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Our Mission: Welcoming All, Worshipping Christ, Witnessing God's Love

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Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

"Why do we celebrate Christmas?" I asked that question at the Family Service on Sunday, November 27. One of the children immediately blurted out, "it's Jesus' birthday!" "That's exactly right!" I said. "Now, I want to ask you another question. Why do we give presents at Christmas?" Two excellent answers came from our children: because Jesus received presents upon His birth, and because we are celebrating His birthday.

Advent is upon us. It is a season in which we are reminded to be ready, and to prepare. Advent is a beginning. It is a dawning. It is the beginning of a new church year.

In this season of Advent, we have three Sundays between now and Christmas Eve. We have three Sundays on which we have the opportunity to "get ready." So, I want you, our church family, to come and do just that. Most importantly, come to worship on Sundays. During our Sunday School hour, our adult forum Sunday School class will focus on the question "Who is Jesus?" We will do this by looking at the three gifts brought by the Magi to the Manger: gold, frankincense and

myrrh (Matthew 2:1-12).

Gold is a gift fit for a king. Frankincense would be a nice gift for a priest. And myrrh, strangely enough, was a spice used to anoint the dead for burial. What a strange set of gifts for a baby, when you think about it! Each of our three remaining Sundays in Advent, we will focus on each of these three gifts: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh for someone destined from birth to die for us. What were the prophecies in the Old Testament about a king, a prophet/priest, and a martyr? Did Jesus fulfill those prophecies?

The Christian faith is unique among all religions the world has ever known. No other faith makes the claim that God came to live among us. We claim Jesus to be God incarnate, Immanuel. That is quite a claim. It is the claim that makes Christianity unique, and it is the claim that many have wrestled with, throughout the centuries.

This past Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, Father Doug Peterson challenged us to "get ready." I want to suggest to you that the best and first way you can be ready is to be ready to defend your faith. Someone, sometime, is going to ask you "who is Jesus?" What would you say? It's the perfect time to find out. Come

and explore this topic, "Who is Jesus?" throughout this Advent season. Come to Gilchrist Hall, for 45 minutes each Sunday in Advent. Happy Birthday, Jesus.

I am blessed to be your Rector.
Father Marshall+



We celebrated Father Marshall's 5th Anniversary at OSA on November 6 with wonderful receptions and a few special gifts. Above is the cross that was carved into an original beam of the church, recovered during the 2004 restoration.

*Pictures by Steve Clayton
and Wayne Toussaint.*

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Advent and Christmas at Old St. Andrew's

Sunday, December 18

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Regular services at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

10 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal in the church
followed by lunch for all children and their families
in the Youth Room upstairs in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I Service

Sunday, January 1

The First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols

Potluck brunch to follow

Altar Guild

By Mildred Strobel

Have you heard of the Altar Guild? Do you wonder what this group does? Would you be interested in joining this ministry? Please consider if this is a ministry in which you feel called to serve.

The Altar Guild's ministry includes the care and cleaning of the silver and brass used in the church and setting up the altar for all services and occasions celebrated in the church. The altar guild members also ensure that the proper hangings are displayed for the various seasons and celebrations. The guild members decorate the church for special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. Guild members also care for the altar linens and assist the clergy, as requested, for events such as weddings.

New members are always welcome and needed. If you would like more details on joining this group, please call Mildred Strobel at 766-9360. An information session will take place on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the church for those interested.

Special Celebration Planned For St. Andrew's Day 2012

By Bonnie Leazer and Jim Hare

Have you sat in the sanctuary of our old historic church, reflected upon its beauty, and become imbued with a wonderful sense of peace? Have you gazed out of these elegant windows at the graveyard and felt a sense of timelessness -- as if you were one with all that has gone before and all that is yet to come? Have you felt God's presence and His unconditional love as you approached the beautiful altar to partake of His most precious body and blood?

This serene setting may not have survived to this day, in this holy place, had it not been for the leadership of Rev. John Grimke-Drayton, a former Magnolia Plantation owner and horticulturist, who served as Rector of our Church from 1851 to 1891. Rev. Drayton also transformed Magnolia-on-the-Ashley into one of the most magnificent gardens in the world.

