoskie is holding its annual Lobster Sale with delivery of the tasty crustaceans on Friday, October 17**. Lobsters are \$13 each, live or boiled. Contact Lucia Peel for more information at 252.792.0070 or by

email at [luciapeel@gmail.com](mailto:luciapeel@gmail.com). There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Pass the butter, please.

**Christian Formation** continues throughout the month of October at the 10 a.m. hour every Sunday in the Parish House. Adults continue to meet downstairs in the parlor to discuss the day's Eucharistic lectionary readings. Our youth are meeting upstairs under the guidance of **Kim Michel** and **Lori Taylor**.

Of course, if its October then its time to get a flu shot! **Sue House**, our parish RN, reminds us that flu shots are available at the **MTW Health Department** on West Liberty Street beginning **Sunday, October 5 from noon to 3 p.m.** and then **Monday through-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** MTW Health accepts BC/BS, Cigna, Medicare and Medicaid. Without insurance the shots cost \$35. Call 252.793.3023 for more details.

The inside pages of this month's *Advent Advisor* have even more news about events and projects in our church and the community. Here's to seeing you around the church in the month ahead.   
-Stephen Batten

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## Father Rob's Reflections

Dear Advent Family,

Please read and reflect on the following verses. They are two versions of the same passage. Once done, please continue my article.

### *The Commissioning of the Disciples Version 1*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped 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." (NRSV: Bible Gateway)

### *Version 2*

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally. Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day,

right up to the end of the age." (The Message Bible: Bible Gateway)

You surely have noticed that there has been some serious training of ministries going on in our Parish. These have included Acolytes, Instructional Eucharist for the Parish, Usher training and the latest, Altar Guild. Some of these have been complete with Parish Guidelines for future reference.

With the busy-ness of life, I know it can seem like an unnecessary task to be imposed. In an effort to clarify my motivations, let's take a quick look at a famous passage of Scripture that most of us hold have stored in our repertoire of the Bible. It is the story of Jesus commissioning his disciples for the ministry.

Now, this follows Jesus' training of his disciples for the work he knew was ahead. It was part of his three year mission that ended on the cross. With this in mind, he said, "Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life". They could only train others if they too had been trained. Thus they were trained (discipled) directly by Jesus, so that they would have the tools to best accomplish the ministry at hand.

He makes it clear that he commissions them to "Go and make disciples", to teach them and baptize them in the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Some have mistaken this passage as a singular call to worldwide mission... to sending evangelists to foreign countries, for instance. While this a noble cause and one for which we are called, this passage in the original Greek language does not tell folks to go anywhere. As we read, the verse says, "YOU (understood you) GO". As the first phrase we encounter, we assume evangelism and foreign mission. We surmise then we are to

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## Amanda Smith is the NC History Teacher of The Year

Congratulations to our very own Amanda Smith for being named the North Carolina History Teacher of the Year 2014.

Smith teaches World History and Civics at Beaufort County Early College High School.

The award was presented to Smith at the Tuesday, Sept. 22, meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education by Fay Gore, Section Chief of the K-12 Social Studies Division of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

As the 2014 N.C. History Teacher of the Year, Smith will receive a \$1,000 award, a certificate of recognition, an archive of books and historical resources presented in her name to the BCCC library and an invitation to attend the 2015 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar of her choice. She is also a finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year Award.

## The Consecration of VIII Bishop of East Carolina

The Reverend Robert Skirving will be consecrated VIII Bishop of East Carolina on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Rock Springs Center in Pitt County.

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, will preside as chief consecrator. The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry will deliver the sermon.

If you are interested in attending please contact Kit Reddick at 252.792.1158.

*The Episcopal Church Women  
Albemarle Deanery District  
Invite You to Their  
Annual Meeting  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford  
Registration 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch at Program at Noon  
"The Roanoke Voyages"  
Presented by  
Philip McMulln, Jr., and  
Betty Lane Winslow  
Lunch will be \$15.00  
You may pay on arriva  
Please call by October 10 to reserve a seat  
Cherry Powell  
252.4825.3944*



## CORRECTION

There are a few corrections from last month's edition of *Advent Advisor* of which our readers should be aware.

