



The Mustard Seed

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, Georgia
February 2010

Greetings from the Rector

Beloved of Grace-Calvary,

As I write this, it is January 13th, and I am at Virginia Theological Seminary for clergy continuing education. The regular semester classes have not yet started, so the seminary is rather quiet. The relatively few voices and glass clinks and chair scrapes echo in the large refectory during each meal. There's no telling how things in Haiti will be by the time you receive this at the beginning of February, but I wanted to share with you the events here.

When the news of the earthquake spread through the community on campus, it took most of the day for the magnitude of the disaster to sink in. A priest who is here for study could be heard on his cell phone calling home to try to find out about individuals from his parish who were in Haiti. Another priest comes from a parish that is very involved in Haiti. She had taught in a school in Port au Prince, and her face was hollow from the sure knowledge that many of her students were dead. There are three Haitian deacons here for study who are looking forward to returning home to be ordained as priests. One of them got the news that his brother had died.



By the middle of the day it was announced that there would be a memorial Eucharist in the evening. The dean of the seminary would preach; one of the Haitian deacons would read the gospel; and, another, the one whose brother died, would lead the prayers of the people. Though we have had maybe a dozen each day at worship, the chapel was full for this special service - students here for continuing education, faculty, local people who had heard there would be worship, and priests from Tanzania here on a study program. The national hymn of Haiti was sung gently by those who speak Haitian and French. The deacon who read the gospel had that lovely lilting Haitian accent. He read slowly. When he said Martha's words from John's gospel, "Lord, if you had been here,

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Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church is open to all people for communion with God and each other in Christ. Within and beyond this historic Church, we strive to do God's work: nurturing our spirits, reaching out to those in need, and valuing and caring for the diversity of God's creation.

my brother would not have died,” I wondered how those words settled over the deacon whose brother was killed in the earthquake.

I thought, ‘Ouch.’ Then I thought, ‘Jesus is where people die. Why in the world would we think that it is Jesus’ duty to keep everyone from death? Dying is an integral part of living. It’s like saying we should be able to breathe in but we shouldn’t have to breathe out.’

The dean said that ‘why’ is not the question to ask – because there is never an adequate answer to that question. I don’t remember much else of what he said, except that he noted that God’s grace was evident among us as we had all shown up with heavy hearts simply to pray. And that the same grace that was among us was also among the living and the dead in Haiti.

I took some cash to the chapel assuming there would be a collection to benefit Haiti. But, no collection was taken. When I asked why, the person beside me simply said, “Offering plates tonight will not carry what is needed at this altar. Tonight we have brought ourselves. Tomorrow our work begins.”

The grace of God be upon us all,

Dena +

John and Nancy
Kollock, Grand
Marshalls of the
Clarkesville Christmas
Parade



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Prayers of the People

Please keep these people in your prayers.

They are prayed for by name at each Wednesday morning Healing Service. If you wish to add someone to this prayer list, please call the church office at 706-754-2451. Most people are kept on this list for four weeks. If after four weeks the person is still in need of prayer, please call the office and give us an up- date.

Adams, Nancy	House, Derrick; son of Betty House	Thomas, Peg; friend of Barbara Jones
Aldis, Bob; friend of Graham Dellinger	Hunter, Martha	Wenn, Doris
Alexander, Ann; friend of Korky Rice	Jones, Ann; friend of Jane Brice	Whitfield, Debbie; friend of Pat Molnar
Anderson, Charles; friend of Sandy Bunce	King, Donn; brother of Cynthia Johnston	
Bator, Marie; aunt of Tony Woronowski	McEver, Charlie; friend of Judith Creech	
Bourne, Henry	Norman, Adam; husband of Heather Murray	
Bullard, Celita; friend of Becky Jackson	Oliver, Sam; friend of Becky Jackson	
Creech, Cameron; son of Roberta Akin-Pate	Smessaert, Sharon	
Greene, David	Smith, Mark; friend of John Cantwell	



Take Your Turn



We all enjoy having refreshments during our Sunday morning coffee time. If you would like to help continue this practice, please consider taking your turn to provide the “goodies.” It can be very simple: cookies, pieces of coffee cake, grapes, apple slices, etc. A sign up sheet will be available on the coffee counter in St. Julian Hall. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Margaret Parsons at 706-839-6016.

