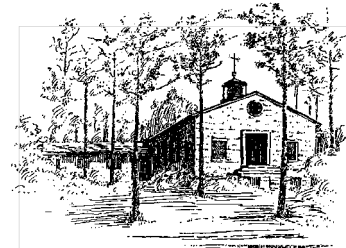


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The Hanan family

## From Our Rector

### Greetings and God's Blessings upon you all,

Happy, sad, happy! This is a repeating theological theme. There is happiness in creation. Then there is sadness with the fall. But, alas there is happiness with reconciliation. Again, we go into Egypt happy escaping famine. We become sad under the oppression of the new pharaoh. We sang *"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously..."* (Exodus 15) as God took us out of bondage and saved us from our oppressors. And, from there it continues to this day. We are happy, then we become complacent, sinful and sad, and God renews us to happiness again. But, how do we end, happy or sad?

Let's take a look at Holy week to Easter to see if we might find an answer. Jesus is brought into Jerusalem under the festal shout *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (Matt 21:9) as we throw our coats and palm leaves under the donkey he rides. This is a happy time. But, it goes downhill from there. Soon we take Jesus off his mount, shackle him, beat him, and in one unanimous shout beg Pontius Pilate to "Crucify Him!" So, so sad. But, this is not the end! We have seen how God works. God insists on Happy! And, in spite of all the previous covenants that we broke with God, God will not break covenant with us. God says no to sadness. God worked through Mary's body to bring about the earthly Jesus. And now God works through Jesus' body to bring all of us to immortality. St Paul reminds us *"When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'"* (1Cor.15: 54 & 55). We will not end on a sad and sinful note although we deserve it.

In our temporal life we handed Jesus over to death. But in God's eternity, and because of Jesus, we are handed over to eternal life. Sin is dissolved, Death loses. Death is not the end and so sin and sadness is not the end. Death is the beginning - no thanks to us and our continued propensity to sin and sadness. God's will is that we be a happy, loving and eternal people. And have you ever heard that God's will, will be done?

The one thing that you and I have to always be happy about is our risen Savior. No matter what troubles life brings to us we know that in the end all will be well. Poverty, disease, broken relationships, victimization and even death will not be our end because of God's covenant to us through Christ. You and I must live our lives in the knowledge that nothing on this earth will take the place of what God has done for us in the raising of Jesus from the dead. Without Jesus raised from the dead and advocating our reconciliation to the Creator, we may as well worship something we made with our own hands, like buildings or statues or money. In such a world we would live until we breathed our last and then that would be that, - so, so sad. But thanks be to God, that is not the way we end. We live, and we live in loving happiness. Aren't you glad that we have something real and eternal in the living Jesus? Aren't you glad that it was not left up to us to provide for our own happiness? In closing I say with all my heart to all who are in Christ Jesus our risen Lord, Happy, Happy Easter!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

John+



## From the Workbench of the Junior Warden Penny Fleming (and Rich)

Not much to report this month. Our new church Sexton Carol Cullen is doing a fine job, but she's worrying about getting all the corners clean now. We reminded her this is a big house with a large family to clean-up after, and it won't sparkle right away. With mild spring-like weather promised we'll get back to painting, clean-up, and outside repairs before long.

Please remember to return any tools you borrow from the church or shed. Thank you!



*Peace, Penny and Rich*

## *Sand Dollars*

I believe we all have places where we feel closest to God. For me that place is the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell. Located on a point where the waterway, the river, and the ocean meet, Fort Caswell protected the port of Wilmington and other confederate positions during the Civil War, served as a training area for World War I soldiers, and as an inland patrol communications base during WWII. In 1949 when the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina bought the property from the Federal Government, it became a place of peace providing North Carolina Baptists and others (me) a refuge of quiet reflection and relaxation.

I especially love being at Fort Caswell in the winter when many people are driven inside by the cold and I only share the beach with the sea birds and God. I am free to walk on the beach and talk and sing out loud to God without fear of someone locking me up somewhere. It is a joyous gift to be able to share with God freely and have such open communication with Him without worldly intrusion.

God has helped me to heal many hurts at Fort Caswell. He has led me through the journey of healing from the childhood injuries of growing up in an alcoholic home. He was there for me, helping and assuring me as I healed from the death of my husband to cancer, or the senseless murder of my son-in-law when my daughter was eight months pregnant with their son, or the physical threat to my health as I dealt with a bout of breast cancer. During these times as I talked with God, I would receive a gift from the ocean of a sand dollar – whole and pure and washed clean by the sea. It was like God was sending me a message that He was there for me; that despite the sorrows I was dealing with, God loved me and would always be there for me.

