

The Wheel

Parish Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 23 12 PM

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30 AM — No Church School

All members of the congregation 16 years of age and older are invited to participate. A light lunch will be available prior to the meeting. The nursery will be available and there will be programming for children during this time. We hope you will make every effort to be a part of this meeting.

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Sign Up Soon!

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance & Silent Auction

The 2005 Valentine's festivities, **Saturday, Feb. 5**, are the first to be held in our new Parish Hall, and if you plan to go be sure to sign up as soon as possible. The cost is \$40 per person, or \$75 per couple, and includes two adult beverages, dinner and wine, and all the dancing your heart desires. The silent auction begins at 6 pm, and the seated dinner at 7:15. Remember that the proceeds benefit our J2A group and their pilgrimage to Scotland this summer. Tickets are available at church after all worship services.

Fred Massey, organizer of the event, would like to remind the St. Catherine's community to come with "open hearts and open checkbooks." "It's important that people see this event not just as a party, but as a ministry, he said. "If you've taken tickets intending to pay for them later, we need to hear from you as soon as possible. We need to know the number of people coming so that we can take care of them well."

Still accepting auction items: We especially need vacation condos/homes and host homes for dinners. To donate an item or a service, please contact Fred (404-731-4466), or any on the committee. Thanks!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb. 8 6 PM in the Parish Hall

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a party, a pancake supper, and a tradition all in one. The day before the beginning of Lent is known as Shrove Tuesday. To shrove someone, in old-fashioned English is to hear his acknowledgment of his sins, assure him of God's forgiveness, and give appropriate spiritual advice. Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday (in French, *Mardi* =Tuesday; *gras*=fat), because on that day a household uses up the fats (the can of bacon drippings, or whatever) for cooking, but will not be used during Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up fat, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday.

If you want to know more you can find fun activities at www.shrovetuesday.150m.com. Meanwhile, support our youth as they serve pancakes & breakfast meats and help us clean the pantry of fat. Your donations benefit our whole Youth Ministry. All you can eat, no reservations needed!

The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Welcome You!

Tsunami Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our collection for the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami. We collected \$3,370 which will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development for Tsunami Relief.

Emmaus House Success!

We did it! Thank you to all of you who participated in the Giving Tree last month. A total of 108 stockings were hung on our tree and 105 were returned, filled and ready for Santa to deliver. The staff at Emmaus House wants all of you to know that St. Catherine's has played a huge part in the success of their annual Christmas Party which serves 500-600 youth each year. You did such an outstanding job, we'll do it again next year!

Next Baptism:

MARCH 26

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

What are you looking for?

This past Sunday I preached from the Gospel according to John 1:29-42. One line in the reading jumped out at me as I prepared my sermon but I was never able to develop a sermon around it.

John was standing with two of his disciples, as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" The disciples responded to Jesus with a question "Where are you staying?" Jesus said to them, "Come and See."

Even though my sermon went in a different direction, I haven't been able to let go of that question. I don't know the significance of that lingering question but trust that it is significant or it would have vanished from my thoughts by now. Since I'm still searching for its meaning. I'll pose that question to you.

If Jesus were to ask you "What are you looking for," what would your response be?

Peace,

Sherry+

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Mary Koenig, James, Dawn Houston, Julie Heath, Barbara Perry, Jean Pitts, Mollie Patton, Linda Jones, Madeleine Caudell, Ron Renn, Jean Shrader, Ruth Kell, Norma Taylor, Ruth Shaw, Leigh Bledsoe & family, Lee Kelly, Alice Hadley & family, Grace, Reese Ivey, Bill Lewis, Sarah, Steve Molina & family, Harry Beswick, Susan Weeks, Sue O'Neil, Tommy Hill, Deborah Guy, Sue Shamble, Andrew Harding, Annabella Villacci & Pres Shrader, Todd Magill

Before Surgery

Cathy, 1/20/05,
Stan Dickson, 1/20/05;
Bill Linstrom, 1/24/05;
Patricia Ordner, 1/25/05

Deceased

Eva Yusko, Rebecca Kiefer & Karolyn Olliffe's grandmother; Harold DeLorme, Ellen Adams' cousin; Ted Overman, Kitty Diffley's brother-in-law

Special Prayers

Defend all the men and women of our armed forces at home or abroad especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait that they will have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

For All Saints' Church in Florence, South Carolina.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(1/30/05)

Rich, Caroline, Anita & George Nuckolls, Michael & Elizabeth Lilly; Bob, Karolyn, Sean & Ryan Olliffe; Gordon, Nancy, Ryan & Lindsay O'Neill; Joe, Karen & Alexander Ordway; Mel, Michael, Caroline, Chase, Preston & Sally Paris

