

# The Church of the Holy Family

# Family Affairs

June 2011

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Deadline for July/August 2011 *Family Affairs*: June 15

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The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet,  
'I have no need of you.' —*1Cor. 12.21*

I had occasion, recently, to worship in another Episcopal congregation on a Sunday morning. When I worship with a different community it's rather like I'm on a kind of work-study program—I observe differences, I take note of similarities, always on the lookout for new ideas (or at least confirmation that I'm already on the right track). So this community I worshiped in, they LOVED the exchange of the peace. It was a small group of folks, say around fifty or so at the only service that day, but when the exchange of the peace occurred, every man, woman and child got up and greeted every living soul in the building. Not knowing a single person, I received so many vigorous handshakes that my own hand ached for a few hours afterward.

People hugged and kissed one another, they took the time to look everyone in the eye and really communicate something dear and meaningful. On two occasions, I was asked by those sitting around me if I would be interested in joining the choir... I was moved by the experience all the while noting just how such an exchange would be logistically impossible in any community with more than fifty people—it would simply take too long. BUT, I heard myself say just as quickly, the meaning of the exchange is the same whether you use your "pivot foot" and greet only those around you or whether you have the luxury to peacefully exchange beyond the pew.

Bishop Theodore of Mopsuestia, in the year 428, wrote this about the exchange of the peace in his *Catechetical Instructions*: "Each of us gives the Kiss of Peace to the person next to us, and so in effect gives it to the whole assembly, because this act is an acknowledgment that we have all become the single body of Christ our Lord, and so must preserve with one another that harmony that exists among all limbs of a body, loving one another equally, supporting and helping one another."

I'm always on the lookout to hear what the exchange of the peace looks like to outsiders (my own father referred to it as "half-time"), but for Christians it should be a time of liturgical urgency or anticipation. Bishop Theodore's intent was to instruct catechumens, those preparing for baptism, on the symbolic layers of our Eucharistic celebration. And in so doing he reminds all Christians—those who came together for worship sixteen hundred years ago in Asia Minor, as well as those who come together now—of the inherent value we have in the union we share in Christ. In likening this union to "limbs of a body" we can all then understand just how we are to value and esteem one another. Psychologists have a hard time explaining the trauma—emotional and physical—a person goes through after the amputation of a limb. With that in mind, when we exchange the Lord's peace, what we are "exchanging" is that token of our meaningful affection.

When we greet one another in the peace of the Lord, our gestures need to match our intent. We ought to meet one another's eyes, we ought to take care that everyone around us is greeted at least once, lest someone be left out. Even if it means greeting fewer people, taking the time to greet people well is far more important than numbers. What MUST be communicated is some sense of the importance we all play, some sense of the love given and received, a true sense of the value we all have in our baptismal union.

—Clarke French, Rector

from the rector

## June Meeting Schedule

### Augustine Project Board

*No meeting in June*

### Christian Education Commission

*Sunday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m.—Commons*

### Evangelism and Discipleship Commission

*No meeting in June*

### Fellowship Commission

*Sunday, June 26 at 11:45 a.m.—Parish Hall*

### Finance Commission

*No meeting in June*

### Liturgy Commission

*No meeting in June*

### Outreach Commission

*Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.—Library*

### Pastoral Care Commission

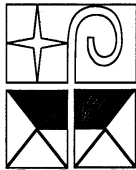
*Thursday, June 2 at 12:45 p.m.*

### Properties Commission

*No meeting in June*

### Youth Commission

*No meeting in June*



#### The links you need—

- for the Rector, **Clarke French**:  
[cfrench@chfnc.net](mailto:cfrench@chfnc.net)
- for the Assistant to the Rector, **Michelle Robertshaw**: [mrobertshaw@chfnc.net](mailto:mrobertshaw@chfnc.net)
- to reach the priest on call for emergencies, phone the **church office**: 919-942-3108
- to visit **Holy Family's website**:  
<http://www.chfepiscopal.org>

