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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OF  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# Announcements

The Annual Meeting was held Jan. 18, 1987. The proposed Budget for 1987 was examined and accepted. In order to help cut expenses it was decided to have the members clean the Church instead of hiring a cleaning person, to donate supplies both kitchen and cleaning, and for each family to pay the \$3.00 subscription fee for the Church News.

In this issue will be a list of supplies needed for the kitchen and also a list for the cleaning supplies. These can be donated all year.

The ECW met and decided that two families would be assigned per month to clean the Church. How you want to schedule the cleaning is up to the members assigned to the month. If the month is inconvenient for you, it is your responsibility to find someone else to do it. There will be a list posted as to what areas need to be cleaned. Those that are not on the list for cleaning could help out by serving coffee and goodies on the major cleaning day when everyone gets together to clean.

Since no one is signing up to serve coffee after the Service, the ECW decided to assign members to help with this time of fellowship.

A list of Sunday School supplies that are needed is also included in this issue.

The Church News is sent to every family in the Church at a cost of \$3.00 per year. Please give or send the subscription money to Ruby Stewart and indicate what it is for.

Check worship calendar for details.

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## Cleaning List

February - Robert & Doris Payne, Rex & Marilyn Page

March - George & Evelyn Delay, Kitty & Annie Brewer

April - Janice Johnson, Sharon Johnson

May - Merrill & Beverly Hunter, Michael & Katharine Clites

June - Tim & Cori Wroble, Butch & KoraLee Kirstein

July - Mooses, Mildred Rumrill

August - Harold & Bernice Rethorn, Fred & Ruby Stewart

## VISIONS OF A VICAR

Stewardship, budgets, deficits, annual reports, parochial reports, voluntary pledge reports, every member canvasses---my head is swimming with figures and dollar signs. And as I look at my desk piled high with all of the above, I feel compelled to slide my chair away from the desk, stare out at the long over-due snow falling, gently covering the browned grass, and wonder at what the Lord is doing in our lives at Grace Episcopal Church. I am convinced that there is more to it than just a balanced year-end report and a plan for ministry in the form of a proposed budget even though those are important to the life of a church. But when all is said and done and the reports are filed away and that plan for ministry is implemented, what then are we to do?

Michael Marshall has written a provocative book called The Gospel Conspiracy in the Episcopal Church: The Revelation of God; The Renewal of the Church; The Reformation of Society. In this book Fr. Marshall lays out a plan for renewal in the church based on the premise that we, clergy and lay folks together, need to recover the essential nature of the gospel message, that is, Christ is the head of the Church, his Body; that the Holy Spirit works in and through all of us, enabling us to be his witnesses; that the Holy Spirit continues to lead the church, making the living Christ a present reality in our lives; that the Word of God, the Scriptures truly can be relevant to our times and our contemporary situation; that commitment is not to the church as an institution, but to Jesus, who in turn leads us to fellowship within the Christian community, the church. None of this is new news. I just forget it from time to time, and when I do, I lose perspective and vision.

What I forget to remember is that we are not in charge of this church; Jesus is. He knows what we should be doing; our task is to listen to his word to us through prayer, through the sacraments, through our interaction with one another as we share insights and ideas, through our study of Scripture and our willingness to learn about our tradition, our roots in the early church, through the ebb and flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Marshall puts it this way: " The church is not so much an organization and certainly not a building. It is more an organism and a whole way of life. It is life in the Spirit. In such groups, Christians experience God's power at work for salvation and healing in their midst. Christians enjoy the experience of Christ's authority and healing power through the faithful appropriation of the Scriptures, by receiving his word. There is a deep sense of fellowship and Christ is worshipped, adored, and obeyed as Lord of all. That fellowship is open and able to offer hospitality to those outside and, furthermore, it is able and very ready to move out and to serve the concerns of the local community and society around it. By actions as well as words it is able to witness to Christ's power and God's grace, not only by exhorting people to go out and follow Jesus, but first by offering the Johannine injunction: 'Come and see'--in a word, hospitality."