(2/6/05)

Paul, Sharon, & Brandi Parisi; Scott, Michelle & Mason Parisi; David, Ellen & Jonathan Parker; Gary, Brenda & Danielle Parker, Deana Cole & Dawn Lyons; Mikel, Dina & Chandler Parker

Reflection authors needed

St. Catherine's is producing its annual collection of meditations for the Lenten season. Forty days of Lent means we need many contributors! If you are willing to write a brief meditation on a piece of Scripture to be included in the book, please let us know right away (in your bulletin or through the church office), and we will be in touch with your assignment.



W W W in Full Swing!

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays continue each Wednesday evening through February 2 (then we change to our Lenten programs beginning Feb. 16). We have established a set of menus to be used on a rotating basis, plus a salad bar and the PB&J table for children and the young at heart. Please remember to tell us the number in your family who will join us for dinner each week in your bulletin or by calling the church office.

Lent 2005



Observances coming up:

- February 8 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 pm.....Pancake Supper
- February 9 Ash Wednesday 7:00 am.....Holy Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes
12:00 pm.....Holy Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes
7:30 pm.....Holy Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes

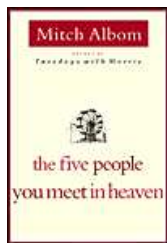
On Ash Wednesday we are signed with the outward sign of our humble beginnings and common end. The priest invites to the observance of holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. After our period of silence before the Lord, our maker and redeemer, we are signed with the outward sign of our humble beginnings and common end. The priest puts ashes on our foreheads as we take responsibility for this living flesh, notice everything around us, the possessions we hold valuable, the persons we love and know that all will one day turn to dust.

- February 12 Saturday 5:30 service ...Lent 1
- February 13 Sunday all services.....Lent 1

On the first Sunday of Lent we sing the Great Litany. The Great Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions that are sung by the priests, with fixed responses by the congregation. It was used as early as the fifth century in Rome. It was led by a deacon, with the collects led by a bishop or priest. The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The Litany's use in church processions was ordered by Henry VIII when England was at war with Scotland and France. It was printed as an appendix to the Eucharist in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The 1979 BCP titled the Litany "The Great Litany" (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. The Great Litany may be said or sung. The officiant and people may kneel or stand, or it may be done in procession.

- February 15 Tuesday 7:00 am.....Holy Eucharist
7:30 am.....Brief Study
- February 16 Wednesday 6:00 pm.....Supper
7:00 pm.....Lenten Program for all ages
8:00 pm.....Evening Liturgy

Tuesday Mornings in Lent



Once again we will meet each Tuesday morning in Lent for Eucharist and Study. This time is designed to meet your needs to have some mid-week worship and to do so at a time that fits with a hectic schedule. We meet for

Eucharist at 7:00 AM and continue with a short study immediately following. The time is kept to an hour so that promptly at 8:00 AM you can be on your way to your day's obligations.

This Lent we will study *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom, the author of the number one New York Times bestseller *Tuesdays with Morrie*. In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom gives us an astoundingly original story that will change everything you've ever thought about the afterlife—and the meaning of our lives here on earth. With a timeless tale, appealing to all, this is a book that readers of fine fiction, and those who loved *Tuesdays with Morrie*, will treasure.

We will meet each Tuesday of Lent, including Holy Week, beginning February 15. The book is readily available in most local bookstores. An outline of the six weeks of study will be available on the Lenten resource table beginning Sunday, February 6.

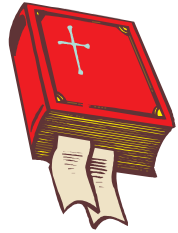
Biblical Storytellers

The Network of Biblical Storytellers Atlanta Guild invites everyone interested in learning or telling Biblical stories to "Romantic Voices for Biblical Storytelling" on **Sunday, Jan. 23, 3:30 - 5:00 PM** at St. Martin in the Fields. Michele Moore will explain how to develop a Romantic Voice. Eyleen Barnes and Sonya Braun will tell some "love" stories of the Bible. Admission is free. For info, contact Ellen Handlin, (770) 578-9848, vhandlin@juno.com, or visit www.nobs.org.

Music for Peace Series

Epiphany's Music for Peace series presents an Interfaith Benefit Concert featuring chorus and instrumentalists of Congregation Bet Haverim and Epiphany's Lauds choir in sacred works of peace, freedom and justice, Jan. 30, 3 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Donations will be given to Bet Haverim's Rainbow Center and to ERD for tsunami relief. Admission \$10 for adults, children under 12 free, childcare available. For a brochure or info call 404-373-8338 or email info@epiphany.org.

