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OCTOBER 2011

WITHOUT A DOUBT

100 YEARS EVERY 8

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Let's see, dogs age 7 years for each human year. That's why they seem smarter than us. What about hurricanes? It seems that 100 hurricane years is about 8 human years. I'm definitely tired of getting 100 year storms every few years. Especially when they creep up a few inches each time.

Actually Marian and I were very blessed this time. Only a skim of water around the doors on the lower level which is concrete. Only lost a rug that was no great loss. I did make the mistake of not considering the lift mechanism on our camper when thinking it did not get any water "inside" it. I should have immediately hosed it down and lubed it. We'll see how that works out. Last but not least, three of our trees down on our neighbors' house.

Many of our folks were hit pretty hard. In fact it seems anecdotally that the losses were greater and more widespread than before. Most of the damage is repairable. Between FEMA and insurance a good part of the losses are covered. But a few of us were hit HARD. I'll not give names since this is posted on-line, but continued support, presence, assistance and prayer are still needed.

If nothing else Irene was a BIG inconvenience taking away our time, energy: physical and emotional, keeping us from activities we had planned. AND, bringing us the worst mosquitoes I've seen in a long time, which only makes it that much worse to be out cleaning up. As your Sr. Warden says, "Before you go out you have to bug-up." That means Carolina Cologne.

Irene brought in the worst, but brought out the best. Lots of neighbors sharing houses, meals, laundry, chainsaws, prayers, visits, lists of contractors (to call or avoid), sympathy, money, bad backs and blisters. And, of course with no air-conditioning, sweat. And many of the neighbors were folks we hadn't known before. We and our partner churches in Oriental have given away thousands of dollars



THE MOORINGS

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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Stewardship and Giving

By

Dick Ahkao, Sr. Warden



Every congregation has stories about money. Individuals give to their congregation for many different reasons. Why people give is a very complex subject. Some of the reasons for giving to the church are:

The gift is given because of the emotional connection or relationship that the individual has with God, the particular congregation, or the leader of the congregation.

Giving to the mission of the church is a statement of belief in the work and ministry of the congregation.

Giving back to God a portion of what is God's. This giving supports the stewardship axiom that we give because we receive.

Some people view giving as an extension of themselves. The gift is made because of the deep identification a person feels with the congregation, its programs and goals.

Finally, some people give feeling reciprocity with a social group. The giver makes a pledge because his or her peers expect it. The gift is given out of a sense obligation.

Just as there are different reasons for giving, there are different ways that individuals give to their church. Each of these reasons and ways are very important in the life of a vital congregation.

Like families, there are many congregations where talking about money is taboo. Open conversations about money matters are necessary for successful solicitations of gifts. When done faithfully, the ministry of "stewardship and giving," from teaching to disbursement, becomes the example of caring for God's creation.

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of your contributions in the last month to aid these neighbors.

Despite the fact that 8 Oriental years is the same as 8 human years and we're all that much older since Isabel, many of you have cleaned up, taken a deep breath and gone out to help others at the relief centers. You are truly God's people.

There is much to be done still. Check with the Church office, one of our Outreach Committee members or me.

Lastly, I'll share with you a bit of a Psalm appointed for Compline.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

God's Peace,

Fr. Jeremiah†

St. Thomas will celebrate the life of St. Francis of Assisi with our annual
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS,

Sunday 2 October at 3 PM
at the church.

All creatures great and small are welcome and they don't have to be Episcopal creatures.

Please invite friends and neighbors to what has always been a fun event.

We will have refreshments following: animal crackers for the people and people crackers for the animals.



God's Peace,

Fr. Jeremiah†



CAMPERSHIP RECIPIENT

Thank you for the campership!
I had so much fun at Camp Smith.
Everyday before lunch we would
do swim lessons. I learned
5 new strokes!!

We did sailing but we did
not get to sail. My friend
to my left did. We had Jody
pass it back and forth!

We sang every morning and
did devotions. All the songs we
sang were about G.A.P.

Everyone ended the day
with a big bonfire! At the
bonfire we would tell stories and
and dance.

