

# *The Church of the Holy Family*

## ***Family Affairs***

**May 2017**

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Deadline for June 2017 *Family Affairs*: **May 19**

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I'll never forget when I got the call. I was cleaning one of the bathroom stalls at the factory where I worked in my small Kansas town. As one of the janitors there, I did daily battle with the usual mix of tobacco juice, spilt chemicals, and metal shavings. Fluorescent lights blazed down incessantly, matching only the sound of heavy machinery in their intensity. Naturally, the spirits of the blue collar folks who worked there were never very high, dampened, as they were, by the crude environment. Everyone dreamed of getting out. Still, we'd find moments to breakup the monotony with a joke, a good story, or a quick check of our voicemail (when the supervisor wasn't watching, of course). A bathroom stall was especially good for the latter. I'll never forget, then, the day I heard the words, "Hi Tyler, just calling to let you know you've been accepted to Duke Divinity School."

Ten years later and half a continent away, I try to take stock of the odyssey I've been on since that day. From a fifteen-thousand person town in the middle of wheat fields, to a two-million person 'Triangle' in the middle of beautiful forests. From the cold aluminum siding of factories, to the soaring gothic architecture of Duke University. From Midwest evangelicalism, to East Coast mainline Protestantism. Whatever the changes, they've all felt like a dream, a mythological journey transcending one's prior reality. Fitting, I suppose. After all, Kansas boasts the two quintessential American mythologies: Dorothy finding her Wizard of Oz and Clark Kent discovering he's Superman. These are stories of young adventurers leaving Smallville to discover something new about themselves and the world of which they are a part. Sure, Durham-Chapel Hill is no Metropolis, but intellectually and spiritually, particularly in my field of 'divinity,' one might say it's one of the richest places to be! Here, seminary professors have deepened my thinking on nearly everything. Friendships with young and old, rich and poor, black and white have challenged and sustained me. Most importantly, the possibilities for what a church community can be in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has captivated my imagination.

In that regard, my time at Holy Family is the culmination of a ten-year adventure in various forms of church witness. Here at CHF, we take on rhythms of prayer and worship, necessarily extending them to care of earth and neighbor. We care for the poor, welcome the stranger, show up for one another in times of distress, and tell one another hard truths. We do all these things as those habituated to the ways of Jesus. Collectively, we discover a life that really is life—a light shining in darkness. Places like Holy Family stand out as cities on a hill, beacons of hope to those whose spirits have been dampened by the crude and artificial sights and sounds of modern existence.

And yet, good adventure stories are more about transformation than destination. Dorothy eventually learns how to use those red slippers, and she goes back home with them. In that sense, the greatest gift I've gained these last ten years is the ability to see the world—even that Kansas factory—in a new, non-fluorescent, light, full of fresh hope and possibility. For when one begins to see things the way Christ's Body, the Church, learns to see them, one begins to view people and places *sub specie aeternitatus* (under the aspect of eternity). That is, one begins to see all of life as saturated with the transfiguring light of Jesus Christ. From there, the true essence of our existence becomes blazingly clear.

At the end of May, we Hambleys will return to Kansas, moving back to be closer to our families. We're excited to go 'home,' but we're sad to leave here. Still, as I've come to learn, great adventures never quite leave you, you take them wherever you go. For that, Crystal, Oliver, Gemma, and I want to thank all of you for journeying with us. Your prayers and support have sustained us, and we will indeed take something of Holy Family wherever we go. To the youth, I pray that you, too, will receive a 'call' like I once did, an invitation to discover who you are in the Body of Christ. Perhaps, you will come to see everything by the light of eternity, calling the world forward into the loving orbit of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From there, the possibilities for adventure are endless.+

Grace and peace,  
Tyler Hambley

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The Properties Commission has scheduled the next **outdoor workday for Saturday, May 27**, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Tools are provided. Remember to bring work gloves.

vestry & commissions

### Summary of Vestry minutes

AT ITS ANNUAL VESTRY RETREAT on **March 11, 2017**, the Vestry:

