

# The Church of the Holy Family

# Family Affairs

March 2011

Deadline for April 2011 *Family Affairs*: March 15

*“I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.” Ephesians 1.16*

Yes, it’s now “official!” I felt so very blessed on February 23 as so many folks gathered to celebrate my installation as the fifth rector of the Church of the Holy Family. It was my first experience of Bishop Curry’s preaching, and I must admit that the bishop was in fine form. Sally and I wanted to thank everyone who helped make that evening such a success.

To those of you who contributed to “the pounding,” I can only say that we were simply overwhelmed by your generosity. Setting up a kitchen in a new home is tricky work at the best of times, but it was actually pleasant this time around. Not only did we have fun seeing the wide variety of gifts you selected, but the different gift cards gave us the opportunity to really try out the local grocery stores. Again, we thank you.

I would also like to mention just how helpful both the “Top Ten” lists and the family pages many of you prepared have been. We refer to them all the time. Whether it’s to put a face to a name or to find a fun activity for the children, your work has made our transition to a new community an enjoyable one.

Lent is almost here and in the following pages you will see the various programs described for both adults and children. These offerings are certainly worthy of your time. This year, as in years previous, Holy Family will be offering the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings. Sometimes called the Stations of the Cross, this short devotional experience is both tactile and meditative. As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus’ Passion is remembered. The Way of the Cross is an especially poignant way “that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby [God] has given us life and immortality,” to quote the Prayer Book’s collect for Palm Sunday. Please consider making a commitment to walk the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.

And speaking of the Prayer Book, a goodly number of ours have come to the end of their practical use. Having tattered copies both in our pews and for Christian education does not really convey our respect of the liturgy to those who come to us seeking its nurture. Many appreciate knowing that a copy (or copies) of the Prayer Book have been given in thanksgiving for (or in memory of) a person near and dear. If you would like to purchase a new copy of the Prayer Book through the parish office, please be in touch. A book plate will be placed on the inside cover with the details of the gift.

Finally, let me thank the clandestine efforts of those who arranged for the beautiful stole I received as part of my installation service. Apparently, Tracey Powell and Sally were communicating about this for weeks. When asked what particular Christian symbols were important to me, Sally told Tracey of my love of water. Hence, while the stole is essentially green and appropriate for Sundays of Ordinary Time, it includes a lovely motif of flowing water. Truly a gift I will always treasure.

—Clarke French, Rector

from the rector

## March Meeting Schedule

Augustine Project Board  
*No meeting in March*

Christian Education Commission  
*No meeting in March*

Evangelism and Discipleship  
 Commission  
*Monday, Mar. 21 at 7:00 p.m.—Library*

Fellowship Commission  
*No meeting in March*

Finance Commission  
*No meeting in March*

Liturgy Commission  
*No meeting in March*

Outreach Commission  
*Wednesday, Mar. 16 at 7:00 p.m.—Library*

Pastoral Care Commission  
*Thursday, Mar. 3 at 1:00 p.m.—Library*

Properties Commission  
*No meeting in March*

Youth Commission  
*No meeting in March*



### 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, or for any other questions, 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 January 18, 2011, the Vestry:

- Reviewed a schedule of events planned by the Transition Committee for welcoming the Rev. Clarke French and his family, and learned that the Celebration of a New Ministry had been scheduled for February 23, 2011.
- Received full financial reports for December, 2010. For the year just ended, expenses exceeded income by \$5,377. After application of funds carried over from 2009, a surplus remains to carry over into 2011.
- Reviewed the 2011 budget (adopted on an interim basis in December) in the light of final reports from 2010 and further study by the Finance Commission; noted that unpledged offerings for 2011 are projected higher than in past years; after discussion, unanimously adopted a final budget for 2011.
- Approved the 2011 budget of the Augustine Project as recommended by the Finance Commission.
- Learned that the Nebel Fund was able to make a disbursement at the end of December.
- Met with Dave Worster, chair of the Master Plan Vision Implementation Committee. He presented a proposal to create a Building Subcommittee chaired by Kim Gotwals, charged with recommending an architect and working toward a project outline. The Vestry approved the creation of the Subcommittee as proposed, and agreed to its use of \$10,000 from the \$25,000 previously allocated from capital funds for the MPVIC.
- Discussed options for the annual Vestry planning retreat, and agreed to meet at Holy Family beginning with dinner on Friday, March 18, and continuing on Saturday, March 19.
- Learned that the Rev. Nate Lee's service as a deacon at Holy Family would conclude at the end of January in anticipation of his ordination to the priesthood on February 4,
- Reviewed changes to the Rector's Letter of Agreement which have been required by the Diocese and accepted by Clarke French.
- Approved the appointment of four nominees to succeed retiring members of the Augustine Project Board.