February 2010

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry (SJH); 2nd and
4th Sundays
9:15 a.m. DOK New Member classes –
(SJHC)
10:00 a.m. Christian Ed
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II w/choir
1:30 p.m. EfM (POFR)
8:00 p.m. AA (SJH)

Mondays

10:00 a.m. Joyful Hands (SJH) 1st & 3rd
5:00 p.m. B-Fit (SJH)
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (SJH)

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (SJH)
8:00 p.m. AA (SJH)

Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. Kindermusik (SJH)
10:30 a.m. Healing Service
11:30 a.m. Daughters of the King (SJH)
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (POCR)
7:30 p.m. AA (SJH)

Thursdays

5:00 p.m. B-Fit (SJH)

Fridays

8:00 p.m. AA (SJH)

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (POFR)
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (SJH)

Other Events

Feb 1 5:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting (POFR)
Feb 7 NO SUNDAY BREAKFAST
Feb. 8 5:00 p.m. Foothills Board Meeting (POFR)
Feb. 10 6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Program & Supper (SJH)
Feb. 11 5:00 p.m. Woodturners (SJHU)
Feb. 15 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (POFR)
Feb. 16 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (SJH)
Feb. 17 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 17 NO HEALING SERVICE
Feb. 18 6:00 p.m. Mythological Roundtable (POFR)

Legend

POCR – Parish Office Choir Room
POFR – Parish Office Family Room
SJH – Saint Julian Hall
SJHC – Saint Julian Hall Classroom
SJHU – Saint Julian Hall Undercroft



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17th, 12 noon and 6 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

The forty-day season of Lent is a time to prepare for Easter; a time during which we are called to reflect on our lives, to intentionally empty ourselves of our stuff in order to make room for God; then, to renew our baptismal vows on Easter to live in the power of God's life-giving Spirit.

Let Us Celebrate

February Birthdays

- 1 John Andrews, John Cantwell,
William "Bill" Johnston
- 4 Michelle Wetherbee
- 5 David Perry
- 6 Lynda Ann Loring
- 8 Dick Bunce
- 9 Avery Jenkins, McCall Aycock
- 12 Billye Runion, Brittany Williams
- 13 Becky Jackson, Tony Woronowski
- 14 Diane Owens
- 15 Ellen Evatt
- 16 Judith Creech
- 21 David Slepoy
- 23 John Davis, Marty Smith
- 25 Jennifer Stapleton
- 26 Walton Smith

February Anniversaries

- 5 Bob & Pat Alewine
Robert & Elizabeth Miller
- 13 Craig & Sherry Donnelly
- 16 Bob & Teri Parker



Outreach Corner

The mission of the Committee for Outreach Ministry is twofold:

To provide leadership and encouragement to members of the congregation of Grace-Calvary in personally reaching out to others in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ; and

To provide prayer, encouragement and financial support for the ministries of selected organizations engaged in His service, in our local community, our diocese, our nation, and to the ends of the earth.



Close to Home

For those of us who clip coupons from the newspaper, etc. and skip over the ones we are not interested in, please save diaper coupons, e.g. for Pampers and Huggies, and place them in an envelope which will be on the bulletin board near the Nursery. Then, a young mother or father can take them to buy the disposable diapers which are so expensive.

To the Community of Saints at Grace-Calvary

As I drive down to Atlanta on 441, it is so hard to not make that right turn at Hollywood and head to Clarkesville. There is still a part of me that wants to come 'home' to you all. Even though I was only with you for eighteen months, your love and welcome gave me a wonderful 'home-base.'

Thank you all for accompanying me on my priestly journey and for "pulling me through." You were always ready with a listening ear or words of encouragement or wisdom – thanks for your willingness to laugh and overlook those times when I lost my place in the liturgy.

Thank you to the Daughters of the King for the wonderful reception, the nativity set and the flowers on my last Sunday, January 3rd. I am still basking in the warmth and love of that morning.

The love offering was indeed a love offering – from the money gifts, the cards and even the lovely box that Hannah made - I am so grateful. "May all you have given with open hands and in gratitude be returned to you a hundredfold." (Psalm 20 in Psalms for Praying.)

Thank you for the colorful stole and the traveling Communion kit. Actually, I have already needed the traveling kit. Two useful gifts that I will use and give thanks for you all.

As of this writing, I have been at Church of the Common Ground for one week. Most of the members live in shelters, recovery homes or on the streets. After the earthquake in Haiti, the members wanted to send \$150 from the outreach fund to help in Haiti. We are all part of the family of God.

Last Sunday a corgi named Bonnie attended church and came through the communion line! I gave her a blessing and was blessed to remember that all creatures are God's. I will send updates and hope you all will visit at some point either on Sunday or during the week.

So you all - Dena, Pat, Sandy, Todd, the vestry, staff, and the entire community of saints at Grace-Calvary, many heartfelt thanks.

