

The Church of the Holy Family

Family Affairs

January/February 2022

Deadline for March *Family Affairs*: **February 18**

“O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; praise him and magnify him for ever”

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, BCP p. 48

Many of you are aware that the church's roof has been "disappointing" us for some time. God bless our Sexton, Gary Walker, and Junior Warden Fred Mason, and so many others. The Properties Commission recommended to the Vestry that the entire roof should be replaced and the Vestry agreed. A formal bid process ensued and we ultimately selected Durham-based Pickard Roofing's proposal for about \$160,000. The vestry authorized the Treasurer to secure a bank loan for this amount over a five-year term.

Many of you will also know that Duke Energy is offering non-profits up to \$75,000 rebates for new solar installations. The Properties Commission could not ignore this once-in-a-generation opportunity to put a new solar installation on top of a new roof. The Rector, the Finance Commission, and the Vestry agreed. After another formal bid process led by Rich Damberg, we selected Cary-based Yes Solar Solutions to do an installation on all of our south-facing roofs. We are confident we will get the maximum rebate. The non-profit pool of applicants has always been small, unlike the very competitive pool of residential applicants. This is the last year Duke is offering rebates. In support of our plan, the Diocese of North Carolina awarded us a \$10,000 "Green Grant" from the Episcopal Foundation. The Vestry will pay for the difference with some reserve funds. Our energy cost savings will pay for the installation in about 9 years. Everything after that is pure savings. Yes Solar estimates the installation will give us over 60% of our energy needs.

I am very excited about this! Aside from being just good financial sense, it is also a stunning act of care for God's good Creation. I'm so proud to have worked with these faithful and visionary people who, hopefully in time for all that summer sunshine, will have transformed our beloved parish's relationship with non-renewable energy into one where we use the energy God has already given us. Now, we can have even more air conditioning! As climate change continues, I think we're going to need it. Yay, team! And praise God.

While this is a major commitment to the care of God's Creation, it is by no means the first we have made. For decades now, Holy Family has been a leader across the whole diocese in its environmental policies, which include a commitment to avoid non-renewables at all levels of our parish life. Thank you, also, to those who have helped our community live more sustainably.

Clarke French, *Rector*

from the Rector

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Summary of Vestry minutes

AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON **December 21** THE VESTRY:

- Heard the Rector's report, including he very much enjoyed visiting churches in France during his sabbatical and expressed gratitude for the staff and leadership who stepped up to make his time away possible. The pilgrimage to Stagville went very well.
- The Associate Rector said she was pleased with the help from others during the Rector's sabbatical and was glad to have the Rector back at Holy Family.
- Treasurer's Report, including receipts in October were on target through the year. Contributions from non-pledged income also met expectations. Year-to-date receipts were about one percent below budget and expenses were three percent below budget, with the difference between receipts and expenses during the year about \$18,000 to the good.
- Vestry Nominating Committee: Sabrina Powell and Anna Bauer agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Rector nominated Kim Gotwals as his representative and Senior Warden Sabrina Powell nominated Jason Lentz.
- Vestry Vacancy: The Vestry accepted the resignation of Alan Steinbeck. As Alan's term was set to expire in March 2022, the Vestry decided not to fill so short a vacancy.
- Outreach Commission has been very busy with its annual Meals for Molas fundraiser and plans to offer its usual pre-pandemic offerings in an Alternative Christmas market during Advent.

Commission Meetings in January and February, via Zoom:

Outreach Commission will meet Thursday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Date of the February meeting is to be decided.

Finance Commission will meet Tuesday, January 18, 6:00 p.m., and

Tuesday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

Vestry will meet Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. and

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

parish notes

Save the date! *How did we get here?* A **pilgrimage** to explore the origins of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, presented by the Racial Equity and Land Committee, Sunday, February 13, following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. More information coming soon.

Canonical Crime Squad to meet via Zoom

Join the Canonical Crime Squad at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14 for Mark Schweizer’s “The Tenor Wore Tapshoes”. Hayden Koenig, millionaire music director and police chief of St. Germaine, North Carolina, has to deal with a seemingly incorruptible corpse, a revivalist preacher guided by a chicken, and the disappearance of the Immaculate Confection, not to mention getting the choir of St. Barnabas’ ready for their next performance. Perhaps the ghost of Dashiell Hammet that haunts his typewriter can help find a solution. The Zoom link will be available in the online bulletin on February 12.

The Church of the Holy Family is doing good in the neighborhood!

From the **American Red Cross**: Holy Family’s Annual Lifesaving Impact for 2021 breaks down in this way:

- 65 donors, four of whom donated for the first time.
- 71 units of blood were collected.
- The potential numbers of patients impacted by our efforts was 213.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

From the **CompostNow Team**:

Holy Family diverted 161 pounds from the landfill in December, with a total of 732 total pounds diverted from the landfill in 2021; and 5,980 pounds diverted from the landfill since we have employed CompostNow to pick up our compostable waste!

Christian Education for Children and Youth

The Rev. Angela Compton-Nelson, Assistant to the Rector for Family Ministries
(angela@holyfamilych.org)

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A Light in the Dark: A Resource for your Household's Observance of Candlemas on February 2

One of my favorites of the Church's feast days is Candlemas, called so because the faithful would gather in the church to hear the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple and bring the year's candles to be blessed at the Mass. It is right around the corner on February 2, a wonderful day to join us for a noon Eucharist and an opportunity to gather the members of your household around one of the stories of Jesus. Below, I have included some suggestions for observing this feast day. Share your photos with me at Angela@holyfamilych.org or online using #Holyfamilycandlemas.