That has been my experience of the church. That is what led me to a deepening understanding of my vocation. That is what healed my life from despair and doubt. That is what I bring to you as a vision for our life in Christ at Grace Church. Grace Church is at a crossroads, but the Lord has the direction for our journey. We are being challenged to make decisions for the future, but the Holy Spirit will instruct us in all things. What's left for us to do is to listen, to follow, to love, to be faithful. I am ready; I hope you are too.

*Karen+*



ECHOS

FROM

THE

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Echos From The Past  
is from the history of GRACE CHURCH MADISON

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William Harrison Beadle

A distinguished member of Grace Episcopal Church was General William Harrison Beadle. General Beadle was born in 1838, Baptised in 1858, and then Confirmed in Grace Episcopal Church at Madison, SD on October 3, 1909 at the age of seventy-one.

His greatest service to the people of our state at large was his foresight, statesmanship and perserverance displayed in the preservation of our school lands.

He arrived in SD the last part of April 1869. He saw that the land was being gobbled up cheap by land sharks for as little as \$1.25 per acre, leaving no place for schools. He was instrumental in setting the price of land at \$10.00 per acre for section sixteen and section thirty-six of each township to be set aside for schools. He traveled to other states such as Minnesota, Iowa, Illinios, Indiana, and Michigan talking to Govenors and other people of importance trying to get his idea put in force. Many asked if he thought that the land ever would be worth that much and his reply was "yes and three or four times that much."

He was Superintendent of Public Instruction for six years and it was at that time he was able to get his dream put into legislation.

A Statue of him stands on the Capitol grounds at Pierre and another on the Campus of Dakota State College where he was a professor and it was known as Eastern State Teachers College until changed to it's present name of Dakota State College.

He was confirmed by Ass't Bishop Frederick Johnson during the time that Rev. Richard Hartman was Priest at Grace Episcopal Church.

We have all the ingredients but, he cautioned, do not expect Karen to do it all. "She needs help from you."

We were one of the first churches in the state. "Why are we one of the smallest?"

Our venture requires leadership, commitment and hard work. A year ago we were just dreaming, and now we are bringing that dream to fruition.

Senior Warden Hunter closed the meeting by stating that we had had an every-member canvas and that everyone had agreed to increase his pledge in 1986.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine T. Brewer*

Katherine T. Brewer  
Clerk

Submitted by  
Kitty Brewer

Taken from  
Trinity Times

### Confirmation is not Graduation!

There is a mistaken notion among Episcopalians that once a person has been confirmed, there is no further need for Christian education. Thus, most adults in the Episcopal Church are not to be found pursuing continuing education on Sunday mornings. And there lies the crux of a thorny problem. The most effective Christian education takes place in the home and is the responsibility of the parents. But when such education does not occur in the home, the Church must fill the vacuum if the tradition is to be passed on to the next generation. In the best of all possible worlds, Christian education would take place both in the home and at the church.

In either case, it is imperative that we know who we are as Christians if we are to be effective witnesses in the world. And if we are to know who we are as Christians we must know our tradition which can equip us to be the saints in light. Admittedly, we acquire some knowledge by way of osmosis, and that can be good, provided the source is theologically sound and biblically based. A much better way is to enter into dialogue in an intentional way with other Christians who are also seeking a better understanding of their faith. Such sharing not only equips us as saints for ministry but provides an opportunity for community. The importance of continuing education for a Christian can hardly be overestimated. We are assured by the Gospel of Luke (2:52) that "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Would God, then, expect any less of us?

### The Ingredients of Love

In an old notebook I recently found a new way of looking at the familiar list in Galatians 5:22-23. "The fruit of the Spirit is love," Paul writes, and then goes on to set forth what I had always taken to be additional qualities: joy, peace, patience, and so on. But this is how the notebook put it:

Joy	— which is love smiling
Peace	— love resting
Patience	— love waiting
Kindness	— love showing itself sensitive to others' feelings
Goodness	— love making allowances and sacrifices for others
Faithfulness	— love proving constant
Gentleness	— love yielding
Self-control	— love triumphing over selfish inclinations

This clarified for me why Paul could speak of "fruit" in the singular. Since God is love, His Spirit ripening within us will always produce love in all its wondrous varieties.

Grace Episcopal Church  
Annual Meeting  
Sun., Feb. 2, 1986

Following an 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service with Bishop Anderson and Karen Hall, there followed a potluck dinner and annual meeting.

