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Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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Quote for the New Year: "Exercise daily...walk with the Lord!"



Advent Memories from Holy Cross

Top Left: The Children's Choir perform, Top Right: The Pageant cast and crew; Bottom Left: Kevin, Natalie, and baby Sander Kern play the holy family during the pageant; Bottom Right: Fr. Jeff gathers children to the altar on Christmas Eve to watch.

Give the Perfect Gift...Blood!

Blood Donation is the perfect gift. It can save a life and God restores this gift back to us soon after we give it. After eight weeks we become eligible to donate again.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church will be having a series of Blood Drives for 2009 scheduled between 9 to 11 weeks apart throughout the year. This seems to work best when we can keep up a regular schedule. The Blood Mobile will be at Holy Cross on the following dates from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 11th
Sunday, March 22nd
Sunday, June 7th
Sunday, August 16th
Sunday, October 25th
Sunday, December 27th

If you are, or would like to be a blood donor please make a note of these dates . 16 and 17 year olds may donate with parents consent. You must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in reasonable good health. A picture ID is required. Please contact Mike Scordato if you have any questions.



Thank You for a Wonderful Progressive Dinner

Nancy Wilson, *Progressive Dinner Coordinator*

Our Annual Holy Cross Progressive Dinner was attended by 60+ of our Holy Cross Family. I want to thank all the host homes that opened their homes to help make this dinner a success, Bill & Jo Spencer, Jim & Marcy Winters, Scott & Martha Williams, Steve & Renee Roberts, Steve & Sherry Atha, John & Jane Briscione, Tom & Ellen McLeod, Glenn & Lois Rohrer, Dan & Faith Smith, John & Tracey Hotopp, Fr. Jeff & Eileen Jencks, and Howard Johnson.

Also thanks go out to Kathy Varner for taking care of the name tags, and Jo Spencer for the travel maps for each group. A big thank you to Ann Young for food shopping and preparing the wonderful chicken curry main dish for each dinner home. As you can see it takes many volunteers to make a big event like this happen, and at Holy Cross we are blessed.

Kitchen Corner

Nettie Umbreit, *Great Wednesday Coordinator*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! In the middle of writing this article, I needed to go to Holy Cross to look at my Menu Calendar for the year to find out what the menu is for January. To my surprise, I found Mr. Warren Post and Mr. Barry Rupert in the kitchen. They were installing new cabinets where those open shelves had been above the sink. Next time you are in the Parish Hall, please come in the kitchen to see there amazing handiwork.

Thank you so very much to everyone who donated food for the Christmas Pageant Reception. The Christmas Pageant never fails to put me in the holiday spirit. The youth of Holy Cross are so very talented. I would absolutely love to see "hear" a Spring recital?

Several parishioners asked me for the recipe for the spinach dip that was made for the reception.

Spinach Artichoke Dip

1 (14ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1 (10 ounce) pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained

1 cup mayonnaise

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 ½ cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Directions: Combine all ingredients in crock pot. Dip is done when cheeses are completely melted. Serve with cut up French bread.

January Menu

January 7th - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad & Oreo Pudding

January 14th - Fried Chicken, Mashed

Potatoes & Cole Slaw

January 21st - POT LUCK -

Casserole Cook-off

January 28th - Family Host: Ann

Young, Country: India, Chicken Curry ***Great Wednesday

Dinner is at 5:30p.m. A donation of \$3.00 per person or

\$10.00 per family is appreciated.

Rector's Meditations

My Dear Sister and Brothers;

In just a few weeks our leadership will be gathered together at our first meeting as a new vestry. I am looking forward to this time as we begin a process of dialogue and discernment about the ministry of Holy Cross Church. With this meeting in mind I have been drawn to the Book of Acts which explains to us about the beginning of the Christian Church. The "Church" did not begin by constructing a building. It began through the power of the Holy Spirit that was present by the power of a strong wind. The apostles were gathered together but as of that moment they had not been empowered by God for mission. With the power of the Spirit they were then compelled to do the work of Christ. In the second chapter of Acts the prophecy of Joel come to fruition. God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters, young men shall see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I will pour out my Spirit on those that serve me, men and women both, and they will prophesy."