Life has been pretty peaceful for me in recent years. I knew God was there for me, and I didn't need Him to assure me of His presence with physical signs, such as a sand dollar, and there were none. Some may say this was the result of beach renourishment and maybe it was, but I'm grateful that when I needed a physical sign from God to assure me that he was there for me, that sand dollars appeared on my path. Recently as I walked on the beach, I was talking with God and telling Him how much I appreciated the physical sign of the sand dollars in my life when I needed them. I was thanking Him for the assurance He had sent me of His love and telling Him how glad I was to finally learn that I could trust Him to care for me and my loved ones and that whatever happened in life, we would handle it together. I told Him that I didn't really need a sand dollar to know He was there for me, but I would really like to have one once again to reassure me of His love. I didn't take four more steps before there was a beautiful, perfect sand dollar just sitting on the beach in front of me. It was an awesome moment for me.

Now as I walk the beach talking to God, I not only use the time to share my own concerns, but to pray for those people I know who are going through difficult times and need the assurance of His love in their lives. As I have prayed, I have found sand dollars that I share with these people as a physical sign of God's love for them. I am blessed to finally know God's love for me and that I can trust Him with my life. I am

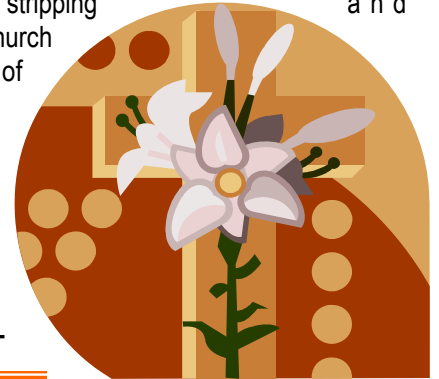
no longer afraid and I pray that the sea gifts I share with others will help to teach them that they don't need to be afraid either. God loves us with all our flaws and foibles and is there to help us as we rejoice in or struggle with this physical life, if we will only turn to Him. Thank you, God. Thank you, Fort Caswell.



*Peace, Judy*

**What is Maundy Thursday and what is it all about?** We recognize Maundy Thursday as the day of the week that Jesus gathered his followers around him and shared bread and wine as his body and blood. (Luke 22: 19-20) More specifically we have the testimony of St Paul on this matter in his first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11: 23 – 26. On the same night of the meal he moved from the table, prepared himself to wash his follower’s feet and then did so. (John 13:3-5) Lastly, on this night he was arrested and taken away. “The reading of the Gospel and, in some places, the ceremonial reenactment of it as early as the seventh century has given the day the name “Maundy Thursday.” The word “mandatum” coming from the antiphon based on our Lord’s “commandment” in the Gospel, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)” (\*Hatchett p. 229) Since he was taken away, we no longer have his presence at the table before us. He is gone. On this night we “strip” the altar or table of its candles and fine linen leaving only the table. It is then washed and left bare. This stripping and washing was done on different days in various churches. “In the late 4<sup>th</sup> century the Roman church altars were stripped and washed on Maundy Thursday.” (Hatchett p. 229) Like the Church of England, our Episcopal Church continues with the Roman choice of Maundy Thursday for stripping the altars. This was traditionally done by clergy. “After a brief period for refreshment, the clergy returned to the church to strip the altars and wash them.” (\*Hatchett p. 230) Today more attention is given to what is done and why rather than who does it.

\*Commentary on the American Prayer Book: Marion J. Hatchett (1995) Harper, San Francisco



Fr. John+

**MARIO G.**

Crosses



We have bought and shared 250 crosses. WOW!!

The family is thrilled with our support, and when he is able to be among crowds, he will pay us a visit. I will continue to take orders for a while as long as there is interest. His expenses will be ongoing. He continues to do well with his "new" kidney. His Dad said “God bless St. Paul's for all the love, prayers and support.”

*God is so good! “ Penny Fleming*

**We are the Church... ..(cont'd)**

Let us hold in our prayers our government leaders and our Armed Forces on deployment; the millions of refugees worldwide in need of help; and our young people growing up in a challenging world. For our families and friends who need our prayers -

- Rosemary Btrooks, Nikki, Jonathan, David Terri Williams
- Tammy Wheeler’s mother
- Miss Hope, Amy Perham’s teacher
- Tina Huskey’s (Jessica Kellermann) nephew for upcoming heart surgery
- Sydney Kinau
- Larry Frawley
- Suzi Norman
- Cindi Pettigrew
- Bill and Lola Hales



I’ve chosen this name for my little segment of the newsletter for a couple reasons.

Although I’m a part of St. Pau’s-in-the-Pines family, I’m not a member of the parish. My church background is actually Methodist. According to Father John, that’s okay, “because those Wesley boys were good Anglicans.”

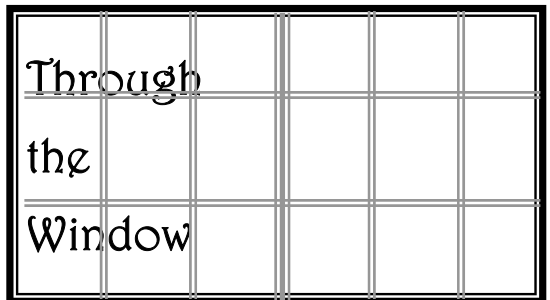
However, this does mean I’m learning a lot of new things about the Episcopal way. It’s kind of like watching it all ‘through a window’. Hence the name.

