

Around St. James
For the Glory of God
2006

November

December

With Joy
The Parishioners of
St. James' Episcopal Church
Indian Head
invite you to join
in the
Celebration of New Ministry
With
The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington

At the Installation of the Rector
The Reverend Denise Elizabeth Cabana

On Sunday, the nineteenth of November
Two thousand and six
at four o'clock in the afternoon

St. James' Episcopal Church
7 Potomac Avenue
Indian Head, MD

Clergy: festive stoles

Reception following

Rector's Ramblings

Well, on November 19th it becomes official, in some ways it's as if we are in our engagement period and on the 19th Bishop Chane will come and perform the marriage ceremony and we will be officially joined together. Of course, hopefully this isn't until death do us part. The diocese of Washington has changed the installation service a bit, I think for the better. Whereas in the past the service has been all about the rector and the congregation welcoming her/him, the service now is a joining of the two in a shared ministry which is why it is even more important that everyone who can possibly do so, comes on the 19th, because it is about YOU. So please plan on being there as we officially begin our life together in Christ. In order to not be too overwhelmed with all there is to do **on that Sunday we will be having only one Sunday morning service and that will be at 9:00AM**

Speaking of our life together in Christ there is so much going on here at St. James and it is all good. We have wonderful active committees coordinating everything from our outreach efforts, to the building and grounds, to our financial resources, to how we attract and welcome new people, to how we have fun together and most importantly how we worship together. More people are offering their gifts to serve as readers and chalice bearers, we have a wonderful Church School and a social time after the 8:00 service for our 8 O'clockers and for parents who want to stay at church while their children are in Church School. Yes, it is all good, praise God! If you would like to be a part of any of these things or the many others I didn't name, please talk with me or one of our terrific wardens or Vestry members and we will get you hooked into the right place.

As you receive this it will be time to start planning for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas – hard as this is to believe. In this newsletter you will find information about all those seasons of the church, a few minor changes have been made in scheduling but we hope it will work for you, so check the times and dates of the various services.

Finally, St. James has been selected as one of only three parishes in the diocese to have the chance to participate in a church assessment. This is not something for the diocese but for us. It is a tool that will help us to set goals and priorities based on our passions, values, and sense of who God is calling us to be. The Rev. Mary Sularud, Deployment officer for the diocese will be leading us through this, and we will need everyone to participate if it is going to be effective and help us. The best part is there is no cost to us, the diocese received a grant for the three churches to do this. This will take place after the first of the year, so watch for more information as it comes out.

God is good and alive and well at St. James and I am so blessed to be a part of this community!

Peace to you,
Denise+

Retirement

On January 1, 2007, our beloved Junior Warden, Bonnie Richardson officially retires from active duty in the United States Air Force. We will be celebrating that event on Sunday, January 7th during our 10:15 service and at a special coffee hour in Bonnie's honor.



Thanksgiving

Fellowship Ministry

St. James is looking for a group of people to start the Fellowship Ministry. You might be asking what is Fellowship Ministry, well the Fellowship Ministry will plan social events at the church, which could include the following types of events but not limited to Game night, potluck dinners or movie night. If you are interested in being involved with this ministry please contact Rev. Denise at Office (301) 753-6255 or home (301) 743-7262.



Choir Robes

Our choir now looks as good as the sound! The new robes are beautiful and add to the wonderful experience of praising God through song. If anyone would like to make a donation to the purchase of these robes, please mark your contribution to the St. James Memorial Fund, and identify the gift as for the choir robes.

There will be a Thanksgiving Day service at 9:00AM, early enough for those of us expecting dinner guests to still get home to get dinner ready. This year we are asking every family who attends to bring an offering of bread appropriate to be eaten at a Thanksgiving meal. We will place the bread on the altar as we come in and bless it during the service. Then everyone will take home a different offering than the one they brought as a symbol of our shared community, bringing a part of one another home with us.

What's So Important About Church?

"Dad? Dad? Wake up Dad, Erica's crying!!"

"Okay, I'm coming!"

"Why is she crying?"

