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Mission Statement

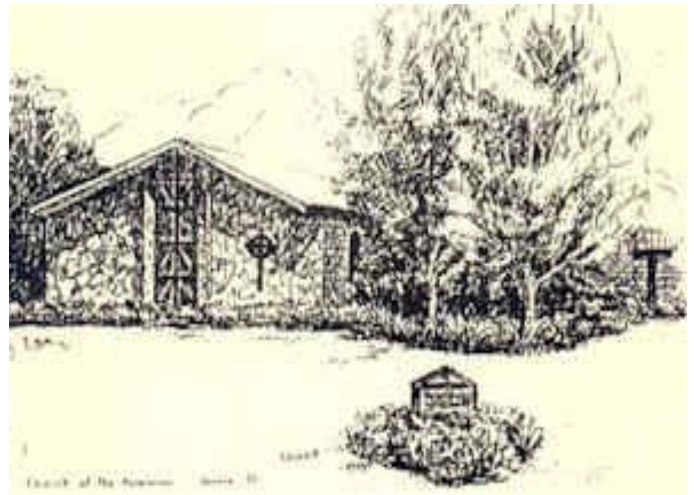
“Disciples of Christ called to serve neighbors, near and far.”

In the quiet of the moment...

Dear Friends in Christ

Happy New Year to all. If we follow the thought that “happy” is synonymous with “blessed”, then may we all find peace in the knowledge that God blesses us all each and every day. To be sure, there are days when we may not always feel that way. We all have those days that seem to go better than other days. In gratitude for this New Year and trusting in God’s love and care, I invite you to “wrap” this New Year in prayer. As Episcopalians, we embrace daily prayer as a way of life. We may recall St. Paul’s words of advice, that we are to “pray without ceasing”. In the Holy Eucharist we begin with prayer and we end with prayer. The Eucharist is one long prayer form beginning to end.

I want to continue this January message with a potpourri of thoughts and reflections for the coming year. I want to commend to you our new vestry. Joining our returning members, Marty Gallimore, Ellen Young, Leila Walker, Sid Bryson, Ginger Tidman, and Peg Stutsman are Harriette Wheeler, Dee Mango, Donnie Davenport, Tom Davies, and Lou Leffler. Sid is our new Senior Warden and Leila continues as our Junior Warden. We thank Don Towe, Audrey Trinder, Gail Reuning, Chuck Smith, and Robert Lewis for their faithful service to us as members of the vestry. Our new vestry clerk is Al Belauskas. We have now divided our financial responsibilities between the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper; we



are fortunate to have Connie Spencer as our new Treasurer and Robbie Grider as our Bookkeeper. We are grateful to Peter Cooke for serving as our Treasurer for the past ten years. At the Annual Parish Meeting we honored Peter with a Resolution signed by all the vestry members in recognition of his service. The vestry and the leadership support team will participate in a retreat the weekend of January 15-16 to develop plans to meet the challenges of the coming year.

On that Sunday, January 17, I will commission our new parish officers during the 10:30 worship. I ask your prayers of support, guidance and discernment for them as they assume the leadership of our parish. We will pray the same for our parish members as well. We are all in this together and we need one another more than ever now in order to continue the many ministries that God has given us to do. Our parish and its mission in the community and in the world is a precious gift of the Holy Spirit entrusted to us for our care and prayers.

I wonder how many of us have thought of our New Year’s Resolutions. I am afraid I have not

had much time to ponder those for myself lately. I always have a few, yet I find that, as the weeks and months pass, I have not kept them, or I've allowed those good intentions to slip quietly away. Our new resolutions, or even our old ones revisited again, are important to us; they have been chosen for good reasons. Therefore, I invite you to write those resolutions on a 3x5 card and to place your resolutions in the Alms Basin as it is passed during the offertory beginning Sunday, January 3, at both services. We will bless them along with our other offerings at the Liturgy of the Table. We will do this for the remaining Sundays in January. In giving our New Year's resolutions to God, perhaps our prayerful intentionality will help us to find a clearer path to fulfilling them.

