



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

Reaching Out, Touching Hearts, Changing Lives

January 2010

NEW YEAR'S QUIET TIMES

With this year ending and a new one beginning, it is a good time to consider TIME in the Christian sense. How does one maintain a continual presence with the Lord? Christians are always encouraged to develop a daily quiet time, which is essentially a private meeting each day between a disciple and the Lord Jesus. It is not an impromptu, but a planned TIME. It consists of: reading the Bible; meditating; and praying.

Why have a Quiet Time? It is so that a disciple (learner) can grow in Christ; receive information, encouragement and power; develop skills with practice; follow Jesus' example (Mark 1:35); and because of evidence of its effects in other Christians.

How do you begin? First, you need to pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the desire and power to have a daily quiet time. And secondly, there is the use of self-discipline; using your personal resources (time) wisely. Here are some suggestions:

TIME: Set aside a time in advance for your quiet time (perhaps morning). If you choose morning, go to bed early enough to be refreshed when you meet Christ the next morning.

QUIET: Make it a quiet time. Find as quiet a place as possible.

LOCATION: Select a place which is conducive to alertness.

PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you during your quiet time.

BIBLE: Open your mind and heart to the Scriptures.

NOTEBOOK: Expression deepens impression - and writing down your thoughts about what you have reflected upon can enhance the experience.

SHARE WITH A FRIEND: Ask a friend to pray that you would daily have and keep your quiet time.

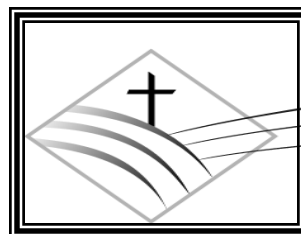
UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Jan: Youth Sunday

**6 & 13 Jan: Be Our Guest Meal
5:30 to 7 PM
Vestry**

**31th Jan: Fifth Sunday
One service at
9:30
with Potluck and
Annual Meeting**

Blessings and peace,
Father Michael+



Senior Warden Rambles

We have just finished our 2009 Church year with a deficit of about \$75,000.00. The pledged income for the 2010 year is a little over \$105, 000.00 and the bare bones budget from the Finance Committee is \$189,000.00. Unless we can find additional funding, or there are additional pledges and other sources of income, we will be in a world of hurting this next year.

The Annual meeting will be held on the 3^{1st} of January following our one service on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am followed by a Potluck. We need to elect a Junior Warden, four Vestry members and approve a budget.

We are still searching for two people to fill the three 3-year terms on the Vestry. I have approached several of you, but at this time I do not have any firm commitments.

I truly believe that Holy Nativity has the promise of being a viable parish, but if we are to get there, all of us need to work together and be serious in our commitments. I know that all of us are concerned about our finances, but we must either commit the necessary funds to remain as a parish. I ask each and everyone of you to prayerfully consider your role in our parish.

Robbie Robinson

Paula's Corner

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We "Reached Out" this Christmas

On Nov. 22nd we offered our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the altar for blessing. These shoeboxes were filled with toys, candy, school supplies, toiletries and love and went to children in third world countries.

A tree full of "Angel tags" was decorated brightly in the narthex. Many members of the congregation took home the tags and returned them tied to many gifts for children whose parent is incarcerated this Christmas.

A big yellow school bus noted Holy Nativity's Meridian Primary School family. We delivered five huge bags of beautifully wrapped presents for our family from the school. This year our family was a single mom and five children.

How about that 2 cents a meal!!!! I'm happy to report that without 2 cents ingathering and a donation from the crew of the Advent festival, we gave \$200. to the Meridian school family and \$25. to South Middle School to assist a family in need.

Warm pajamas and delightful books were sent as gifts to "Crystal Light", a safe haven for women and children.

The Sunday school children visited and took gifts to a "special" senior citizen.

Smiles broke out all around at our last "Be Our Guest" meal for December. We had lovely items to choose from at our clothing area, some were brand new and the laundry products go quickly. A special touch that evening was the presence of some young people and adults who visited and assisted the "guest" children in making some of the craft items from our Advent Festival.

I know in my heart that many of you give of your time and talent beyond what we do and know of here at church. God Bless you as you are

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— lives not just of those being served, but of those serving in Jesus name.

Thank you so much,
Deacon Paula

A Good Time was had by all!!!!

A big thank ya to everyone who attended the Annual Dinner/Dance and to those who made it all possible, especially:

Cheri McCandless, Ellen and Roy Spencer, Michele Munayirji, Anitra Townsend, Pat and Gary Catlin, Vince Mazzier, Lorraine Bowring and youth members Andie, Hiba, Marco and Alex.

From, Janice Avera



JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM Lessons and Carols 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols	28	29	30 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Sun Gospel Bible Study at Meadow Lake	31	1 New Year's Day	2
3 8:30 AM - Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Youth Sunday	4	5	6 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Sun Gospel Bible Study at Meadow Lake 5:30-7pm - Be our Guest	7 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 8:30 AM - Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM- Holy Baptism Holy Eucharist 10:45AM - 11:15 AM Sunday School	11 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Via Media Inquiry Class	12	13 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Sun Gospel Bible Study at Meadow Lake 5:30-7pm - Be our Guest	14 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16
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Holy Nativity Family Info January 2010

Upcoming Dates and Information.....