Sometimes I’ll be writing about things through the window of the office – church business, events, etc. Practical stuff.

Sometimes I’ll be writing about things seen through more of a stained glass window – my personal relationship with God, life, thoughts.

I hope you’ll find what I write informative, or at least interesting. And if you want to challenge me or discuss something with me, please feel free. I’m in the office – just look through the window.

*Blessings,, Robin, the P.A.*



# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Lenten Studies 7:00 PM	2 Fr. John out of the Office	3	4 OPERATION INASMUCH BLITZ DAY 7:00 AM
5 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM	6 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	7 Fr. John out of the Office	8 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	9 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Morning Prayer 8:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM Gathering for the Rites of Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm	10 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> OFFICE will be CLOSED Good Friday Service 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Lamentation and Hope 7:00 PM	11 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Holy Saturday Service 10:00 AM Clean-up & Practice <b>EASTER VIGIL</b> 7:00 pm
12 <b>EASTER</b> Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	13	14	15	16	17	18
FATHER JOHN WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK						
				NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED	Community Watch Meeting 10:30 AM-Noon
19 <b>FATHER JOHN ON VACATION</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM Festival of History and Hymns 10:30 AM	20 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	21 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	22 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	24	25 Anti-Racism Training 9:00 AM
26 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	27 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	28 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	29 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	30 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM		

**Birthdays & Anniversaries in April:** 11th—Ian Martin; 12th—Chriss Brunson; 13th—Juliet Huskey; 14th—Ron Huskey; 15th—Amy Perham; 28th—Alie Pettigrew; Rich & Penny Fleming (1962); 30th—Deb George

**Note:** If your birthday or anniversary is not included on this list, it is because the information is not in our database. If you would like it included, please notify the office at 485-7098 or email [office@stpaulsinthepines.net](mailto:office@stpaulsinthepines.net).



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HAPPY  
EASTER



	5 April	9 April	10 April	11 April
	Sunday of	MAUNDY	GOOD	EASTER VIGIL
<b>2009 YEAR B</b>	THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 3 Services	HOLY SATURDAY
<b>8:00AM</b>	D. DeJaynes		NOON Prayer	<b>7:00PM</b>
Euch. Min.	L. Flom	J. Crabill	Book Service	R. Huskey
Chalice	D. Roraback		w/ Stations.	D. DeJaynes
Lector	<b>G. Allen</b>	P. Frawley	George/Burrs	J. Frantz
Crucifer	J. Flom	A. DeJaynes	5:30PM	J. Flom
Acolytes	A. Perham J. Huskey		STATIONS D. DeJaynes	T. Fuller A. DeJaynes
Ushers & Greeters & Front Doors	D. George J. Lowder P. Perham	PARISH	A. Perham	G. Winder B. Perham D. George
Altar Guild	ALL	ALL	7:00PM Lamentation and Hope	ALL
Tellers	B. Perham G. Winder		D. Roraback L. Flom	
Flowers \$30				
Bread and Wine \$15	Ashfords			
Nursery	Gail			

**Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAM PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO SERVE ON THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BY WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. PLEASE UTILIZE THE PARISH SECRETARY'S CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS. PLEASE UPDATE THE HYMN BOARDS PRIOR TO YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. PLEASE UTILIZE THE HYMN BOARD'S CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS.**

12 April	12 April	19 April	26 April	3 May
EASTER DAY	Sunday of the	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
EARLY	Resurrection	of Easter	of Easter	of Easter
2 Services	EASTER DAY	History & Hymns		
<b>6:00AM</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	NancyT/JudyJ	R. Burrs	D. George
R. Burrs	D. Roraback	Huskey/Frawley	R. Burrs	J. Crabill
<b>8:00AM</b>	D. George		<b>B. Perham</b>	<b>G. Allen</b>
D. George	G. Roraback	N. E. Readers	P. Fleming	<b>A. Marlow</b>
	I. Martin	J. Huskey	A. DeJaynes	I. Martin
	<b>J. McLean</b>			
	J. Liebers			
	G. Winder	J. Frantz	G. Winder	G. Brown
	B. Perham	J. Ashford	P. Perham	J. Ashford
	<b>L. Frawley</b>	A. Ashford	C. Brunson	A. Ashford
Euch. Mins	ALL	R. Burrs	D. George	P. Perham
	K. Hasinger	L. Flom	B. Perham	P. Frawley
	P. Perham	DiDi Lucas	G. Winder	J. Lowder
	Charity	Pam P	Doreen DeJ	Saran McL-H

ED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE WEEK. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE. LEC- ZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR THE LESSONS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

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## A Diocese in Prayer April 2009

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