During Lent you will have more opportunities for Daily Prayer in the church. There will be scheduled Daily Offices during the week: Morning Prayer on some days and Evening Prayer on others. As you know, the liturgy for these services can be found in the front section of our Book of Common Prayer. The weekday services will be informal, with no choir, no vestments, and no homily. The services normally last about 20 minutes. The Daily Offices of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer will offer us one more valuable occasion to enter into corporate prayer together, to find peace and reassurance of God's love and care for us as we grow in grace through prayer.

As you read this, we are still in the holiday season, so please travel safely and come to church when you return and share your travel stories with us. Stay in touch and as we travel let us pray together the prayer For Travelers which is on page 831 in our Book of Common Prayer:

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel {in particular _____}; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessings to all...see you in church!
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Andrew Waldo elected as Upper South Carolina's next bishop

Note: The article has been edited and adapted from Episcopal News Service staff dated December 12, 2009

The Rev. W. Andrew Waldo was elected Dec. 12 to be the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, pending the required consents from the majority of the church's other dioceses.

Waldo, 56, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Excelsior, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota), was chosen on the third ballot out of a field of seven candidates. He received 129 votes of 234 cast in the lay order and 64 of 116 cast in the clergy order. An election on the third ballot required 118 in the lay order and 59 in the clergy order. The result of Ballot #3 follows.

BALLOT #3

December 12, 2009, 3:49 PM
Ballots cast: Clergy 116; Lay 234
Needed to elect: Clergy 59; Lay 118

| Nominee | Clergy | Lay |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| The Very Rev. John B. Burwell | 1 | 0 |
| The Very Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder | 25 | 22 |
| The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell | 22 | 76 |
| The Rev. David F. O. Thompson | 2 | 1 |
| The Rev. W. Andrew Waldo | 64 | 129 |
| The Rev. Jerre Stockton Williams, Jr. | 2 | 6 |

The election was held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia where one of the candidates, the Very Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder is Dean.

Under the canons of the Episcopal Church (III.11.4), a majority of bishops exercising jurisdiction and diocesan standing committees must consent to Waldo's ordination as bishop within 120 days of receiving notice of the election.

Waldo was elected to succeed Bishop Dorsey Henderson, who is retiring on Dec. 31 after serving the diocese since 1995. Waldo's consecration is set for May 22, 2010. The diocesan Standing Committee will become the ecclesiastical authority in the diocese between Henderson's retirement and the consecration.

Waldo, who has taught early music and has a master's degree in the recorder, served parishes in New Hampshire and Georgia before being called to Trinity in 1994. His accomplishments there include leading two capital campaigns and helping the parish grow to more than 550 members. He was ordained deacon in June 1988 and priest in April 1989 after earning a master of divinity degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee. Waldo and wife Mary Halverson Waldo are the parents of three sons. More information about Waldo, including his resume and the search committee's questions, is available by going to www.edusc.org

The other candidates were:

- the Very Rev. John B. Burwell, 58, rector, [Church of the Holy Cross](#), Sullivan's Island, Daniel Island and I'on, South Carolina (Diocese of South Carolina);
- the Very Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder, dean, [Trinity Episcopal Cathedral](#), Columbia, South Carolina (Diocese of Upper South Carolina);
- the Rev. Canon Neal O. Michell, 56, canon to the ordinary, [Episcopal Diocese of Dallas](#);
- the Rev. David F. O. Thompson, 58, rector, [St. Bartholomew's Church](#), North Augusta, South Carolina (Diocese of Upper South Carolina);
- the Rev. Jerre Stockton Williams Jr., 58, rector, [St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#), Kerrville, Texas (Diocese of West Texas); and

- the Rev. Robert Brown, rector, [St. Matthew's Episcopal Church](#), Spartanburg, South Carolina (Diocese of Upper South Carolina), who was nominated from the floor.

Additional information about all the nominees, including video presentations by each and their answers to the search committee's questions, is available by going to www.edusc.org

Based in Columbia, South Carolina, the Diocese of Upper South Carolina is made up of approximately 25,300 Episcopalians worshipping 61 congregations in 22 counties in the upper part of the state.

Ascension Vestry

The annual Vestry retreat will be held on Friday, Jan. 15th and Saturday, Jan. 16th at Holy Trinity in Clemson. Sid Bryson is Sr. Warden and Leila Walker is our Junior Warden. New Vestry members are: Donnie Davenport, Tom Davies, Lou Leffler, Dee Mango and Harriette Wheeler. Al Beauskas is the new Vestry Clerk. Our Treasurer of 10 years, Peter Cooke, resigned; Connie Spencer is our new Treasurer and Robbie Grider is the Bookkeeper. Delegates to the Convention for 2 years are Bob Andrews and Pam Whitaker.