## Summary of Vestry minutes

AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING on April 26, 2011, the Vestry:

- Appointed Jan Yarborough as Clerk of the Vestry.
- Heard a report from the Rector on the liturgies of Holy Week, with special commendation of the Easter Vigil, and the Tenebrae service as newly presented by Dave Worster.
- Recognized Tom Warren's service to Holy Family as a seminarian, which will end soon after his ordination to the diaconate on June 11 (see pg. 8).
- Received the Treasurer's report for the period ending March 31, 2011, indicating receipts of about \$5000 less than projected for the month. Expenses are also trending low, so the General Fund is ahead by \$8200, an improvement over the same period in 2010.
- Noted that the funds raised for Haiti school construction will not be reflected in the parish budget.
- Discussed preliminary plans for the 2012 Every Member Canvass, and considered approaches to stewardship.
- Agreed to designate a portion of the Rector's salary as a Housing Allowance.
- Heard a report from Kevin Reily, liaison to the Outreach Commission, about parish participation in the Haiti Auction, CROP Walk, and a Habitat for Humanity project, a contribution toward tornado relief, and special collections for NetsforLife and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
- Heard a report from Sheryl Forbis, liaison to the Christian Education Commission, about plans for Vacation Church School.

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*PLEDGE STATEMENTS for January through April of 2011 have been mailed. Contributions received after April 30 will be included in the early fall statement. Please remember that the parish's financial obligations continue throughout the summer, and do your best to keep your pledge current.*

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### The Vestry

CLASS OF 2012: Adam Grobin • Neil Newcomb • Phil Post • Tracey Powell

CLASS OF 2013: Tom Bainbridge • Anne Hager-Blunk • Kevin Reily • Rollie Tillman

CLASS OF 2014: Kevin Butterfield • Sheryl Forbis • Kim Gotwals • Meredith Leight

## *Vision for Ministry Steering Committee: An Update*

*During the Adult Forum on Sunday, May 15, the Vision for Ministry Steering Committee distributed copies of the Vision for Ministry Report and presented an update on its work to date. On Sunday, May 22, the Building Subcommittee offered an update on its progress toward hiring an architectural consultant. The following report represents a narrative version of those two presentations.*

### **Brief historical overview**

In 1994, Holy Family initiated a planning process that culminated in a Master Plan presented to the Parish at its annual meeting in January 1999. From 1999 to 2003, the first phase of this Master Plan was implemented after a successful capital campaign. This first phase consisted of constructing the new Nave and Christian Education spaces; renovating lower level space into the current Administrative Suite; partially renovating our former Nave into a Parish Hall and kitchen; and completing a limited amount of landscaping.

In 2007, the Vestry appointed the first of two committees charged to work on long range planning. The Master Plan Vision Committee 2015 was followed by the Vision for Ministry Committee; this latter group produced a Vision for Ministry Report which was approved by the Vestry in December 2009. The Vision for Ministry Report outlines how Holy Family might move forward into the next phase of the Master Plan in the context of the ever-changing needs and priorities of a vibrant parish.

### **June update**

The Vision for Ministry Report, and the recommendations contained therein, is available via the parish website. The Vision for Ministry Committee also produced a set of 66 action items relating to parish life generated through town hall meetings with all the parish commissions. These action items, organized onto matrices, are currently not available via the website due to the size and complexity of the spreadsheets; board-mounted copies are available to look at in the downstairs conference room.

Toward the implementation of the recommendations found in the Report and on the matrices, the Vestry appointed a Vision for Ministry Steering Committee in 2010. This group has been charged to:

1. Hire an architectural consultant to develop a design for renovation and new construction informed by the recommendations in the Vision for Ministry Report.
2. Hire a fundraising consultant to determine the feasibility of a capital campaign and to foster a more vibrant culture of year-round financial stewardship, developing strategies for funding the ministry goals in the Vision for Ministry Report.
3. Identify opportunities for outreach, witness, evangelism and/or discipleship that might be financially supported by a component of a capital campaign.
4. Work with the Vestry and Parish Council to refine and prioritize the 66 action items, developing tools for assessing progress toward meeting these program and ministry goals.