## The Vestry

CLASS OF 2011: Andrew Kinard • Martha Mundy • Sharon McConnell • Mary Rushing

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

# *Lent at the Church of the Holy Family*

*Remember that you are dust . . .*

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 9.

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. in the Nave.

MIDWEEK EUCHARISTS OFFERED DURING LENT: The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning during Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Wednesday in Holy Week. The liturgy will be approximately 30 minutes in length, allowing for people to arrive at work on time. Gathering with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer makes for a great Lenten discipline.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS, a Lenten devotion found in *The Book of Occasional Services*, is offered in the Nave at 6:00 p.m. every Friday in Lent, beginning March 11.

SUNG COMPLINE, the final office of the day in the tradition of canonical hours, will be offered in the Nave at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, March 20 and 27, April 3 and 10.

## **Wednesday evenings of Lent**

The 2011 Lenten Series at the Church of the Holy Family will be a study of the development of Lent in the Church Year, featuring Dr. Stanley Hauerwas (Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Christian Ethics at the Duke Divinity School). He will be joined by Dr. David Aers (James B. Duke Professor of English), a friend and colleague who will discuss the relationship between penance and Lent in the Middle Ages. By investigating the different meanings Lent has had in the past, our speakers will help us see the roles this season has – and can have – in our lives.

The Lenten Series will be offered on **Wednesdays, March 16, 23, and 30, April 6 and 13**, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. on each of these dates. Please see page 7 for more about helping with supper.

Special activities for children and youth (and babysitting for children under four) will be provided in the Commons after supper until the presentation ends. For more about children's programs, please see page 4.

## **Sunday morning Adult Education in March**

Lent is a season for paying attention. It provides an opportunity to increase our awareness; to “practice the presence of God.” But how? Taking on something new – or even deciding what to give up – can feel like just another item on our “to do” list.

Join us on **Sundays, March 13, 20, and 27** at 10:10 a.m. in the Parish Hall for conversation, discernment, support, and a fresh perspective this Lent. How can we pray – as individuals, as a community of faith – and what tools are available for that prayer? Can your examen of conscience be helped along by a download to your iPod? How have we been shaped by the central liturgies of Holy Week and Easter over time? What difference have those experiences made in our lives? What are the connections between what we eat – and where and with whom – to our life of faith? What are the global disciplines that call us? What does the world need from us this season?

The conversation will be facilitated by Nancy Bryan. Your presence will make it richer!

## **Wednesday mornings of Lent: *Blessings of the Cross***

This year's Wednesday morning Bible Study will be led by Mo. Michelle and will meet in the Library from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays **starting March 9**. We will use *Blessings of the Cross*, a Lenten study designed to invite conversation within the group. The study invites participants to explore God's hope and presence presented in the scripture readings for Lent and Easter. Key Bible readings call us to praise God as we contemplate God's redemption and new creation through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Vacation Church School planning begins

I know – June seems a long way off to me, too – but it really is time to begin thinking seriously about this year’s VCS! We return to the Garden this year, as the seven year cycle of stories begins again. If you are interested in participating in VCS (June 19 – 23) or are just interested in learning more about this Holy Family original, join us at a planning meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 5:00. We’ll meet in the Commons. —*Nancy Bryan*

### It’s almost Lent!

Did you know that ‘Lent’ comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton* – meaning “spring” or “lengthening” from the time of year when the days grow long. (And aren’t you glad to see more of the sun?!?) The season begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9, 2011) and ends with the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday through Easter Day), covering 40 days (excluding Sundays). ‘Lent’ may also derive from the Latin *lentare*, which means “to bend.” This understanding reinforces a sense of Lent as a time of preparation for personal and collective transformation. Either way, Lent offers us the opportunity to prepare for change and new life.

We’ll be offering resources for children and families as we observe a “holy Lent.” Look for books and other materials on the table in the Commons and in the back of the Nave.



