



CROSSROADS

Church of the Holy Cross

(A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas)

January 2010

Anniversary Coming—Sunday, February 7, 2010

The first service for The Church of the Holy Cross was on February 7, 1870 with The Rev. F.R. Starr as the Celebrant.

Holy Cross will be 140 years old!!! Let's celebrate this event in our church life. Look for more information soon. Bishop Stanton will be the Celebrant at the combined service at 9:30 AM. This will allow the church family to be together for this celebration.

Here is what we need from our church family:

140 short facts, happenings, opinions, etc are needed for the celebration—please email yours to the church office or give a note to Barbara Fendley with the info on it.

A fond memory, a funny story, interesting facts—start remembering and get those facts to us.

If you know the address and / or phone number of folks who has been in our Parish and moved away, please call, email or write the church office and give us that information no later than the 18th of January.

When Helping is Hurting?

Can we be too helpful? When is challenge more helpful than comfort? We will look at our Christian response to these and other challenging questions beginning next Sunday in the adult class 9:30 to 10:10. Bring your coffee cup and join us.

Did you know you can help the Women of Holy Cross by using your Kroger Card?

Please take the barcode printed below and have it scanned with your Kroger Card just one time, and every time you purchase at Kroger, a percentage will go to the Women of the Church.

WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS



A NEW YEAR ADVENTURE

It would be a new beginning for them. They weren't clear about what lay ahead, but Jesus had called these disciples to come and follow him and they did. Then he told them that the Son of Man had no where to lay his head. And yet they followed.

Who would follow some one like that unless they had a powerful sense of adventure? That inclination for adventure led the disciples to see no less than miracles of healing the blind, casting our demons, cleansing lepers and feeding of 5,000. As the TV ad says about MasterCard, PRICELESS. Who could put a price on that, they were willing to give up much but benefited greatly.

As we begin this New Year we discover that Jesus still calls – calls us to follow him. He calls us to that sense of adventure. He wants us to see the action of God in our lives also. And we have. He promises no where for us to lay our head. He doesn't say it will be easy, but it will be fulfilling. That is the adventure of the faith journey. Following a purpose the disciples didn't notice they were inconvenienced. The same is true for us. The route of faith is not always the easy route. It can be costly in many ways, it may take time to be helpful to a neighbor in need, it takes financial support to keep some ministries going, and it takes precious time to help a friend who is struggling, and it takes energy and flexibility to be open to new ministries. But we don't notice the inconveniences when our faith journey has a purpose.

There are three things that prepare us for a faith adventure like this.

1. A Spiritual Hunger. Spiritual hunger is the desire that God places in us to live a life that has meaning and purpose. It is living a life that is not intent on self but being as our Savior teaches us to be -- a servant to others.
2. Trust. To take the adventure to follow the call of Jesus is the awareness that God is holding us, and has been holding us since our baptism, and will not let us go.
3. Ability to Yield. The saying goes, "Everyone gets a say, but not everyone gets their way." That is true in families and in the family of the church. Jesus empowers us to yield to the Spirit's movement among us. Some directions the Spirit may lead us at Church of the Holy Cross will be just what we hope for and others may be a challenge to us. That challenge I hope will cause us to be curious about how our yielding makes ministry of Jesus more real to other people.

It is a new year in more ways than one at Church of the Holy Cross. This year will probably see us calling a new Rector. That person will spend time learning and understanding our culture and our traditions. The new priest will also, we hope, introduce us to some new ways of celebrating the presence of God among us and introducing us to new ways to think about some old things. That challenge may feel uncomfortable at times but challenge is part of the adventure of faith that helps us get stronger. Health clubs know that challenge helps people get stronger and healthy

congregations know that challenge helps parishioners get stronger. In the Gospels we find Jesus challenging people six times to every time He comforted people.

He is still challenging, challenging us to the adventure of following him. What grand sites the disciples saw, and what grand sites we will be seeing! What an exciting year we have ahead of us.

At the ancient collect says, "*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*"

New Year Blessings+

Fr. Terry

Usher Assignments

8:00 AM

Jan 3 Marilyn & Robert Thornburrow
Jan 10 Marilyn & Ralph Wardle
Jan 17 Jerry Akers & Ed Pitts
Jan 24 Ron Knight & Bill Richards
Jan 31 Marilyn & Robert Thornburrow
Feb 7 Marilyn & Ralph Wardle

10:30 AM

Jan 3 Kent Klinkerman & Jim Hardin
Jan 10 Reeves Hayter & Keith Green
Jan 17 Greg Wilson & Richard Hunt
Jan 24 Carl Covert & Clifton Fendley
Jan 31 Donald Lewis & Matt Frierson
Feb 7 Tommy Haynes & Bill Kirby

Coffee Hour

8:00 AM

Jan 3 Viola Broyles
Jan 10 Pat & Jim Bell
Jan 17 Cat Connell
Jan 24 Shelly & Joe Deupree
Jan 31 Melissa & Craig Dickey
Feb 7 G. R. Fasken