If things go according to God's plans we will become open to a vision that we did not create but a vision that the Holy Spirit will create in us. I hope that the time we spend together will be a time that we listen to a voice that is far greater than our planning could ever be. If we begin our ministry by beginning to listen to God's voice rather than our voice we will certainly be a Church community that will be blessed by visions and dreams. I felt a call to be your

pastor Holy Cross that compelled me to leave the comforts of a twenty two year ministry behind and start a new life among you and God's presence here in Pensacola. I wonder what God is asking this Church community to become? I wonder where God is asking us to travel with Him as the Spirit dwells among us?

Pray for a vision ...do you see God's plan for us? Can you

feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit among us? In Acts Chapter four while they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's word with fearless confidence. This is what I am praying for at our first meeting...to speak with confidence about the mission and ministry of God's holy family at Holy Cross.

Love, Fr Jeff



Fr. Jeff carries baby Jon Michael Pearson to the baptismal font on November 30. Jon is the son of Leeni White.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES DUE NOW!

Our Stewardship campaign is very important for our Vestry. It provides a measure of how healthy Holy Cross is fiscally and allows for budgeting for ministries for the upcoming year. If you have not turned in a pledge card, please do so immediately.

Junior Warden's Report

Warren Post, *Junior Warden*

Happy 2009! The New Year provides us with the opportunity to renew our commitment to Holy Cross. As Junior Warden, I have had requests for grounds and the buildings projects.

The following projects have been completed in the past month or are in progress:

1. Kitchen cabinets have been added over the sink area. I was able to help Barry Rupert in this installation. We are also going to be putting in a new counter top and rearrange the dishwashers to better use the space.
2. Roof repairs have been made over the main Church building.
3. Outdoor lighting on the education building is being worked on by Max Turner and Max Enfinger.

4. Nursery restroom repairs completed by Max Turner. Below is a partial list of projects:

1. Painting the ladies restroom in the education building.
2. Trimming the Crepe Myrtle trees along the walk approaching the office.
3. Building hangers for banners in attic over mechanical room.
4. Security for the Church Office.
5. Replacing overhead stairs in Church near library.
6. Others????

I solicit your support in completing these and any other projects which you might envision. I can be reached at 479-1596.

Senior Warden's Report

Cecil "Buddy" Lanier, *Senior Warden*

By the time you read this, 2008 will be history and 2009 will have begun. One thing remains constant; Jesus Christ is, has been and always will be our Lord and Savior. That is a wonderful way to start any year. Holy Cross enters the new Year as vulnerable to the economics of today as any other institution. We have always been a band of Christian warriors that will not allow the world to encroach on our mission. That has been evidenced in our giving of money as well as time and talents. This year it is going to be extremely important to keep our support as close to previous years as we can.

The vestry will be meeting in a few weeks to outline

some goals for the coming year. It is imperative to know how many dollars we will have to support the effort. Therefore, if you have not made your pledge please do so as quickly as possible. I will not quote any statistics at this time since our drive is incomplete. Be assured the vestry is a good steward of the money coming into the church.

We have always been known as a friendly and loving church. That is something we can continue without anything except putting our best foot forward. Meet and greet any newcomers and always encourage each other.

I will report on the vestry actions the latter part of January.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for welcoming me to your amazing loving Holy Cross community. Each person I have met has smiled, talked to me, shaken my hand or hugged me, and has offered me assistance. What a wonderful church experience. I am already very much at home even after only few months of being with you.

I have been sharing lots of ideas with Fr. Jeff, our amazing priest who takes time to get to know and bless each person. I had an idea that there was a service I could offer so that with your help I could contribute to food banks in our sister church and here at the same time, I could help bring stress relief to Holy Cross if anyone wanted some.

As a licensed massage therapist, I want to offer hand, foot, and chair massages to anyone who would like to make a love offering gift to food bank programs, sort of a "chair massage for charity-I will work for food" idea (a think disguise for a food drive "with benefits". The benefit to participants other than the obvious spiritual fulfillment would be enjoying some great relaxation and pain relief from a Christian therapist who practices healing prayer with massage therapy. Fr. Jeff has already had one of these massages, and he said it was "awesome". He gave to the food bank at our sister church and I am sure it fed many families.

I believe that we all have something we could do that would be a blessing during these times. It might be that we could make a church volunteer service bank that would make trading services possible in lieu of cash and perhaps bring us closer to the early Christian community idea. If I need a plumber, many I could exchange a knitted shawl, a home-cooked pot of something, an afternoon doing work in a garden, a morning reading to a chalk or taking the dog or a walk. Money is becoming less valuable but the value of our time and skills is increasing. Skills that previously might not have added up in cash value, seen as opportunities to share ourselves with others, become more precious than ever. Only God knows how rich we really are and will be if we see economics through the eyes of Love.

