

# CREATOR

# Chronicle



January 2012

## A Letter From the Senior Warden

Two years ago when Mother Ann asked me to be the Senior Warden I told her that I was very busy and did not think that I could spare enough time to do the job properly. She assured me that it should not be too demanding because the church had a rector. Neither of us had any idea what was waiting in the future.

The past two years have been, to say the least, an adventure. There have been highs and lows, causes to celebrate and also mourn. Through out all of this I have seen plenty of reasons to be proud of the Creator Family. After losing our rector the Creator Family has continued to keep it's attendance up. We have new members joining our church. The drive to reduce our debt is doing very well. We started the drive owing over \$50,000.00 and are now down to \$13,000.00. I still hope we can finish this drive by the end of March. That would be a great blessing. We combined most of our fundraisers into the Fall Festival. Thanks to your help it was a great success, and I look forward to the next Fall Festival. I could write a novel about all the positive things happening.

Thanks to the efforts of many people, I feel that my time as Senior Warden has been successful. First I must thank my Junior Warden, Mike Milone. In truth he has been both of the Wardens in every way except signature. He has been a great blessing, and I pray that the Creator Family will continue to support and assist him. Second, I must thank the vestry. They have lead the church through some difficult times and had to make some very difficult decisions. Thank you to the Church Staff. I can't begin to express how important you are to the church family. From the administration, to the heavenly music, to the wonderful upkeep of the facilities. Next I must thank the Creator Family members who have stepped up to do the various leadership roles within the church. Your efforts do make a difference, and are appreciated. I wish to thank everyone who has volunteered to help the church. Your efforts are what keeps things going. I also need to thank the entire Creator Family. Your prayers, trust, faith and feedback have been critical to me. I pray that you will continue to support my successor and the vestry. Lastly I wish to thank Bishop Gray and Cannon Johnson for all their advice and assistance.

I am completing my time as Senior Warden with mixed feelings. Mostly I am happy that I see a bright future for the Church of the Creator. It will however need help from everyone to come to pass, so I am asking everyone to get involved. The stewardship of the church requires more than just a pledge of money. It also needs a pledge of time. Please volunteer in what ever capacity that you can. Join the vestry, be a reader or usher, join the alter guild or flower guild, help with Outreach, etc. There are so many ways that you can make a difference. Let's reach that bright future together.

Yours Truly,

Chuck Runyan  
*Senior Warden*

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a congregation named for our Creator, we believe we are children of the Living God, brothers, sisters and seekers of the Lord Jesus Christ, friends to all, expressing our Faith through worship, fellowship, selfless giving, education and artistic ministry.

From the

## Deacon's Desk

During December the Creator faithful collected caps, socks, candy, non-perishable foods, cakes and other treats to create Christmas packages for the homeless men who stay at the Billy Brumfield House. On the 18<sup>th</sup> after church we worked in the Parish Hall to assemble the packages and they were delivered to the shelter on Christmas Eve afternoon. As the men left the shelter on Christmas morning they each received a Christmas present from Creator. Thanks to all who helped us provide these much appreciated items to those who find themselves in a very difficult situation. I know that despite the cloudy, rainy Christmas Day, your efforts provided some sunshine to these men.

As we enter 2012, please keep our outreach ministries in your prayers as we continue to discern how we at Creator may serve those in need. Remember to pick up an extra item or two when you buy your groceries and bring the food for the basket in the narthex. This food provides needed food for families in Clinton through the food pantry at 4Cs.

Thank you for all you do.

*The Reverend Bill Hanna*



## Creator *2012 Annual Parish Meeting*

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, during the regular Sunday service. It is important that everyone attend this meeting as we will be: presenting the new budget for 2012, electing one new Vestry member to fill the position currently held by Jim Green, who has completed his commitment, electing a new Senior Warden who will fill the position being vacated by Chuck Runyan and recapping the year 2011.

If you would like to be a nominee for either Vestry member or Senior Warden, please send an email to: Mike Milone at [michael-milone@comcast.net](mailto:michael-milone@comcast.net) no later than January 15.