"Who picked this hymn?"



By Jana Williams

To see how much you understand about hymn selection for our traditional services, 8:45 and 11:15 at St. Catherine's, answer the following question.

Hymns for the 8:45 and 11:15 services are chosen by:

- Rosemary blindly thumbing through the hymnal until Ginney calls out "stop."*
- Numbers are chosen randomly borrowing the "lotto" balls.*
- Prayerful consideration of the scripture readings, liturgical season, priest and congregation needs.*

Most of the time, the correct answer is "C." As you are probably aware, the Episcopal Church publishes a suggested list of hymns which relate to the lectionary readings and liturgical season for every service. Our goal as your music leaders is to sing hymns which are meaningful and in keeping with the lessons, season and sermon of the day. We strive to sing in balance hymns that are familiar, hymns that are profound, hymns that challenge, and hymns whose text alone are worthy of contemplation. Believe it or not, confusing or annoying folk is not the goal!

I defend the 1982 Hymnal. I cherish the tradition. I love that it is not like what I hear on the radio and that I must think and read. I love that I am continually renewed and inspired by text and melody.

Is our hymnal perfect—no. But just as the Book of Common Prayer sets us apart from other denominations, so does our Hymnal. It also binds us together. Just as we don't have a drop-down screen to read scripture or the Prayer Book, I cherish holding a hymnal. Even if the tune doesn't allow you to "tap your toe," you can bet that the text can challenge, inspire and uplift you. Over and over.

Do we "like" or agree with every lectionary reading? Does every individual have to "like" every hymn for it to be meaningful and appropriate and our best for worship? Just as our new worship space reflects worship, reverence and the traditions of the

New Pictorial Directory Coming!

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to the church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory for our church. There is **no cost to you** or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends, but you are under no obligation to purchase additional photos.

To make our directory a success we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping during our photography signups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, please contact Terri Hogan at 770-565-1840 or Nancy & Alan Certain at 770-933-9277. You may also volunteer by checking the box in the Opportunity for Ministry flyer in your bulletin.

Enclosed in this *Wheel* is a flyer with all dates and times on it. Please check your calendars and plan on being part of our new directory. We look forward to seeing you in pictures! Our goal is 100% participation!



church and just as our vestments and following of the prayer book reflect our beliefs, so should the hymns and anthems we sing also reflect the meaning of our faith in sometimes simple and other times profound ways.

Offering our very best to God and to His people each service is what we strive to do. Perfect? No. But always know that every prelude, hymn, anthem, and postlude is offered in a most genuine, thoughtful, and sincere way to be used by God in our worship.

Habitat House Continues

Build Dates:
Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5

January 22 is Painting Day; Jan. 29 will be Landscaping (planting sod in yard and shrubs). February 5 will be Clean Up — and sometime we will have to paint the exterior (when the temperature is above 50 degrees). Watch for announcement of the date for the dedication of the completed home.

Please sign up on the sheets available at church every weekend. For information please contact Tom Snead (build) or Connie Bergeron (food).

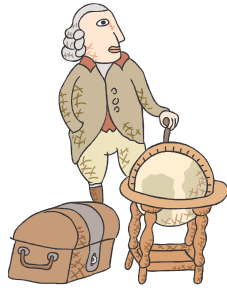


Adult Inquirer's Class Scheduled

Sundays at 4 PM
April 17-May 22

An Inquirer's Class is for adults who are interested in being confirmed, received, reaffirmed, or if you simply want to learn more about the Episcopal Church. The diocesan service of confirmation/reaffirmation will be held at the Cathedral of St. Phillip on June 5. For information please call the church office or speak with one of the clergy.

Where in the World is Father Jim?



(first in a series)

On April 4 this year, Father Jim Nixon will begin his four-month sabbatical, a time of renewal, reflection and refreshment for him and an interesting—hopefully exciting—time for the parish as well. “Where in the world is Father Jim?” will be the theme used during this period.

Already Father Jim's sabbatical has received considerable attention. This past spring a group of parishioners worked diligently to secure a grant from the Lilly Endowment to fund the renewal. That the Lilly Foundation chose to award St. Catherine's \$44,785 to fund the sabbatical indicates just how much planning and thought have gone in to the sabbatical and the quality and potential impact of the specific renewal activities. (Not generally known is the fact that \$14,300 of the funds will be used for parish life activities and to pay for supply clergy in Father Jim's absence.)

