

Christmas 2017

Dear Friends in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and beyond,

For some reason, this year, I found myself remembering “A Charlie Brown Christmas” from 1965. Early in the story, Charlie Brown complains, “I think there must be something wrong with me, Linus. Christmas is coming, but I’m not happy. I don’t feel the way I’m supposed to feel. I just don’t understand Christmas, I guess. I like getting presents and sending Christmas cards and decorating trees and all that, but I’m still not happy. I always end up feeling depressed.” Later on, when Charlie Brown asks if there’s anyone who can tell him what Christmas is all about, Linus answers by quoting from the King James Version of Luke’s gospel, including these words proclaimed by the angels to the shepherds:

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Christmas is only a few days away. For each of us, preparation for Christmas will mean something different and the emotions of the season will vary. Some might identify more with Charlie Brown and others with Linus. But for each of us, I pray, the good news of Christmas contains a clear hope for the sort of peace that the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on the night of Jesus’ birth.

We live in a world that seems to know too little peace. But rather than giving in to powers that polarize and divide us, we must share with Jesus in the ministry of reconciliation, bringing healing to relationships that have been broken or which have never really existed. From the common humanity that we share with one another and with Jesus, we must hear the divine call to serve those who are hungry and thirsty, those who are sick or lacking in basic human needs, those who are imprisoned in some way or who are strangers in our midst. In serving one another, we serve the child whose birth we celebrate each Christmas.

This Christmas season, in the midst of the celebrations and traditions that we keep, let us watch for those glimpses our loving God gives us of the beloved community for which we wait. Let us find our purpose in serving those whom we know that Jesus would serve. And let us proclaim “Glory to God in the highest heaven!” whenever we witness our risen Savior born again in some dark corner of our world.

May the peace of Christ be in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world, this holy Christmas season and throughout the coming new year!

Yours in Christ,
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CEC Financial Update

December Income	\$35,820
December Expenses	\$36,131
2017 Total Pledged	\$308,806
Received to Date	\$299,062
Balance Owed	\$9,744

A Bishop's Meanderings...As we once again



**The Rt. Rev.
David Bane**

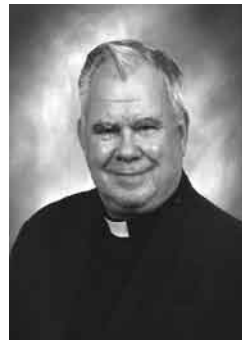
leave the baby in the manger behind us, I'd like to suggest a thought to carry into the new year. In the readings for Christmas the Gospel of John consistently uses the image of "light" and "darkness," and the relationship between the two is powerful in the world and in our lives. John the Baptist tried to help people prepare for Jesus by seeing the darkness in their own lives. They could not really hear his call to repentance or to recognize their need for the "light of Christ" until they were aware of their own darkness. Of course, the light of Christ was a bit too bright for the world, and the world tried to snuff it out by killing Jesus. Later on Easter showed us that this was a light that can never be extinguished.

So how does this connect with our daily lives? Well, the reason we resist this light is that it reveals things within us we'd just as soon keep in the dark: things like ulterior motives, destructive thoughts, anger and resentment we cling to and massage, judgmental attitudes we hide behind a smile, jealousy and petty gripes against other people, superior attitudes, our own little favorite prejudices, resentment toward someone who has offended us; you get the idea.

What is love? Isn't it when we allow another into those places we have kept hidden? It permits us to accept ourselves and to find wholeness in our lives. It allows us to move beyond denying the truth about ourselves to a healthy awareness of and acceptance of reality. But this is not a solitary journey because until we have revealed ourselves to another, and hear the words, "I still love you" we cannot know the liberation that results. The most powerful gift we can give another is to really know them, darkness and all, and to assure them that we love and accept them as they are.

That is precisely the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God stands beside us as we gaze at what the light has revealed, and puts his arms around us and says, "I see it. I have always seen it, and I love you just as you are." As we begin another year, hear the call of John the Baptist and trust God enough to open up your darkness to the light which has broken into our world and into our lives in the person of Jesus Christ.

In his love, +David



**The Rev. Jim
McGee**

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1: 4-11

There are several messages we can glean from next Sunday's Gospel. One I would direct to those who are parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers, Sunday School teachers and all those who spend time with our most prized possessions - our children.

Just as the God-father said to Jesus on the day of His baptism, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased," so do we need to help those young people who are entrusted to our care to know that we are pleased --- pleased with our responsibility to them and for them, pleased for the kind of young men and women they are becoming, and pleased that God brought them to us. Then we will produce a generation of new adults with Godly humility, genuine love for others and a great commitment to making their lives count.