At the conclusion of the Parish Meeting we will be having a Pot Luck lunch in the Parish Hall. The church will be providing the meat dishes and we ask the congregation to please bring casseroles, salads, deserts and bread.

See you there!

Mike



When you are grocery shopping, please remember to pick up some extra, non-perishable food goods and bring them to church the next time you come. We will be continuing this outreach ministry each month on the third Sunday of the month, so mark the dates on your calendar.

## Choir *Notes*

*Submitted by Dr. Ed Dacus, Choirmaster*

A sincere thank you goes to all who helped make our Christmas Eve service most memorable. The Church of the Creator is blessed with such diversity of talent, and a great deal of that talent was manifest for our Christmas Lessons and Carols and Eucharist. All who participated, the Adult Choir, the Girls Ensemble, the Children's Choir, the Handbell players, the String Quintet, the Readers, the Acolytes, and our guest priest Rev. Worthington, all contributed to make a truly magnificent celebration of Christ's birth. I want to express my heart-felt appreciation to the members of the various musical ensembles who put in so much extra rehearsal time to make the service outstanding. And a huge thank-you goes to Beth Braley who worked so diligently to make the Christmas Eve service leaflet so beautiful. Thank you, all!

There has been so much quality Christmas music written over the centuries, and it was good to be able to sing and hear some of that literature. I hope that our Christmas Eve service helped to make your Christmas truly special.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Knitting Hearts

"Knitting Hearts", will not meet in January. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please mark your check to designate funds to: "Knitting Hearts" and place in the offering plate.

For more information, contact Pat Martz: [nanaphm@aol.com](mailto:nanaphm@aol.com) or by cell phone: 601-842-7629.

*Submitted by Pat Martz*

## Prime Timers' Luncheon

Wednesday, January 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Hosts: Jim Green & Mary Hulsebosch



## VESTRY DIGEST

At its meeting December 19, the Vestry of Creator:

- Present: Chuck Runyan, Mike Milone, Collin Johnson, Pat Martz, Jim Green, John Lanford.
- Absent: Wayne Brown
- Read letter from Polly Marshall concerning memorials received in her daughter's name.
- Read letter from the Diocese concerning the reinstatement of The Rev. H. Thomas Slawson III.
- Entered into the record the following "email" votes taken since last meeting.
  1. Accepted the bid of \$1,000.00 from Greens Keepers to clean up the back half of the property.
  2. Agreed to place \$1,500.00 from the Fall Festival account into the Deacon's Discretionary Account for outreach projects.
  3. Approved the Letter of Agreement for the Rev. Bob Blanton.
- Presented the 2012 Sunday service schedule and EYC meeting schedule.
- We had Entergy come out to repair two of our outside security lights.
- Discussed the new EYC meeting format for 2012. Viola Dacus has agreed to teach the EYC Sunday school.
- Discussed the preparation of the 2012 Parochial Report.
- Discussed results of the Stewardship Campaign. Of 71 Pledge Cards mailed, 42 have been received.

*Minutes of vestry meetings may be found on the bulletin board outside the administrator's office following their approval and correction if needed. If you would like a copy, please call the office and a copy will be provided to you via email.*

# Sunday School *Classes*

## **Adults**—Collin Johnson

We have begun our new adult class. It is called "The Challenge of Jesus" and it features John Dominic Crossan. This is a dynamic class where Crossan details the times and political climates of the world as Jesus came into it. We also discuss the new possibilities that Jesus brought in comparison to what was thought before his arrival. We meet at 9 am each Sunday and welcome everyone for open and frank thoughts and discussion.

## **Atrium & Intermediate**—Debbie Runyan, Katy Lanford and Linda Waldbauer

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope that this season has been wonderful for all of you. Sundays in the Atria will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a Grinch that Stole Christmas (a Christian perspective) Sunday, followed by Jesus Baptism and the Baptism Works, Jesus first miracle, and the Transfiguration on consecutive Sundays in January.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are our future, and very important members of our church family.