Jeff and Kristen Caldwell's new son is named **Sullivan Kenneth**. (not Taylor Sullivan, p. 1)

**Nita Smith** celebrated a birthday on September 8. (p.8 and calendar) Apologies for this omission.

If you spot a correction, please let me know either here at the office (252.792.2244) or by email to [coa@coastalnet.com](mailto:coa@coastalnet.com).

# Three feasts observed in October

The Episcopal Church recognizes three (3) principal feast days on the calendar of the church year during the month of October.

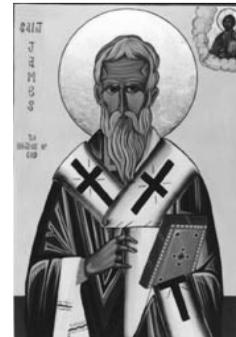
## Saint Luke the Evangelist on October 18.

Almost all that we know about Luke comes from the New Testament. He was a physician (Col 4:14), a companion of Paul on some of his missionary journeys (Acts 16:10ff; 20:5ff; 27-28). Material found in his Gospel and not elsewhere includes much of the account of Our Lord's birth and infancy and boyhood, some of the most moving parables, such as that of the Good Samaritan and that of the Prodigal Son, and three of the sayings of Christ on the Cross: "Father, forgive them," "Thou shalt be with me in Paradise," and "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on His compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy persons, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds (not a respected profession), and for the poor. The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.



## Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Martyr on October 23.



James of Jerusalem is referred to in the New Testament as the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was for many years the leader of the Christian congregation in Jerusalem, and is generally supposed to be the author of the Epistle of James, although the Epistle itself does not state this explicitly.

James is mentioned briefly in connection with Jesus' visit to Nazareth (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3).

Outside the New Testament, James is mentioned by the Jewish historian Josephus, who calls him "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ," and reports that he was much respected even by the Pharisees for his piety and strict observance of the Law, but that his enemies took advantage of an interval between Roman governors in 62 AD to have him put to death. His death is also reported by the second-century Christian writer Hegesippus.

## Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles on October 28.

Simon (the Zealot) and Jude (also called Thaddeus) are traditionally listed as the tenth and eleventh apostles. Some ancient Christian writers say that Simon and Jude went together as missionaries to Persia, and were martyred there.



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take that message to the world. In fact, even though first in grammatical placement in this passage, it is actually secondary to another emphatic phrase which is to, "MAKE DISCIPLES". Order in the original language does not always translate well into English.

Our primary calling, yours and mine, is to "Make Disciples". This was their commission, and now is ours. We are to duplicate ourselves as Jesus did in order that the Christian faith not die. In Christ's case, it was done so that Christianity not die with Jesus or his twelve. Jesus was modeling an important principle demonstrating that in making disciples of others, we must be disciples ourselves. This occurs by our being willing to learn and grow in our faith. This is the case, because this new faith of Christianity, Jesus understood as akin to raising children. As we raise them, teach and train them, we in fact perpetuate ourselves through our children to do the work we can longer do due to illness or death.

Part of my ordination vows guide me then to follow this model. And Jesus reminds them and me to, "Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day...." As such it is my calling, yeah my duty, to disciple others---who then disciple others, who disciple others. Christianity is a kind of ongoing apprenticeship program of continual preparation for ministry inside and outside the church doors. Like Jesus, this requires walking alongside others in ministry and training them as best and as often as I can. I would be remiss to do otherwise.

Thus, we return to my initial thought. Why do these trainings? They are part of fol-

lowing the Great Commission. You have may have noticed a key tenant I continue to emphasize in meetings and sermons, outside the Great Commandment, is the fact that the Priest is not the key minister in a Parish. Indeed the bulk of ministry, of bringing new people and disciplining ones who come is best, statistically and realistically, done by the larger group. For us this is the Church.