"I don't know - let's see, where did I leave that checklist? Oh, here it is. Diaper first, let's check her diaper. Hmm, dry and not stinky, so that's not it. Next is something to drink, maybe she's thirsty. Can you run in the kitchen and see if you can find her sippy cup? I think I put it back in the frig."

"Sure thing, be right back."

"It's okay Lil Bear, Walti's gone to get some juice. You thirsty? Is that it? Oh my, what to do, what to do?"

"Here you go Dad."

"Thanks Walti - wow look at her go! Must have been thirsty!"

I woke up one day and their mother was gone. She suddenly decided that kids were like New York City, you know, nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there. So, there I was with Erica, 7 months old, and Walter, who had just turned 3. To say that I didn't have a clue as to what to do is putting it mildly. I had to call neighbor Dotty - "Help! What do I do now? What's for dinner? Where's the washing machine? Oh my!!"

I've never felt so alone and helpless. My kids were depending on me for so much and I just didn't know what to do. The whole situation was so embarrassing. We had been going to Church regularly, but I quit going because I felt like people would see us and wonder "What kind of person is he anyway? You know his wife just up and left him and ran off to California!" I was ashamed to show my face in Church. I felt like a total failure!

And then Mrs. Warren called. She had heard about what happened. She said she was worried about us since she hadn't seen us in Church. And then Mrs. Dusenberry came over and brought some really yummy food. The next thing I knew Erica had a new outfit to keep her warm (this was happening in January by the way). Walti got some mittens and a warm hat. I kept getting calls and so many offers of help. Once the word got out, the response was overwhelming. What happened? Church happened, that's what! I never knew nor had I any idea that Church was a family, our family. We belonged and our family loved us. I'll never forget those people and what they taught me. If only I could somehow give back just some of what was so kindly given to us!

Tom

NETS

Stewardship Committee

I hope you will start considering your pledges for next year. We are making some great progress here at St. James' and its all because of you, our great congregation! Let's keep St.

James' moving forward.

Be on the look out for St. James' 2007 Stewardship Letter.

Cathy Jenkins

NETS (Neighbors Eager To Serve) Will be filling Thanksgiving Baskets on November 21st, which is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Please bring non-perishable food to church and place in the basket in the hallway. NETS would like food items that you serve at Thanksgiving e.g. Gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans etc.... The items are **needed by November ??, 2006**. If you have any questions please call Barbara Prasser at (301)743-6880



Mark you Calendar

Outreach Committee

Tuesday, November 7

Episcopal Church Women's (ECW)

Sunday, November 19, 2006



Choir Practices:

Adult Choir,

Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Children's Choir,

Sunday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Women's Bible Study

On Mondays, from 10:30 to Noon at St. James'. We are currently studying the book of James.



Christmas Connection

Is collecting toys for children especially teens for more information, contact Dorene Knapp at (301) 743-7226



Nursing Home

We will be doing Christmas gifts for nursing home residents. We haven't received the names yet with their ideas for gifts. More information will be forthcoming.

A Point to Ponder ...

Sometimes "thanks" seems so cliché, routine, unimportant or unnecessary. Many Parishioners work so diligently behind the scenes; they often give 'til it hurts and then keep on giving. Without them, St. James' would not thrive as it does. These folks add a lot to our momentum, enthusiasm, tradition and history. Think about all the things that just "happen", like flowers on the alter, candles burning brightly, Coffee Hours, ushers/acolytes/lay readers, choir preparations, grass cutting, heat, bulletins, web site, lights, signs, bill payments, committee meetings and the list goes on. ... week in and week out. Let's not take anything or anyone for granted. The next time you see something that just "happened", think about the folks who gave selflessly of their time and talents (or at least efforts, some may be a little "talent-challenged") for the good of all. Smile, then tell someone you appreciate them and what they do for our Parish.

Greetings from the Junior Warden

I'm still settling into the Jr. Warden role. On the surface, it seems pretty simple: care for God's people and the "stuff" He's provided. I'm blessed to work with many good people who generously give of their time, effort and humor to continue God's work.