“Changing attitudes about and expanding ministries to diverse people are the focus of the renewal program,” explains Barbara Perry, a member of the grant response team and incoming Senior Warden.

“We wanted to provide Father Jim opportunities for intentional exploration and reflection that will give him the additional experience and insight he needs to effectively lead us as we seek to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ to love one another as we love ourselves.”

The renewal program has five components

for Father Jim. The first three relate to diversity; the fourth gives him the refreshment and reconnection with his family that he needs and deserves; the fifth will renew him for a long-term commitment to our congregation. The components are (1) interaction with an Episcopal school that is purposely pursuing diversity; (2) immersion into the Spanish language and Hispanic culture; (3) experiencing the Taizé community in France and interacting with youth from various parts of the world; (4) travel with family; (5) time at a retreat center for reading, study, reflection, and writing.

Father Jim's sabbatical is actually a couple of years late in coming. When he was called as rector in 1998, it was agreed that he would have a sabbatical after four years of service. But, as the rector explains, “the timing just wasn't right for me to go off for four months.” Timing is much better now.

“First, it comes at the end of seven good years at St. Catherine's filled with events that have been emotionally, spiritually, and physically challenging,” says Jim. “It also comes at a time when my mind is working through what it means to spend more that 6-8 years with a congregation.

“I see it as a pivotal moment,” Jim continues. “After seven years, I have pretty much explored and used the resources I have. I see this as a time for me to rethink my ministry among the people of St. Catherine's. It is an opportunity to bring me back renewed—not just in terms of rest, but also in the sense of new ideas and new appreciation for who we have been as a parish and who we can be.”

During the coming months *The Wheel* will publish additional articles about Father Jim's sabbatical, covering parish activities and the individual components of the renewal program.

Dear St. Catherine's,

Kelly, Megan, and I can't even begin to say “thank you” enough for all the love, care, concern, cards, meals brought to the house, and so many of you just being there for us. Tom's memorial service was everything I wanted it to be and more!! I know that he was smiling down on us that Saturday at St. Catherine's.

Also, a big thank you goes to Father Jim and Sherry for helping all of us through this difficult time. We are truly blessed with “our St. Catherine's” family and are so happy to call it our church home. Tom is at peace... thanks be to God!

*With love,
Peggy, Megan, and Kelly Snook*

Preschool Registration

Visit our Preschool page on the church website at www.stcatherines.org for registration information for 2005-06 school year. Prospective parents may tour St. Catherine's on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 AM - 12 PM. To schedule a tour and pick up a registration form please call the Preschool office at 770-971-2839.

- Currently enrolled students ... Feb. 1-11
- St. Catherine's Members new to school ... Sun., Feb. 13, 10 AM
- Open registration ... Thurs., Feb. 17, 10:30 AM



Flower/Candle Schedule

We have some dates left open for giving Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles in honor or in memory of a loved one. The dates are listed in your bulletin. Flowers are \$40 and candles are \$10. Please sign up on your bulletin or in the church office.

Ministry Fair is for Everyone!

At Cathedral of St. Philip Saturday, March 5

Join hundreds of fellow Episcopalians as we come together in worship and fellowship to connect, grow and transform our individual and parish ministries. The Diocese of Atlanta's annual Ministry Fair provides opportunities for clergy, lay leaders and other parishioners to gain knowledge, skills, increased interest and excitement in a variety of ministries. This year the Ministry Fair will be held at the Cathedral in celebration of their new added education building and remodeling.

Plan to spend the day in this beautiful new space, attending workshops and events that take advantage of the many facilities the cathedral offers. We begin at 9 AM with the Gathering in the cathedral nave, full of music, special events and guests, followed by three workshop sessions and a lunch hour. The last workshop will end at 4 PM

Check at church or on the Diocese website, www.episcopalatlanta.org, for brochures with complete listings of the day's activities. Workshops on liturgy and music will be offered, along with a wide variety of other topics such as congregational growth

and development, outreach, stewardship, justice issues, Christian education and many more. The Gathering will feature a hymn festival celebrating the church year with the Glen Ellyn choirs from Illinois, and our special guest, The Most Rev. Njongkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape-town, South Africa.

You may register online at the Diocese website using credit card or check. You may also register by mail— registration forms may be printed from the website or are available in the St. Catherine's lobby.

- **EXPRESS Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 8.** You receive your registration confirmation in the mail prior to the Fair and insure your best chance of getting the workshops you want. Express check-in also means you walk in & pick up a folder — no standing in long lines!
- **LATE Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 22.** You must pick up your registration materials the morning of the Fair; no confirmation materials will be mailed to you. Registrations received after February 22 are not guaranteed workshop availability or lunch.

