

Holy Cross Anglican Church

August 27, 2010

Greetings from Holy Cross Church!

Sunday Morning

+Join us for worship! All are welcome!

***9:15 – Adult Sunday school** with current subject matter covering the 1928 Book of Common Prayer

***10:30 – Holy Communion,**

Children's Sunday school & Nursery are both provided during services

Weekday Service Schedule

Wednesday evening Eucharist: Offered at 6:15 PM and Bible Study at 7:00 PM

All other Feast Day services: Offered at 12:00 PM unless otherwise noted

Pastoral Notes

Prayer Lists:

Parishioners: Ginnie, Willard, Diane, Tommye, Jeri, Susan, and Thad.

Family, Friends, & Others: Alex, Arnold, Angelina, Adelle, Cheryl & Bob, LaRue, Hope, Alma, Robert, Anthony, Justin, Elizabeth, Jaynee, Marie, Douglas+, Martin+, Richard+, and the Hope Resource Center

Military: Pray for our military and those in harms way, for Trever, Jim, James, J. C., Stephen, Eric and Fernando.

Travelers: All who are traveling to All Saints, Mills River, NC for Confirmation and Reception, particularly Gary & Bonnie, Bill & Ann, Thad, Dora & Ernie+.

Special: Please pray especially for the All African Bishops Conference being held this week in Entebbe, Uganda.

Monthly Prayer List: Please remember to update the Monthly Prayer List which is on the bulletin board with the names of those who need our prayers. And just as important, let us know who has improved do to the grace of God. Let's do this monthly so that Fr. Ernie and all of us can keep our prayer list current. Keep in mind that it is not a perpetual prayer list for everyone that is on it unless they have a continuous illness.

Newsletter deadline: Your Communications Committee is pleased to publish this weekly newsletter. Thanks so much for providing input. As always, email Father Ernie, Joanne Ewing or Les Jones with your information. We put it together on Thursday to be sent out on Friday. The committee welcomes anyone who wants to get involved.

Manor House: This ministry continues every second Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Manor House Assisted Living Center on Northshore Dr. Join Jeff Hodgson, Fr. Laird Bryson and others from Holy Cross. You will have time to get back to the 10:30 a.m. service.

Outreach and Evangelism Committee: will meet on Tuesday Sep. 7 at 7:00 p.m. to share ideas about a church calling card, visitors card, and information flyer. We will also discuss ideas for the purpose and direction our committee needs to take. “We welcome the participation of all at Holy Cross and hope you will plan to attend the meeting.” Eileen.

Coming soon: To our great website (I have been receiving calls and emails about this. Most questions concern how we did it!) are links along with pictures of the APA Foreign Missions to Haiti, India and the Philippines along with information that you will need to donate as your heart directs.

Deaconess Tina Jenkins says that donations to all of the APA’s Foreign Missions can be sent to: APA Treasurer, D. J. Fulton, 9489 Brown Road, Jonesboro, GA 30238. Note how you want it used on the Memo line, Haiti General Fund...Haiti for food...St. Yves Church and school...Philippines to feed the children...India...etc.

Women’s Bible Study: *Knowing God by Name* by Mary Kassian will be the basis for the study beginning Sep. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Call Eileen (693-8974) or Peggy (986-0849) to participate so that your copy of the book will be ready for you on the 8th.

Men’s Club: Our Men’s Club will be deciding how we can best serve the Community by discerning the needs and ability of our church to be effective. We are working with the Compassion Coalition Ministry in trying to achieve this. This really is a remarkable organization and we are excited about the different opportunities which lie ahead of us. We will be having our second monthly meeting on August 28th from 8-10 AM. Our breakfast will begin at 8:00 followed by business from 9-10 here at the church. All of you guys who can, need to be here. Visit their website at www.compassioncoalition.org to see all the great things they do for our community.

St. Barnabas: Morning Prayer Services continue through September 5th. We look forward to the return of our friends Jack & Joanne, and Les & Sue Anne.

Lydia’s Guild: Who belongs to the Guild? **ALL** women attending Holy Cross Anglican Church are members of *Lydia’s Guild*. Lydia was one of the earliest converts to Christianity. She was a resident of Thyatira in Macedonia, an area that was visited by Paul. Read her story in Acts 16: 13-15. Invitations to the Fall Retreat have been handed out or mailed. If you have not received one, call or email Sue Anne Jones. A spirited Retreat is anticipated.

The Cookbook: Joanne and Barbara are typing your favorite recipes (ask your friends for their favorites also) for inclusion. Just email your favorites to them. The Guild hopes to have the project completed soon for publishing this fall so please get your recipes in SOON.