There was a movie about Sigmund Freud a few years ago. I don't know why Hollywood felt they should place this person on a pedestal for his theories have pretty well been disproven and he is hardly a person for anyone to emulate.

In Freud's teachings he emphasizes that all people, that's us, are controlled by "basement" people from our past, who go everywhere with us, and keep pushing up out our of our unconsciousness to lead us astray. But we, who are Christians, don't buy it. Because we have another powerful kind of influence available to us. We can call them "balcony" people -- people who love God and love us, and seek to cheer us on to be more loving and to be more like Christ. So, let us have less "basement" people and more "balcony" people -- less jeering and more cheering. "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



EYC NEWS

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

**JAN. 7 - EPIPHANY
SERVICE - 5:00PM**

**JAN 21ST - BENJAMIN
HOUSE VISIT - 5:30PM**

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A View of Our Past

This abbreviated view of our past is another version of the history of Christ Church compiled by the History Committee and submitted to the Diocese of East Carolina.

Christ Episcopal Church, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina

Christ Episcopal Church, itself steeped in history, is located in one of the oldest settled areas of North Carolina. Although chapels, vestries, and clergy were mentioned in colonial records from the time of Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions, nothing was definitely known of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, until 1825-1826.

The Parish, however, had its roots in Jamestown, Virginia, whose colonists began settling the area around 1630. Under acting Governor Henderson Walker, the North Assembly of 1701 designated Pasquotank a parish. In 1708 a priest wrote to Her Majesty's Secretary in London that "The citizens of Pasquotank have agreed to build a church and two chapels." No location was given, but a map of 1770 shows a church on the narrows of North River, a chapel near South Mills, and another on Raymond's Creek.

Two vestries were appointed in 1715, one for South West Parish and the other for North East Parish. The General Assembly meeting in New

Bern from 1754-1756 consolidated the parishes of St. John's and St. Peter's in Pasquotank County. A deed dated July 15, 1750 to the Episcopal Church was given by John Cartwright and his wife, Elizabeth, being the place where the Issac Sawyer chapel was located.

The congregation was organized in 1825 and the first Christ Church was built during 1825-1826, at first occupying a frame church on the site of the current parish house. The first rector was John Avery, also rector of St. Paul's Edenton. In 1856, \$6000. was raised for a new church building, which was completed in 1857 and consecrated in 1858 by Bishop Thomas Atkinson. In 1925 the parish house was built.

The present church, one of the most familiar landmarks in Elizabeth City and the city's oldest existing religious structure, is considered one of the finest examples of English medieval Gothic revival architecture in the area. The details include the three-stage bell tower, with the octagonal upper stage; slender lancet-arched windows; and the defining buttresses.

In 1947 Christ Church's rare hammer beam ceiling was complemented by her most renowned beautiful memorial gift consisting of a series of matching eighteen stained glass windows inscribed with the Beatitudes and in harmony with each other giving a narrative of the story of the life of Christ.

During the Civil War, Union Naval vessels under the command of General Burnside steamed up the Pasquotank River and shelled Elizabeth City. The Rev. E.M. Forbes, rector, remained in town, dressed in his clerical vestments, met the forces at the waterfront and negotiated a peaceful surrender of the town to save it from ravishment. A memorial to him is located at Mariner's Wharf on the waterfront.

Christ Church houses two separate pipe organs. The Henry Erben organ was built in 1845 and installed in 1856. The Erben organ and the rose window over the altar were moved from the first Christ Church building. The main organ, Opus 2149, was built by Austin Organs, Inc. of English roots in 1952. This instrument was restored in 2009 and the final result has been described as having the rich sonority of an English cathedral organ which is most suited to the history of Christ Church.

Christ Church and the parish house have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City was admitted to the Diocese in 1830.

Source of information: Compiled from various proprietary material of Christ Church.



Gingerbread House Party



Congratulations to Timm Pridgen, now a member of the Emergency Response Red Cross Team. Timm will be helping out natural disaster and house fire victims and with other emergency Red Cross needs.

