

Church of the Ascension e-Bulletin

Nov. 16, 2007

Thanksgiving Dinner with EYC

The EYC is having a Thanksgiving dinner on **Sunday, November 18th** at **5:30** and inviting anyone who is interested to come and share traditions and create memories. We will be providing the turkey and are asking anyone who would like to join us to come and bring something to share. We would like this to grow as an intergenerational church family event. This is an opportunity to talk about Thanksgivings past and to teach our kids how to do some traditional things. Anyone who would like to come early can help with preparations and teaching about setting the table, carving the turkey, etc. The more the merrier, and no one leaves until the food is all gone!!

2007 Budget Extended from Jan. 2007 to June 2008

In August the Vestry voted to move from a calendar to fiscal year, so our budget will now run from July to June to parallel our program year. As a result we will need to adjust our budgeting process. Our current budget runs through December 2007. Our plan is to continue the 2007 budget until June of 2008.

During the spring of 2008 we will be planning the new budget and conducting a full pledge campaign to support it. We need your help now as well. The vestry is asking everyone who made a pledge in 2007 to extend that pledge until June of 2008. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the vestry or Karla.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adult Sunday School

Lectionary Class will meet in the conference room each Sunday.

Special Series Class

Nov. 18: "My Faith Journey" Karla Woggon

Nov. 25 - Dec. 16: "Praying with Scripture" Karla Woggon

Blood Pressure Screening

Jean Bolton with the Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing blood pressure checks in the conference room after both services on **November the 18th**.

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the Sunday Bulletin for 11/25 are due no later than **Monday, Nov. 19**.

If you know of someone who is not receiving the e-bulletin, please have them contact the office with their e-mail address, or send it directly to parish@ascensionhickory.org.

Welcoming Ministry

Are you interested in joining the **Welcoming Ministry**? Each Sunday we would like to have two Greeters at the door to welcome and assist visitors as they arrive and leave. (This would be a once a month commitment.) We also need volunteers to deliver baskets of bread to our newcomers. If you would like to serve in either capacity, please contact Karla Blakey, Andrea Polito, Jean Atkins, or Dottie in the office.

Magnolia Leaves Needed

We would like to ask all church members to help provide magnolia leaves for decorating for Christmas. We need lots & lots of them! Please place this request in the e-bulletin every week between now & Dec. 6th. The leaves can be delivered in plastic bags between **Sat. Dec. 1st & Wed. Dec. 5th**. This would be a great thing for families to do together & the decorations will truly represent our entire church family. If anyone has a source of magnolia trees but is unable to gather the leaves themselves they can contact me by phone or email.

Thanks a lot!

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Longview School Needs

Longview school needs 50 boxes of facial tissue and 30 dispensers of hand sanitizer in preparation of flu season. Please bring to COA for weekly delivery.

St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, at COA on Dec. 2

On December 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent, we will have a special guest. Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit Church of the Ascension at the 10:30 service. Following the service, all families with children are invited to have lunch with the Bishop in Turkelson Hall (Parish Hall). In addition to learning more about St. Nicholas, there will be activities and suggestions for observing Advent at home.

As we enter the frenzy of "Christmas in America" it becomes more and more challenging to keep focused on the manger. This is an opportunity to help our children, and ourselves, remember to observe this time of preparation for the birth of our Lord.

To assure ample food and supplies, reservations are requested. Please sign the reservation sheet in Turkelson Hall, or call Dottie in the church office by November 26th.

Christmas Tour of Homes

Dec. 9, 1-5 pm

Tickets Available at COA: Sundays between services, Wed. Evenings, and any time the church office is open.

Christmas Tour of Homes Bake Sale

Make your favorite cake, pie, or cookies to sell !! Some favorites include hummingbird cake, coconut cake, and chocolate pecan pie.

Dessert drop offs will be:

Saturday Dec. 8th

3pm to 5pm

Sunday Dec. 9th

11am to 1pm

Please call or email me so I know that I can count on you to make a sweet treat :)
Also, if you would like to help sell desserts or have any questions please contact me.
We would love everyone's help !!!!

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Calendar Dates

Nov. 18 (Sun.): **Blood Pressure Screening** in Conference Room after each morning service.

Nov. 18 (Sun.): **Thanksgiving Dinner** at COA at 5:30.

