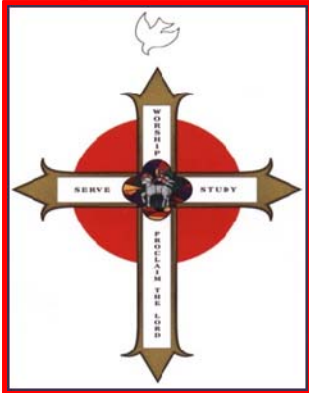


Cross Ties

December 2011



*Walking in the Way of the Cross
United and Empowered by the Holy Spirit*



From the Rector's Desk

I don't normally do this, but, mindful of all the Christmas shopping that is about to happen, I wanted to share something with you. It has nothing to do with Advent, and is only indirectly spiritual, but I think you will perhaps be inspired by it.

Copied from a friend. Christmas 2011 – Birth of a New Tradition. As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods – merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is! It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper? Everyone – yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement. Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates. Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plonking down the Benjamins on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or



games at the local golf course. There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants – all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains – this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open. How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day. My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his business up and running. OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes. Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre. Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands. Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip. You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so China can build

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A Report from Army Chaplain Jerry Sherbourne in Afghanistan



Chaplain Sherbourne (far left) at a baptism ceremony in Afghanistan.

I have been asked to write an article for readers of the NE Anglican describing my ministry in Afghanistan as a deployed Army chaplain. I would like to begin by thanking Frs. Koller and Monroe and Bp. Marsh for the opportunity to do so, for their support in sending BCPs, ordo calendars, and baptismal certificates, and for their prayers. God bless you, Reverend Fathers, and thank you.

So, what are my days like over here, and what is my ministry like? I am part of a small behavioral health/medical detachment, the 528th COSC (Combat Operational Stress Control – you can find us on Facebook ☺). Our mission is to strengthen unit cohesion and Soldier readiness through prevention (pre-emptive education and counseling) and restoration (primarily through a 3-5 day program at one of our “Restoration Centers” designed to give Soldiers a chance to talk with counselors and get some good sleep, pt and education on stress management, coping skills, etc.). My particular mission as the COSC Chaplain is to be there for the COSC Soldiers as well as those in our “Resto” programs, and to act as a liaison with other chaplains throughout North and Eastern Afghanistan.

My assistant and I spent most of July-August traveling by plane and helicopter around a large portion of the eastern half of the country to visit my COSC teams on their various locations. I will continue to do this periodically in order to “check up on them” pastorally; to work with them in support of their mission, to talk w/ the Soldiers they help; and to meet the chaplains in their AO (area of operations) and do my “chaplain liaison” thing.

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I go about my day over here much the same as I did back in the states [as do most deployed Service-members; the ones who kick in doors or work directly with the Afghan people are few compared to the rest of us who enable and support them]. I usually start with PT – which means running – about 0530. Short days are 2-3 miles, long days are about 8 miles. I shoot for running 5 days/week, but don't always make it. I took today off and worked on pushups throughout the day. 50, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20 – and that's 200! I'm trying to max my next PT test – not because I have to, but just because I'd kind of like to do that at least once. Pretty soon they're changing to some new high tech PT scenario, so I probably won't do as well on that one because all I really want to do for PT is run. My assistant asked me, "Is today a running day, Sir?" I said, "it's always a running day!"

After running comes, of course, shower and call-home (!) and breakfast. Calling home is a highlight of each day. If I call early in my morning, it's not quite too late at night on the east coast. After breakfast I walk to the chapel, where I am blessed to have a decent office. My day starts with a scan of my email and news sites (I am anxiously keeping up with national politics) and, more importantly, with Morning Prayer and some time in silence for contemplative prayer. This has been a startlingly growthful practice for me and a real blessing to incorporate into my prayer life. After morning devotions, I generally respond to e-mail and generate some email for other people to respond to ☺.