To date, the Steering Committee has focused on the creation of subcommittees, each of which would concentrate on one of the four bullet items above. The Building Subcommittee was created first and has made substantial progress toward the hiring of an architectural consultant. Next month's update will focus on the work of that subcommittee.

### **The Vision for Ministry Steering Committee**

Kim Gotwals (Chair, Building Subcommittee)  
Jane DeHart (Chair, Partnership in Faith Subcommittee)  
Tom Bainbridge (Chair, Programs and Ministries Subcommittee)  
Sefton Stevens (Chair, Financial Stewardship Subcommittee)  
Phil Post (At-large)  
Sharon McConnell (At-large)  
Clarke French (At-large)  
Deedee Nachman (Clerk)  
Dave Worster (Chair)

drawing: Nancy Pennington



### Vacation Church School 2011: Promises, Promises

It's here! It's time for Vacation Church School! On Sunday through Thursday, **June 19 – 23**, we'll gather each evening for stories, music, games, crafts, snacks . . . all in aid of learning the stories of our ancestors in faith. This year we focus on some of the stories in Genesis: Adam and Eve, Noah, and Abraham and Sarah. We hope you'll join us.

VCS is open to children age four through rising sixth graders. Older youth and adults of all sorts are invited to volunteer. Whether you've got lots of time to share or just a bit, we'd love to have you involved. Contact Nancy Bryan (nbryan@chfnc.net or 942-3108) to sign up as a shepherd, to bring an item for snack or to clean up after supper.

Congratulations to Sara Buckley and Kaylee Caira, two of our wonderful nursery staff, who graduated from high school this month!

You may have heard by now that I am leaving Holy Family at the end of this month. It wasn't a decision made easily; this has been a wonderful and welcoming place in which to do ministry. I will become Editorial Director of Church Publishing, Inc (the Episcopal Church's official publisher of the hymnal, BCP, curriculum, and lots of other wonderful resources). I am so grateful for the opportunities to work alongside you these past two years. Holy Family will remain in my heart and in my prayers. Peace.

—Nancy Bryan, Director of Christian Education

### A note of thanks

Since 2006, Holy Family has sent support from the Outreach discretionary budget to the Kirtipur Christian Fellowship in Nepal. A note of thanks from Gyani Thapa for our latest gift of \$1100 included news of Friday Feast, a 12-week program designed to feed children “in body and spirit.” Gyani asks our prayers for peace in Nepal; for spiritual discernment and leadership among Christians there; and for the practical needs of a ministry that has public health, educational, and fellowship roles in addition to gathering for worship.

### Haiti Scholarship Drive

Sundays, June 12, 19, 26

Each year Holy Family raises money to help Père Noe Bernier purchase school uniforms and supplies for the fall term and to pay his teachers at L'École de Notre Dame in Molas throughout the year. Since our partnership began in the early 1980s, the school has grown from 50 to currently about 250 children. Come to the table on the porch after the liturgies on **June 12, 19, and 26** to offer your support:

- A teacher's salary is about \$50 per month
- It costs about \$2 per week to feed each child in the school
- It costs about \$100 per year to educate each child (tuition, uniform and materials)

Any amount is welcome!

**Checks can be made out to Church of the Holy Family with Memo: Haiti Scholarship.**

We are also making plans for the next mission trip to Molas and Cap Haitien at the beginning of November. The Rector will join us and we will be present for the baptisms of Noe and Sherly's eight- year-old twins Lex and Lexi on All Saints Day! You can find information about the trip at the Scholarship Drive table or from Diane Steinhaus (dianesteinhaus@gmail.com or 419-1516).