I love and appreciate each of you,

Mary Wetzel



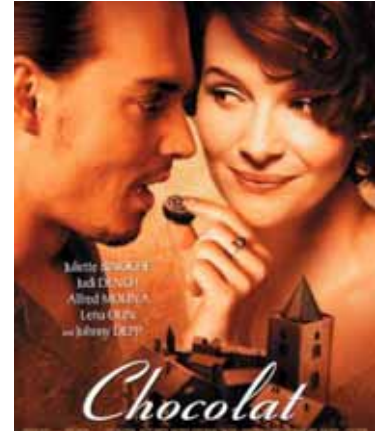
2nd Wednesday Program & Dinner

Dinner and discussion of the movie *Chocolat*
Wednesday, February 10th – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This film begins with the arrival in a tiny French village of a single mother and her young daughter on Shrove Tuesday.

Her opening of a chocolate shop goes against the village's accustomed observance of Lent, but brings with it the Easter life which 'fills the hungry with good things.'

Please watch the film before February 10th. We will view portions and discuss aspects of the film and their message to us during the program.



Epiphany Gifts from the Magi

A very generous offering of \$424 was collected at the Epiphany Service of Light by our very own magi – James Davis, Perry Gresham, and Hannah Jones. With the other children and youth present, they dove into the Episcopal Relief & Development Christmas Catalog and chose the following gifts to purchase:

10 mosquito nets

Safe, clean water and hygiene education for 2 people

Basic medicine and nutrition for a mother and child

Tuition, books, uniform and school supplies for a child orphaned by AIDS

Bees & Honey – equipment and training for one person

Providing two hot meals a day for a young child in school.



10th Folk School Weekend March 5-7 at Mikell Camp



The Work of Our Hands will sponsor its 10th annual Folk School Weekend March 5-7 at Mikell Camp and Conference Center, Toccoa. Thirteen different art areas will be offered, including for the first time Appalachian hand-tied broom making. The Rev. Roger Ard, rector of St. Peter's, Rome, will talk Saturday morning on "Hands and Soul: The Lathe of Creation."

For a description of the courses, details about cost and room arrangements, and to find the registration form, go to www.workofhands.com. This is an adult conference, but teens are welcome to come with parents or grandparents. Classes tend to fill up quickly; so register soon.

Amigos For Christ North Georgia Group Mission Trip

May 29 - June 5, 2010

We will be going back to Nicaragua again this year with neighbors from Resurrection and Nacoochee Presbyterian from White Co. Our mission trips are primarily service and relief work trips that include low-skill construction labor - as well as time to meet with, play with, and pray with Nicaraguan families. You do not need to be fluent in Spanish to have this life-changing experience.

While we are in Nicaragua, we travel as a group and have structured activities and work assignments, as well as time to explore a volcano and relax at a beach. We are well fed and have clean accommodations with showers.

The cost is \$150 for the week plus airfare, which is around \$400 round trip right now. Airfare will go up as travel time approaches. Additionally, immunizations are required and may cost up to \$300.

Each individual is responsible for his/her own airfare. We will travel as a group on the same flight, and all ground transportation is arranged for the whole group.

For more information contact:

Group Leader: John Cantwell
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cell: 706-499-8060

Important Dates

April 23, 2010 Deposit of \$150 and paperwork due to Amigos for Christ
Saturday, May 29 Meet at Atlanta Airport – Delta ticket Counter
Saturday, June 5 Arrive at Atlanta Airport



Flight information: There are no group tickets for this trip. Everyone is responsible for the purchase of their own ticket. The group plans to travel on the following flights. Please book your tickets on the following flights or contact Claudia at Claudia@atlantatravelcenter.com to make flight arrangements.

May 29 DL369 Atlanta – 5:45pm
 Managua 8:36pm
June 5 DL370 Managua –
 9:00am Atlanta 1:44pm



The Episcopal Church Stands Strong in Haiti

Rejecting offers to evacuate him from Port-au-Prince, Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin said Jan. 18 that he must remain in the Haitian capital. Duracin, who was made homeless by the quake, said he is caring for 3,000 other homeless victims of the quake in a tent city in downtown Port-au-Prince. More than 100 of the diocese's churches have been damaged or destroyed, he said, including the demolished Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral) in Port-au-Prince. At least four of the diocese's 254 schools, ranging from pre-schools to a university and seminary, were destroyed.

One of the U.S.-based Episcopal Church's 12 overseas dioceses, Haiti is numerically the largest diocese in the church with more than 83,000 Episcopalians in 169 congregations served by just 37 clergy.

Another Episcopal Church missionary, the Rev. Canon Oge Beauvoir, the dean of the diocese's seminary, is also staying in Haiti and working with Duracin. Duracin told a missionary contact in Virginia that he is working to coordinate relief services and trying to provide the tent city occupants with basic supplies such as food, water, medical care and shelter. "We have lost everything and need your help," Duracin told Stanley. Duracin's wife, Marie-Edith, was injured when their home collapsed. She was taken to Zanmi Lasante, the Partners in Health hospital in Cange, outside of Port-au-Prince.