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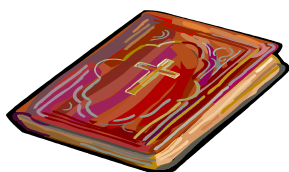
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Schedule of Services

Sunday - 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite I
Sunday - 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist - Rite II
Wednesday - 12:00 PM - Holy Eucharist



Adult

Bible

Formation Class

The class finished its study of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians in December and now is starting a study of the "Book of Revelations" attributed to John the apostle and the son of Zebedee. John wrote the book during a period of exile and suffering on the Island of Patmos off the coast of present day Turkey. The book is addressed to seven churches in the Roman province in this present day nation. The book begins and ends with Christ. The book speaks of His character, His mission, and His final goal of bringing all things into subjection to His Father's perfect will. The Book is not an easy one to understand (class members will help you in the process). This writing has abundant figures and intriguing symbols will stimulate you in many different explanations about the book's message. Cooke's (our study guide) authors state that there will be differences in what we read. The book's principal theme is a common one, one of HOPE. John states that "Christ will some day return to vindicate the righteous and judge the wicked and unbelieving." The book also has warnings. Jesus calls believers to commit themselves to live in righteousness and integrity by power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also admonishes the wicked to turn away from their sin and trust Him for their salvation.

The class meets EVERY Sunday morning from 9:30 am until 10:15 am. You are most welcome to attend and just monitor the class or join into the discussion. Study guides are provided. For information, see or call (944-2882) Bob Andrews

Rev'd Deedie Phillips Marshall

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## Music Notes in Epiphany

Several themes in Epiphany are reflected in our hymns. The word "Epiphany", Greek for manifestation, states how God is made **manifest**, or obvious, on earth through the physical presence of His son Jesus. From January 6th to the day before Lent, we remember the journey of the **Wise Men** as they follow the **Star** to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. We commemorate the **baptism of Jesus** by **John the Baptist** as the **Holy Spirit** descended in the form of a **dove** with the voice of God's announcement. During the **Transfiguration** Jesus was revealed to his disciples as God on earth as well as to Moses and Elijah on the **mountaintop**. Jesus is shown to be the **light of the world** and fills our lives with light to spread throughout the world.

I choose two hymns as examples. "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (HB128) was referenced in Matthew 2:1-12 as Magi from the East and were characterized as Gentiles because of their knowledge of the Stars and the questions they asked. Christian tradition began to identify them from the prophecies found in Isaiah 60:3 and Psalm 68:29 and started calling these sages Kings. The "Three" Kings was set by the number of gifts they brought. By the early Middle ages the three kings were given names and many plays and folklore became very popular. John Henry Hopkins Jr. composed the familiar tune known today in 1857. Mr. Hopkins was a teacher at General Theological seminary from 1855-1857. He dramatized this carol having the three kings sing stanzas 1 and 5 as a trio. Then he had King Gaspard sing stanza 2 about the gold, King Melchior sing stanza 3 about frankincense, and King Baltazar sing stanza 4 about myrrh. The congregation was to sing the refrain with an interlude intended for a melody instrument to follow. The 1940 Hymnal has this hymn (#51) written as the composer originally intended. The 1982 Hymnal adapted it for the congregation to sing all stanzas and refrains.

The second hymn I choose to look at is "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak" which has two settings (HB129 and 130). Poet Brian Wren based his words on the Transfiguration scripture found in

Matthew, Mark, and Luke and then focused on creating words of praise and glory for Christ. The first setting of *Mowsley* was written by The Rev. Canon Cyril Taylor, an English clergyman, composer, and hymnal editor. Mowsley is the small village in Leicestershire where he grew up. He used ascending leaps and arch shaped melodic lines building the climb to the final "Alleluia" in his melody, *Shillingford!* The later setting was composed by Peter Cutts who was a friend and contemporary of Brian Wren as well as a composer. Mr. Cutts was a follower of German composer Paul Hindemith and his work was more harmonically adventurous and mystic, and he used the climbing melodies and marked harmonies for a more impressionable and mystical quality of the transfiguration. Both were included in the 1982 Hymnal.