Coinciding with St. Andrew's Day 2012, our church, in collaboration with Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, will honor Rev. Drayton's legacy and the contributions he made to Old St. Andrew's and Magnolia Gardens with two special events; an elegant dinner and program on Friday evening, November 30 at Magnolia,



and worship services at OSA on Sunday, December 2. Tours of the church and graveyard will be conducted following church services. These two events will bring to conclusion yearlong celebrations honoring Rev. Drayton's

work at Magnolia. Dinner invitations will be mailed to OSA parishioners and staff, descendants of Rev. John Grimke-Drayton and Magnolia slaves, and special guests approximately six weeks in advance.

Plans for these events are currently being developed by a committee representing OSA and Magnolia. Vestry members Jim Hare and Bonnie Leazer are committee co-chairs. Others serving on the committee from OSA are Paul Porwoll, Church Historian; Andrea McKellar, Director of Christian Faith Formation; and Rev. Marshall Huey, Rector. Representing Magnolia are Tom Johnson, Gardens Director; Herb Frazier, Public Relations Director; Preston Cooley, Historian; Mary Ann Johnson, Operations Manager; and Joe McGill, Historian.

Detailed information about plans for these events will be released in future Cast Net articles and by the news media as they are finalized.

News from the Churchyard

By Tom & Betsy Johnson

A chilly start gave way to an absolutely perfect gardening day at our recent workday! More trees were trimmed in the back field, the graveyard driveway was graded, and the winter annuals planted. Many, many thanks to everyone who came out, especially those who came toting chain saws. A special thanks also to our faithful Scouts, and their leaders, who continue to do an outstanding job helping to keep the trash containers emptied in the graveyard and many other varied tasks. Additional thanks to John Mappus for repairing and painting new slats for the benches in the butterfly garden. Now you can safely sit and enjoy!

Our workday for December is going to be a little different; the only work we'll be doing is enjoying a breakfast brunch and wonderful fellowship at Sunflower Grill, on Saturday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. So, bring your significant other and join us for this "dutch" treat event, and then go start your Christmas shopping! Please RSVP to us at 571-6219 on or before Thursday, December 8. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Betsy kindly requests that no one wears perfume or cologne to this

event because of her allergies. Thank you.

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, in which we have accomplished so much as a team, we want to wish each of you hope, peace and love in this Christmas season, and a very blessed New Year full of good health and prosperity. Please join us again in March (date to yet to be determined) to continue the restoration of our beautiful church grounds.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT JANUARY 8, 2012 AT 5 P.M.

\$5 PER PERSON
FOR PIZZA,
POPCORN
AND DRINKS



NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED.



Mepkin Abbey Visit by the Daughters of the King, St. Elizabeth Chapter on November 19 was a great outing.
 Pictures by Sharon Crossley

ECW GIFT SHOP WISH LIST

- (1) 24 inch grapevine wreath
- Old silver plated flatware and small trays or other serving pieces
- Buttons
- Canning jars (4 oz., 8 oz. and pint sizes only)
- Clay pots or other containers for plants
- Women's straw hats
- Cotton yarn
- VOLUNTEERS with woodworking skills and tools

For more information, please contact Marty Wilson at 571-7317. Thank you for your support.



Daughters of the King - St. Elizabeth Chapter Update

By Sharon Crossley

The next DOK meeting will be on December 4 at 4 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars and join in our December meeting by bringing fruits for our service project. We will be making baskets for our shut-in members and our Old St. Andrew's staff. We will have Christmas music and a "Happy Holiday Hour." The Junior Daughters of the King will be joining us for this meeting. Please call Sharon Crossley, President, at 442-5572 for more information.

Christmas Poinsettias

Cost \$15.00, payable to OSA. Deadline to order is December 11, 2011;
 Turn form into the Church office. **Please Print** (First and last names please)

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Honor of: _____

Save the Date: 2012 Tea Room

By Barbara Gilchrist

The Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop for Old St. Andrew's Church, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, will be held for two weeks, March 19 - March 31, 2012.

Marty Wilson, Janet Bex, and all the wonderful crafters are hard at work preparing items to be sold in the Gift Shop. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Marty or Janet.