- Discussed the Strategic Plan, facilitated by The Rev. Helen Svoboda-Barber, and came up with priorities for 2017-18; Junior Warden election: John Blunk was nominated and elected by unanimous vote to serve as Junior Warden for the next year; Appointment of financial officers: Unanimous approval was given to appoint Leslie Butterfield, Andrea Phillips, John Blunk, Richard Fair (Treasurer), Amy Willis-McLamb (clerk), and Julie Hege (parish administrator) as check signers for the General Account Fund; Statement on the tithe: All vestry members who were present signed a statement affirming the tithe as the minimal standard of giving and indicated that they are tithing or adopting a plan working toward the tithe this season.
- Heard the Rector's Report: The Rector will begin his sabbatical on Easter Monday. Senior Warden will chair the April and May vestry meetings. Sarah Ball-Damberg will be Priest-in-Charge during sabbatical.

### Commission Meetings in May:

**Fellowship Commission:** *Sunday, May 7, 11:45 a.m. in the Library*

**Finance Commission:** *Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room*

**Outreach Commission:** *Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Library*

**Augustine Literacy Project Board:** *Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

**Vestry:** *Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

### A note from Bob Stoothoff, Chair of Properties Commission:

Our decorative brick walls that start at the area of the columbarium and wrap around two sides of our campus are over 25 years old and were in need of repair. The Vestry authorized a multi-year project to do necessary repairs. The project began a month ago and phase one is complete. The project entailed starting at the columbarium, "tuck pointing" portions of the wall cap and sides to reduce water incursion that, in freeze/thaw cycles do extensive damage. The cap above the columbarium portion of the wall was the first focus since we were experiencing water intrusion into the areas created to hold the cremains.

The contractor has completed the work to the point on the Hayes Road side where the wall becomes lower in height. Two things to note: The wall will still look like a 25+ year old decorative wall. Some bricks will remain "cracked". Cracked bricks are not a problem. The mortar is the focus.

We will begin phase two: Tuck-pointing of the remainder of our lower brick walls next budget year.

**Holy Family's softball team, Tongues O'Fire**, will be fielding a team in the 2017 summer Church Softball League. Games are played on Sunday afternoons from June through late August. Teams are coed and players must be at least 13 years old. If you are interested in playing or just coming to a practice session, please contact coach Jim Ray: [jray@nc.rr.com](mailto:jray@nc.rr.com) or 919-401-4119.

## Adult Christian Formation Offerings for May

**Sunday, May 7, Adult Forum, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall:** We will end our yearlong series, *My Favorite Saint*, hearing from Flora Shedd about Julian of Norwich, whose Feast Day is May 8. Flo is an oblate of the Order of Julian, and her talk will be an especially fitting end to our series. Come and join in!

Sunday, May 7, Lectionary Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., Gallery Classroom.

**Monday, May 8, Canonical Crime Squad, 7:00 p.m., Library:** Join the Canonical Crime Squad and our favorite medieval monk, Brother Cadfael, as Shrewsbury prepares to celebrate St. Winifred's Day. Miracles give way to murdering in Ellis Peter's "The Pilgrim of Hate."

**Sunday, May 14, Youth Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall:** Please come join in celebrating and hearing from our youth who will be taking an active part in our liturgies this morning.

Sunday, May 14, Lectionary Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., Gallery Classroom.

**Sunday, May 21, Adult Forum, 9:00 a.m., Library:** Our Adult Forum series will end on an especially joyful note this year as the Ready Singers from Orange County Correctional Center return to Holy Family to share music, worship, and stories. Please come help welcome our guests and enjoy their wonderful music.

Sunday, May 21, Lectionary Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., Gallery Classroom.

### **NEXT STEPS: HOLY FAMILY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, 2017-19**

*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*

- Proverbs 16:9

Develop a vital newcomer's ministry. Deepen our commitment to vulnerable populations in our community. Create an intentional and integrated stewardship education plan. I am excited to share with you these three goals of our new strategic plan, "Next Steps."

I hope these goals sound both familiar and exciting to you. Familiar because they were presented to the Vestry and Adult Forum recently and developed in the context of Holy Family's unique past, present, and future. Exciting because these are three areas that will truly make a difference – for individual parishioners, for the parish as a whole, and for our community, both now and in the future.