Where has the year gone? Fall quickly "fell" with cooler temperatures and brightly colored leaves. And where do the leaves go when they fall? They go into the gutters to be cleaned out or on the ground to be raked up. On this note, the big clean-up day on 21 Oct gave the outside more curb appeal. The Parishioners are blessed with a large facility and a lot of grass, shrubbery and ivy to keep up. The 10 folks made a big dent, but there's still a lot more to do

before the 19 Nov celebration and winter sets in.

The Building and Grounds committee walked through the Parish and grounds on 22 Oct and compiled a Parish "Honey-do" list. We'll use this list to resolve safety issues, prepare for the 19 Nov ceremony and prioritize other needs as time and money permit. Please continue to help care for our Parish.

We'll use the Lord's blessings of time, talent, strength and resources (however scarce they may be sometimes) to provide safety and comfort for St. James' Parishioners.

Bonnie, Jr. Warden and Buildings & Grounds co-chair

"That in all things God may be Glorified"

Our Lay Readers and Acolytes are a dedicated group assisting the Celebrant in the worship of God. It is an important ministry approached with dignity, humility and care.

All who serve at the Altar are appreciated for all that you do. We are fast approaching Advent and a new Christian year. So I ask you to remember this prayer in your daily meditations.

Be present, Lord Jesus, be Present! Grant that I may faithfully and loyally serve You in love and through my service proclaim, "In all things, God be glorified." Amen

Visitation Ministry

As Christians we need to take care of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. How can we do this with our busy schedules? If we have 4-6 people to take 1 hour a month and make phone calls or visits to our sick or shut-in members of St. James, we would be able to stay in contact with our ill and shut-in members and they would know that St. James cares about them and that they are still a part of the family. If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry or if you know of somebody that would benefit from this ministry please contact or see Rev. Denise at (301) 753-6255

Advent

Advent begins with the First Sunday in December. We will be doing the traditional lighting of the Advent Candle at our services and families will be asked to light the Candles each week. Please consider saying "yes" if you are asked to be a part of this tradition. You are encouraged to find Advent Calendars or use wreaths and candles in your own home to help you stay focused on the Christian season of Advent and not get too caught up in the secular hype of the season. We will be offering the opportunity for people to make a daily offering during Advent to be collect and given to a worthy cause at the end of the season. These will be mailed out the middle of November.

Greetings from the ECW

The ECW year started in high gear; we face many events and challenges.

After much discussion and frustration, the ECW cancelled this year's Fall Bazaar. Many folks are preparing for or recovering from surgeries and other illnesses. In addition, a lot of our "chronically challenged" folks can no longer (nor should they) work in the kitchen all day. The younger generations typically work or take care of the household and children. The ECW

will try to overcome this to carry on tradition while adapting to changing circumstances. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to our monthly meetings during Coffee Hour every 1st Sunday.

We're looking forward to everyone's contributions for the 19 Nov service. Start picking out your recipes now for the pot luck dinner. Let's show our guests some good Southern Maryland cooking and hospitality.

Bonnie, ECW President



Christmas Services

Please mark your calendars for the times and dates of the Christmas services.

Sunday, December 24th

8:00 a.m. Rite I

10:15 a.m. Rite II

4:00 p.m. - Family service and Celebration*

9:00 p.m. - Rite II with Choir

Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. - Rite II

***the family service will include the Christmas Pageant and Eucharist using our family service format with Jesus' birthday cake following the service in the parish hall.**

Advent

Advent is a season of penitence, preparation, and anticipation for the Christ who came and will come again. As a child, as a sovereign ruler, Christ comes: God's gift to all people. During Advent we prepare for this sacred celebration. One of the ways we prepare together is by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath, a symbol of eternal promise.

Again this year, we will participate in this event with a family lighting a candle each of the Sundays of Advent.

Our focus is on the increasing light as we approach the celebration of Jesus birth.

Karen Burroughs

St. James Annual Christmas Tea
Join us in Holiday Celebration

December 2, 2006

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.



\$10.00

Bring your favorite tea cup

For tickets see or contact.