After the rush of the Christmas holidays is over, we plan to start cooking and freezing the okra soup that we serve in the Tea Room. Dates for this project will be announced in January. We will probably do this for 4-5 weeks in January and February, so if you can help, please let Barbara Gilchrist or Joan Kennerty know.

During the weeks of the Tea Room, there is a job for everyone...ladies, men and youth. We need lots of help in the kitchen, waitressing, bussing tables, hostesses, greeters, preparing and serving beverages, making desserts, helping with laundry, helping with publicity, and making items for and working in the Gift Shop. More information will be available in January or contact Barbara Gilchrist, 766-3585.

So please mark your calendars....



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Sunday, January 8, 2012
10 a.m. in Gilchrist Hall

CLASS BEGINS
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
6:15 p.m. in the Youth Room

FOR MORE INFO CALL Andrea McKellar
843.766.1541
Or go to daveramsey.com

Thanksgiving Dinner at OSA

By Sparkie Sparks

Old St Andrew's hosted a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in Gilchrist Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four students of all ages from both Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) and the Charleston Emergency Shelter came to celebrate with us as well as a number of adults. Parishioners and their families enjoyed the feast, while many supported the effort by dropping off food in the days prior. Others came and helped cook, serve, and clean up. After eating, the students (and a few of the adult-aged children) burned off some calories outside on the new playground equipment. We even had an electronics expert play the football game on our big screen, so nothing was missing!

This is our gift to our parish family and to the West Ashley community and all who were present enjoyed the warm family atmosphere of thanksgiving and community. Community Ministries wishes to thank all who participated in any way to make this ministry a success. Thanksgiving Blessings to all!

Youth Page



The youth had a busy November! Above: A large group spent the weekend at Camp St. Christopher's for the Sr. High re:Generate weekend.



Right: The Graveyard Walk and Spaghetti Dinner raised \$450 for the Fourth Century Fund. Pictured are Bill Gibson, Mary Claire Moser, Lena Hurley, Ben Rindge, and James Huey before the Walk began and Cassidy Rindge and Jessie Baynes in period dresses. Thank you to everyone that made this event a success!

Pictures by Brad Nettles



Parish Register: We welcome you to the household of God!

Baptism

Harper Hale McMillan
son of Nicole and Phillip McMillan
November 20, 2011

Confirmation

November 13, 2011
Jonathan James Fann, Althea Margaret Kalman,
William Armstrong Shelton, Catherine Elizabeth Thomas,
and Terance Orlando Wood

Reaffirmation

November 13, 2011
Ursula Beckmann and Jill Kim Wood

Reception

November 13, 2011
Augusta E. Nadol and Bradley Edwin Taylor

Upcoming Youth Special Events

Dec 2 Provide dinner for Ronald McDonald House
Dec 18 Festival of Lights and Christmas Party
Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Youth Group meets at 5 p.m. on Sunday nights at the church. All in 6th-12th grade are welcome!

**Camp St. Christopher
Summer Camp Registration
will open January 17
and will be limited to members of
churches in the Diocese
through the end of January.
Mark your calendars!**