Now that the strategic planning phase is complete, we turn to what I call the strategic "doing" phase, when the plan moves off the page and into our hearts and hands. The Steering Committee's charge is to champion these goals and help shepherd them through to successful completion. Three smaller teams are currently forming, one for each strategic goal area. These teams will dig deeper into each goal and start taking those next steps identified in the plan – and uncovering new steps to take us forward with each goal.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I invite you to help us make this plan a reality. We will soon have a page on the parish website where information about the plan and its progress can be found. If you have an idea to share, a story to tell, and/or some time to commit, please get in touch. I'd love to hear from you.

Peace, Susan Brown

Chair, Next Steps Steering Committee (susanbrown72@gmail.com, 785.749.1180)

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH SCHOOL

The Rev. Angela Nelson, Minister of Christian Education (anelson@chfnc.net)

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## Last Day of Church School

Our last day of Church School is May 21! Please remember to express your thanks to the following Church School teachers who did a fantastic job leading our parish children in hearing and responding to the stories of Scripture in 2016-2017. **Remember to bring thank you cards for teachers on our last day of Church School!**

<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	Caroline Christman, Amy Willis-McLamb, Anna Paul, and Anson Burtch (music)
<b>K+1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Russell Jones, Tracey Powell, Caitlin Fuller, Kinsey Wennerstrom, and Anson Burtch (music)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>+3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Alan Steinbeck, Jeanne Scruggs, and Chris Fuller
<b>4<sup>th</sup>+5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Pat Jones, Kris Little, and Alex Christman
<b>Middle School</b>	Bratton Holmes, Susan Hedgelin, and Dan Hedgelin
<b>Journey in Faith</b>	Jeff Nelson (adults), Bill Andersen (adults), Sarah Ball-Damberg (adults), Clarke French (youth) and Angela Compton Nelson (youth)
<b>High School</b>	Jane DeHart, Tyler Hambley, and Kyle Carswell
<b>Children's Choir</b>	Jenni Scoggin and Sabrina Powell
<b>Liturgy Explorers (4's-5's class, 10am liturgy)</b>	Sarah Majors, rotation of parents
<b>Substitute Teachers</b>	Laura Gallaher, Dana Carotenuto, Sara Smith, Sheryl Forbis, Sadie Koppelberger, Cheryl Roberts, and Jacque Kerkow

## Vacation Church School | June 18-22, 2017 | Living Water

God led the people of Israel out of slavery and bondage in Egypt through water and into the Promised Land by way of the Jordan River. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, through the desert for many years, and into the Promised Land. To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus says, "whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst again." What is this living water? How does it shape our lives?

This year we investigate these questions, exploring the stories of Jesus and water as we think of our own lives in light of water.

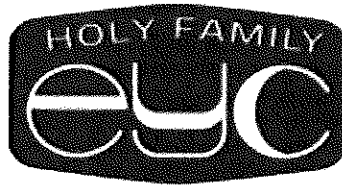
Please register for Vacation Church School online by June 11th to ensure a t-shirt in your child's size. Registration may be accessed from the children's page on the Holy Family website and will be available in person during the Fellowship time for several weeks.

Interested in serving as a station leader, storyteller, or shepherd? This is a week when we need all hands on deck as companions in the way.

Contact Angela (anelson@chfnc.net) to find out how to join us!

## VCS Adult Participant Training

All adults participating in Vacation Church School as shepherds, station leaders, etc. are asked to attend a training session during the Fellowship time on June 11th. You will receive information about Safe Church Practices and VCS themes and lessons. Students are invited to join a group of adults downstairs in the Commons for a VCS Sneak Peek (information to follow). Contact Angela for more information (anelson@chfnc.net).



*real life, real friends*

**MAY 2017**

### **May 7th - EYC Movie Night @ Duke's West Campus**

**Who:** 8th-12th grade youth.

**What:** We will watch a documentary on the early years of nuclear technology, later discussing what Christians might have to say on such matters.

**When:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Sunday, May 7th.

**Where:** Duke's West Campus. A large theatre room has been reserved for us by Jeff and Angela Compton-Nelson.

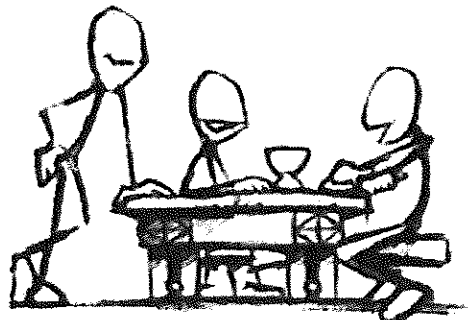
**Food:** Pizza will be provided.

