

# The Glebe Gazette

*Monthly newsletter of the Glebe Episcopal Church  
Bennett's Creek Parish, Suffolk, Virginia  
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## FROM THE RECTOR

Beloved in Christ:

Well, here is my annual February letter from "sunny" Florida. This year it really is "sunny" and warm.

While we are still in the Epiphany season as we start February, when we end the month we will be in the start of the Lenten season. This year for Lent, I have some explaining to do. If you were at the annual money meeting at the end of October you heard that one the Vestry's planned goals was to paint Keener Hall.

The painting was going to be an all Glebe volunteer activity, which would have been our Lenten program. I found out that there were a lot of folks who worried about such a volunteer effort. No one questioned the need for the painting, but several people indicated a concern for multiple brush stroke styles on the walls. As a result, one of our families decided to donate the cost of a professional painting of Keener Hall in the colors our color committee chose. By the time I return, and you receive this letter, that paint job will probably be finished. This leaves us without a Lenten program.

The Vestry discussed this at its last meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and we decided that our Lenten Program this year would focus on the King James Bible. Last year was the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible. This English Bible translation has changed the lives and the language of the world many times over since the first printing. It is surprising how many every day phrases come from this book. As is our custom, we will meet every other week, starting on February 29 (this is a leap year, you know) and convening on March 14, and March 28. We are still working on the details, but I think a light covered dish supper followed by a presentation and discussion would be a good outline.

Here are some other dates that you should also mark on your calendars: February 12, The Annual Congregation meeting to elect two new Vestry persons and discuss other items. This will again be with Breakfast by the Vestry and one service at 9:00am. February 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. February 22, Ash Wednesday with Holy Eucharist and the imposition of Ashes at 7:00pm.

Here is something new to start our Lenten season. On Saturday February 25, that is the Saturday after Ash

Wednesday, we will have a Lenten Quiet Day. Quiet Days in Parish life usually take place at the start of Advent, Lent, and on Parish Retreats. They (the quiet days) are an opportunity to break away from the busy world we inhabit in our daily life. For a short period of time (in our case 9:00am to 3:00pm) we have the opportunity to be still and quiet. On a quiet day you have the chance to read, or meditate, or write, or to just be silent; and in the still quiet time that we create for ourselves, to listen to what God is trying to tell us.

As I write this we are still working on the details so check your Sunday Bulletin for inserts and be sure to be at the Annual Meeting.

Peace,  
Ross+

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit all articles by Friday February 17, 2012 to [newslettereditor@glebechurch.org](mailto:newslettereditor@glebechurch.org). Visit the Glebe website at: [www.glebechurch.org](http://www.glebechurch.org). You can download Adobe for free at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Please contact the editor, if you have email and would like to be added to the email distribution of this newsletter.

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Yes, gang...it is that time again. We will once again be cooking up pancakes, sausage, and apples. Please come on out and help raise some money and have a lot of fellowship. Tell all your friends, family and neighbors to come on over to Glebe for pancakes.

This year's feast is on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 beginning at 5 pm. Cost is just \$5.00 for all you can eat.

Hope to see you there!

Phyllis and Debbie

## MUSIC NOTES

Flash back to Christmas Eve and the children's pageant. I received an e-mail from Resha Butler describing her perspective of what she experienced. I was right there, and I missed seeing this little episode, but I thought it was well worth sharing with you. It is a wonderful description and I have her permission to print it.

"This year Bennett was supposed to be one of the sheep, but I didn't realize that the sheep costume was many inches too small until just before it was time to leave for the church. Every child in the church has some role in the pageant, so we had to come up with something. Luckily (it seemed), we had his costume from Halloween. So, Bennett went as the Christmas skunk. And what a holy skunk he was! He ran amok! He escaped from his father and strolled the aisle all during the service, greeting each row of the congregation. But the topper was when he attempted to steal the baby Jesus out of the manger and made a break for it in the middle of the pageant.

Mary (this year played by eight year-old Madison Sootoo) was having none of it! (baby Jesus was being played by her best baby doll), and she bodily hauled the holy skunk off the stage and handed him to me in the choir pews. The holy skunk was explosively outraged and had to leave the sanctuary briefly to compose himself. At least, the pageant of 2011 was memorable!"

Now I won't begin to top that, but I enjoyed her description immensely. I hope that some of you could see the scene better than I could during the pageant. Now I understand why we keep having children's pageants!

As I write this, I see that we have four Sundays left in Epiphany. I will be in Florida visiting my grandchildren and their parents from January 27-30. Steve Beaumont will substitute for me on Sunday, January 29. Please welcome Steve again as he helps me from time to time. I will return on Sunday, February 5th.

In the meantime, keep singing!

Jo Anna

## 2011 HUBS PEANUT FUNDRAISER

This is the eleventh year we have sold Hubs for Outreach. The Glebe Family did an outstanding job supporting this by taking orders from family, friends, coworkers, as well as ordering for yourselves this fine Virginia made product.

Your efforts provided the second largest profit we have ever made with the total of \$1,729.95. Thank you for your support for Outreach Funds.

We look forward to 2012 Hubs Sales.

Kathryn & Jesse