The bishop said he was to meet with the diocese's Executive Council on the morning of Jan. 18 to determine its recovery priorities. Already, he knew that those priorities would include the hard-hit area of Trouin, a mountain village about 23 miles southwest of the Haitian capital and near the quake's epicenter, and nearby Léogâne, where the diocese runs St. Croix Hospital and the only baccalaureate-degree nursing school in the country. Trouin, where four people were reportedly killed by the earthquake during an Episcopal church service, is just outside Léogâne, in which news reports say close to 90 percent of the buildings were destroyed. "There are many people hurt and injured there," Duracin said. "They need your help." Nursing school dean Hilda Alcindor told the Wall Street Journal that she and the nursing students have treated 5,000 people since the quake. A tent city has sprung up in the open fields around the school. "Léogâne is all broken," she told the Journal, adding that the school does not have the medical supplies it needs. Duracin told his US contact that he is thankful for the help that has already arrived and that which is on the way.

"We are grateful," he said. "Please continue to pray for us, and to help us. There is nothing left."

Episcopal Relief & Development has said that, at this point in the relief effort, monetary donations are the best way for most individuals to partner with Haitians. **To donate to Episcopal Relief & Development go to www.er-d.org/donate-select.php; call the agency at 1-800-334-7626 ext.5129, or mail a gift to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Please write "Haiti Fund" in the memo of all checks.**

Church Gets a Facelift

The exterior of the church got a well deserved facelift from October – January. This included the steeple, siding, mouldings, porch, stairs, and columns, which were:

pressure washed
spot scraped
repaired or replaced as needed
caulked
given a fresh coat of paint

More than two dozen areas of rot were repaired, and a half dozen pieces of siding or moulding were replaced entirely. All of this was accomplished by a team of local contractors and church volunteers. Donations by you and money set aside for preservation from the 2008 Heritage Festival made all of this work possible.



News and Events

Alliance for African-American Music

The Alliance for African-American Music in Habersham County will presents their 19th celebration on February 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Cornelia. This celebration was first organized in 1989 by Rev. Julian Lachicotte, rector at Grace-Calvary Church and Rev. Terry McCreary, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church. The theme of this year's celebration is "Music Gives Flight to the Imagination". Please mark your calendars and come to this special celebration.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday Feb. 16th, 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 16th. Cynthia J and Barbara J have already started gathering supplies for fun activities for the young folks (including those young in age and "young at heart"). Barrie Aycock and Frank McCann are handling the food – there'll be plenty of pancakes and other good stuff.



We'd like to have some idea how many to plan for; so please RSVP by calling the church office, or email Barrie baycock@windstream.net.

Sharing & Caring

Sharing & Caring place wants to express our deep appreciation for all the help we received from volunteers at Grace-Calvary. We especially want to thank David Todd for his group of helpers. We fed 600 families in need with 2 large bags each of food.

We hope to see you next December. We couldn't do without you.

Thank you, Jack Reeves

Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds would like to thank Roy Bruner, Jack B. Johnston, and Mike Short for scraping, sanding, priming, and painting the church porch steps, porch floor, and sacristy steps on Monday afternoon, Jan. 18.



Vanishing Appalachia: Keeping Faith on Uneven Ground

February 19-20, 2010

Piedmont College Athens Campus and The Classic Center, Athens, Georgia

Author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor will lead a symposium at Piedmont College in Athens that will examine the role of religion in Appalachian culture.

Author and historian Bill J. Leonard, founding Dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University, will deliver the plenary address on the topic of the demise of Appalachia. Leonard is the author of 17 books, including "Appalachian Christianity: Profiles in Regional Pluralism and Baptists in America." Leonard will examine how changes in population have affected small Appalachian churches and businesses.

For more information about the symposium or to register, contact Brandy Aycock at the Piedmont College campus in Demorest at 1-800-868-1641; e-mail baycock@piedmont.edu; or visit www.piedmont.edu.

Important Upcoming Dates

March 6 – Diocesan Ministry Fair

March 5-7 – EWC Retreat

Bishop
The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander
Rector
The Rev. Dena S. Bearl
Parish Administrator
Todd Blandin
Organist
Mr. Anthony Woronowski
Choir Director
Dr. Edwin Calloway



Vestry

Sr. Warden - Mr. John
Cantwell '11
Mrs. Barrie Aycock '11
Ms. Becky Jackson '13
Mr. Russell Johnson '11
Mrs. Cynthia Johnston '13
Mr. Jim Loring '12
Mr. Matt McClurg '13
Mr. Walton Smith '12
Mrs. Anne Short '12

Sunday Lections

February 7 **Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11**

February 14 **Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)**

February 21 **Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13**

February 28 **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-350**

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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