I am blessed to be able to hold "Chapel Ancient: The Anglican/Episcopal Service on BAF" on Sunday mornings at 0900. We're up to about 12-15 on a Sunday now, and we get regular visitors, which is nice. This is a refreshing chance to minister both sacramentally and from w/in the Anglican tradition. "Chapel Ancient," by the way, is a play on the Army Chaplain Corps version of the "non-denominational" contemporary worship service: Chapel NeXt.

Most of my ministry occurs outside of church services and Bible studies, though. It's not very glamorous or any more important than what any of our priests or people do on a regular basis – but it is what God has given me to do, and I am blessed to be able to do it. Basically, I have conversations w/ people; and while it's very ordinary in some ways, it's also very exciting to be a part of what God is doing in their lives.

Space does not permit me to tell you about the great time I had preparing a Soldier for baptism recently, about kneeling together to pray the Family Prayers from the BCP and experiencing the mystery of the love of God together. Nor can I tell you about the countless (young and not-so-young) men and women on spiritual journeys who need and long to know the love of God. I just sat w/ a great young LT as he prayed out loud for one of the first times, "God, if you're real and you're out there listening, I don't have much of a relationship with you, and I'd like to. Please help me. That's it." He really meant "that's it" as the clue to me that he was done praying and it was my turn, but what a way to say, "Amen!" And what a prayer! It was a holy moment. God was, of course, right there in the room with us, and He will answer. As I write I am overwhelmed by what a privilege, honor, and blessing it is to get to be here with and for these American service members. [Other times I am overwhelmed by how hard it is to be away from the girl of my dreams, and to miss my kids' lives for a whole year at a time.]

I also teach a class every third day at the Warfighter Restoration Center. It's called "Spiritual Exploration" and is exactly that – a chance for Soldiers who are going through hard times and/or dealing w/ combat and operational stress reactions (COSRs) to look at their spiritual life and consider whether and how attending to the needs of their spirit might be a helpful part of their growth. Most Soldiers have a Christian background and they start thinking about things like praying, reading the Bible, and going to church/chapel. For others

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it will mean other things, but if I can encourage them to seek Truth and Beauty and Peace w/ God, themselves and/or others – then I have just encouraged them to seek Jesus, though they may not know Him yet and might not have any interest in Him at the time. I also offer a selection of optional classes on prayer, the Bible, forgiveness – as well as the chance to just talk w/ me if they would like.

Then there is always the sermon to prepare, prep for any Bible studies or classes I might be doing, my own Soldiers to follow up with, and some “walk ins” who want to talk w/ a chaplain (about everything from depression, to having been abused as a child, suicidal thoughts, and relationship problems... to questions of God and the spiritual life). AND, of course, I fulfill my role as a liaison from the COSC (Combat Operational Stress Control) unit to the area chaplains, helping educate them about what the COSC has to offer their unit and how we might be able to support them.

The days do tend to be long, but I have pretty much control of my own schedule, so I take care of myself. Most everyone in my unit takes a day off each week. I have “low ops” days, but ought to get better about taking an entire day off. The Sabbath was made for us because we need it! I try to Skype home or IM in the evening, too, but tonight I can’t get online. I miss talking to my wife and kids, but I have time to write this article, so that’s good.

As you can see, I have an almost ideal life ☺. I start my day w/ physical and spiritual training; the Army sent me to Erskine Seminary in SC to get my D. Min. prior to this deployment, and I get to work on finishing my dissertation project as part of my official duties; AND I get to help Soldiers connect w/ God, their loved ones and themselves on a regular basis! “It don’t get much better than that!”