Nov. 20 (Tues.): **ECW will NOT meet.**

Nov. 21 (Wed.): COA staff 1/2 day. Office will then be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday and re-open on Monday, Nov. 26.

Nov. 28 (Wed.): **Youth Choir** to begin weekly practice 6:45-7:15 pm

Dec. 2 (Sun.): **St. Nicholas** will be visiting COA. See details above.

Dec. 6 (Thurs.): **Lunch Bunch** at COA at noon

Dec. 8 (Sat.): **Day with the Bishop**, Saturday, 9:30-3:00, St. James, Lenoir.
(See details and links above.)

Dec. 9 (Sun.): **Christmas Tour of Homes** 1-5 pm.

Prayer Requests

We continue to pray for Karla Woggon as we celebrate a new ministry in the life of our church.

Our Parishioners: *Pat Earle; Edward Arditti; Jean Bolton; Ruth Clontz; Ann Coogler; Joan-Marie Croft; Jeanne Davidson; Lindy Dillow; Sadie Ellenburg; Shirley Hairston; Mary Hawkins; Jim Houser; Susie Jeffers; Betty Lafone; Sybil Lafone; Ann & Jim Peden; Charles Ray; Jan Scarborough; Andy Byerly*

Thanksgiving for the Life of: *Mrs. Eva Moss*, mother of Don Moss

Our Friends and Family: *J.C. Whitner*, brother of Sadie Ellenburgs; *Shannon Miller*, granddaughter of Elva Schmullings; *Cassey*, friend of Mary Hawkins; *Cathy Valcourt*, friend of Parish; *Bob Turner*, brother in law of Mary Snooks; *Rebecca Hart*, Daughter of Margaret and Eric Hart; *Alyssa Ringler*, friend of Suzanne Eller; *Huldah Bewley*, teacher at HHS; *Mike Pappas*, friend of L. Carlton; *Mark Bruce Fritz*, friend of Ellen and Sam Ball; *Jenna Causby*, loved one of Carol and Donavon Causby; *Carol Minton*, friend of Suzanne Eller; *Vanessa Scudder*, sister of Donna Scudder;

Amelia Apolloni, friend of Jean Atkins; *Murray Bullock*, former priest of Ascension; *Claude Cooper, Jr.*, brother of Sue Huffman; *Dea Cox*, friend of Jean Bolton; *Ethel Critcher*, mother of Diane Rhoney; *Vince Davis*, Uncle of Boyd Barker; *The Flora family*, friends of Jim & Melinda Roane; *Helen Gitlin*, friend of many; *Judith Hackney*, mother of Louis Hackney; *Mary Holmes*, friend of Ann & Hugh Boyer; *Margaret Jenkins*, mother of Meg Locke; *Jim*, friend of Jim & Harriett Houser; *Dave Kaat*, brother of Nancy Zagaroli; *Karen Laughon*, friend of Lorie Bolick; *Sybil Lehman*, daughter of Betty LaFone; *Lesley*, friend of Forrest; *Ken Martin and family*, friends of Van Bolick; *Nancy McElrath*, mother of Ellen Harris; *Dawn Neely*, sister of Suzanne Eller; *Bob Porter*, father-in-law of Laura Hariston-Porter; *Brian Rose*, friend of Boyd Barker; *Lena Stillwell*, mother of Tina Miller; *Nina Vogel*, friend of George & Renee Fisher; *Scott Webb*, friend of Rob Wessels; *Morris Yates*, uncl of Dan Harris; *Baby Hope and family*, friends of Stephanie Lindsay; *Chris White and Angelia Houston*, friends of Laurie White; *Jim Greer*, friend of Jim & Melinda Roane; *Angelia Houston* friend of Andrea Polito; *Laveta LaMontagne*, mother of Laurie White.

In Harm's Way: CPT *Cameron Fitzsimmons*; A1C *Joe Jackman*; CPT. *Andy Blandton*; 2nd Lt. *Peter Hersey*; CPT. *Jesse Houser*; Sgt. Maj. *Richard Lewallen*; Spc. *Paul Miller*; Lt. Col. *Nathan Natase*; CPT. *David Uthlaut*; and all wounded veterans.

Birth Announcement

Eric Dalton VanLandingham Rice was born November 8, 2007. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Edward Williams. Congratulations!