



The Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

## Be Mindful:

- Sunday, November 13—Harvest Sunday
- Sunday, November 13 to Saturday, November 19—Hagar House Community Service
- Sunday, November 20—Rite 13 Celebration

Refer to the calendar on page 2 for more dates or visit our web site [www.holy-cross.org](http://www.holy-cross.org) to see the extended calendar.

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## From the Collar

Recently someone said to me, "long ago, people were more generous. We used to share what we had with our neighbors, and our loved-ones. I wonder what happened, why aren't we giving away as much or as often as we used to?" I thought quite a bit about what that person said, and remembered the times to which she referred. Life seemed sim-

about going the extra mile to help one another survive and even thrive. It was as though persons had a deeper awareness of the connectedness of our various communities. We were taught to love unconditionally, and we were expected, as well as looked forward to practicing that love in tangible ways. It seemed as though the idea was to come together in support of one another.



had, was the distinguishing trait we call love.

I often wonder if it is at all possible for us to return to those old, tried and tested values. Or have we moved so far away from them that we are currently unable to recover them?

## Bring Back the Old-time Days

pler back then. My family did not have much.

Our material possessions were not plentiful, but we made them sufficient, and we cherished them. We even gave some of them away to others in need. We gladly shared what we had, and in return, received reciprocal gifts from our neighbors, friends and relatives.

The mood, as well as the generosity was simply infectious. We cared about one another, and had no reservations

It was evident that as we shared what we had, we were making an effort to ensure that we all survived—that we were not preoccupied with trying to make it on our own merits, but assumed a cooperative spirit. In hindsight, the sincere sharing of our resources enhanced our relationships. What an excellent yet simple way to build authentic community. Doubtless, at the heart of the matter of the communal practice of giving away some of what we

How can we once again practice the kind generosity with which many of us grew up?

Are our children and grandchildren aware of these admirable standards of living? Have we done enough to prepare them to assume the mantle of leadership in this aspect of life? In these days of economic adversity, I pray that we are able to return to the old days of sharing out of our abundance. We can also join forces by put-

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# Inspiration from Allison

# Calendar



## Anger

By Allison Foderingham

I know that anger is not good  
 We do not treat it as we should  
 I know, because it makes me sick  
 I try to turn it off real quick

The Holy Spirit shows disdain  
 In fact, it sometimes suffers pain  
 To know that He can do for me  
 Much more than getting angry

The Scripture says it hurts our soul  
 No one involved feels really whole  
 When you're too ruffled up to think  
 You cannot even sleep a wink

Try to see without any fuss  
 What is really affecting us  
 Try to each one understand  
 Maybe to even shake a hand!

Try and create some dialogue  
 You don't have to be a pedagogue  
 Use the great art of listening  
 And find out what is happening

*Cease from anger and forsake wrath;  
 Fret not thyself in anywise to do evil.*

*Psalm 37: 8*

DAY	DATE	TIME	ORGANIZATION/EVENT
TUE	1st	All Day	Antigua & Barbuda Independence
THU	3rd	All Day	Panama Independence
FRI	4th	7:00 p.m.	Guyana Assoc. of GA Inc. Exec. Mtg.
SAT	5th	10:00 a.m.	ECW Meeting HC Men's Club
SUN	6th	8:00 a.m.	DOK Corporate Communion
TUE	8th	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Executive & Finance Committee Meeting
SAT	12th	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	DOK Meeting PPC Meeting Young at Heart Business Meeting Youth Group Meeting
SUN	13th	All Week 9:30 a.m.	Hagar House Community Service Transformation & Renewal Harvest Service
TUE	15th	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
FRI	18th	7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Meeting
SAT	19th	8:00 a.m.	Food Distribution
SUN	20th	11:00 a.m.	Rite 13 Celebration
SAT	26th	3:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Social Meeting
WED	30th	All Day	Barbados Independence
ONGOING			
WED	All	6:30 p.m.	Just Move Zumba with Eunice Warren
THUR	All	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Just Move Yoga with Sharon Marks Chancel Choir
FRI	All	6:30 p.m.	Just Move Zumba with Eunice Warren
SAT	All	5:30 p.m.	Gospel Choir

Are You Called to be a Daughter of the King?