December and January Birthdays

Dec 01	Gary Bryant	Dec 26	Ronald Westall	Jan 13	Aimee Aytes
Dec 01	James Simpson	Dec 27	Patricia T. Kinard	Jan 14	Nicholas Ready
Dec 01	Christen Brown	Dec 27	Walter Stanley	Jan 16	Mari Guarneri
Dec 02	Autumn Emmendorfer	Dec 27	Bruce Szego	Jan 16	Adam Smith
Dec 04	Richard Guarneri	Dec 28	Carol Martin	Jan 17	Joyce E. Nettles
Dec 04	Lindsey Nesbitt	Dec 28	Linda Shoemaker	Jan 17	Terri McPherson
Dec 05	Marty Wilson	Dec 29	Caroline Boinest	Jan 17	Thomas Hutto
Dec 06	JoAnne Blitch	Dec 29	William Jr. Hoyt	Jan 18	Stephen Riggs
Dec 07	Elizabeth Dovell	Dec 30	Frank Schabel	Jan 18	Dot White
Dec 08	Jackie Davis	Dec 31	Jon Hall	Jan 20	Marilla Powell
Dec 08	Jessica Bagley	Jan 01	Matthew Wilson	Jan 20	Micheline Shoaff
Dec 08	Harper Cannon	Jan 01	Ethan Thrasher	Jan 20	Patricia Hoyt
Dec 09	Savannah Harris	Jan 01	Mason Valencia	Jan 21	Sharon Moser
Dec 09	Lucas Seithel	Jan 02	Mary Louise Turner	Jan 22	Neal Sakash
Dec 10	H. Rivers Jacobs	Jan 02	Glory Schaefer	Jan 23	Joanne Payne
Dec 13	David, Jr. Barker	Jan 02	Kaitlyn Cooke	Jan 24	Dawn Gerken
Dec 14	Margaret Simpson	Jan 03	Caitlin Parker	Jan 24	Dawn Newman
Dec 16	William Adams	Jan 05	Karen McCalpin	Jan 25	Brenda Rindge
Dec 16	Lisa Buck	Jan 05	Dorothy Garis	Jan 25	Dana Smith
Dec 16	Winston McDaniel	Jan 05	Lora Harper	Jan 25	Susan Moody
Dec 17	Sallie Tompkins	Jan 05	Alicia Dillard	Jan 25	Madison Clayton
Dec 18	Dorothy Holland	Jan 05	Cynthia Schlenker	Jan 26	Lara Bruder
Dec 20	Robert Blitch	Jan 06	Stacey Buck	Jan 26	Colby Searson
Dec 20	Evan Thrasher	Jan 06	Ed Davis	Jan 27	Rebecca Runge
Dec 21	Robert Jones	Jan 08	Victoria Tolbert	Jan 28	Caitlyn Hall
Dec 21	Jeanette Cook-Kleier	Jan 09	William Buck	Jan 29	Phyllis Allen
Dec 21	Barbi Schlenker	Jan 10	Susan Creel	Jan 29	Gayle Boyd
Dec 22	Jessica Gilchrist	Jan 10	Watts Durkee	Jan 29	Kevin Burke
Dec 23	Dee Norton	Jan 11	Kathy Stonaker	Jan 29	Kathy Rogers
Dec 24	Amanda Sisson	Jan 12	Bill White	Jan 30	Gerri Hollis
Dec 24	John Shafer	Jan 12	Mac Repik	Jan 30	Lindsey Colon
Dec 25	Jason Summers	Jan 13	James Little	Jan 31	Matthew Buck
Dec 26	Anne Holland				

December and January Anniversaries

12/2/1978	Betsy and Tom Johnson	12/30/1990	Brenda and Fred Rindge
12/5/1954	Ellen and Marion Yon	1/1/2000	Caleb and Shannon Davis
12/8/2007	Bayne and Tony Ritter	1/5/1980	Dianne and Michael Bowler
12/12/1972	Helen and Michael Gipe	1/10/2004	Erin and James Wilson
12/21/1941	Bill and Jean White	1/18/1969	Brad and Cheryl McKay
12/23/1986	Dwight and Judy Anneaux	1/20/1996	Nancy and Wayne Toussaint
12/27/1980	James and Bobbi Hill	1/21/1987	Judi and Paul Horry
12/28/1996	John and Sharon Gilchrist	1/22/2011	Abigail Maurin and Benjamin Spell
12/29/1990	Andrea and Don Hurley		

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 18	10 A.M. PAGAENT REHEARSAL IN THE CHURCH
DECEMBER 24	4 P.M. PAGEANT, 7 AND 11 P.M. SERVICES
DECEMBER 25	10:30 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY RITE I SERVICE
JANUARY 1	10:30 A.M. LESSONS AND CAROLS AND POTLUCK BRUNCH
JANUARY 8	10 A.M. FINANCIAL PEACE PREVIEW CLASS 5 P.M. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
JANUARY 11	6:15 P.M. FINANCIAL PEACE CLASS BEGINS
JANUARY 29	10 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21	SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 22	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M. AND 6:15 P.M.
MARCH 3	9 A.M. LENTEN QUIET DAY AT OLD ST. ANDREW'S
MARCH 19-31	TEA ROOM