Of course some days are harder than others. Killing and being nearly killed are hard on the soul – especially when it happens over and over again – and especially when it is hard to understand what the purpose is (which is the case for many Soldiers). Being there for Soldiers who are struggling through these realities is both draining and rewarding. PTSD is real and is no joke – but it is not beyond God’s healing love, either. Nor, I might add, is any other affliction, suffering, temptation or condition known to man. This is why I am here, sent by my church and our Lord Jesus Christ to be a chaplain to American Soldiers – from “door kickers” to “paper pushers” and everyone in between – an icon of Christ, an emissary of His love, peace, healing, and life in the midst of the hell and tedium of war. Again, I thank you for your prayers and support – they mean the world to me. God bless you.

Chaplain Jerry Sherbourne



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Stewardship – Kick Start 2012

From time to time, we all feel a little detached. Our environment or change in the environment that surrounds us takes us out of our comfort zone. We become more self-absorbed and feel like a stranger in our old community. Here are some excerpts from an interesting perspective written by Eugene H. Peterson in the Men's Devotional Bible that may help us deal with this sense of exile as experienced by the Hebrew nation in the Old Testament.

Exile (being where we don't want to be with people we don't want to be with) forces a decision: Will I focus my attention on what is wrong with the world and feel sorry for myself? Or will I focus my energies on how I can live at my best in this place I find myself? It is always easier to complain about problems than to help with solutions.

Daily we face decisions on how we will respond to these exile conditions. We can say: "I don't like it; I want to be where I was ten years ago. How can you expect me to throw myself into what I don't like—that would be sheer hypocrisy."

Or we can say: "I will do my best with what is here. Far more important than the climate of this place, the economics of this place, the neighbors in this place, is the God of this place. God is here with me. What I am experiencing right now is on ground that was created by him and with people whom he loves. It is just as possible to live out the will of God here as any place else. I am full of fear. I don't know my way around. I have much to learn. I'm not sure I can make it. But I had those feelings before. Change is hard. Developing intimacy among strangers is always a risk. Building relationships in unfamiliar and hostile surroundings is difficult. But if that is what It means to be alive and human, I will do it"...

All of us are given moments, days, months, years of exile. What will we do with them? Wish we were someplace else? Complain? Escape into fantasies? Avoid reality by drinking or drug use? Or build and plant and seek to nourish the place we inhabit and the people we are with? Exile reveals what really matters and frees us to pursue what really matters which is to seek the Lord with all our hearts.

A certain path out of any personal exile is to invest time, talent and treasure with others in our community. St. Thomas and our variety of ministries provide an option for those of us in exile. During the Christmas season, please think about what kind of impact your efforts will make on our community when combined with fellow parishioners. Pledge to be part of the message that we can bring to our community for 2012!

Fellow Steward,
Ron Hewett

Learn from the Epistle of James

Come join us and learn what James has to say about Faith and Works; taming the tongue; boasting; patience; and prayer and how it applies to us today. A new Bible study class on The Epistle of James will begin after the first of the year. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 AM. Starting date is to be announced. Led by Peggy and Bob Nelson. Looking forward to seeing you then.



Christmas Pageant News and Godly Play Schedule

Christmas Pageant - Looking for pageant participants for the 4pm Christmas Pageant. We will have two practices. (1) Sunday, December 18th from 2pm until 3pm and (2) Christmas Eve at 2:30 dress rehearsal. We will also have a reception after the 4pm service.

Pam Kerley

December			
	Advent I & II		Nancy/Debbie
4 Advent II	Annual Meeting – after 9am service		
Mon Dec.5	Glen Edwards Children’s Choir	11am	
11 Advent III	Lessons & Carols & Reception		
18 Advent IV	Advent III & IV		Debbie/Marcy
24	Christmas Eve Children’s service	4pm	
25	Christmas Break – No Class	No 8am	10 am quiet service
Jan-12			
1	No Class, No 8am service		
8 Epiphany Sunday	Epiphany Epiphany Party	L.5 Vol.3	Dalia/Pat
15	Holy Baptism	L.6 Vol3	Pat/Nancy
22	The Circle of the Church Year	L1 Vol2	Nancy/Dalia
29 5 th Sun. Lunch	Parable of the Good Shepherd	L.7 Vol.3	Debbie/Marcy

Advent Music

You are invited to attend a musical program at St. Thomas' on Monday, December 5, at 11 a.m. Seasonal music will be presented by the chorus from J. Glenn Edwards School, under the direction of Dr. Daniel Hester. Come and bring a friend.