To My St. Catherine's Family,

Words cannot say enough for what it has meant to me and the rest of my family in what you all have done for us during this time after Stephen's death. To Father Jim and Sherry for the wonderful service words cannot express our gratitude. For all the cards, calls, the food, and people that were just here that made me laugh, held me when I cried and just let me know that they loved me. All the flowers were beautiful. Thank you John and Liz Rea for the altar flowers. The prayers and the love from all of you have meant so much since the outpouring is still coming. Thank you Father Jim and Liz Rea for just being here with me that horrible night. Father Jim, bless you for hanging in there while we planned the service on Sunday.

I have had so many comments from friends that said what a warm church it was and

what a perfect service it was under the circumstances. I know in the days and weeks and months that lay ahead of us you will be there and I cannot say thank you enough. I know there are things that have been done that we do not even know about but my gratitude is there.

The youth have been fantastic and I cannot tell them enough how much love and how proud I am of them for the outpouring of love and caring that has come from them. Parents you need to let them know how proud you are of them and how much you love them. They are a great group of kids.

St. Catherine's is a wonderful church family and I am proud to be a part of it. You truly are a loving community that knows how to love and care for people. Again I cannot say thanks enough.

*We love you,
Sallie Sompayrac, Chris and Oliver*

Youth

Check the Youth page of the church website often for news!

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouth@bellsouth.net.

Happening #43 April 15-17



The Happening website for Atlanta is up and running. Go to Happening Atlanta and browse, check out the pictures and leave some comments. Team and candidate applications are now available on the website! Applications are due by January 30th for team and March 10th for candidates (complete with all signatures).

Wednesday Nite Live

Every Wednesday night – Dinner with families at 6 PM – Program revves up at 7:00. See you there!

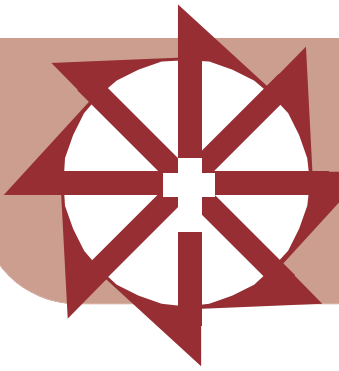
Coming Up

- Feb. 2 .. WWW at 6 pm, WNL at 7 pm
- Feb. 5 .. **Valentine's Dinner Dance and Silent Auction**
- Feb. 8 .. **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
- Feb. 9 .. Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 16 Lenten program starts
- Feb. 18-21.... **SKI TRIP!**
- Feb. 25-27....
New Beginnings

Habitat House Build



Top left – Hale Sanders and Al Jones work on soffit
 Top right – Roger Motter in front of the house
 Bottom left – Colleen Brown applies siding
 Bottom center – Al Jones wraps house
 Bottom right – Cary Kilgore, pass it on



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Mark Your Calendars

- 1/23Worship at 10:30;
Parish Annual Mtg.
- 1/26, 2/2... WWW
- 1/27Healing service
- 1/28.....Elizabeth Inn
- 1/29-30 Vestry Retreat
- 2/5.....Valentine Dinner
Dance & Auction
- 2/8.....Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper;
Women's Reading
Group
- 2/9.....Ash Wednesday
- 2/18-21 Youth Ski Trip

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Elizabeth Inn

Next Date: Friday, Jan. 28

Are you looking for an opportunity to have a special night out? Sign up to spend a rewarding night at the Elizabeth Inn. Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Elizabeth Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month. This month our Young Adult youth group will provide dinner and overnight help at MUST. We have a Foyers Group which has volunteered to do the meal in March.

We are putting together a pool of volunteers to help at the Inn. Training is included! Your name would be rotated with the goal of having enough volunteers to be called only once or twice per year. We'll even call your boss to get you the next day off!

If you would like to help with dinner please call Tracy Buckalew (770-956-9606) or Connie Bergeron (770-951-1411). To volunteer to stay overnight call Carolyn Hilley (770-973-8636) or Fred Massey (404-731-4466). Both tasks are very rewarding.

"Work is love made visible." – Kahil Gibran

Healing Service

**Thursday, January 27
7:00 PM**

We will resume the celebration of our monthly healing service on the fourth Thursday each month. We invite you to participate in this service and especially invite you to identify anyone in particular you would like remembered in the liturgy.

Your Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

The ashes for the Ash Wednesday liturgy are the burned palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. If you have palms to return from last year, please place them in the box by the church office **by Sunday, February 6.**