Dear brothers and sisters, I hope you will give me the chance to be a person of action and service, not only of ideas and words. Thank you again for all the way in which you have already blessed me. I look forward to getting to know and serve all of you better.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Laura Welter

Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

Join one of these choirs in January.

- Children's Choir is for children in Grades K-6 and meets at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays in the Choir Room.
- Handbell Choir is for anyone with two good hands and the ability to read music. Meets at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.
- Chancel Choir is for adults and meets at 7:15 PM on

Wednesdays in the Choir Room.

These choirs gave a good account of themselves in 2008. Now it's time to begin a new year of service. You might ask, what does one have to do to join a choir? The answer is simple. Just show up for choir rehearsal and you'll be welcomed with open arms. Thank you for supporting music at Holy Cross.

Children's Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Happy 40th Birthday to Mr. Dean (Jan.12)!

Dates to Remember:

January 4 – Sunday School resumes

January 18 – Youth Advisory Meeting (invites parents for First Communion planning)

February 1 – begins First Communion classes (10 week curriculum)

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 12 – Easter Service/First Communion

Ceremony/Easter Egg Hunt

First Communion – We will be preparing our Children's Sunday School students for First Communion. Although some of our children have been already receiving the Holy Communion, we believe this program will help all our children understand what the Eucharist is about. We encourage all parents of Sunday school students to come to our Youth Advisory Meeting, January 18, after the 10am church service in the chapel. It will be an informative meeting and your input would be very much appreciated in the planning process. We hope to have the First Communion

Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he (she) should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"

ceremony on Easter day. Please fill out signup sheet in the narthex. For questions, please contact Ede or Rachel.

Christmas Pageant recap - What a beautifully simple event we had! We started with a delicious reception in our Parish Hall, then had wonderful Recitals performed by some of our own talented cast members, and completed with our musical "It's Christmas Everywhere!" My warmest thanks to everyone involved including our cast, crew, and congregation for making it a special event!

Children's Chapel – Thank you, Ms. Sarah Tarkus & Ms. Rachel Iversen for holding children's chapel during our absence during the holidays. We continue to invite anyone who would like to lead Children's Chapel to sign up and pick up instructions in the Children's Chapel binder located in the chapel.

Children's Sunday School – Starting February 1, we will be incorporating the First Communion sessions. It will be a 10 week curriculum that will conclude on Easter.

Please contact Ede Craig if you have any questions at cell# 341-2402 or via email at edecraig@cox.net.

EYC Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

January 2009 Coming Youth Activities, put THESE ON Your CALENDAR!

Happening #49 - An event for youth in grades 10-12 is scheduled for February 20th-22nd at St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach. Application forms and medical release forms are available in the Youth office or by calling Rachel at 293-0478.

Don't Forget!

January 7, 14, 21 & 28 (Focus on Spiritual Gifts)

Junior & Senior High EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Meets From 6:15 – 7:30 PM

January 21 - Holy Eucharist with Praise Band at 6:30 PM, No EYC Meeting

"SHINE" - Designed to Shine (a new girl's singing group), Come on over to sing and fellowship. 6th-12th graders. 4-5 PM on Sunday afternoons (MLK Weekend practice will be Monday, the 19th)

EYC Movie Night Lock In - January 24-25, Come on over at 6 PM and stay over for an EYC Murder Mystery Lockin. Plus, we will cook breakfast for our church family and attend one of the church services.

Manna SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - February 1, 2009!
Fill up the grocery bags with food for Manna Food Bank.

"Make a difference in someone else's life and you'll make a difference in your own!"



Prayers of the People

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST (Said at each SUNDAY and WED. services for at least two weeks)

Krista Battalio • Aaron Biles • Linda Biles • Lillian Buice • Gen Birdsong • Oliver Gene Byrd • Melba Cooper • Dixie Edwards • Pauline Elwood • Jennifer Ericson • Pam Herberer • Cliff Land • Charlie Lee • Bill Martin • Louise Mazzer • Marilyn Milmore • Bill Newman • McKenzie Oerting • Louis Pagnanella • Christopher Scanlon • Sellina Scanlon • Aaron Teel • Dick Tossie • Gene Tossie • Sherry Tossie • John Watkins • Susan Abbottrolli • Kathy McEntire • Paula Davidson • David Vowels • Jenny Wallace • Michael Wolfe • Donna Zietlow

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST (Said at WED. services for three months and for personal daily prayer and other services.) Names may be removed or renewed, according to circumstances.