The people were so nice and
we crunched too! There were 6
girls in an cabin that were my
age!! We all became good friends.

I had so much fun and
hope to go back again!

Love,
Anna Steadys...



FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES

Join us for a fun afternoon at 300 High St. We share fellowship with friends and manage to get in a few games over refreshments. Time 1 to 3 on **Thursday, October 13th**. Bring a smile and plan to join us. Sigrid has something special planned.

TRINITY DISTRICT MEETING

Our Trinity District ECW Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8th at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Goldsboro. Please mark your calendars.

Ginnie Goodwin

(Anna is Ginnie Goodwin's great granddaughter.)



Christopher Grayson	Ron Diamond
Christopher Day	Helen Hagy
Shirley Traynor	Rich Gahan
Linda Knowles	Fred Mahlstedt
Nancy Inger	Ross Kingsley
Eugene Seward	

Please remember to fill in a “Prayer Request Form” and leave it in Church Office. Thank you.

Wendy Seward and Janet Adkins will prepare God’s Altar for worship during October.

There are two open weeks in October for altar flower requests to be honored (16th and 23rd). If we do not receive a request, we will purchase flowers inexpensively. Remember, there is a form to be filled out with your request---just put it in the offering plate **with your check** and we will take it from there.



Watch for a November date for an Altar Guild Gathering.

God’s Peace,

Altar Guild

Marian and Mary Beth



I hope you enjoyed The Pamlico Flutes on September 25th. It is nice to be able to have local groups play for us from time to time.

I am looking forward to an exciting year for the choir. Karen Parker has re-joined us and will be playing the organ. Tatiana Greene is back to play the piano. Both will sing in the choir when not playing. Having these talented musicians will enable us to broaden the scope of our music choices. Please remember to be respectful of their time playing prelude and postlude music by being quiet before and after the service.

We welcome newcomers to join us. Our regular practice is Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft.

Peace—Dee Sage



OUR LIVES TOGETHER EVERY WEEK

RED - CHURCH
 BLUE - PARISH HALL
 GREEN - GREEN HOUSE
 BLACK - OTHER LOCATION

Holy Eucharist	Sunday	8:00a
Christian Formation	Sunday	9:15a
Holy Eucharist	Sunday	10:30a
AA Group	Sunday	8:00p
Bible Study	Monday	10:30a
Bible Study	Monday	1:30p
Rector & Warden's Meeting	Monday	4:00p
Cursillo Reunion Group	Monday	5:30p
Cursillo Reunion @ Perry Griffin House	Tuesday	8:00a
Men's Bible Study	Tuesday	9:00a
Alanon	Tuesday	8:00p
Healing & Holy Eucharist	Wednesday	Noon
Greenhouse Bible Study	Wednesday	1:30p
Prayer Group-Call for location	Wednesday	1:30p
Pot Luck Supper	1 st Wednesday	6:15p
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00p
Choir Practice	Thursday	7:00p



greeters



USHERS



Greeters Tom & Ellie Finta
 Ushers David Opgrand & George Schenck

Sunday	2	8:00a	16 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II
		10:30a	UTO Ingathering
		Hostesses	G. Evans
		3:00 p	(L) K. Bates; (C) E. Creel & E. Finta
Wednesday	5	noon	Charlotte Schenck & Marge Juerling
Sunday	9		Blessing of the Animals
		8:00a	Healing Service
		10:30a	17 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II
		Hostesses	Stewardship Kick-off
		7:00p	M. Dales
Tuesday	11	10:00a	(L) G. Schenck; (C) D. Dunford & J. Bond
Wednesday	12		Jo Tingle & Shirley Tingle
		1:30p	Vestry Meeting
		1:00 p	Outreach Committee
Thursday	13		Worship & Music Committee
Saturday	15	8:00a	Game Day Fellowship
			Men's Breakfast

