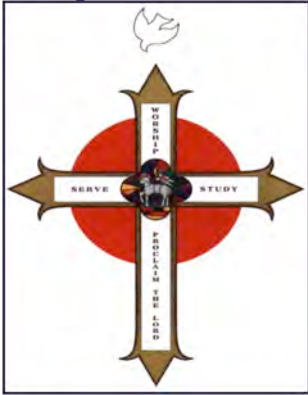
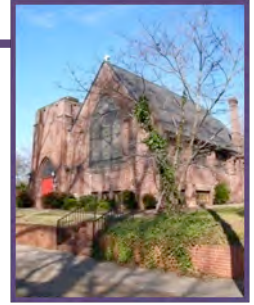


# Cross Ties

July 2011



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



*From the Rector's Desk*

I know not all of you are golf fans, but I was impressed that, just prior to last month's U.S. Open golf tournament, the eventual winner, Rory McIlroy, traveled to Haiti to help raise money for that beleaguered nation. One of the things he noticed is that the Presidential Palace had not been repaired and was still badly damaged. The earthquake hit Haiti almost a year and a half ago (January 10, 2010), and this young man was surprised that there had not been more progress made. He asked himself, "How bad must things be if they have not even been able to repair the Presidential Palace?" The bottom line is: the people of Haiti need our help now more than ever.

Earlier in the year, your vestry agreed to partner with a parish and school in Haiti. We found out that a child can be sent to one of these Episcopal schools for the princely sum of \$60 per year! What I would like to do is to designate the months of July and August as a time to collect money from the families in our

parish, each sponsoring as many children as possible.

If each family gave only one scholarship, we would raise close to \$12,000 for this school and its children. Many families might like to give more than one, perhaps one for each of your own children. I had a man in a previous parish give 10 scholarships in memory of his recently deceased wife. He did this because she had been a teacher for many years, and he thought that would be the most fitting memorial for her there could be. I certainly agreed with his thinking!

As someone who has traveled to Haiti, I cannot find the words to tell you how much difference your donations of \$60 will make. Those folks know how to stretch a dollar farther than any others I have ever seen, and they are truly hope-filled people of faith. You will soon be receiving a letter about this from a member of our vestry who also has traveled to Haiti. It is my prayer that all of us will be glad to help!



Father Craig Lister

## *Junior Warden Report*

The trees are down hauled away and the stumps ground. They also limbed up all trees that affected the walkway from the upper parking lot and the sacristy. At the same time they cut and hauled away all the bamboo up to the fence line on the Pickard lot.

The next scheduled Saturday morning work for the grounds will not take place until September. More on that later. At this time there are no major projects in the works . Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Dave Zeph

## *Women of the Church Minutes*

The June meeting of the Women of the Church was held on Monday, June 6, at 11 a.m., in the Lower Parish Hall, with thirteen women in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Frances Granger, Co-President.

Following a devotion and prayer by Peggy Nelson, the minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. A complete financial report was given by Charlotte Hohenstein, treasurer, including sums of monies accrued, monies spent, and the final amount remaining in the Women of the Church's account.

Frances Granger and Mary Quinn shared details of the installation of the newly purchased freezer and refrigerator in the kitchen. The painting of the kitchen was discussed, and members decided to express appreciation to Ken Lokey not only for his excellent painting job but also for the additional help he gave in working with members in setting up the newly purchased items. It was suggested by Mary Quinn and unanimously supported by other members that the WOC present him a \$50 check for his continuous cooperation and help in working with the WOC.

Charlotte Hohenstein suggested that the cabinet section removed to make room for the new refrigerator/freezer be used in the kitchen as a replacement for part of the "serving line." She explained that additional storage would be provided. Members were supportive of the suggestion, and it was decided that Ken Lokey would be asked to measure the space to see if the section could be used.

Additionally, discussion was held concerning the hospitalization of Frank Curtis, and the projected date for his returning home. The women made plans to furnish meals to aid Mary Curtis in caring for him. Frances Granger received information about dishes members volunteered to prepare. She plans to find out the exact date of his homecoming to expedite in delivery of meals.