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We dispensed with the traditional prayer and opted to sing hymn 718 in deference to the seven astronauts who were killed in the space shuttle Challenger's explosion earlier that week.

Motion by Page and second by Bev Hunter to accept the minutes from the 1985 annual meeting but to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy Payne and second by Page to accept the 1985 annual financial statement. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Hunter and second by Richard Moose to accept the oral report on ECW by President Janice Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy Payne and second by Richard Moose to accept the ECW Treasurer's report by Violet Witt. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Moose and second by Bev Hunter to accept the oral Sunday School report by Kitty Brewer. Motion carried.

An oral report on the UTO offering was given by Myrtle Newcomb. She reported a contribution of \$245.60 for 1985, as compared with \$218.01 for 1984.

Karen Hall spoke briefly to the meeting, stating that the highlight of her year was working with Grace Church during the summer of 1985. Although we have the potential to double the size of our congregation, she feels that the most important thing for us at present is to strengthen our own faith before we reach out to others. We are at a crossroads, for we are a strong, lively, warm and caring community, and we need to build on that. Because we are at a crossroads, we need to pray daily for direction, and she hopes that we can feel this sense of excitement. She is very glad to be back.

The nominating committee submitted the following names to fill the following vacant positions:

Bishop's Committee: Cory Wrobel  
Richard Moose

Delegates to the Annual Convocation: George and Evelyn DeLay, delegates  
Richard and Lois Moose, alternates

Motion by Brewer and second by Bev Hunter to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

Bishop Anderson reported that he had recently spent a few days in Washington, D.C., attending the installation of Bishop Browning. While there he spent a lot of time with Jim and Gloria Pearson. He visited with Jim's professors and learned that he is a fine student and well-liked by everyone there.

Karen referred to a "crossroads" and we are indeed there in the Diocese. He stated that we have added four new priests to the Diocese in the past year, but it is now time to move beyond merely surviving.

"I'm excited about Madison." We have been without a full time priest for 15 years, and now it is time to test this effort in Madison for the next year to year and a half.

He feels that by 1990, we can double the size of the Diocese. Before we can do this, however, we have to discover ourselves as Episcopalians and then evangelism will take care of itself. If our own roots run deeply, we shall be attractive to others. We need to move from survival to fulfillment.

**CASH RECEIPTS**

1986 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 October November December 1st Quarter 1987 DATE 1987

Fledges	520.00	339.55	614.00	1473.55	5634.30
Plate	51.00	31.50	17.25	99.75	336.31
Ann	-	-	36.00	36.00	36.00
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	3.00	18.06	56.06
Miscellaneous	572.00	335.11	670.25	1627.36	6115.7
Interest (plus CD 1985)	-	-	-	-	45.52
Memorial Account	-	-	-	-	644.32
From Diocese	-	-	-	-	1018.19
Clergy Account	-	-	330.00	330.00	330.00
Borrowed from Guild	-	-	237.00	237.00	237.00
Reimbursement & Refunds	47.16	92.33	45.17	221.33	221.33
Special Gifts	194.00	194.00	-	388.00	1294.00
TOTALS	1232.72	2480.69	1732.42	5445.82	17423.13
Bank Balances	912.00	675.56	37.19	1624.74	656.43
	1531.96	1254.67	139.51	3593.49	10551.56

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

Heat	27.36	42.63	143.42	213.41	1239.77
Electricity	14.57	26.33	21.23	62.13	350.75
Telephone	19.71	26.22	28.23	74.16	334.71
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	3.00	18.06	56.06
Clergy	250.00	250.00	250.00	750.00	2300.00
Organist	10.00	20.00	50.00	80.00	230.00
Maintenance & Supplies	38.39	159.53	16.00	213.92	511.60
Bulletins & Printing	19.51	97.97	7.71	125.19	174.25
Supplies	3.36	32.74	16.41	52.51	149.32
Seminary	30.00	30.00	30.00	90.00	115.62
Diocese Pledge	200.00	300.00	237.40	737.40	1450.00
Insurance	237.00	-	-	237.00	926.00
Church News	-	-	-	-	337.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	72.00
Repairs	-	-	-	-	136.47
Ordination-Convention Exp.	-	35.00	-	35.00	2643.06
Safety Deposit Box	-	-	-	-	35.00
Telephone Purchase	-	-	26.50	26.50	217.43
J. D. Hanson Plan	-	-	-	-	12.00
Special Gifts	-	194.00	-	194.00	26.50
Hymnals	-	-	-	-	174.37
Fidelity Bond	-	-	-	-	1234.00
Pension Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Woffram Bishop Fund	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1531.96	1254.67	139.51	3593.49	10551.56
Bank Balances	856.40	1217.48	823.41	2897.29	10700.53
	675.56	37.19	496.00	1208.75	436.00
	1531.96	1254.67	1319.41	3733.49	666.43