### **May 14 - Youth Sunday/Senior Recognition**

Our youth will once again lead us in worship on Sunday, May 14th. Be sure to stop by the Parish Hall at both 9:00 am and 11:00 am to celebrate our graduating seniors. Ask them about what's next in their lives, and if you would like to give them a card or gift (monetary or otherwise) to send them off well, I'm sure they'd appreciate it.

### **May 21st - End of Year Bash**

Our EYC End of Year Bash is tentatively set for 4-7 pm at the Briar Chapel Pool on May 21st. This will be our final EYC gathering for the school year. Bring swimsuits and snacks to share. Dinner will be provided.



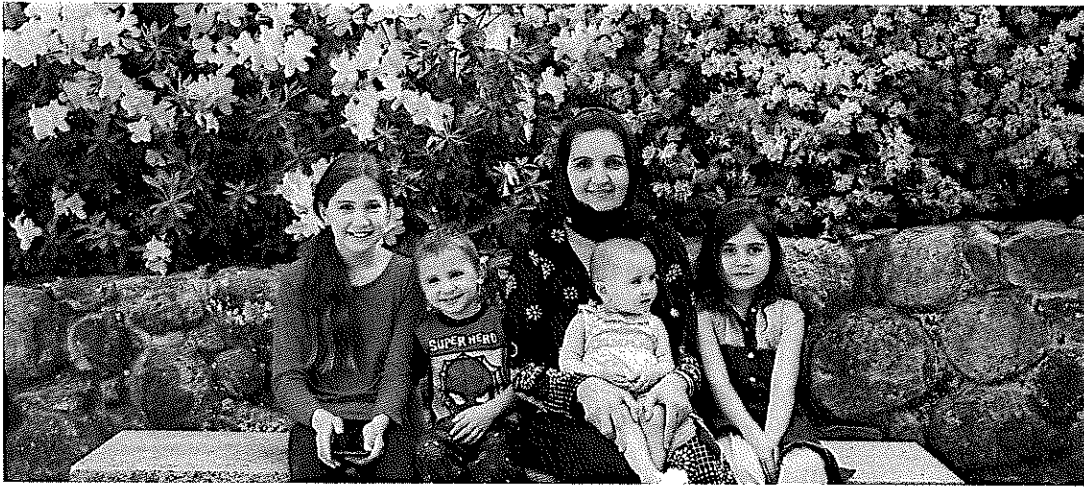
Questions? Contact the Youth Minister, Tyler Hambley, at [thambley@chfnc.net](mailto:thambley@chfnc.net)

*The Outreach Commission invites you to come to one (or more!) of our meetings. We welcome your questions and/or ideas. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the library.*

**2017 Haiti Mission trip is fast approaching!** Nine parishioners will travel May 25-29 to Haiti to visit our partner school and parish in Molas. They will hold a basic health clinic, deliver a year's worth of vitamins and de-worming meds, learn more about Père Wildaine's plans to expand the school building, explore the possibility of developing coffee growing to improve the local economy, and play with the kids! Please bring what you can from the list found on the calendar page to the narthex by May 14 and the group will deliver it to Molas. Mesi anpil!

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This is a photo of the family of Assad and Razia Stankizai taken by Kayrn Hlad when she took them to Duke Gardens. The Stankizais are refugees from Afghanistan that Holy Family is helping assimilate into life in North Carolina. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Peggy Duhamel (peg-drdog@aol.com). Below are some words from parishioner Karyn Hlad:



*I began working with the Stankizai family this spring, with the primary focus being to teach Razia, the mother, English. Our sessions are conducted while sitting on the floor of their Durham apartment, sipping tea. Razia has been an eager and willing student in the face of the mountain that is the English language! It has been a blessing to me to be able to help this family transition to life in their new country. Karyn Hlad*

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**Crop Walk is a great success!** Thank you Holy Family! Your generosity in support of CROP Hunger Walk 2017 is humbling. Our \$4,000 goal was exceeded by \$1,024 with donations still coming in.