10:30 AM

Jan 3 Anne McMillan & Lucy Stokes
Jan 10 Beth & Wesley Seay
Jan 17 Betty & Paul Swasko
Jan 24 Viki & Jack Thomson
Jan 31 Melissa Wickersham
Feb 7 Jenny & Greg Wilson

Acolyte Schedule

Jan 3 Ashton & Kendall Vogt,
Kierstan Ward & Kerri Graves
Jan 10 Shelby & Garrett Wilson
& Sidney Frierson
Jan 17 Alyssa & Lydia Klinkerman,
Ryan & Beth Ann Dougherty
Jan 24 William Domengeaux,
Edan & Eliza Wickeraham
& Layne Lankford
Jan 31 Katie Welch and
Nate & Emily Johnston
Feb 7 Ashton & Kendall Vogt,
Kiersten Ward & Kerri Graves

Altar Guild Schedule

Jan 3 Anne McMillan, Jessie Reese,
Tammy Klinkerman & Lucy Stokes
Jan 10 G.R. Fasken, Kay Burkhart,
Beverly Harris & Viki Thomson
Jan 17 Beth Seay, Shelley McDowell,
Margaret Skidmore & Thelma Chillless
Jan 24 Anne McMillan, Jessie Reese,
Tammy Klinkerman and Lucy Stokes
Jan 31 G.R. Fasken, Kay Burkhart,
Beverly Harris & Viki Thomson
Feb 7 Beth Seay, Shelley McDowell,
Margaret Skidmore & Thelma Chillless

HELP—HELP—HELP

The Altar Guild needs more volunteers—men or women. We had 4 teams for years, but recently had to drop one group. Training is available - and the help would be appreciated.



Food Offering is the 4th Sunday of each month. Please shop for a few extra items when you shop for yourself—then bring the food for our Food Offering. You may bring it any Sunday or stop by the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and leave your offering. The church is unlocked on those days.

The Food Basket is located in the entrance area of the church. We are also providing a Food Offering Box in Parish Hall if you prefer to leave your offering there. This will be handy for the Sunday School Children to help with the food offering.

On the last Tuesday of each month, Mr. Norton delivers the food from the basket to Christians in Action for distribution.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Members:

Myrthe Dirks
Dennis Lee
Carroll Adams
Jo Miesch
Carlos Baeza
Bill Reese
Jack Norman
Jean Day
Jo Norton
Lynn Rhodes

Relatives:

Joel Gibbons
Archie Sparks
Honey Kennedy
Gregory Stevens
Blackstone Family
Ann McFarlane
Seth Nordmeyer
Murray Robinson
John Camm
Mildred Camm
Juanita Reyna
Patsy Ford
Bob Kisler
Becky Milford

Friends:

Gary Patterson
Hurshal Stinson
Don Williamson
MiKyla Pickering
June Preston
Ben Stucky
Richard Caldwell
Fr. Bill Dalton
Dorcas Scarbrough

Military

Lucas Arnold
Chip Brewton
Daniel Dierks
Marshall Dougherty, Jr.
Jason Dryden
Bill Dwiggin
David Flick
Preston Foster
Samantha Hamrick
Gary Hogan
Brian Long
Nathaniel McClain
Justin Norton
Daniel Page
David Peck
Monique Reese
James Rutherford

Pray for all those who serve in uniform to protect us both at home and abroad.

Birthdays January



Susan Haynes—3rd
Ben Vaughan—3rd
Marilyn Stephenson—4th
John Norton—5th
Jack Cunningham—6th
Margie Bell—9th
Layne Lankford—10th
Randall Lewis—11th
Ramon Reese—12th
Claudia Fendley—15th
Lorrie Rhodes—16th
Lucy Stokes—16th
Barbara Fendley—18th
Hunter Moore—20th
Drew Smyers—24th
Darren Cunningham—25th
Jessie Reese—27th
Alison Hayter—30th
Jewell Springer—30th
Dolores Hayter—31st

We show no anniversaries for January. If yours is in January and we missed it—please call the church office.



Lay Reader Service Assignments

See Church website (www.holycrossparis.com) for readings

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Mark Hudson

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: David Denney (Psalm & Prayers) Mike Dougherty (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: David Denney Mike Dougherty

Sunday, January 10, 2010

First Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Ron Knight

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: Steve Graves (Psalm & Prayers) Curtis Fendley (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Steve Graves Curtis Fendley

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Jim Bell

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: Pike Burkhart (Psalm & Prayers) Mary Clark (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Pike Burkhart Mary Clark

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Mark Hudson

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: Curtis Fendley (Psalm & Prayers) Toni Clem (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Curtis Fendley Toni Clem

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Annual Parish Meeting at 9:00 a.m. between services

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Ron Knight

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: Mary Clark (Psalm & Prayers) Marilyn Stephenson (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark Marilyn Stephenson

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 1) Reader & Chalice Bearer: Jim Bell

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Rite 2) Readers: Steve Graves (Psalm & Prayers) Pike Burkhart (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Steve Graves Pike Burkhart