Our Members: Dottie Adams • Sherry Atha • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Amanda Harper • Jay Hoffman • Mary Harrison • Carol Hoffman • Patty Krueger • Bill Martin • Robert Neal • Bob Pollard • Connie Pollard • Linda Rupert • Fay Scordato • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Roland Byrd • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • Wayne Elwood • David Fouts • Joan Garneau • Kay Gartman • Keith Gilson • James Glover • Victoria Godwin • Jim Goodson • Javier Herdia • Valerie Hood • Neil Iversen • Jared Johannsen • Lowell Johannsen • Keith Jones • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Mildred Pierce • Katie Potter • Steve Ramirez • Kevin Reid • Mary Royalty • Emily Silverwood • Gary Smith • Iris Suber • Martha Trammel • Philip Trammel • Tommie Turner • Madeleine Varner • Ariel Walker • Christine Whetston • Carl White Sr. • Ruth Wilson • Rebecca Wise

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Dixie Edwards • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • Maybelle Scholle • Mig Smith

MILITARY PRAYER LIST for all service men and women on duty here and abroad, especially:

Josh Asselin • Ben Boyer • Lance Breeding • Raymond Buckalew Jr. • Travis Collard • Richard Cuny • Mike Darrah • Karin Eagan • Daniel Einsphar • Brian Fitch • Jason Fitch • Logan Fleming • Tyler Gardner • Ryan Garrison • Nick Gibson • Tim Gilson • John Glover • Alonzo Gonzales • Derrick Guthrie • Jeremy Harper • Zane Higgins • Jay Hunter • Grey Jewett III • Richard Kattau • Michael Lewis • Ken Libbin • David Lukavsky • Gary Marsh • Chris Miller • Mark Mitchell • Daniel Newsome • Marc Orgain • Nathan Pierce • Brad Post • Chase Rudd • Jason Sjodin • Shaun Southall • Ben Walton • Doug Wiessman • John Vieira

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Class of 2009

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Warren Post

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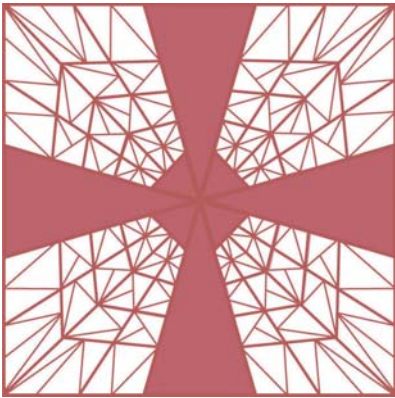
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Howard Johnson

Jo Spencer

Jan Van Winkle



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Italic font indicates meeting held in Parish Hall.</i></p> <p>Great Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir 6:15 p.m. Episcopal Youth/Children's Programming 6:15 p.m. Adult Christian Formation 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>				1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 7:00 p.m. AA
4 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	5 <i>CLC-Stretch & Grow</i> 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders	6 Escambia Schools Return from Break 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	7 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	8 11:30 a.m. Club 55 Luncheon	9	10 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 11:30 a.m. Daughters of the King Luncheon 7:00 p.m. AA
11 Blood Drive 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00-5:00 p.m. Shine Singing Group	12 <i>CLC-Stretch & Grow</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	13 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	14 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out - Litton's House 7:00 p.m. AA
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WORSHIP

Regular Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Weds-Healing)
3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Holy Communion

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please see calendar for details)

January 10	Brotherhood of St. Andrew Daughters of the King Luncheon
January 11	Blood Drive Shine Singing Group
January 17	Ladies Night Out
January 18	Youth Advisory Meeting
January 19	MLK-Office Closed Shine Singing Group
January 21	Evening Eucharist
January 24-25	EYC Movie Night Lock In
January 25	Shine Singing Group
January 30-31	Vestry Retreat

Ladies Night Out : Video MamaMia

When: Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at 6 PM

Place: Stacye Litton's House

Dinner will be lasagna, bread, salad & drink (tea, wine, water).

Cost: Donation

Call: Stacye at 473-9396 or Pam at 994-1939

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CRUCIFER ARTICLES
IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH**

Daughters of the King will hold a brunch for all women who are interested in learning more about DOK. The brunch will be on Saturday, January 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Holy Cross Parish Hall. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.