Marsha Cabbage

## ECW Notes

The ladies of Ascension – and three men – enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the year-end meeting and gave out three bonuses. ECW officers remain the same, Audrey Trinder, President, Faye Johnson, Treasurer and Carol Pope, Secretary.

## Spaghetti Supper

The ECW is preparing another Spaghetti Supper (all you can eat) plus salad on Tuesday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. Look for the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. See Betty Peters and any vestry member for tickets (\$6.00 each). p.s. There's also a door prize – \$75.00.

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NOTE: If submitting articles via e-mail, please check to see which one of us is editing.



## Church Studies Library

CHURCH HISTORY (H) is for some of us the most interesting section of our parish library. It shows us the great outreach of our worldwide Anglican Communion as a major part of Christianity all over this planet, and of our Episcopal Church as a Province of this Communion in this and several neighboring countries. And it shows this parish in Seneca as the local representative of this great Church.

Start with volumes on The Ancient World and A History of Israel. Then see the birth of our religion in The Rise of Christianity by Frend, Early Christians by Drane, and The Churches the Apostles Left Behind by Raymond Brown. To trace the complete story of the Christian Church from her beginning to now, the most complete work is History of Christianity by Latourette. We also have copies of A History of the Christian Church by Walker, Chapters in Church History by Dawley, and Living with History by Thompsett (all excellent but much briefer than Latourette's great work.)

The story of our mother church is told in A History of The Church of England by Moorman. Our own Episcopal Church is covered in A History of The American Episcopal Church by Manross. Frontiers of the Church is by H.G.G. Herklots, a priest of the Church of England. It tells of some of our great missionary efforts and how they affected and blessed not only the people to whom the missionaries were sent, but even more the Church of England who sent them. (This was the textbook for a course I took in graduate school, taught by Canon Herklots himself!)

The story of the Episcopal Church in this state is told in The Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina 1670—1820 by Dalcho, with later history of our diocese covered by The Episcopal Church in South Carolina by Bishop Thomas.

The story of the Episcopal Church women of Upper South Carolina is told in A Celebration of

Saints. And The Episcopal Church Home for Children is the history of that great ministry of our diocese in York, South Carolina.

A Different Call by my friend Mary Donovan (wife of Bishop Donovan) is the history of women in the Episcopal Church from 1850 to 1920. It tells of the beginnings of the Women's Auxiliary (later ECW), United Thank Offering, Daughters of the King, and other programs of the women.

Be It Remembered is the history of Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, where the House of Bishops met in 2003 to elect our new Presiding Bishop. Note that our copy of this book is autographed by the one elected on that day: ++Katherine Jefferts-Shori

Finally, a brief history of our local parish, Church of the Ascension in Seneca, is found in We Love Thy Place, by former rector Fr. Philip Clarke, Jr., and in a very large book of photographs of the Church of the Ascension celebrating our new building in 2001. Our Church has a great history, from the beginnings in Judea, to expansion all over the world, to the Episcopal Church in America, to Upper South Carolina, to Seneca. Immerse yourself in this our history.  
+Rogers S Harris.

## Additional Adult Formation Class

Please note that we now have two Adult Formation Classes at Ascension. The Adult II Class is now exploring the topic of "Making Sense of the Episcopal Church". We are examining the Episcopal Church from all aspects. We have recently discussed the diocesan Bishop election, and the liturgical seasons. We have discussed how our theology, our relationship with God, influences and shapes our liturgy, music, and the tone and themes of our worship. We will examine in great detail the Prayer Book and its formation, and play the game Episcoapoly. This is a fun way to learn more about who we are, and the ways that we can share our faith with others. This class is great as a refresher class, as well as for preparation to become a member of the Episcopal Church.

We also have a "new" classroom. The Youth classroom has been painted and attractively decorated for our use. Many thanks to those who made this room a special place for us to gather. Come see.