## **EYC**—Mike Milone

We have created a new monthly format for the EYC. The group will meet three times a month, twice on Sunday night at 5:30 and once on Saturday (times vary). One Sunday meeting will consist of a Group Discussion led by Sarah Brantley, and the second Sunday night is designated as a Fun Night led by Fred Shirley. One Saturday each month the EYC will participate in a Community Service Project in lieu of one Sunday night meeting.

It was decided at the meeting with the parents that they would rotate bringing food to the Sunday EYC meetings and would stay for the meeting as the Diocese requires at least two adults be present at all youth gatherings. Below is the schedule for January.

### **January**

- 1      ***No Meeting (New Year's Day)***
- 8      Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 14     Community Service Planning Meeting—11:00 a.m.
- 22     ***No Meeting, DOY Planning Weekend***
- 29     Fun Night—Fred Shirley

## **W.O.W (what's on Wednesday)** —Patti Smith

W.O.W will continue meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday's at 5:30 p.m.

## Creator Service Schedule

### January

- 1 Morning Prayer – Mike Milone
- 8 Eucharist – Rev. Annie Elliott
- 15 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 22 Morning Prayer – Bill Hanna
- 29 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton

### February

- 5 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 12 Eucharist – Rev. Annie Elliott
- 19 Morning Prayer – Pat Martz
- 22 Ash Wednesday – Mike Milone
- 26 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton

### March

- 4 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 11 Eucharist – Rev. Annie Elliott
- 18 Morning Prayer – Bill Hanna
- 25 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton

### April

- 1 Palm Sunday – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 5 Maundy Thursday – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 6 Good Friday – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 7 Easter Vigil – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 8 Easter Sunday – Rev. Annie Elliott
- 15 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 22 Morning Prayer – Pat Martz
- 29 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton

### May

- 6 Eucharist – Rev. Bob Blanton
- 13 Eucharist – Rev. Annie Elliott
- 20 Morning Prayer – Mike Milone
- 27 Pentecost Sunday – Rev. Bob Blanton

## EYC Meeting Schedule

### January

- 1 **No Meeting (New Year's Day)**
- 8 Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 14 Community Service Planning Meeting
- 22 **No Meeting, DOY Planning Weekend**
- 29 Fun Night—Fred Shirley

### February

- 5 **No Meeting, Annual Council**
- 11 Community Service – Bill Hanna
- 19 Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 26 **No Meeting, Sr. High DOY**

### March

- 4 **No Meeting, Happening Reunion**
- 10 Community Service – Bill Hanna
- 18 Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 25 **No Meeting, Jr. High DOY**

### April

- 1 **No Meeting, Arrow Choir Trip**
- 8 **No Meeting, Easter Sunday**
- 15 Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 22 Fun Night—Fred Shirley
- 29 Community Service – Bill Hanna

### May

- 6 Group Discussion —Sarah Brantley
- 12 Community Service – Bill Hanna
- 20 Fun Night—Fred Shirley
- 27 **No Meeting—Out for Summer**

# Financial Report

## from the Treasurer

Note: Financials for December were not available at the time of publishing. Year-end results will be presented at the Annual Meeting January 22, 2012.

### Episcopal Church of the Creator 2011 Revenue, Expense & Budget

Accounts	YTD Actual Jan-Nov	YTD Budget Jan-Nov	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>			
4100.01 - Plate Offerings	\$22,183	\$27,500	
4100.02 - General Fund Pledges	\$108,981	\$124,520	88% Collected
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	<u>\$131,164</u>	<u>\$152,020</u>	
<b>Other Revenues</b>			
4200.00 - Interest Income	\$330	\$5,849	
4300.00 - Fund Raisers	\$7,287	\$0	
4400.00 - Other Income	\$4,959	\$0	St Peter's Compensation
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<u>\$12,577</u>	<u>\$5,849</u>	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$143,741</b>	<b>\$157,869</b>	Under Budget: \$14,129
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$154,500</b>	<b>\$185,395</b>	Under Budget: \$30,895
<b>Revenue minus Expenses (true deficit)</b>	<b>(\$10,760)</b>	<b>(\$27,526)</b>	
One time use of special/memorial funds	\$4,316	\$4,316	
<b>Current Adjusted Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$6,444)</b>	<b>(\$23,210)</b>	