Jan. 21	3rd Thursday 6:30pm—Vestry Meeting
Jan. 28	4th Thursday Staff Meeting. 6:00pm
Jan. 31	9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Annual Meeting Followed by Potluck
Feb. 7	1st Sunday Worship Committee 11:45am
Feb. 20	Worship Leader Practicum 10am—1pm at All Saints
Jun. 6	Bishop's Visit & Confirmation

January 2010 - Birthdays

<i>January 1</i>	<i>Kailey Bunch</i>
<i>January 1</i>	<i>Zachary Domka</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>Alice Farquhar-Mayes</i>
<i>January 7</i>	<i>Glenn McCandless</i>
<i>January 10</i>	<i>Rachel Vachon</i>
<i>January 11</i>	<i>Samia Munyariji</i>
<i>January 13</i>	<i>Lauren Avera</i>
<i>January 13</i>	<i>Brittney Goodwin</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Patrick Miller</i>
<i>January 25</i>	<i>Tami Reichel</i>
<i>January 27</i>	<i>Ed Galdabini</i>

January 2010 - Anniversaries

<i>January 15</i>	<i>Lysle & Jean Keith</i>
<i>January 27, 1985</i>	<i>Michael Canning—Deacon Ordination</i>

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www.churchoftheholynativity.org

Sunday School News

Sunday school is running smoothly due to the help from Rachel Vachon and Jennifer Erickson. They are always there to help and many 'Thank You's' to them. If anyone is willing to help we would all be grateful. "Many Hands Make Light Work"

Our Atrium is going great. How blessed we are to have Stephanie Wheeler and Christine Frances Oni who took the training and are so willing to teach our littlest ones. Thank you so much, you are greatly appreciated.

The book and little p.j.'s were delivered to the City Light Shelter. I want to tell you all that helped with this project; "Thank you so very much, it was wonderful."

The basket was also delivered to our sweet senior gentleman. He was absolutely thrilled. He has been ill so we were not able to go and sing. He is doing better and the basket was a real uplift for him this Christmas season. Thank you to all that helped put this project together. It was so rewarding.



A Sunday school outing is in the works.

GODS PEACE

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Meridian Food Bank

Food banks are seeing an unprecedented increase in requests for food and supplies.

We here at Holy Nativity are asked to bring boxed Macaroni and Cheese
for the month of January.

Contact Vicki Weymouth with any questions or suggestions: 884-4167

All of the help, love and support that the congregation is giving during this season is very much appreciated!

Financial Report

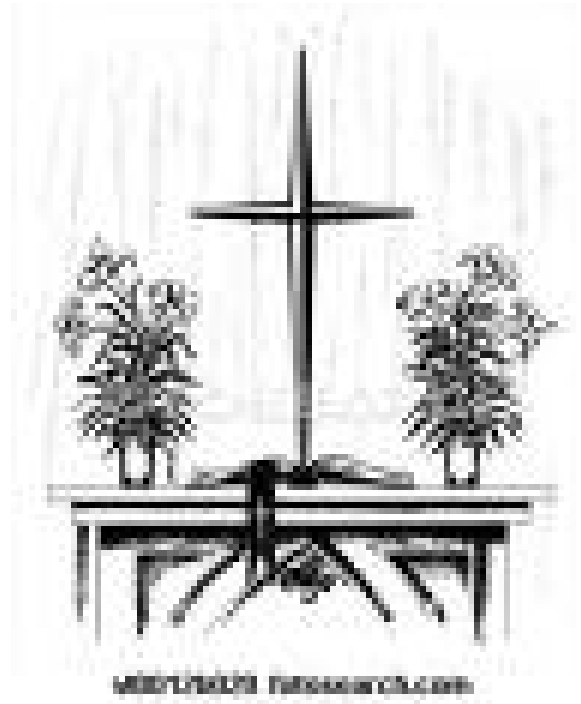


	December 2009	YTD		December 2009	YTD
Pledges Received	4,766.	\$95,710.	Operating Expenses	\$8,422.	\$140,000
Plate Received	355.	\$13,445.			
Other Income	\$ 701		Excess (deficit)	(3,301.)	(\$30,144.)
Total Operating Income	5,121.	\$109,856.			

Greetings and Best Wishes to all who would like to join the group of devoted women who arrange the flowers for the altar each week. The cost of the flowers has already been donated and your duty would be to select the flowers from your garden, your neighbors, your local Albertson's or florist and arrange them using the several vases available at the church. Hopefully, we will have an instructor to give us a lesson or two on this most meaningful project. Please call or talk with me....

Marilyn Hereford

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:30 and 10:30 services
"Come and Celebrate"

Leadership Team

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