ECW News

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Christ Episcopal Church Women
present

A Hearts and Flowers Card Party and Luncheon

Tuesday, February 13th
11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

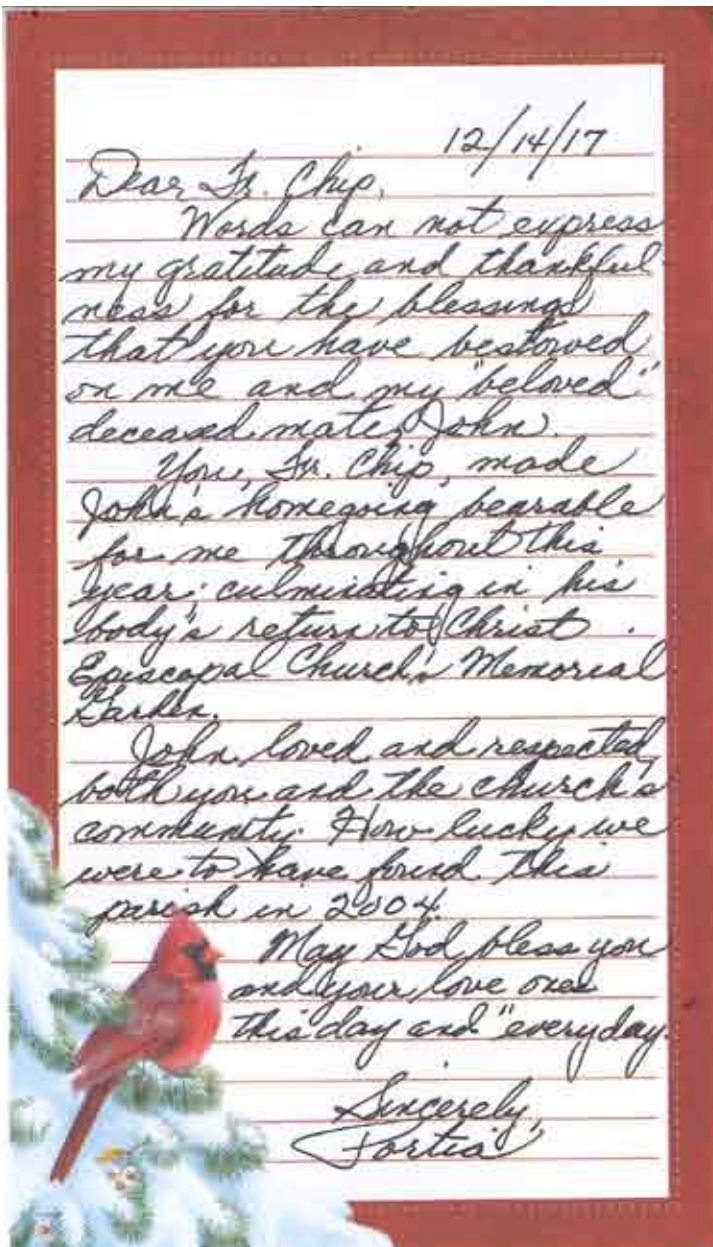
Christ Episcopal Church
200 S. McMorrine Street
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\$25 per person

Games included: Bridge, Canasta,
and other board games.

And a delicious meal with beverage and dessert!!

Tickets, available in the volunteer office,
must be purchased by February 9, 2018





EPIPHANY

YOUTH LED EPIPHANY SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
5:00PM
ALL AGES WELCOME AND INVITED!

HOTDOG/CHILI DINNER TO FOLLOW
\$5.00 ONE HOTDOG AND \$8.00
FOR TWO HOTDOGS. FUND-RAISER
FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP,
THE BEACH TOWEL MINISTRY,
REPAIRING HOMES OF THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE IN EASTERN NORTH
CAROLINA. JUNE 23RD-30TH.