An Advent program of scripture readings and anthems will be given on Sunday, December 11, at the ten o'clock service. Music will be presented by the choir and a chamber orchestra.



Stewardship News

At the two week point of our pledge campaign we are nearly two thirds of the way to our goals. Our primary goal is to get 100 per cent participation with a secondary goal of exceeding the number of pledges received last year (103).

We are always encouraged to set ambitious goals and the Vestry, Stewardship Committee and Father Craig, felt that getting every family and individual who attends St Thomas to consider what they can contribute to our ministries is the next appropriate step based on the progress we have made over the past three years.

With the pledges we receive during November, the parish treasurer and the Vestry are able to plan in December what we will do as a parish in 2012. Please be part of this important aspect of the church annual cycle and return your pledge card to the parish office as soon as possible.

For those who have already committed to support for 2012, many thanks!

Looking forward to a great 2012,

The Stewardship Committee

Shirley and Marcy... contributed by Mari Hann

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest ' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy...' Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

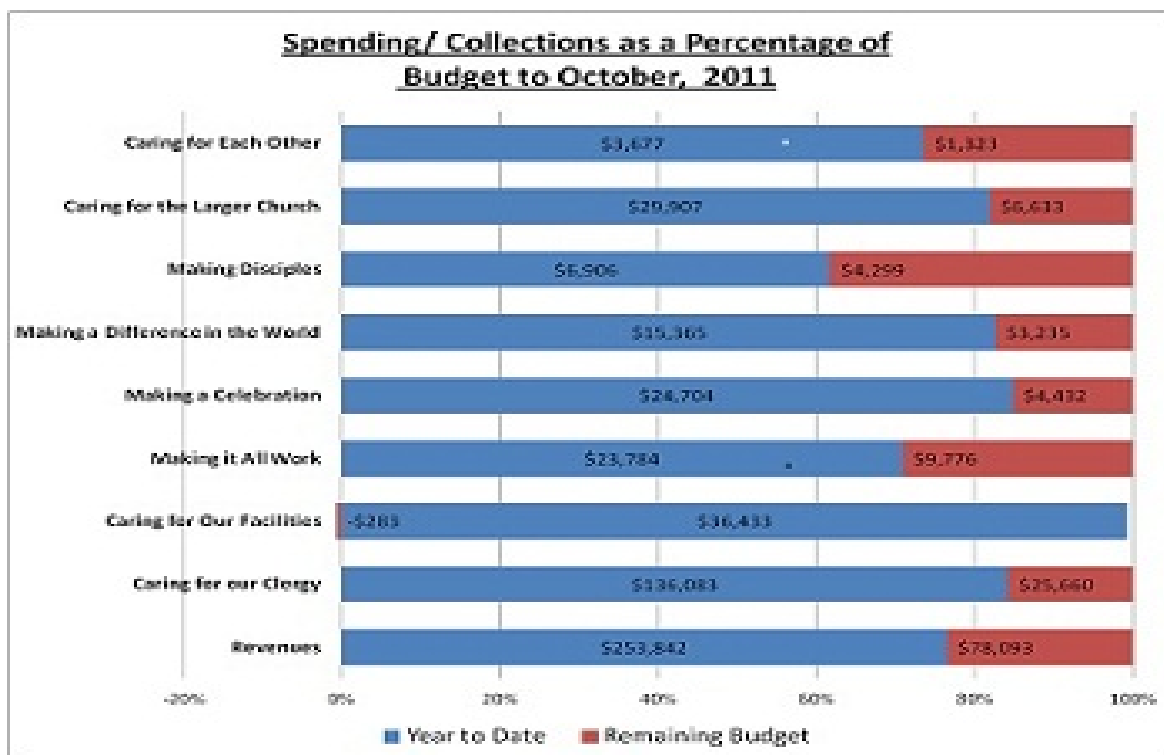


Treasurer's Report by Bob Nelson

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Statement of Activity To October, 2011**