### Augustine Project / TROSA Training

During the first week of May, ten people learned to be Augustine Project literacy tutors through an on-site training class offered at Durham's TROSA (Triangle Residential Option for Substance Abusers). Some comments from parishioners who participated in this extraordinary experience appear below.

In each practicum room, I felt as if I should take off my shoes ...we were on holy ground.

—Debbie McCarthy

I could stand up and preach like Bishop Curry on the TROSA training. As a practicum coach, I am usually all about perfection in teaching, but as I watched our trainees at TROSA, I felt a powerful presence with us, guiding and loving us in the task at hand. God was with us those evenings. We all felt it.

—Sheryl Forbis

At TROSA, I met someone [who] wanted to be able to read the state driving test for the first time, and he needed someone to help him. I thought of the parable of the faithful servant when Christ teaches that “from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” I had never realized that my ability to read was one of those gifts I had been given.

—Rachel Martin

The TROSA training exceeded any expectation I could have imagined. Not only was the organization of the training excellent, but after meeting the residents that I will be working with, I know I will be blessed by the time I will spend there. This is an investment in the kingdom I am excited to make.

—Diane Robertson

For me, donating blood is a holy experience. It involves giving and receiving life and love. During the Augustine Project tutor training at TROSA many of us felt that we were on holy ground. We were. Thanks be to God. We gave and received life and love...and nobody pricked us with a needle.

—Ray Howe

If you are interested in becoming an Augustine tutor this year, contact Debbie at 408-0798 or [augustine@chfnc.net](mailto:augustine@chfnc.net). The July training roster is full, but drops and adds are expected, so feel free to have your name added to the waiting list. Spaces are available for the October training in Durham, and it is not too early to sign up.

God Willing

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel, 3<sup>rd</sup>, D.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina

will ordain

Thomas Paine Hopfengardner Warren

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on Saturday, the eleventh of June,

two thousand eleven

at eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Washington, North Carolina

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**The summer schedule** for Sunday worship, with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 7:55 and 10:05 a.m., starts **June 5**. We'll mark the day with a parish picnic (details below).

### **Lemonade in the Shade begins June 12**

This summer, linger on the front porch after the 10:05 service starting Sunday, June 12, and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade or ice water. To volunteer to help with this ministry, contact Nancy Pekar (929-9154 or [nancypekar@bellsouth.net](mailto:nancypekar@bellsouth.net)).

### **End-of-Year Potluck Picnic on June 5th**

Bring your reusable picnic-ware, a chair or blanket, and a dish to share to Storybook Farm after the 10:05 service on Sunday, June 5, for our "green" (no trash) picnic. The farm is located at 1 Storybook Lane, which is 5 miles west of Carrboro off Jones Ferry Road, on the left just inside Chatham County. Map: <http://bit.ly/keeMuJ>

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a main dish. Please make enough to feed your household plus a few more. The Fellowship Commission is providing dessert and beverages. **Be sure you bring a plate for cake!**

The meal begins at noon, with games to follow. So bring your favorite outdoor game gear too! Questions? Contact Nancy Pekar (929-9154 or [nancypekar@bellsouth.net](mailto:nancypekar@bellsouth.net)).

★ More fellowship events are in the works for later this summer. Cookout? Durham Bulls game? Keep watching. . .

### **Exploring the Tract Rack**

In recent weeks, the Evangelism and Discipleship Commission has been offering new titles on the Tract Rack in the Narthex. The most popular ones concern common human experiences that we all encounter on our life journeys such as grief and mourning, facing an operation or job loss. One member of Holy Family commented: "The title *Depression: How to Deal with It* caught my eye because I have lived with depression for a long time. I took a copy and read it and it helped."

These short booklets from Forward Movement Publications are well written and designed to bring a Christian perspective to life issues. The most popular title of all has been *Using the Jesus Prayer*. All copies of this have gone, but more are on the way.