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4
Acolytes 10:30 Crucifer	LP Hornthal	Mackently Pureza	Brogan Williams	Taylor Flach	Cameron Pureza
Torchbearers	Ellie Hornthal, James Hornthal	Logan Elliot, Worth Elliott	Caleb Williams, Whitney Williams	Lauren Flach, Liza Gillam	Hayden Ray, Layton Umphlett
Altar Flowers	Epiphany	Joyce and Paul Wheeler	Steve and Pat King	Mrs. C.O. Robinson, Jr	Gail and Larry Payne
Coffee Hour	Beth Jennings	Joyce Wheeler	Leah Jones	Michelle Flach	Patsy Mc Gee
Eucharistic Visitor	Tony Hornthal	Doreen Davis	Jane Oden	Craig Umphlett	Michael Hunter
Greeters 8:00	Karen Foreman	Janie King	Gail Payne	Sue Scurria	Sue Thompson
Greeters/Oblations 10:30	Sharon and Wes Lupo	Ron & Eve Turlington	Dee Rudd & Bob Carson	Phillip & Kristy Hornthal	Lisa and Chuck Wakefield
Lay Readers 8:00	Rachel Gragson	Sharon Greene	Gail Payne	Larry Payne	Norm Scurria
10:30 LC	Bettie Lyons	Timm Pridgen	Mike Sanders	Steve Clark	Mickey Golden
10:30 PC	Maria Pharr	Dee Rudd	Craig Umphlett	Ceci Austin	Tony Flach
Newcomer Greeters	Dee Rudd	Beverly Madrin	Joyce Wheeler	Jane Harris	Buddy Madrin
Nursery Assist. 10:15	Shelby Hughes	Kristen Bunn	Karen Foreman	Nikki Giannakopoulos	Brian Auton
Sunday School Assist	Nikki Giannakopoulos	Natalie Peel	Sharon Curtis	Amber Seneres	Becky Broadfoot
Ushers 10:30 (Head)	Gary Cooper, Lennie Hughes, Steve King	Phil Donahue, Danny Jennings, James Jones	David Harris, Arthur McPherson, Tark Pharr	Jim Hathaway, John Peel, Don Prentiss	Phil Hornthal, Alex Rich, Brian Smith
Altar Guild					
01/01-01/14	Jane Umphlett, Diane Wells, Sylvia Williams, Doreen Davis, Sharon Greene				
01/15-01/28	Anna Biggs, Lydia Gardener, Maria Pharr, Barbara Waldo, Sally Brudele				
01/29-02/11	Roy Golden, Kathy Donahue, Jo Ann Foreman, Hunter Michael				
Linens Keeper	Kim Cooper				

In Your Thoughts And Prayers Please Remember

UPDATE FOR JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 03 Dee Rudd | 21 Dianne Wells |
| Ann Elliot | 23 Kim Cooper |
| Frank Harris | Steve King |
| 04 Jane Harris | 24 Will Jennings |
| 07 Amy Bryson Mira | Cameron Pharr |
| 10 Tracy Dean | 25 Beverly Peterson |
| 11 Caroline Hughes | 26 Adrienne Long |
| Lydia Gardener | 27 Sylvia Dawson Williams |
| 12 Gray Little | 29 Layton Umphlett |
| 14 Susan N. Griffith | Caleb Williams |
| 15 Ginger W. Sanders | 30 Ron Turlington |
| 16 Matt Ward | |
| 17 Sally Bruderle | |
| 20 Beverly Madrin | |
| Sis Hall | |
| Tom Skinner | |
| Chip Broadfoot | |

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. Thank you.

UPDATE FOR JAN. ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Patti and Arthur Bergman
- 9 Beth and John Foreman
- 26 Becky and Chip Broadfoot
- 27 Kristin and Speight Bunn

OUR SHUT-INS

Residents of Brookdale of EC, 401 Hastings Lane
Barbara Conger, Pat Harris, Catherine Nixon

Resident of Waterbrook Assisted Living, 143 Rosedale Dr.
Kitty Castleman

Flora Robinson, 201 E. Main St., PO Box 186, EC 27907
Ann Hughes, 1514 Crescent Dr., EC 27909

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Lessons & Carols 8:00 am NO HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Lessons & Carols 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	1 New Year's Day Office closed 8:30 am Morning Prayer	2 8:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am ECW Board Meeting	4 8:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	5 8:30 am Morning Prayer	6 8:30 am Morning Prayer
CEC Room in the Inn						
7 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Nursery Opens 9:00 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 5:00 pm Epiphany Service and Dinner CEC Room in the Inn	8 8:30 am Morning Prayer	9 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am April at SP 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	10 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer	11 8:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	12 8:30 am Morning Prayer	13 8:30 am Morning Prayer Vestry retreat
14 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Chancel Choir 9:00 am BREAKFAST 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School/Nursery Opens 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	15 MILK Day Office closed 8:30 am Morning Prayer	16 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am April at SP 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	17 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer	18 8:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	19 8:30 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm USA Dance	20 8:30 am Morning Prayer
21 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Adult Sunday School/Nursery Opens 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 5:30 pm EYC-Benjamin House 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	22 8:30 am Morning Prayer 3:00 pm Albemarle Youth Choir	23 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am April at SP 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	24 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer	25 8:30 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm SOULS 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	26 8:30 am Morning Prayer	27 8:30 am Morning Prayer
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WORSHIP SERVICES & Bible Study

Daily Morning Prayer:
 St. Philip's Chapel.....8:30 A.M.
SUNDAY Schedule:
 Holy Eucharist..... 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY:
 Morning Bible Study.....7:30 A.M.

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