## Remember those on our Prayer List

### Immediate Concerns

Cecil, Daphne, Matthew, Benny, Bruce, Jerry, John, Beth, Aidan, Deborah, Frank, Danny, Dick, Earl, Linda, Charline, Mitchell, Wanda, Jane, Ray, Betty, Carol, Louise

### Our Servicemen and Servicewomen

Chad, Benjamin, Paris, Jonathan, Jeremy, Roger, Brandon, Jason, Andrew, Thomas, Patrick, Mike, James, Wesley, Paige, Chuck, Pete, J.T., Robert, Bailey, Shawn, Michael

### On-going Prayer Requests

Maurice, James, Rhett, Jim, Bud, Heather, Bronwyn, Wendy, Connie A., Flora K., Diane, John, Maria, Jean, Children at Helping Hands Home

Please continue to pray for our **Seminarian, Gwin Hanahan**, for her learning, development and growth in the Episcopal faith.

Respectfully Submitted, Reta Miskov (ECW Sunshine Committee)

*"Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation."*

## Shoebox Mission Report

Thank you everyone - your love and generosity was felt in each shoebox that was made. We filled a RECORD 134 shoeboxes!! We filled 48 boxes for men, 84 boxes for women, and 8 uni-sex boxes. The nurses at the DHEC Home Health Services were moved to tears to behold so many, some of the boxes will be given to needy clients in Seneca Health Rehab Center and Lakeview Nursing Home.

We must note that 84 boxes were filled by people at our church and 50 were filled by Ginger Tidman and her neighbors' group called the **Upstate Giving Circle**.

## January Anniversaries

1/16 Annie & Al Belauskas  
1/28 Kathy & Jim Padgett  
1/28 Julia & Bill Whitten  
1/31 Audrey & Bob Trinder

## Bride & Groom

Peg Stutsman's son, David, was married on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at Siesta Key in a wonderful wedding ceremony on the beach. David and his bride, Mandi, live in Venice, Fl. Because David just started a new job, the happy couple will take a honeymoon at a later date.



## An Honor

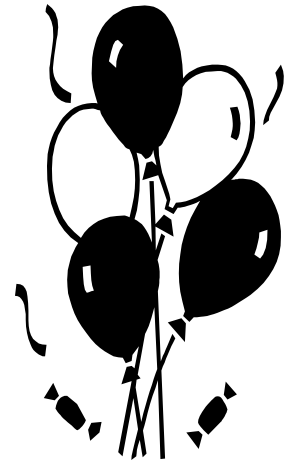
In 1992, the Hospice of the Foothills Foundation Board created the Silver Dove Award. This award was established as a way of recognizing individuals who positively represent Hospice of the Foothills and the hospice philosophy to the community, who have given at least two years of service to Hospice of the Foothills and who demonstrate exceptional service as an employee, volunteer, board member or fundraiser. This fall we recognized six individuals for their outstanding service.

One of our recipients came to Hospice of the Foothills as a patient care volunteer in 1992. Through the years, she has served many patients and given hundreds of hours of devoted care. In addition to her work as a patient care volunteer, she has also worked diligently as a fundraising volunteer during the Christmas Tree Festival. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her and truly embodies the spirit of hospice. Join me in congratulating our second 2009 Silver Dove recipient, Nancy Andrews.

Article received by: Connie M. McCann, Volunteer Coordinator, Oconee Hospice of the Foothills.

## January Birthdays

1/03 Janice Arnold  
1/08 Donnie Davenport  
1/08 Donald Pitts  
1/14 Marty Gallimore  
1/15 Judy Morris  
1/17 Hunter Hanahan  
1/20 Anna Hanahan  
1/21 Dorothea Curtis  
1/21 Shuler Knapp  
1/21 Chad Patton  
1/22 Gerry Walton  
1/23 Lorraine Harding  
1/24 Louise Richardson  
1/27 Ken Dunlap  
1/27 Frank Patton  
1/30 Lynn Childress



### Note:

Diocesan Convention recommends that each person contribute \$10 in thanksgiving for a birthday to the Diocese to provide support for new missions.

Send checks to:

"Builders for Mission",  
Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, 1115  
Marion St., Columbia, SC . 29201

## Helping Hands Ministry

The **Helping Hands Resale Shop** was quite busy during this holiday season. The 40 + or - children all looked forward to Christmas. All the children had Christmas presents from the "wish list". Make a New Year's Resolution to visit the Helping Hands Home and store in 2010.

See or call (944-2882) Nancy Andrews to arrange tours.

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