### Saying Good-bye

We’ll say good-bye to our Alleluias on **Sunday, March 6**. The word is “put away” and not said during the season of Lent, so we’ll gather for one last time to say and sing lots of alleluias before we put it away for six weeks. *All children and youth (and their teachers) will gather in the Christian Education Commons at 10:05 for this brief liturgy before proceeding to their classrooms.*

### Shrove Tuesday

During the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **March 8**, all members of the parish are invited to stop by the Christian Education Commons for an intergenerational pre-Lenten workshop (5:00 – 6:30). We’ll be offering some spiritual disciplines and prayer practices designed for all ages. Come spend a few minutes – or more! – planting seeds, making a prayer banner, polishing silver, or burning palms for Ash Wednesday’s observance. Younger children are asked to attend with a parent or guardian! *If your family has saved your palm crosses from last year’s Palm Sunday celebration, bring them with you. Last year’s palms become this year’s ashes as we remember that “we are dust and to dust we shall return.”*

### Lenten Wednesdays

We gather as a Holy Family on the Wednesdays of Lent (**March 16, 23, and 30, April 6 and 13**) for a soup supper and a time of learning. Supper at 5:45 in the Parish Hall is followed by programs for all ages at 6:30 p.m. While the adults are gathered in the Nave, all children and youth of the parish are invited to the Commons. We’ll be learning about “God’s Abundant Garden” and our important work through Episcopal Relief and Development. A “study hall” will be provided in the Parish Hall for those students who need to spend the evening preparing for school the following day. Child care will be available for children under four.



### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Come one, come all! The Youth Commission invites you to join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **March 8** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Stop in when you can; no charge for dinner; donations are welcome; leave when you must. And while you're there, stop by the Lenten Workshop in the Christian Ed. Commons and prepare to "observe a holy Lent." (More info on page 4.) Never attended these events? Come, eat with us, and become part of these Holy Family traditions. See you there!

### **Clarke Visiting EYC in March**

What gifts has God given you that you can use to serve God *within* the church? What gifts has God given you that you can use to serve God *outside* the church? In what ways has God not gifted you and made you dependent on the gifts of others? Not easy, but important matters to discern. These are the questions we'll be exploring in EYC throughout March.

To start us off in these discussions, Clarke will stopping in to both Jr. and Sr. EYC on **Sunday, March 6**, to share with us a little about his life with God: the gifts God has given him and the ways God has called him to use those gifts in the church and in the world. 6th-12th graders throughout the parish: join us as we get to know our new Rector!

## parish notes

### **Calling all Bread Bakers and Soup Makers – *The Lenten Series needs you***

Holy Family will begin our annual tradition of Wednesday studies during Lent, beginning March 16 and continuing through April 13. (For more about the Lenten Series, please turn to page 3.) These weekly sessions begin with a simple supper of soup and bread. If you are able to provide something for one of these suppers, please sign up on the board in the hallway near the stairs or contact Nancy Pekar ([nancypekar@bellsouth.net](mailto:nancypekar@bellsouth.net) or 929-9154).

### **Scheduled Spontaneity – *an experiment in Fellowship***

Given the interest in Holy Family in gathering small groups of parishioners together for Bible study, prayer groups, and the like, Fellowship wants to get in on the act. How? Through "Scheduled Spontaneity!"

If you are interested in a *simple* the-more-the-merrier outing, let Fellowship Commission chair Nancy Pekar know about it and we'll get it planned ([nancypekar@bellsouth.net](mailto:nancypekar@bellsouth.net) or 929-9154).

***What are your ideas?*** Maybe it's bowling, a Durham Bulls baseball game, or strawberry picking. Maybe it's a visit to the Nasher Museum of Art, the Museum of Life and Science, Carolina Tiger Rescue (formerly the Carnivore Preservation Trust), or Kidzu. Maybe it's a walk in Duke Forest or Coker Arboretum. Maybe you're wanting to check out Maple View Farms or one of the many great eateries and cafés owned by your fellow parishioners. The recently completed Top 10 Lists provide loads of ideas.