# CREATOR *January Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>10:30 am: Morning Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happy New Year!</b></p> <p>EYC—No Meeting</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p><b>No Evening Prayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>12 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prime Timers</b> 12:30 am</p> <p><b>No Adult Choir</b></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>12:00 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8 am: Mass</p> <p>10:30 am: Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm: EYC (Group Discussion) - Sarah Brantley</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>6 pm: Evening Prayer &amp; Anglican Rosary</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>12 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>5:30 pm—WOW</p> <p>6:15 pm: Children's Choir</p> <p>7 pm: Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>12:00 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm: EYC (Community Service Planning Meeting) - Bill Hanna</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>8 am: Mass</p> <p>10:30 am: Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's</b></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>6 pm: Evening Prayer &amp; Anglican Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>12 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>7 pm: Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>12:00 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting</p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon</b></p> <p>8 am: Morning Prayer</p> <p>10:30 am: Morning Prayer</p> <p>EYC (NO MEETING)</p> <p>DOY Planning Weekend</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>6 pm: Evening Prayer &amp; Anglican Rosary</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>12 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>5:30 pm—WOW</p> <p>6:15 pm: Children's Choir</p> <p>7 pm: Adult Choir</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>12:00 pm: AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting</p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p>8 am: Mass</p> <p>10:30 am: Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm: EYC (Fun Night) - Fred Shirley</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>6 pm: Evening Prayer &amp; Anglican Rosary</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>12 pm: AA Meeting</p>				

# January Servers

	1	8	15	22	29
	Morning Prayer Mike Milone	Eucharist Rev. Annie Elliott	Eucharist Rev. Bob Blanton	Morning Prayer Rev. Bill Hanna	Eucharist Rev. Bob Blanton
Chalice		Pat Martz	Bob White		Mike Milone
		Jolyne Shirley	Chuck Runyan		Pat Martz
Lectors	Deborah Runyan	Jolyne Shirley	Bill Schmid	Fred Shirley	Sarah Shirley
	Wendy Brantley	Collin Johnson	Viola Dacus	John Lanford	Mary Hulsebosch
Prayers	Janie Fields	Sarah Shirley	Chuck Runyan	Collin Johnson	Deborah Runyan
Acolytes	Melissa White	Emily Dacus	Sarah Brantley	Connor Smith	Emily Dacus
		John Richard	Maddie Gray Brantley		John Richard
Ushers	Jim Brantley	John Lanford	Len Bussell	Jim Brantley	John Lanford
	Alex Runyan	Charlie Dieth	Mimi Bussell	Alex Runyan	Charlie Dieth
Altar	Collin Johnson	Beverly Wilder	Peggy Wilder	Kathy Milone	Joyce White
Nursery					
Home Communion		Pat Martz			Mary Page
		Eddie Hill			Nancy Schmid
Vestry Person of the Day	Collin Johnson	Wayne Brown	Pat Martz	Jim Green	Mike Milone



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

- 2 Lonnie Carlton  
Jeremy Randall
- 7 Kelly Harvey
- 9 James Marx
- 13 Bill Singletary
- 16 Ed Dacus
- 20 Donna Corkern

- 21 Linda Martin
- 22 Elisabet McGahey
- 24 Edie Hill
- 27 Alexx Shirley

### Anniversaries

- 11 Jim & Wendy Brantley

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Sunday School: 9:00 am

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**The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts-Schori**

*Bishop*

**The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray, III**

*Rector*

**Vacant**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Deacon Bill Hanna**

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*Creator strives to be a safe and inclusive house of worship that welcomes everyone as  
Children of God and values everyone's ministry in the Church and in the world.*