Jackie Vos, Barbara Prasser,
Ethel Evans, Karen Burroughs,

Jean Alice Artes and
Mildred Weston

News from the Region 6 Assembly meeting – Ann Morgan

On Saturday, October 14th the clergy, wardens and representatives to Diocesan Convention met at Christ Church La Plata with Bishop Chane and members of Church House Staff to prepare for the Diocesan Convention in January as well as talk about issues pertaining to our region.

After receiving the proposed diocesan budget for 2007 and the elections for nominations to diocesan committees (good news, two members of our region – Peggy Goldsmith of Piney and Rev. Julie Murdock of Leeland have been nominated to appear on the slate at convention. Charles County is finally on the ballot!) we broke into counties for conversion.

The discussion focused on ways to encourage lines of communication among the parish of Charles County. The hope is that we can work together to meet our goals of helping the needy, establish strong youth programs, strengthen our evangelism efforts, and in general support each other in our work. It was suggested that the wardens from each of the seven parishes meet for a monthly breakfast meeting to share and get support from one another. Diocesan staff could attend these meetings to further strengthen the efforts to bring the diocese as a whole together.

Currently the clergy gather monthly for a “Clericus luncheon” and do much of this same work at a clergy level.

I am sure there will be more news to come before convention takes place at the end of January. Feel free to give me any feedback – opinions – concerns as I go to convention to represent you.

Ann

Nursery

The good news is that we have children at church; the bad news is we don't currently have a way to have them not be in church and be safely supervised. It has come to the vestry's attention that there are children often in the nursery room during the 10:15 service that are not being supervised by an adult or an older teen. This is an unsafe situation and our concern is for the safety of the children. We are actively pursuing providing a nursery program for our youngest children that would take place during the 10:15 service. We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry, people who would be

willing to be in the nursery on a rotating basis to provide activities and supervision for our children. If you are interested, please see Rev. Denise.

In the meantime, due to safety concerns, children under the age of 15 cannot be left in the nursery unattended. We encourage and welcome all children to attend the worship service, but if you feel your child should not be in church, please, until we can provide the nursery, be sure there is an adult or a teenager 15 or older who is responsible for watching them in the room at all times.

From the Parishioner

A favor to ask, it only takes a minute....

Please tell ten friends to tell ten today! The Breast Cancer site is having trouble getting enough people to click on their site daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "donating a mammogram" for free (pink window in the middle).

This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammogram in exchange for advertising.

Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.

<http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/>

Five Finger Prayer

1. Your **thumb**, is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those close to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. the next fingers is the **pointing finger**. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the **tallest finger**. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.! They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our **ring finger**. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. and lastly comes the **Pinkie**. The smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

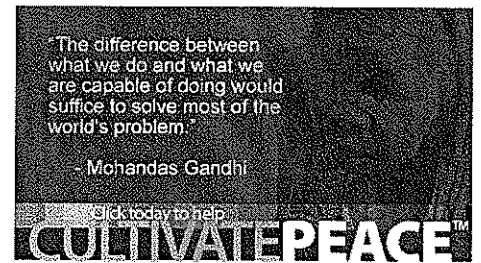
Websites to Visit

Visit St. James' Website at <http://www.stjamesindianhead.org> You will find the current Church Calendar with upcoming events and meetings, past newsletters, pictures and so much more. also you can check the diocese website at www.edow.org.

From the Parishioner (Continued)

The Hunger SitePASS IT ON!

The Hungersite
Log on to www.thehungersite.com



Visit <http://www.thehungersite.com> to give food to the hungry with just a click--every day and at no cost to you.

This is how it works: When you click the "Give Free Food" button (once a day per person) at <http://www.thehungersite.com>, this simple action gives over a cup of fortified food to a hungry person. It costs you nothing. Funding is paid by site sponsors and food is distributed by two leading nonprofit hunger relief organizations: Mercy Corps and America's Second Harvest. The number of people who click each day determines the amount of food that goes to the hungry, so please forward this message along.

WHY CLICK? There is enough food in the world for every man, woman and child. Yet an estimated one billion of the world's people live in poverty and face chronic hunger. 24,000 die daily. 75% of them are children under age five. A "click to give" costs nothing but a few seconds of your time, and gives help and hope to a person in desperate need.