Members felt that the time for future meetings of Women of the Church should be moved from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. This was the opinion of most of the members.

A "kitchen shower" was suggested to receive needed items for the kitchen as well as replacing old items. A list of suggested items was made by co-president Pat Clark. Further discussion of this idea will take place at a specially called meeting scheduled for Monday, June 13th. Members decided to meet at 9 a.m. for an hour of kitchen-cleaning, followed by a "wrap-up" meeting at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned, and members shared a delicious salad lunch, with different salads furnished by all members of the WOC in attendance.

## *The 4<sup>th</sup> Day*

As I write, the Augustine Literacy Project is preparing for a birth! The birth of our first Tutor Training Program at St. Thomas Episcopal in Sanford is imminent. We have spent much of the last year planning and preparing for this research-based training for all of our newest volunteer tutors. Training is open to all who are willing to tutor a low-income child in reading for 60 sessions. This two-week hands-on volunteer training is scheduled for July 11-22, here in Sanford. It will provide our tutors the critical knowledge base, skills, and feedback they need to help a low-income struggling reader to read.

The budget cuts wrought by the General Assembly this past month have dealt public schools in our state a stupefying blow. Each year, public school educators do more with less for more children from diverse backgrounds. Each year, the numbers of learners entering our schools without prior knowledge of English grow. Each year, the numbers of children from families suffering hardships of many kinds also grow. Teachers pour so much of their own time, talents, and treasure into making their classrooms positive places for children to learn not only academics but how to love and appreciate one another whatever the differences, that you know it is a calling, not just a career. They are stretched now, as never before.

What will happen to our children of promise with larger classes without teacher assistants? Many more children will fall through widening cracks into illiteracy. The statistics speak clearly. Children who do not learn to read adequately in early grades end up incarcerated at an alarming rate; 85% of juvenile offenders struggle with reading. There are states that build prisons based on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade literacy rates. We can teach kids to read or build prisons!

With the specialized research-based training offered by the Augustine Literacy Project, tutors have the tools to help turn the tide of illiteracy one child at a time. I believe the Lord calls us to be the change that is needed in the world. Our team is called to teach this training. Is the Lord calling you to a personal relationship with a youngster struggling with reading? Could you give up a couple of hours a week to change 2 lives?

At this writing, a few openings remain in our July training. Prayerfully consider joining us for this, or a future training. The need is great and you will change 2 lives forever!

For more information contact [yusk@windstream.net](mailto:yusk@windstream.net) or [askalice2004@gmail.com](mailto:askalice2004@gmail.com) .

Alice Rainey MS/CCC-SLP, NBCT  
St. Peter's Table, Cursillo #100  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sanford

## *Did You Know?*

The large wooden cabinet in the sacristy which holds all the Altar linens was not made by Sanford Furniture Co. or a high-end cabinet manufacture but by our own Seth Cox. He started to build one but did not turn out like he wanted so he built another which is the one that is in the sacristy. When you have a chance then take the time to look it over (not during the church service) for it is a Masterfully Crafted piece of cabinetry.

Dave Zech



## July Birthdays

Name	Day
Darlynda Patterson	1
George Walter	2
Bob Carlson	4
Lena Kerley	6
Steve Michael	7
Jimmy Stewart	7
Jack Mathews	8
Carolyn Arnold	11
Diane Thorndike	13
Chuck Calhoun	14
Liliana Ignat	14
Anne Layne	14
Michael Crumpton	15
Molly Crumpton	15
Edna Ryan	15
David Puckett	15
Elisabeth Ponsell	16
Tammy Bennetts	17
Helen Frechette	18
Jeff Ward	19
Margaret Puckett	20
Ron Schmidt	20
Kelly Griffin	21
Deirdre Stephenson	22
Jo Ann Bowman	26
Claudia Cox	26
Carrie Fergusson	26
Dean Thorndike	26
Betsy Parnell	27
Frederick Von Canon	29