As we continue various trainings, please know my intention is not to further burden already busy schedules. It is instead a part of my ordained calling, "to make disciples of others, teaching them to obey all things Jesus has commanded us". Whether that be with the ministry of acolyte, choir, usher, altar guild, or special seasonal teachings, etc... it is done knowing that you are the ones who make the biggest difference to the world so in need of our Lord.

In Christ's love,  
Father Rob+



# Outreach provides food boxes for seniors

Each day the local Senior Center ensures that over 250

participants receive one meal a day, either by feeding at the Center or by home delivery.

But some days the Center is closed due to holidays or bad weather and the feeding program is interrupted.

Therefore, the Center's staff prepares and delivers a box of food to each participant with enough foodstuffs to provide ten meals that meet the Recommended Daily Allowance for nutrition. Although the Center receives food for the boxes through the Albemarle Food Bank, the Food Bank does not provide any meat.



**Canned Meat Collection**

Parishioners will find requests posted in the narthex. The collection will continue through October with delivery to the Center during the first week of November.

Any foodstuffs not used in the boxes will go into the Center's pantry or to the Social Services pantry.

## Cookie Sale Successful

Thank you for your generous support of Cookie Sale for the Mamma Bucher Team's efforts in the Tour de Cure. The total amount raised in the love offering for cookies was \$433.00. Thank you to our parish chefs for baking such a variety of cookies. And thank you to Sue House for organizing the sale and to John Price for his help in manning the sale table. The Mamma Bucher Team raised over \$1900.00 for the event.



Are you looking for a place to donate used clothing and household goods?

Consider The Opportunity Shoppe in Windsor, NC.

The thrift shop is a charity run by St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

Now in its third year of operation, the shop is manned by all volunteers except for one part-time paid employee.

The monies earned from donations are turned around to support various community agencies through grants and gifts.

**The Opportunity Shoppe**  
124-A East Granville Street  
Windsor, NC  
252-794-5595



**Church Thrift Store**

# Helping the Homeless

Collins Crowe is currently an intern at Open Table Ministry in Durham, NC. This internship is part of Collins' studies for a Bachelor's in Social Work from Meredith College.

Open Table Ministry seeks to help the homeless in Durham by providing critical assistance to those in need. These needs include basic necessities (like food, water, clothing and blankets); help obtaining prescription medications; and transportation to medical, mental health, and social services appointments. Collins has shared Open Table's fall appeal with our parish.

"The seasons are changing and a chill wind is blowing. The falling leaves signal additional need for our unsheltered friends. They are counting on your generous donations of some items you may no longer need. Please help us keep them warm this winter."

They have requested NEW socks and thermal underwear and GENTLY USED jeans, hoodies, rain jackets, warm jackets, t-shirts, sleeping bags, blankets, work boots and towels and washcloths.

If you can help with any of these items, contact Collins at 252.809.9080 or at crowe-col@gmail.com.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote, "We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty."

The primary goal of Open Table Ministry is to overcome this "greatest poverty" as we work together to offer the love of Jesus Christ to the homeless in our community.

Want to know more? Go to [www.opentableministry.com](http://www.opentableministry.com).



The Church started a new Facebook page at the beginning of last month at [www.facebook.com/adventinwilliamston](http://www.facebook.com/adventinwilliamston).

The page will help to spread parish news through pictures and announcements.

# Blessing of the Animals



St. Francis

The Church of the Advent is holding a celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi with a **Blessing of the Animals** service on **Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Barnes Plaza** (the corner of Main and Smith-

wick). In event of inclement weather the service will be held at the Church of the Advent.

Father Rob will lead a brief service of prayer and scripture celebrating the life of Francis, the son of a wealthy merchant who would later espouse poverty as his path to knowing Christ. The service will end with Father Rob blessing the animals and their humans in attendance individually.

Refreshments of lemonade and cookies for the people and healthy snacks for the pets will be offered.

Francis was reputed to be a lover of all animals; the tradition of blessing animals on his feast day of October 4 is seen as a reminder of this love and compassion.

This is an event for our entire community and many people and pets are planning on