Spotlight: The Hope Resource Center. They will be having their WALK FOR LIFE September 4 in Loudon County. Gather up at Wampler-Keith Park for registration at 8:30 a.m. The walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Can’t walk? How about sponsoring a walker. All of us can pray for the success of this event. They have other events scheduled. Visit their website at www.investingHOPE.com for walk forms or to learn more about them.

Mark your calendars

Confirmation Service: On Sunday, August 29 (1000) at All Saints, Mills River, Bishop Grundorf will both Confirm and Receive all those from the Deanery who will be presented. Our own Bonnie MacQuire will be receiving Holy Confirmation by the laying on of hands by the Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, Presiding Bishop, Diocese of the Eastern United States.

Sunday Services: Morning Prayer will take place on Sunday 8-29, officiated by Sam S. as Ernie+ will be in NC Confirmation service. Evening Prayer will be conducted by Thad O. on Sept 1 at 6:15PM. Morning Prayer will also be conducted by Thad O. on Sept. 5, as Ernie+ will be in Minnesota. Please plan on attending these services in lieu of Holy Communion Service.

Holy Cross Women's Retreat: Lydia's Guild will sponsor a two day retreat **September 17-18**. Participants will explore "Growing in Mind, Body and Spirit" at historic (one hundred year old) "Hala's Place" (www.halasplace.com). Wonderful presenters, beautiful surroundings and the restful quiet of Ten Mile will make it a memory. Cost will be \$20.00 each which will include supper, a country breakfast (prepared by Jack Ewing and Les Jones), a chance to express your creativity in pottery, and Saturday dinner. Mail or give your check to Barbara West. You really DO NOT want to miss this event!

Deanery Picnic: September 25 from 12-3 at All Saint's Mills River, NC. Directions to the picnic location is posted on the bulletin board.

Fall Picnic: October 2 at Watts Bar Lake. (It's an away game for the VOLS). It will be on the grounds of St. Barnabas in Ten Mile on the lake shore behind Joanne and Jack Ewing's. You can visit your favorite driving direction website and quiz 384 Baker Cemetery Lane, Ten Mile, TN 37880. If anyone will need a ride, we will be glad to set up some "pooling" vehicles so that everyone can attend.

Fall Deanery Meeting: October 9 (Saturday) at All Saints, Mills River. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Craft Show: Oct. 16 here at Holy Cross. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated. See Anne Pope.

Trash and Treasure Sale (the event formerly known as the Rummage Sale!) will be November 6 here at Holy Cross. Please be collecting the treasures you no longer need.

Mere Anglicanism Conference: This year's Mere Anglicanism Conference (www.mereanglicanism.org) is scheduled for Thursday January 20 thru Saturday, January 22, 2011. It will be in Charleston, SC. at St. Philips Church. The theme is Global Anglicanism.

Reminder: WE ARE ALL GREETERS. It is up to us to get to know our visitors and get them involved in Holy Cross. Please make room for them in your hearts and on the committee of their choice.

Message from the Vicar

Dear friends,

How easy it is to oversee or not see at all the many and most gracious gifts of health which we take for granted in our everyday lives. Our Lord expounds the Breath of God upon us each and every day, and we somehow miss the boat in being able to extend our gratitude to Him. How is it that we as Christians profess our Love for Jesus, but yet take for granted His unselfish love for us?

Each day we wake up from slumber, stretch out and get on with our busy lives just as if there was nothing in this crazy world except ourselves to consider. We get up and go about our daily routine without sickness or injury and we just take that for granted. But as we can see by the events this week, (an eye opener if you will) that things can quickly change in the blink of an eye). The lives we live in complete health and strength can come to an immediate and abrupt halt, and many lives around us shattered. It is always important to remember what the meaning of the Cross of Christ has for us as Christian believers. It is always when our suffering is at its peak that we remember the comfort Jesus provides in our lives. It's when we are hurting that we seek out the answers to why, what, and how could this happen to me? We do this by committing ourselves to prayer for answers.

“Why do bad things happen to good people” is the million dollar Christian question, and if I had the absolute answer to that I wouldn't be sending this message today. But I don't have that answer, God does! But the one thing that I stand my ground on is that it is so very important to remain vigilant and purposed in our faith, trust, belief, and commitment to our Living Lord. It is important to remember to give him thanks each and every day for the love He provides and for us to share that love with others in a profound way. It is important that we tell our loved ones that we love them every day and not be embarrassed to do so. Mom's & Dad's need to share their love with each other everyday, and call their children and say “I love you.” Children, do not be ashamed to call and tell your parents and grandparents that you love them. You never know if you will have another opportunity to do so, because our Lord moves quickly and decisively.

Brethren, pray for all the sick and suffering around the world this day. Pray especially for **Cheryl** and **Bob Brooks** and their family, along with all the others involved in the accident this week. We beseech the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that all their pain and suffering being put to flight, that the blessing of health may be restored unto them. Fr. Ernie