Heaven and Hell are Like

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery

and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." "It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves." When Jesus died on the cross he was thinking of you!

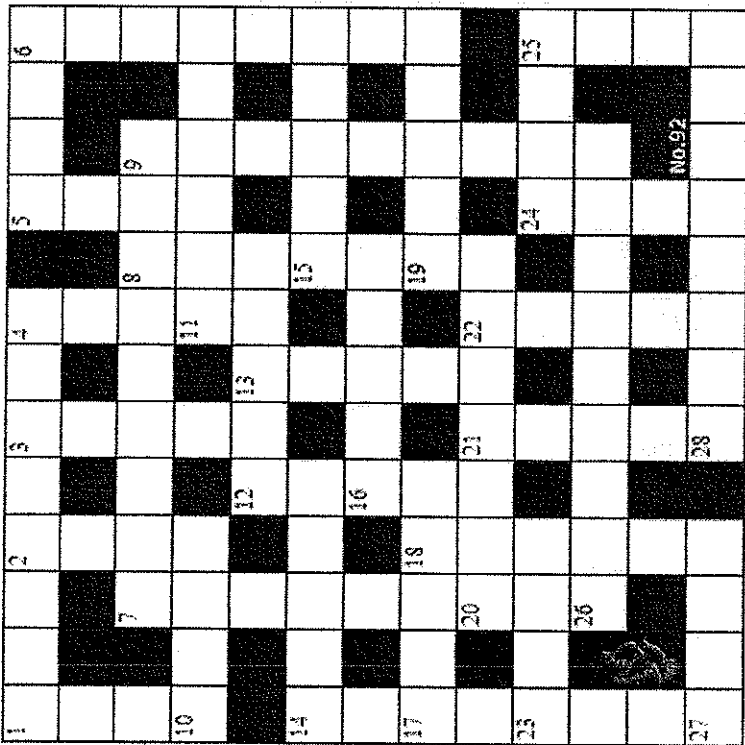
A few Special "Thank You" Notes

I'd like to thank Reverend Denise for taking the time (and squeezing me into her busy schedule) to provide the Benediction at my Air Force Retirement Ceremony. A friend, Linda (now a Minister), I met when we were both stationed in Germany in the late 80s, gave the Invocation. This symbolically represented Minister Linda as a part of my past and present and Reverend Denise as a part of my present and future. I thank the Lord for countless blessings and Reverend Denise for her guidance, encouragement and inspiration as I begin a new chapter in life. (On a side note, we're planning a Parish get-together to end my military service where it began, among God's people, on 7 Jan; more to come.)

A big thanks to Shelley and the others involved in publishing our Parish Newsletters! Shelley finds time in her busy days to compile the information. She also discovers something special for the little folks in the Kids Corner. Be sure to thank Shelley for her dedication and creativity.

Let's also remember the hard work Lynda has been putting in to meld voices into music. It's more challenging than she makes it seem to get a dozen personalities and talent levels to blend. Bless her for her dedication. Additionally, she works with the children, which takes a lot of persistence and talent, in the kid's choir. Be sure to thank Lynda for her commitment and patience.

Bonnie, beneficiary



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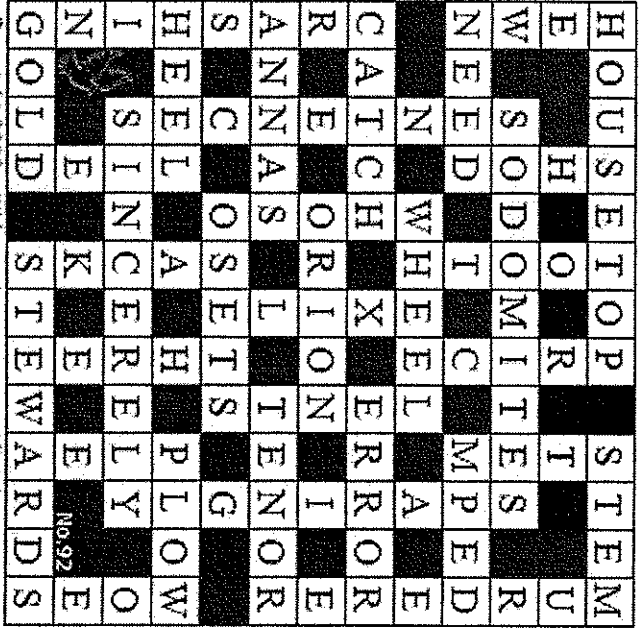
DOWN