I'd like to especially recognize the youth of our church family who jumped into raising funds and awareness for our hungry brothers and sisters locally and globally. These EYC members raised over \$900 through donations and sponsorships. In spite of the rainy and chilly weather, 25 cheerful walkers (plus 2 of the 4 legged variety) made their way through the wet streets of Carrboro and Chapel Hill on Sunday, April 23.

CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by the Church World Service. Seventy-five percent of the money from the Crop Hunger Walk is distributed to disaster relief, global hunger education, and self-help projects in more than 30 countries. The remaining 25% stays in the Carrboro-Chapel Hill area to support the IFC's hunger relief programs, such as the Emergency Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen. See [www.ifcweb.org](http://www.ifcweb.org) for more information about these programs.

Sincerely thanking you, Alma Gaudette

*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*

—Mark 11:17

Your prayers are invited for the people of our parish and of all nations,  
and for the extension and establishment of the kingdom of God.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

house of prayer

**Intercessory Prayers** on behalf of specific individuals or groups can be recorded in the notebook kept on a lectern in the Narthex. Intercessions are offered at Morning and Evening Prayer during the week. To have a prayer included in the parish prayer list, please call the church office: 919-942-3108.

**The e-mail listserv** is a means of inviting the community to join in praying for particular concerns or thanksgivings. To make a prayer request in this way, contact either the Rev. Clarke French ([cfrench@chfnc.net](mailto:cfrench@chfnc.net)) or the Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg ([sballdamberg@chfnc.net](mailto:sballdamberg@chfnc.net)).

**Confidential requests** for prayer may be made directly to one of the clergy, or by asking members of the Prayer Team at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service to pray with and for you.

*This month, please pray for:*

- **The victims** and perpetrators of violence, and the victims of war and natural disasters.
- **Those who lead the nation**, especially Donald Trump, our President, and Roy Cooper, our Governor. Please pray that they may serve justice, and promote equality and peace.
- **Those who risk their lives** in the service of their country, especially members of the armed forces and the diplomatic corps.
- **Our sick, homebound, and recovering**, especially Pegge Folger, Eleanore Dunn, Sylvia Woodgates, Dave Worster, Bill Simpson, Jim and Mary Iva Gray, Ann Edmonds, Bill Harrison, and S T Kimbrough.
- **Those who have died**, especially Betty McGinnis.

- **Those expecting children**, especially Michelle Sroka and Angela Nelson.
- **Those in any need or trouble**, especially Billy Ray, Yahweh, and James in prison; Eddie on Death Row; the inmates and staff of Orange Correctional Center.
- **Our bishops**: The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop; the Rev. Samuel Rodam, Bishop-elect of North Carolina; the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro-Tem of North Carolina; the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, Assisting Bishop.
- **Our seminaries**, especially the University of the South, Sewanee, and the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at the Duke Divinity School.
- **Our mission partners**: Gyani Thapa in Nepal (Kirtipur Christian Fellowship), Catherine Piwang in Uganda (ChildReach Africa), and Karen Calani in Guatemala (Food for the Hungry).
- **L'École de Notre Dame** in Molas, Haiti – its students, teachers, and staff, and priest-in-charge Père Wildaine André.
- **The Augustine Literacy Project** students, tutors, staff, and board members.
- **Our clergy**: Clarke, Sarah, and Paula.
- **Our interns**: Rebecca, Kyle, and Julia.
- **The staff of our parish**: Tom, Celia, Gary, Angela, Tyler, Julie, and Beth.