		10:00a	Sexual Ethics Training
Sunday 16			18 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II
		8:00a	W. Seward
		10:30a	(L) B. Sage; (C) G. Robinson & E. Creel
	Hostesses		Marlene Sykes & Sarah Kenny
Tuesday 18		2:00p	Christian Formation
Wednesday 19		10:30a	Pastoral Care Committee
Friday 21			MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE
Sunday 23			19 Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II
		9:00a	G. Evans
		10:30a	(L) C. McAdoo; (C) J. Bond & E. Finta
	Hostesses		Cheryl McFadden & Happy Lowry
Tuesday 25		7:00p	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday 26		4:00p	ECW Board Meeting
Sunday 30			20 Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II
		8:00a	W. Seward
		10:30a	(L) J. Berry; (C) D. Dunford & G. Robinson
	Hostesses		Rolayne Schwendy & MaryAnne Kingsley

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 6 **21ST Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**
ECW Officer Elections

NOVEMBER 2011 LECTOR & CHALICE SCHEDULE

6TH	8 a.m.	M. Dales	10:30	(L) K. Bates, (C) G. Robinson, E. Creel
13TH	8 a.m.	G. Evans	10:30	(L) J. Berry, (C) E. Finta, J. Bond
20TH	8 a.m.	W. Seward	10:30	(L) C. Bliss, (C) G. Robinson, D. Dunford
27TH	8 a.m.	M. Dales	10:30	(L) C. McAdoo, (C) E. Creel, E. Finta

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THESE DATES, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO FILL-IN FOR YOU AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE (249-0256).



OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Irene Relief

The Outreach Committee suggests the following ways to contribute to hurricane relief:

Food: The Pamlico Fishes and Loaves Ministry, based at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, is accepting cash and non-perishable food donations to provide food for hurricane victims as well other needy families. Food donations can be taken to St. Peter's on White Farm Road. Cash donations to Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves, Inc. can be mailed c/o Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, 1149 White Farm Road, Oriental, NC 28571. Volunteers are also needed to fill and distribute grocery bags on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and some Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, contact Linda Fauvell, St. Thomas' liaison with Fishes and Loaves, at 249-2584, or Alice Sontag, Program Coordinator, at 249-7297.

Funds for Food and Building Supply Vouchers: Wachovia Bank in Bayboro is receiving contributions for the Pamlico County Hurricane Irene Relief Fund. Contributions will be used to provide vouchers for food and building supplies for qualified individuals. Checks should be made out to "Pamlico Co. Hurricane Irene Relief Fund" and either brought to the bank or mailed c/o Wachovia Bank, 715 Main St., Bayboro, NC 28515.

Clothing, Furniture, Linens, Appliances, Toiletries, etc.: By the week of September 18th, the relief centers housed at Pamlico County churches will be closed, and relief efforts will be centralized at the drop-off and distribution center in Bayboro at the old Clover Farm Building, across from Pamlico High School. Donations of furniture, clothing, diapers, sheets and towels, appliances (especially microwaves and toaster ovens), school supplies, and toiletries are being accepted. Volunteers are urgently needed to take in and box up donations, which are then taken to qualified individuals by other volunteers. If you can help, please call Joy Carawan at 252-514-5343.

Volunteers Urgently Needed to Complete Punch List for Habitat House

As you may know, the couple for whom the current Habitat house is being built lost their former house to Hurricane Isabel. Now, because of Hurricane Irene, they have lost the trailer where they have been living! It is therefore urgent that their new house be

completed soon. Tim Balfour, who is managing the project, desperately needs volunteers to finish the flooring, painting, trim work, nail-hole-filling, etc. so that Ruby and Lewis can move in as soon as possible. If you can help, please call Tim at 617-3361 (cell) or 745-3247.

The Outreach Committee Announces Other Volunteer Needs

Data Entry Volunteer Needed at Coastal Women's Shelter Office, New Bern

The Coastal Women's Shelter office in New Bern, which receives and distributes funds for both the Craven and Pamlico County Coastal Women's Shelters, needs a volunteer to do data entry one day a week. If you can help fill this need, please call Ann Savage, CWS Coordinator for Pamlico County, at 671-6129.