- 1 wisdom has built her house; she has ___ out its seven pillars (Prov 9:1)
- 2 your feet ___ with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Eph 6:15) KJV
- 3 Like a bad ___ or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful (Prov 25:19)
- 4 You were bought at a ___; do not become slaves of men (1 Cor 7:23)
- 5 Your beginnings will ___ humble, so prosperous will your future be (Job 8:7)
- 6 you know that no ___ has eternal life in him (1 John 3:15)
- 7 a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark ___ (Dan 8:23) KJV
- 8 To one he gave five ___ of money, to another two (Matt 25:15)
- 9 Whoever sows ___ will also reap sparingly (2 Cor 9:6)
- 12 But ___ keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God (1 John 2:5) KJV
- 13 Half of the city will go into ___, but the rest of the people will not (Zech 14:2)
- 14 howling from the second, and a great ___ from the hills (Zeph 1:10) KJV
- 18 Jehoshaphat had great wealth and honor, and he ___ himself with (2 Chron 18:1)
- 21 Fill the men's ___ with as much food as they can carry (Gen 44:1)
- 22 these ___ remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (1 Cor 13:13)
- 24 Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my ___ (Ps 55:1)
- 25 Many are the ___ of the wicked (Ps 32:10)

ACROSS

- 1 Peter went up upon the ___ to pray (Acts 10:9) KJV
- 5 there shall come forth a rod out of the ___ of Jesse (Isa 11:1) KJV
- 7 he took away the ___ out of the land, and removed all the idols (1 Kings 15:12) KJV
- 10 The LORD will fight for you; you ___ only to be still." (Ex 14:14)
- 11 Saul and the Israelites assembled and ___ in the Valley of Elah (1 Sam 17:2)
- 12 went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the ___ (Jer 18:3)
- 14 Does a trap spring up from the earth when there is nothing to ___? (Amos 3:5)
- 15 Jesus replied, "You are in ___ because you do not know the Scriptures (Matt 22:29)
- 16 Can you loose the cords of ___ (Job 38:31)
- 17 ___ the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John (Acts 4:6)
- 19 we told him according to the ___ of these words (Gen 43:7) KJV
- 20 spoken in the ear in ___ shall be proclaimed upon the housetops (Luke 12:3) KJV
- 23 he will crush your head, and you will strike his ___ (Gen 3:15)
- 24 Do not ___ with an ox and a donkey yoked together. (Deut 22:10)
- 26 My words come from an upright heart; my lips ___ speak what I know (Job 33:3)
- 27 Do not take along any ___ or silver or copper in your belts (Matt 10:9)
- 28 the king instructed all the wine ___ to serve each man (Est 1:8)

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For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

NOVEMBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:15 AM Sunday School - Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Admin/Communication Committee 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	30 10:00 AM Women's Group 7:00 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee	31 7:00 AM Lifescreeing	1 8:00 PM AA Meeting	2 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	3	4
5 11:30 AM ECW Meeting 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	6 10:00 AM Women's Group	7 3:30 PM Outreach Committee	8 8:00 PM AA Meeting	9 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	10	11
12 UTO (United Thank Offering) 9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	13 10:00 AM Women's Group	14 7:00 PM Vestry Officer's Meeting	15 6:30 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	16 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	17	18
19 UTO (United Thank Offering) 9:00 AM One Service today - no Sunday School, Coffee Hour or Breakfast 4:00 PM Installation of Denise Cabana followed by Reception 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	20 10:00 AM Women's Group	21 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	22 8:00 PM AA Meeting	23 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Morning Eucharist 8:00 PM NA Meeting	24	25
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