Epiphany is about the identity of Jesus as Messiah coming to light. The stories that we cover during this season are epiphanies of God's work in the person of Jesus. One of our tasks during this season is to recognize the identity of Jesus as the light of the world, and a savior for all people. In the church Epiphany is an exciting time during which we celebrate that God comes into the world and makes God's self fully known in person of Jesus. As a household, create a celebratory banner. Use bright colors, stars, and (if you dare) glitter. Let the banner dry and hang it up in a common space for the season.

In the stories during Epiphany, we meet some of individuals whose lives were set aside for the work of waiting for God to act in a savior. Simeon and Anna meet Jesus in the temple and prophesy about his role in the redemption of the world and Israel. On February 2:

- Gather for a meal around candlelight.
- Read the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple from Luke 2:21-39. This story includes the detail that Mary and Joseph went to the temple for Mary's purification according to Jewish custom, they meet Simeon who blesses Jesus and prophesies to Mary, and Anna who prophesies about Jesus as a savior for Israel. The Song of Simeon, also the *Nunc Dimittis*, is found among the canticles for Morning Prayer (#17) in the *Book of Common Prayer* (p.93). It is also one of two canticles that is selected for Evening Prayer (the other being the *Magnificat* or Song of Mary, p. 120).
- Work together to memorize this simple prayer, loved for hundreds of years by Christians: "Lord, you have now set our servant free, to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

With young children, you can:

- Make a prayer book of Simeon's song with lines of the prayer on each page and a space for children's illustrations.
- Listen to chants of the Song of Simeon in English and Latin on Spotify. Email me if you need help.
- Practice divine listening, a way of meditating on and praying Scripture. Read the prayer out loud slowly. Ask children to choose a word or phrase that stands out to them and discuss what the word or phrase says about who God is.

Sing together! Great songs for this day include: This Little Light of Mine, Marching in the Light of God, and He has the Whole World in his Hands

St. Joseph's Breakfast Fellowship

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (1902 W. Main Street, Durham) is asking for our assistance to help stock their pantry. St. Joseph's offers Morning Prayer and a hot breakfast on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to anyone who wants it. Please bring any of these items to the bin in the Narthex by January 23:

- Cans of ground coffee
- Instant/quick grits
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Paper plates
- Paper towels



Christmas Parish Giving

Thank you to all who participated in the Alternative Christmas market during Advent. In addition to purchasing one-of-a-kind glass angels to support the Augustine Literacy Project and providing gifts to our new Afghan refugee family through the Giving Tree, parishioners donated to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in eastern North Carolina and bought handmade articles from ChildReach Africa in Uganda to support their sewing school and pre-school. We also raised money for the lunch program at our school in Molas, Haiti, by selling Haitian chocolate and coffee.

The Christmas Eve loose offering was shared between the RENA (Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association) Center that provides groceries, tutoring, and advocacy work in an historically Black neighborhood in north Chapel Hill, and our mission partner Kirtipur Christian Fellowship in Nepal.

Thank you for your generosity!

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

—Mark 11:17

Your prayers are invited for the people of our parish and of all nations,
and for the extension and establishment of the kingdom of God.

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers on behalf of specific individuals or groups can be recorded in the notebook kept on a lectern in the Narthex. Intercessions are offered at Morning and Evening Prayer during the week. To have a prayer included in the parish prayer list, please call the church office: 919-942-3108.

The e-mail listserv is a means of inviting the community to join in praying for particular concerns or thanksgivings. To make a prayer request in this way, contact either the Rev. Clarke French (cfrench@chfnc.net) or the Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg (sballdamberg@chfnc.net).

Confidential requests for prayer may be made directly to one of the clergy or by asking members of the Prayer Team at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service to pray with and for you.

This month, please pray for:

• **The victims** and perpetrators of violence, and the victims of war and natural disasters, and all refugees.

• **Those who lead the nation**, especially Joe Biden, our President, and Roy Cooper, our Governor. Please pray that they may serve justice and promote equality and peace.

• **Those who risk their lives** in the service of their country, especially members of the armed forces and the diplomatic corps.

• **Our sick, homebound, and recovering**, especially Kathy Abbott, Dave Worster, Bill and Mary Harrison, Marie Carotenuto, Sara Smith, Celia Lata, Molly Summerlin, Cynthia Baker, Lynne Benson, Carolyn Parker, Frances DeHart, and Ivis Bohlen; and all those recovering from COVID.

• **Those who have died.**

• **Those expecting children**, especially Elizabeth Turnbull.

• **Those in any need or trouble**, especially Billy Ray, Jimmy, and Ray in prison; Eddie on Death Row; incarcerated men and staff of Orange Correctional Center and those recently re-entering society from prison.

• **Our bishops**, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina; the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina.

• **Our seminaries**, especially the University of the South, Sewanee, the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at the Duke Divinity School, and the Seminary of the Southwest.

• **Our mission partners**, Gyani Thapa in Nepal (Kirtipur Christian Fellowship), Catherine Piwang in Uganda (ChildReach Africa), and Karen Calani in Guatemala (Food for the Hungry).

• **L'École de Notre Dame** in Molas, Haiti, its students, teachers, and staff, and priest-in-charge Père Jean Jonas Laborde.

• **The Augustine Literacy Project** students, tutors, staff, and board members.

• **Our clergy**: Clarke, Sarah, Paula, and Angela.

• **The staff of our parish**: Tom, Gary, Julie, Bill, and Nicole.

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Comings & Goings

*The Lord shall watch
over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for
evermore.*

—Psalm 121:8

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