**W**e are a group of Christian women striving to fulfill the promises of our Baptismal Covenant through the adoption of a Rule of Life:

- † To continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.
- † To persevere in resisting evil, and when we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
- † To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
- † To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.
- † To strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

At Confirmation, we promise to pray, work, and give for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. Through membership in our Order women are:

- † Strengthened through prayer
- † Helped to learn through study
- † Provided a community with other Daughters

We are a group of women living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. We are women to whom parishioners can look for love and for help in time of need, loneliness, or strangeness. We seek to walk with God as our guide and try to draw those with whom we come in contact into the Church. We are women who work to spread Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We can never forget that prayer is the foundation from which our service grows.

"Prayer without work is empty words, service without prayer is labor lost."

We find The Order of the Daughters of the King® to be a safe place in a busy world where we can be together and support each other in Christ's love.

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ting our resources together for the benefit of our sisters and brothers in need.

With every blessing,

Brian+



News You Can Use

**Harvest Sunday**

**M**ark your calendars ... Harvest Sunday is November 13th. Let us invite our family and friends to celebrate with us at our joint service beginning at 9:30 a.m. As always the congregation is being asked to bring fruit, vegetables, baked goods, and canned items for decorating the altar.

**Holy Baptism**

**H**oly Baptism will be administered on Sunday, December 4th at both the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

**Save the Date—December 4, 2011**

**T**he Annual ECW Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 4 at Wahoo! Grill. The grill is located at 1042 West College Avenue in Decatur.

A casual European-influenced neighborhood bistro with an elegant, warm style inside, and a glass-walled dining room surrounded by an enchanting garden paradise outside...all designed to accommodate intimate diners, a gathering of friends, and large party celebrations.

Wahoo! Grill offers an eclectic, creative menu featuring daily specials of enticing pasta, steak, and fresh seafood dishes all prepared with a southern flair and utilizing the freshest local and organic ingredients whenever possible.

Wahoo! Grill offers a Sunday brunch buffet featuring Charleston shrimp & grits, eggs with fresh herbs, blackened chicken in a chipotle Creole sauce, French toast, biscuits and turkey sausage gravy, fresh baked breads, granola & yogurt, seasonal vegetables, and chilled salads. Adults: \$17, with coffee and juice: \$19; children under twelve: \$8. Additionally, traditional breakfast items are available and the full dinner menu is available at brunch. Visit their Web site to see the all

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# Announcements

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the menus offered:

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

Please let us know if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party no later than November 20, 2011. We have to be able to assure seating by then. Contact Stephanie Seate at your earliest convenience.

Wahoo! Grill: exuding a cozy, down-to-earth feel where, it has been said, "locals now have a place to call home."

Stephanie Seate

### Spotlight on Youth

**T**he Young At Heart proudly announces acolyte Neeron Jack as the Young at Heart scholarship recipient of the year. Neeron is attending Columbus State University here in Georgia, and is pursuing a degree in Architecture/Engineering. Sincere congratulations!!

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**W**ishing you God's richest blessings. And to those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other life event, may you always know God's grace and presence in your life. †

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Our next Preparation class begins in January 2012. The Preparation class consists of eight weeks of study about the order and its Rule of Prayer and Service. Still interested? Please see any Daughter here at Holy Cross—you'll recognize us by the cross we all wear—or contact Vilma Weekes.

Stephanie Seate

### Congregational Care

**A**mazing grace and fellowship to all. Please remember our sick and home-bound in your prayers:

Rev. Stanley Morgan, Margaret Almand, Joscelyn Atkinson, Glenn Rhodes, Elsa Yorrick, Enid Rowe, Agnes Houchen, Clemonse Bagnall, Kenneth McAlmont, Bertram Richardson, Franklin Ifill, Sandra Ifill, Carl Jarrett, Karen Murrell, Eileen Pollard, Louis Cushnie, and Joan Tookes.

"Praise the Lord for the Lord is good."  
Psalm 135:3

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