### **Looking ahead – *Fellowship dates in April***

- Fellowship Commission meeting: Sunday, April 3, 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- In-Home Fellowship Dinners: Saturday, April 30

*Your Fellowship chair would like to thank the many folks who provided food, helped set-up for events, washed dishes, made coffee, and otherwise helped the Fellowship Commission keep the parish nourished, caffeinated, and enjoying each other's company between Epiphany and mid-February:*

*Janice, Carmen and Joe, Sunny, Kristin, Mike, Jane, Alma, Dan, Mary Iva, Chis, Sonia, Toni, Bob, Lisa, Andrea, Caroline, Kevin, Mary, Emy, Melissa, Diane, Patti, Ann-Marie, Marcia, Leslie, the Worster family, and anyone else who was an angel and helped out so quietly that you slipped by me. Thank you all!—Nancy Pekar*



## **ANGLICANISM REMIXED: EMBRACING THE OTHER, OUR TRADITIONS AND OUR FUTURE . . . TOGETHER**

**Workshop led by The Reverend Stephanie Spellers**

**Hosted by the Diocese of North Carolina**

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**10 am – 3 pm**

**Church of the Holy Family  
200 Hayes Rd., Chapel Hill**

**The Reverend Stephanie Spellers** is the author of *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other and the Spirit of Transformation* and editor of *Ancient Faith, Future Mission: Fresh Expressions in the Sacramental Tradition*. She serves as priest for The Crossing community at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Boston ([www.thecrossingboston.org](http://www.thecrossingboston.org)) and as the Consulting Editor for Emergent Resources at Church Publishing Inc. ([www.churchpublishing.org](http://www.churchpublishing.org)). A consultant and co-chair of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, Spellers travels the country speaking and teaching in faith communities seeking to embrace transformation, reckon with their fear of change and welcome cultural groups mainline churches often hold at the margins. She earned her bachelor's degree in religious studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, and holds master's degrees from Harvard Divinity School and the Episcopal Divinity School, both in Cambridge, MA. The founding editor of The Worship Well (an online Episcopal resource for creative worship tools: [www.worshipwell.org](http://www.worshipwell.org)), she also served as a religion reporter for a newspaper in Tennessee and as an active leader and trainer in faith-based community organizing.

**Register: [www.episdionschool.org](http://www.episdionschool.org) or call 336-273-5770  
for more information.**



### ***Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other and the Spirit of Transformation***

*By the Rev. Stephanie Spellers*

What happens when mainline churches move beyond diversity and inclusion, swing the doors open and fully embrace the transforming gifts, voices and power of marginalized cultures and groups? Radical welcome! Drawing on interviews with more than 200 church leaders and in-depth studies of eight congregations, Episcopal priest and former journalist Stephanie Spellers weaves scripture and church history together with the wisdom of communities working to live faithfully, release fear, plan for change and truly welcome The Other. This accessible and inspiring book presents a fresh vision for the mainline church—and the practical tools communities need to leap into God's future. (2006, Church Publishing Inc.)



### ***Ancient Faith, Future Mission: Fresh Expressions and the Sacramental Tradition***

*Steven Croft, Ian Mobsby and Stephanie Spellers, Editors*

The spiritual practices and insights of the Anglican tradition make an extraordinary contribution to mission efforts in our postmodern, de-churched, never-churched, yet spiritually hungry society. In this timely and practical book, pioneers, leaders and theologians from the US and the UK share their stories and offer reflections for building a future-focused, mission-shaped church that is deeply rooted in sacramental traditions. (2010, Church Publishing Inc.)

**For info on [Radical Welcome](http://www.churchpublishing.org) or [Ancient Faith, Future Mission](http://www.churchpublishing.org),: 800.223.6602 or [www.churchpublishing.org](http://www.churchpublishing.org).  
The author welcomes contacts at 617.483.4836, x318, or [revsteph@thecrossingboston.org](mailto:revsteph@thecrossingboston.org).**



### CROP Walk

The annual CROP Walk for Hunger is set for **Sunday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m.** CROP is a four-mile walk through Chapel Hill and Carrboro that raises awareness of hunger and funds for relief locally and abroad. 75% of monies raised by the walkers goes to Church World Service to combat hunger internationally, and the remaining 25% goes directly to the Inter Faith Council for Social Services (IFC). In recent years, the Church of the Holy Family has raised over \$2000. As we have been forced to reduce our financial commitment to IFC, this year's CROP Walk is Holy Family's opportunity to make up the difference. We are asking the congregation for 100% participation. For some that will mean walking and for many more that will mean sponsoring a walker or two. If Holy Family has 50 walkers and each of those walkers gets five parishioners to sponsor them for \$10, \$20 or more then we would easily meet our goal.