Take a moment to look at the Tract Rack as you enter or leave the church and if you see something that might help a friend, please take a copy for them.

—Suzette Cayless

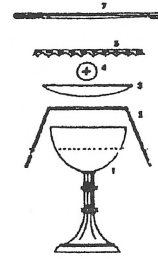
### **Hearing and understanding**

During the summer, the Liturgy Commission is conducting a trial use of Lectionary Bulletin Inserts in our Sunday service bulletins. These inserts provide a single source for the Lessons, Gospel, and Psalm readings for each Sunday. They are intended to enhance our hearing and understanding of the Lessons, as read from the lectern, and the Gospel as it is proclaimed. The commission will seek your reaction, response, and input before committing to a continuation of this practice.

## Altar Guild Is Not a Mystery: An Explanation in Four Chapters

### Chapter One—The Laundry of the Lord

“Please fold this square linen,” and “This chalice wiper needs washing” are statements you will *not* hear in the room next to the nave. (The correct nomenclature is *corporal* for the first statement and *purificator* for the second.)



Learning the language of preparing the altar for Holy Communion is one of the first lessons absorbed by the faithful group of people at Holy Family who are Altar Guild members. They are not anointed by anyone, but have volunteered to serve in Eucharistic preparation. The sign beside the door of this combination laundry and kitchen says Sacristy. Since many parishioners may not be really sure about the specifics of the duties behind this door, the Altar Guild members decided that a serial demystification might provide the newsletter with some reading that is, well, different, and maybe enlightening.

About the language . . . every item used in the Eucharist has a formal name, and the terminology easily rolls off the tongues of those who use the items. When you hear Annie Liptzin talk about ironing corporals, she is not busting people down to a lower military rank, but pressing (yep, using an iron) a piece of linen. A corporal, from the Latin word for body, is the cloth that the priest unfolds and spreads on the altar, like a placemat, for setting the Eucharistic table.

Although a purificator is tucked into the burse (the fabric envelope placed atop the chalice), it is not always used to wipe the chalice at large services. Many Episcopal churches have switched to paper purificators, which you have probably noticed at Holy Family. Using paper reduces the laundry load, but that’s not why it’s done. Paper purificators are less likely to spread germs than linen ones in a church with so many communicants each Sunday drinking from the common cup. The used paper purificators are stored until there is a sufficient number to burn.

There are three other types of linens the Guild members wash and iron with reverence:

*Lavabo towels.* True, it sounds like a spa treatment, but it’s really the small towel the priests use to dry their hands after the ritual washing before handling the elements. Watch for this at the next Eucharist you attend.

*Credence cloth.* It has nothing to do with a clear-water revival (but more on water in Chapter Two), and is simply the rectangular cloth placed on those small tables around the church called credence tables. Look for the Eucharistic elements (bread and wine) at the back of the sanctuary the next time you attend church.

You’ll see them on a credence table covered by a credence cloth.

*Altar Linen.* The square altar is also covered by linen. The altar at Holy Family is big. Guild members have therefore been known to tut-tut at acolytes who let candle ashes fall on this harder-to-wash-and-iron piece.

By now you might be imagining the real challenge of laundering all those linens—wine spills. Nothing to it, says Altar Guild member Fran Alderman. “We have a dozen tricks for removing all sorts of stains. It’s not a mystery.”

There are a few other linens used for special occasions, such as Baptism, but the ones described here are used every Sunday.

Only an Altar Guild member could explain how washing and ironing linens after a Eucharist can generate a sense of reverence. That is a bit of a mystery, even if the action of the soap is not. If after prayerful consideration, you feel called to explore this ministry, we’ll explain everything to you with patience, respect and care. Then we’ll show you our cheat sheets taped inside every cabinet. The work is not hard at all, and the learning curve is gentle, thanks to Scotch tape.

—DeeDee Riffe, Altar Guild member

NEXT MONTH—What is a *piscina* and what does it have to do with wine, water and bread?