



## JANUARY 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. The Observance of the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We will undecorate the church following this service.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Men's Club will meet in the Parish House.

### HELPERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>
January 1 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Bill Forte	Mike Hoge
January 8 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>The Epiphany Observed</i>	Ginnie DuBose	Steve LeNoir
January 15 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Barbara Hanrahan	Miriam Crowson
January 22 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Judy Wesloskie	Rob Sheehan
January 29 <i>Morning Prayer</i>		Mary LeNoir Hoge

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following members of our church and/or community:

*Our President and Other Leaders, Healthcare Workers, EMT's, Teachers, Students, Bishop Chip Edgar and the Anglican Diocese of SC, Betty Barstow, Mickey Battista, Joy Black, Billy Bruce, Bill Denton, Tina Dillard, Butch and Frances Fobes, Mike Gearon, Larry and Linda Herb, Gwen Huckreide, Chandler Hummell, Beverly Johnson, Sarah Kennedy, Liz Keyes, Phyllis McLeod,*

*Margarette Mills, Fred Mullen, Jr., Dewey Newman, Karen Parsons, Debbie Tallent, Maddix Thompson, David Todd, The People of Ukraine, Jolene Westlie, A'Lexia and Dan Wiggins, Ernie Williams, and Jess Williams.*

*We continue to pray for our young people serving in the Military: Kevin Boone, Mason Crowson, Will Crowson, Cameron Cullins, Dan Ellis, CJ Giordano, Jordan Patton, Zachary Seymour, and Timothy Sheehan.*

*We were sad to learn of Jane Hiester's death. Jane was the wife of one of our beloved former ministers, the late Rev. Ron Hiester. We will keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.*

### **A MESSAGE FROM REV. JOEL OBORNE**

The Feast of the Epiphany brings the Christmas Season to a close. It symbolizes the visit of the three Magi to visit the newborn Jesus. Christian history tells us these Wise men from the East traveled a long time to come and Worship Him. They brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. We know from the story that Herod tried to trick them into revealing where Jesus was, but they did not fall for his story.

May Church of the Ascension and each of you have a blessed 2023!

+Joel

### **NOTES**

Our generous congregation provided many gifts, gift cards, and monetary donations for the mother and two children and the elderly lady we helped through the United Ministries Christmas Adoption Program, "Help An Angel Fly." We thank Laddie and Ginnie for organizing these gifts and for delivering everything to United Ministries. We also made a sizable contribution to the Crosswell Children's Home and received a nice thank you note from them.

The 20 bags prepared by our ladies for the Homeless Shelter in Sumter were delivered to United Ministries and were truly appreciated. These bags contained a variety of necessary items, candy, and warm hats made by Judie Chapman along with washcloths knitted by her daughter, Beth Kendall. The Ellen Ellerbe Chapter of our Anglican Women donated a \$10 McDonald's gift card for each bag.

We were fortunate to have help to beautifully Green the Church for Christmas, and we appreciated those who furnished soup, sandwiches and dessert for a delicious lunch enjoyed by everyone. Miriam Crowson brought assorted greenery cut by her husband, Chuck, and Bubba LeNoir furnished smilax to be used with the trees and the garland. Thank you all.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols held on December 11<sup>th</sup> was so inspiring. Thank you to all of the readers, Helena Boone, Logan Boone, Rob Sheehan, and Jane Luther Smith for the special music, and to Donna Fletcher who prepared the program for this service.

We thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve Service, which was so well attended, especially Rev. Joel Osborne, Ginnie DuBose, and our talented musicians Helena Boone, Logan Boone, Rob Sheehan, and Jane Luther Smith who provided such lovely music. Judy Wesloskie opened our service with a beautiful solo, "Oh, Holy Night." We were blessed!

Serving on the Altar Guild for the month of December were Beverly, Charlene, Dianne, Ginnie, and Helen. Donna Fletcher prepared the labels for the newsletters.

Miriam Crowson provided beautiful arrangements of greenery for each Sunday during Advent.

Judy read a meaningful poem about Christmas and shared her delicious candy one Sunday in December.

Helen Crolley assisted in organizing the Wreaths Across America in Camden. In our own cemetery, many of the graves were lovingly adorned with green wreaths and red bows-so meaningful.

Please continue to provide non-perishable food items for the United Ministries Food Pantry.

### **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S WEB SITE**

John Holmberg continues to do a wonderful job of maintaining our Church's web site. If possible, please take the opportunity to view this site. The address is: [churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com](http://churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com). Subject for January: Special thanks to everyone who helped to "Green the Church of Ascension" for Christmas for all to see and enjoy, especially Miriam Crowson for providing her unique perspective and photographs for our website slideshow. Be sure to click-on Christmas heading below "Sermon of the Week" to view past and present Church of the Ascension Christmas photographs. Everything is beautiful! Thank you, John, for all of your dedication and hard work.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND AN ANNIVERSARY FOR JANUARY**

Those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in January will be recognized by Reverend Osborne. If you have not already submitted your information, please sign the sheet in the Narthex of the Church or contact Dianne LeNoir at 499-3055 or by e-mail at [lenoirdm@ftc-i.net](mailto:lenoirdm@ftc-i.net). Thank you.

**January Birthdays**

<b>Blair Cooper</b>	<b>1/9</b>
<b>David LeNoir</b>	<b>1/10</b>
<b>Steve LeNoir</b>	<b>1/11</b>
<b>Mary Parish Williams</b>	<b>1/13</b>
<b>Judie Chapman</b>	<b>1/17</b>
<b>Chuck Crowson</b>	<b>1/19</b>
<b>Danny LeNoir</b>	<b>1/24</b>
<b>David Trimnal</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>John Holmberg</b>	<b>1/29</b>

**January Anniversaries**

<b>Scott and Katherine Williams</b>	<b>1/10</b>
<b>Ken and Barron Nesbitt</b>	<b>1/14</b>

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all of these special people.

Have a Happy and Blessed 2023.