Please stop by the CROP Walk table after church to sign up to walk and/or sponsor a walker. Also, the CHF team can be sponsored online (<http://www.cropwalkonline.org/chapelhillnc>). For more information please contact Thomas or Whitman Reardon at 932-3426, or email [wreardon@nc.rr.com](mailto:wreardon@nc.rr.com)

### Haiti mission trip postponed

In January, Père Noe Bernier notified us that several people in Molas have died of cholera. The school master, Mr. Dorcius, and two of his children contracted the disease in December and had been evacuated to the larger town of Gros Morne to be treated in a clinic operated by Doctors Without Borders. Thankfully, they have since recovered and returned to Molas. The loose offering from our Christmas Eve services (\$2675) was designated to Doctors Without Borders' work in Haiti.

Because of the cholera outbreak in Molas, Père Noe has reluctantly asked us not to come in March as we had planned. We will work with him to determine better dates for our visit. In the meantime, please continue to pray for all those affected by and afflicted with cholera and for those charged with caring for them. In his most recent e-mail, Père Noe sent more hopeful news of the epidemic, along with good wishes: "Do give my best to all holy family." If you are interested in going on the next mission trip, contact Diane Steinhaus ([dianesteinhaus@gmail.com](mailto:dianesteinhaus@gmail.com)).

### Habitat For Humanity, spring 2011

"There are houses to be built..."

—Senior Warden's Annual Address

Indeed there **are** houses to be built – and here is your chance to take part in one! Holy Family is blessed to continue the Partnership started last spring with the local Episcopal and AME churches – now joined by two Baptist churches as well!

We will be building a home for the Garcia Family in the same neighborhood (Phoenix Place) in Chapel Hill in conjunction with Orange County Habitat for Humanity.

Funding has already been taken care of . . . now it's time for volunteers! Our workdays are the following four Saturdays (morning or afternoon shift): **March 19, April 9, May 7, and June 4.** No tools, nor special skills required. If you can't help on a work crew, we can use your lunch-making skills!

Please contact Bill Andersen (408-3456 [banderse@cisco.com](mailto:banderse@cisco.com)) for more information and to sign up!

# Haiti Silent Auction

## Help build a permanent school building in Molas, Haiti!

Since the early 1980s, Holy Family has been the sole supporter of an elementary school in the northern mountain village of Molas, Haiti. We have taken numerous mission trips there, and hosted Père Noe Bernier – who oversees the church and school in Molas – at Holy Family. The hurricanes and storms of 2007 and 2008 destroyed the cinder block building and the pole and tin roof shelter that formerly housed the school. Père Noe has asked for our help to construct a permanent building of the same quality as the church we helped build in 2004-2005. The storms that destroyed the other buildings left the church virtually undamaged.

Please plan on attending the Haiti Silent Auction Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The proceeds from the auction will be used to construct the new school building in Molas. The projected cost of building the school is \$50,000, and we hope to raise a significant portion of this amount at the auction. With generous memorial gifts and donations from Alternative Christmas, we have so far raised almost \$7,000 toward our goal!

Items will be available for viewing from 2:00 to 2:30. Bidding will begin at 2:30 and close at 3:30, with the announcements of winners to follow immediately.

Auction items include:

- Use of houses at Kure Beach and Boone, N.C.
- One-hour photography sitting, with photo CD and small album
- Signed Duke basketball
- Signed copy of Stanley Hauerwas' latest book, *Hannah's Child*
- Tickets to Durham Bulls, NC Symphony, and DPAC events
- Ballroom dancing and swim lessons
- Framed Haitian art

And much more!!

In addition to the auction, you will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for items, such as gift certificates to local eateries and baked goods. These raffles will occur periodically between the 2:00 to 3:30 time period.

If auction and raffle items do not appeal to you, please come to enjoy a sampling of Haitian food and fellowship. A box will be available for donations to the school construction. An anonymous donor will match up to \$2,000 of these donations.

Please contact Leslie Andersen (leslie.b.andersen@gsk.com or 408-3456) with any questions.



The village of Molas (2003)