	2011 Budget	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent of Budget	Year Ended 2010
Revenues	\$331,934	\$ 253,842	\$ 78,093	76%	\$ 344,917
Caring for our Clergy	161,743	136,083	25,660	84%	155,380
Caring for Our Facilities	36,150	36,433	(283)	101%	44,032
Making it All Work	33,560	23,784	9,776	71%	31,328
Making a Celebration	29,136	24,704	4,432	85%	31,467
Making a Difference in the World	18,600	15,365	3,235	83%	17,340
Making Disciples	11,205	6,906	4,299	62%	11,524
Caring for the Larger Church	36,540	29,907	6,633	82%	26,160
Caring for Each Other	5,000	3,677	1,323	74%	4,292
Totals	331,934	276,858	55,076	83%	321,523

Cash over (less than)



December Birthdays

Name	Day
Charlene Jeffries	1
Harris Wilkinson	1
Michael Amorosi	2
Dylan Holder	2
Cam Cameron	2
Bill Bradford	3
Nancy Arel	3
Kaitlyn Houston	5
Joseph Payne	7
Susan Dummit	8
Charlotte Hohenstein	8
Mary Ann Andersen	9
Andy White	9
Jean Weise	10
Ellie Sinkd	12
Pat Aylies	12
Holly Bennetts	14

Name	Day
Elisabeth Wilkinson	14
Steve Schmidt	14
Betsie Wilkinson	16
Brian Gille	18
Sydney Somoza	19
Katherine Puckett	20
Taylor Stallings	20
Rusty Hodges	21
Hannah Sherbourne	23
Drew Crumpton	24
Harriett Tice	26
Evans Stephenson	27
Krissy Houston	28
Andrew Jurcoane	28
JJ Cuff	29
Sophia Johnson	29
Warren Schaeffer	29
Matt Quinn	30
Marian Calhoun	31

Once There Was A Blind Girl...

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind.

She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left her in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.'

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes.

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Once There Was a Blind Girl...(continued from page 9)

Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - Remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one MAKER.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and thank GOD you're alive and still around.

God Bless You.

Contributed by Jo Ann Bowman

Advent is a season of waiting, waiting for Someone who was to come, waiting for Someone to come again. In Advent we watch and we wait in hope.



Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
 “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and
 strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young
 will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their
 strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be
 weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:27

Vestry Letter

The fall has arrived, St. Thomas' Food Fair is complete, day-light savings time is gone, and the annual meeting is soon. All signs of a healthy year both individually and for our parish family.

The past year has been fun for the Sr. Warden with great synergy among the vestry, committees, Fr. Craig, and parishioners. The fun has come from seeing so many share time and talents to serve our Lord. Early in the year, the Women of the Church decided to improve the kitchen efficiency and made improvements by purchasing new refrigeration/freezer equipment. The preparation for the Food Fair was thus easier and the 5th Sunday lunches, stewardship dinner, and EYC dinners were easier too.

Committees such as Sunday school leaders, Men's Group, and Altar Guild performed their assigned tasks with excellence. We have been able to meet our obligations to assist others as well as our parish. Every four years we realize the need for a new pictorial directory. Organizing the effort is very time consuming, and keeping the process going takes leadership. This year Charlotte Hohenstein took on the task. I had asked her in 2010. She agreed and began scheduling and recruited Charlene Jeffries, Kathy Stancar and Jo Ann Bowman. Thank you Charlotte and helpers for your time and dedication.