## May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 St. Philip and St. James</b> 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)	<b>2 9 am Morning Prayer (N)</b> 9:30 am Window Film Install (N) 6:15 pm Yoga (C) 6:30 pm Steering Cte (L) [7-9 pm Prison Ministry]	<b>3</b> 10 am Bible Study (106) 10 am Prayer Shawl (GC) 4-8:30 pm UNC Cooking Class 6:30 pm Endowment Cte (GC) 7:15 pm Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 9:30 Contemp Prayer (L) 4 pm Fox/Smith Wedding Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 4 pm French Club (107) 5 pm Fox/Smith Wedding	<b>6</b> 9 am Altar Guild (N) 7-10 pm Marr. Enc. (PH)
		May 25: Auditors in Offices 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (conference room)				
<b>7 Easter 4</b> 8:00am Holy Euch. (N) 9 am Lect. Bible Study (H) Christ. Ed(C)Adult Fourn(PH) <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist(N)</b> with Children's Liturgy 11:00am Fellowship time 11:45 am Fellowship Mtg (L) 5 pm St. EYC Movie night	<b>8</b> [11:15 a.m. Shelter meal] 7 pm Book Club (L) 7 pm Stamp Club (PH)	<b>9 9 am Morning Prayer (N)</b> 7 pm Finance Com (CR) [7-9 pm Prison Ministry]	<b>10</b> 7 pm Outreach Com (L) 7:15 pm Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30 Contemp Prayer (L) 10:45 Companions in Trans (N) <b>12 noon Holy Euch / Unction</b> 7 pm ALP Board Mtg (PH)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 am Altar Guild (N)
<b>14 Easter 5: Youth Sunday</b> 8:00am Holy Euch. (N) 9 am Lect. Bible Study (H) Christ Ed(C)Celebrate our grads(PH) <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist(N)</b> Children's Choir Sings 11:00am Fellowship time	<b>15</b> [11:15 am Shelter meal] 7:00 pm French Club (107)	<b>16 9 am Morning Prayer (N)</b> 6:15 pm Yoga (C) [7-9 pm Prison Ministry] 7 pm Vestry (PH)	<b>17</b> 10 am Bible Study (106) 7:15 pm Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 9:30 Contemp Prayer (L)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9 am Altar Guild (N) 2 pm Piano Recital (N/PH)
<b>21 Easter 6</b> 8:00am Holy Euch. (N) 9 am Lect. Bible Study (H) Christ Ed(C)Adult Forum(PH) <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist(N)</b> with Children's Liturgy and the Ready Singers 11:00am Fellowship time 2pmHaiti Group Packing (PH) 4 pm EYC End of Year Bash	<b>22</b>	<b>23 9 am Morning Prayer (N)</b> 6:15 pm Yoga (C)	<b>24</b> 10 am Bible Study (106) 7:15 pm Adult Choir	<b>25 Ascension Day</b> 9:30 Contemp Prayer (L) <b>12 noon Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>26</b> Haiti Mission Trip	<b>27</b> 8 am Grounds workday 9 am Altar Guild (N)
<b>28 Easter 7</b> 8:00am Holy Euch. (N) 9 am Lect. Bible Study (H) Christ Ed(C)Adult Forum(PH) <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist(N)</b> 11:30am Fellowship time	<b>29</b> Memorial Day-Offices closed	<b>30 9 am Morning Prayer (N)</b> 10:30 am Lele Tison Funeral	<b>31</b> 10 am-2pm Quiet Day for Transitional Deacons (LN) 7:15 pm Adult Choir			
Haiti Mission Trip						



## COLLECTING FOR HAITI

For the May 25- 29 mission trip to Molas, Haiti, please bring what you can from this list to the Narthex by **Sunday, May 14:**

For approximately 300 kids in the school:

- Pens
- Washcloths
- Small hotel soaps (not full-size)
- Toothbrushes (child and adult)
- New white socks – boys and girls
  - Children are from age 3 to 16

These items will be used during our clinic:

- Tums
- Tylenol (Acetaminophen)
- Anti-fungal cream (eg. Lotramin-AF)
- Antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone cream (1%)

Please make sure expiration dates are distant.

Thank you!

Contact **dianesteinhaus@gmail.com** if you have questions. *Mesi anpil!*

**Family Affairs**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Comings and goings**

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*The Lord shall watch  
over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for  
evermore.*

—Psalm 121:8

**Births:** Gavin Webster, son of Danny and Alison Webster, January 6, 2017

**Deaths:** Betty McGinnis, April 13, 2017

**New Addresses:**

Jim and Ann Willis, 20086 Long, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Christine Oramasionwu and Jonathan Hunter, 11731 Green Colling Park Drive,  
Houston, Texas 77047

Jennie and Mark Poteat, (Graham, Katherine, Davis) 1607 N. Greensboro Street,  
Carrboro, NC 27510