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*Serving through 2011*

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Colin Watson

Dave Zeph, Jr. Warden

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Marty Pate

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## *A Litany of the Holy Ghost*

Holy Ghost, come and renew the face of the earth.  
 Holy Ghost, shed Thy light in our souls.  
 Holy Ghost, engrave Thy law in our hearts.  
 Holy Ghost, inflame us with the flame of Thy love.  
 Holy Ghost, teach us to pray well.  
 Holy Ghost, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.  
 Holy Ghost, lead us in the way of salvation.  
 Holy Ghost, inspire in us the practice of good.  
 Holy Ghost, grant us the merits of all virtues.  
 Holy Ghost, make us persevere in justice.  
 Holy Ghost, be Thou our everlasting reward.

*The Anglican Digest*

## *Without the Trinity*

Without the Father, creation would be empty space.  
 Without the Son, no sacrifice to set us free.  
 Without the Spirit, no inspiration to embrace.  
 We would be nothing without the Trinity.

Were there no Father, no Son to cure this mortal land.  
 Were there no Son, no Spirit breathed on you and me.  
 Were there no Spirit, we could not feel the Father's hand.  
 We would be lost without the Trinity.

Praise to the Father, for gifts beyond our right to ask.  
 Praise to the Son, for love we are too blind to see.  
 Praise to the Spirit, for showing us a heavenly task.  
 We find our world, our love, our fire in the Trinity.

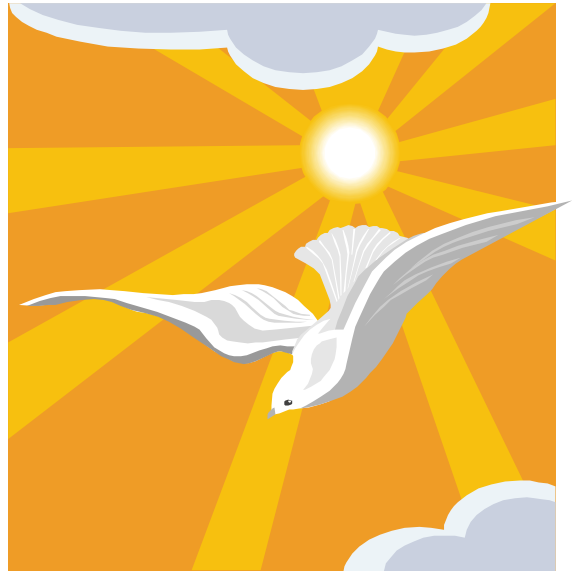
- Rick Waterhouse, St. Mary Anne's, North East, Maryland

## *Important Notes*

It's beach reading time!!! Don't forget the Shaw Library! We have lots of fiction books including mysteries, suspense, and Biblical historical fiction. There are also a lot of spiritual growth books. Check us out!!

To reach George and Carena Walter you can address mail to:

MAJ George and Carena Walter  
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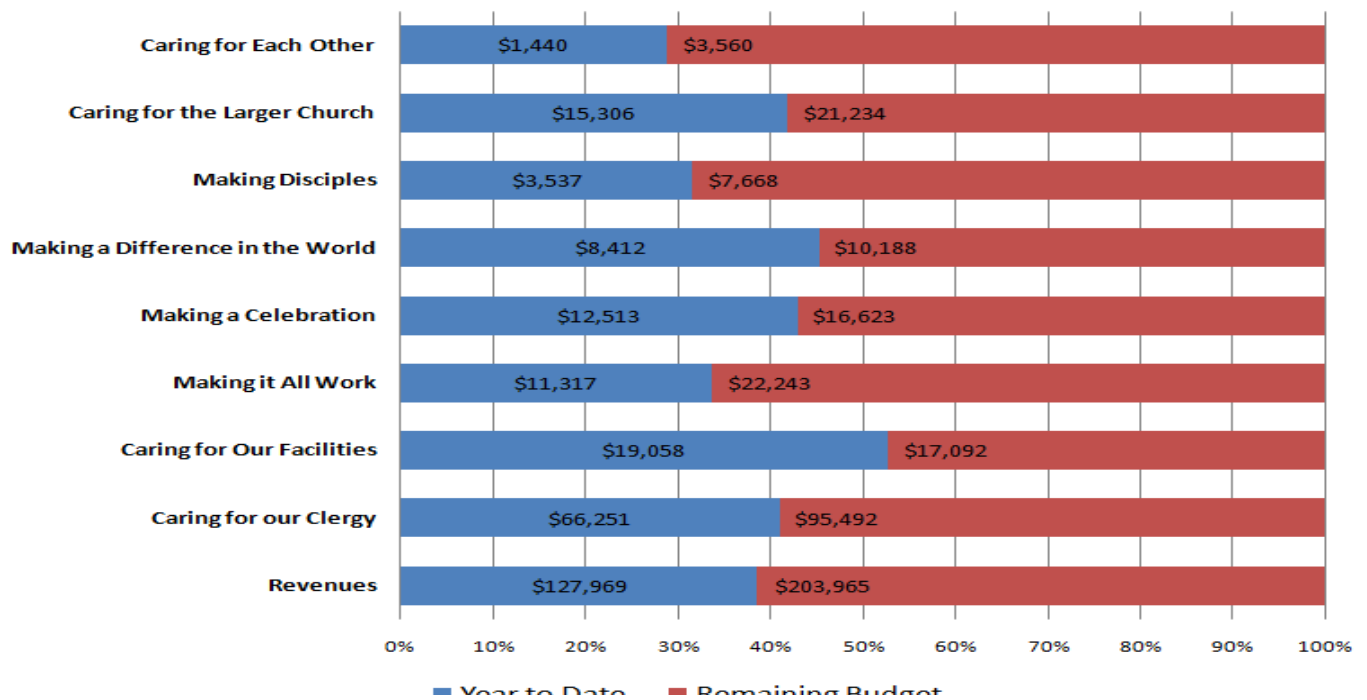


*From the Treasurer*

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

	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>	<b>Year Ended 2010</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 331,934	\$ 127,969	\$ 203,965	39%	\$ 344,917
<b>Caring for our Clergy</b>	161,743	66,251	95,492	41%	155,380
<b>Caring for Our Facilities</b>	36,150	19,058	17,092	53%	44,032
<b>Making it All Work</b>	33,560	11,317	22,243	34%	31,328
<b>Making a Celebration</b>	29,136	12,513	16,623	43%	31,467
<b>Making a Difference in the World</b>	18,600	8,412	10,188	45%	17,340
<b>Making Disciples</b>	11,205	3,537	7,668	32%	11,524
<b>Caring for the Larger Church</b>	36,540	15,306	21,234	42%	26,160
<b>Caring for Each Other</b>	5,000	1,440	3,560	29%	4,292
<b>Totals</b>	<b>331,934</b>	<b>137,834</b>	<b>194,100</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>321,523</b>

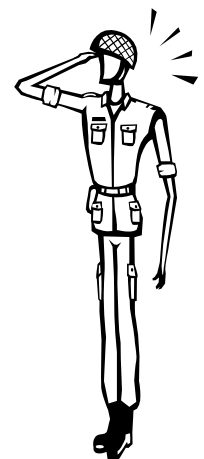
**Spending/ Collections as a Percentage of Budget to May, 2011**



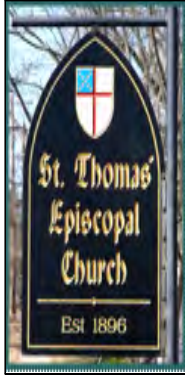
*Pictures from the Church Picnic*



Father Jerry Sherbourne and family on June 5th before his one-year military tour to Afghanistan began.



Front Row: Heather and Fr. Jerry  
Back Row: Jesse, Catherine, Merci, Vanna (family friend) Silas & Ray



## 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.”*