Board Member Needed for Girls on the Run

Pamlico County Girls on the Run, which combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with uplifting workouts for girls in grades 3-5, needs a new Board member. The goal of this program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development for girls in this age group in order to enhance self-esteem and prevent at-risk behaviors later in adolescence. If you are interested in serving on the Board of this life-changing organization, contact Jean Chastang at 249-1099.

Volunteers Needed for Hospice of Pamlico County

Hospice of Pamlico County urgently needs volunteers to support Hospice patients and their families. No medical background is necessary. Non-medical volunteers do things like run errands or sit with/read to patients while family members run errands, and Hospice provides all necessary volunteer training. If you are willing to serve as a patient volunteer, please call the Hospice office at 745-5171.

Volunteers are also needed to help staff the Hospice Thrift Shop in Bayboro. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact Betty Baldwin (249-0609) or Gay Webster (249-2426).

Volunteers Needed for HOPE Clinic

HOPE Clinic continues to need medical and non-medical volunteers. If you can help, please contact Marge Dales, Interim Director.

Outreach Committee Announces Other Donation Needs

Carolyn Engel reports that the ***Food Pantry at the Coastal Women's Shelter*** is almost bare. If you wish to donate food to the pantry, contact Carolyn (249-3776) or CWS Director Ann Savage (745-0500).

Joanne Cuskey reports that the ***Interfaith Refugee Ministry*** in New Bern will be welcoming a new family of six Burmese refugees. Towels, beds, bed linens, and pots and pans are needed for this family. Also, three of their current refugee families were displaced by Hurricane Irene and are staying with friends until apartments or trailers can be located for them. If you can help with any of these needs, contact Joanne (745-3291) or Susan Husson (638-8705).

Additional Outreach Committee News

At the September 14th meeting of the Outreach Committee, Linda Fauvell, St. Thomas' liaison on the Board of **Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves**, gave an excellent presentation on the history and mission of that organization. Founded in 2007, Fishes and Loaves sponsors a referral pantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for emergency referrals and individuals who qualify through Social Services. Recently, 141 families, representing 364 individuals, have been provided groceries through this program. On one Wednesday and one Friday each month Fishes and Loaves also sponsors a mobile pantry for any family who drives up. As many as 131 households per month have been served through this program. Currently, the Rotary Club has been promised a grant of \$3000 that they will receive if they can raise an equal amount of money for Fishes and Loaves. Volunteers are always needed to fill grocery bags and load them in cars.

Jean White reports that **Camps Sea Gull and Seafarer** suffered some damage from Hurricane Irene but are recovering. The fall weekend camps, as well as the Y-Learning programs, are beginning.

Jean also reports that **Girls on the Run** is off to a good start this fall, with 3rd-5th grade groups at Fred Anderson Elementary and Arapahoe Charter School staffed by nine coaches and helpers. On **October 22nd**, Tennessee Ronnie will host a **barbecue fundraiser for GOTR** behind the Oriental Marina Motel.

Roberta Jones reports that **HeartWorks** sustained some damage from the hurricane but that they are able to continue their programs. A knitting class was recently introduced, which has been well received and seems to help develop children's ability to focus and concentrate.

The Outreach Committee received a thank-you note from Father Rojas at the **Episcopal Farmworker Ministry** for St. Thomas's recent donations to support their general/building fund and their fall festival and a thank-you note from Girls on the Run for our recent donation to that program.

Episcopal Art Show

By invitation from Ken Chance, Chairman of the Christ Church Art Guild, the Ministry Center of Christ Church, New Bern, will feature a show of works by Pamlico County artists associated with St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Oriental.

The show opened on September 20, 2011 and will close with a reception to which the public is invited at the Art Walk on November 11, 2011, from 5-8 pm.

Arrangements for visiting the show, entitled A WINDOW ON THE KINGDOM, may be made by calling coordinators Donna Rhein at 252-670-1993 or Janet Adkins at 252-249-0392.

Exhibiting artists are: **Marlene Sykes, Ray Orndorff, Ross Kingsley, Susan King, Marguerite Garrett, Beverly Fruhling, Grace Evans, Susan Cheatham and Janet Adkins.**