An example of sharing time and talent came from Heather Sherbourne's creation for the Altar Guild. She saw the need to help new members, like herself, recognize and learn the proper order for preparing the sanctuary for services. Her talent was photographing and creating a pictorial instruction booklet. There are many other worthy examples; I just happen to see this while helping my wife set up for a Sunday service.

The past year, actually two years, have been fun because of Dave Zeph's dedication to serving our church family. As a former Jr. Warden, I learned about "keeping the lights on and doors open". Our physical plant has been improved through Dave's leadership and parishioners' faithful support. The new roof on the parish hall, new HVAC system for the organ room, restoration of the brickwork in the Narthex, renovation of the Gilman Room and second floor, outdoor lighting and video system are some of Dave's projects. We all benefit from Dave sharing his time and talent to serve God.

I ask you to consider how your time and talent may be used to serve others. You may want to join the Outreach Committee, Choir, or another group. Activity within our parish breeds goodwill amongst parishioners and extends into our community. We will grow in faith and do all the good works God allows us through activity. Two examples: 300 chicken pot pies for the Food Fair and choir practice.

Finally, our parish is the membership. I hope someone will step forward and take on a project I believe needs to "number 1"; a leader to photograph and prepare a short biography of new members. The photo with names etc. will be posted in the lower parish hall and sent to the Cross Ties editor, Bob Bennetts. This could be an individual or small group's project. The photo only needs to be smiling faces, no professional portrait. I thank all fellow parishioners for the opportunity to serve on our vestry; and, to all those who served over the past three years, thank you for welcoming me and other new members each year.

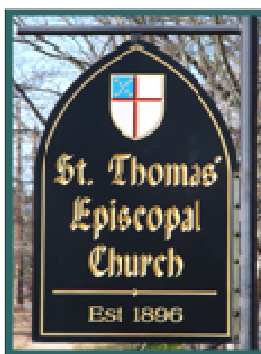
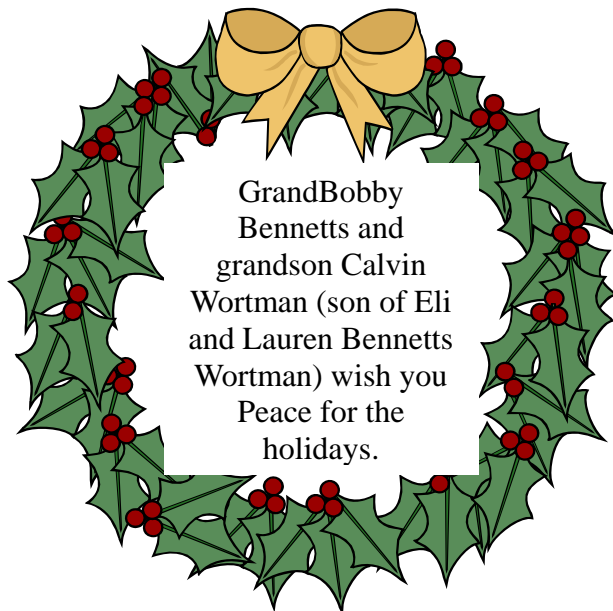
Oliver Crawley, Senior Warden



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another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. THIS is the new American Christmas tradition. Forward this to everyone on your mailing list – post it to discussion groups – throw up a post on Craigslist in the Rants and Raves section in your city – send it to the editor of your local paper and radio stations, and TV news departments. This is a revolution of caring about each other, and isn't that what Christmas is about?

Father Craig Lister



The Great Commission

“Jesus came and said to the disciples, ‘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.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

It is a joy for all Christians to answer God’s call to share their faith, and bring others to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ within the fellowship of the Church. Invite someone to attend a worship service with you this Sunday.

Our Mission...

*“To grow in the knowledge and love of God
through our worship of Him, our service to Him, and our study of His Word;
and to bring others to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
within the fellowship of the Church.”*