**CASH RECEIPTS**

Diocese	9750.00
Grace Church	2500.00
Desmet	1659.00
Flandreau	1900.00
TOTALS	14,259.00
Lauren Hall	12,000.00
Pension Fund	1,320.00
	13,320.00
	330.00
	14,250.00

Balance transferred to regular account

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF GRACE CHURCH**

January 1, 1987

Bal. Jan 1, 1986. . . . . 495.86

Income:

E.C.W. Dues	\$ 45.00
Rec. from Keren Hall	50.00
from Savings	100.00
	195.00

Begin Bal and transfer from Savings \$ 690.86

Expenses:

E.C.W. Gift (Vesture)	25.50
Forward	100.00
Candles	21.00
E.C.W.	153.12
Flowers	60.00
Supplies	7.88
Insurance (Grace C.)	237.00
Total Expenses	612.61

Balance for Jan. 1, 1987 . . . . . \$ 78.25

Jan. 1 Checking account bal. for 1987 78.25

Savings Accounts

Beginning Year	595.47
Less Withdrawal	100.00
	495.47

Submitted by Violet Witt  
 January 1987

Treasurer of E.C.W.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1987**

Projected Income based on 1986 receipts plus 3% increase

Pledges	6000
Plate	525
Interest on CD	1000
Miscellaneous	75
Total	7600

**Projected Disbursements**

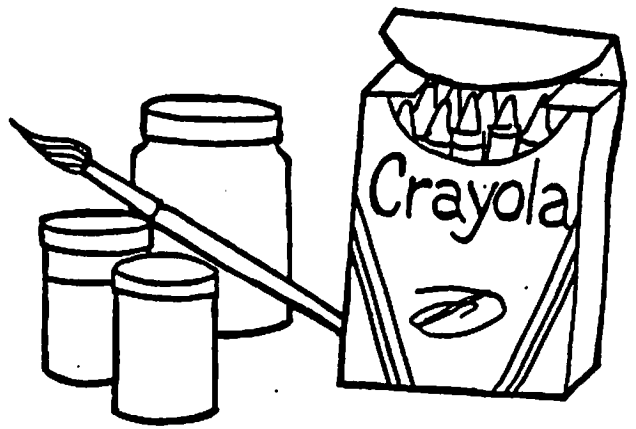
Heat	1500
Electricity	375
Telephone	175
Discretionary Fund	125
Clergy	3750
Organist	490
Maintenance	180
Cleaning	200
Bulletins/Printing	100
Pearson/Seminary	360
Diocesan Pledge	1600
Insurance	948
Church News	72
Repairs	500
Convention Expense	350
Homes owned Guild	237
Misc.	100
Total	11062

acted Short-fall

3462

NEEDED SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

# Basic Art Supplies



pencils: black and colored  
crayons and magic markers  
tempera paints (powdered is cheaper - basic colors are blue, yellow, red)  
water colors  
liquid starch (plus tempera = finger paint)  
glue or paste  
paint brushes (large & small)  
sponges for cleaning and painting  
scissors (some rounded for younger children)  
clay (some regular; some air drying)  
cloth: large for banners, small for applique, collages, etc.  
yarn, thread (white and black, at least), string, ribbon, wire  
poles and sticks  
coat hangers  
tacks and pins  
scotch tape and masking tape  
old magazines  
bottles and jars  
old shirts for painting smocks  
paper: newsprint: get end of roll from newspaper office (FREE!)  
construction  
old gift wrap  
poster board  
newspapers: for papier mache and protection of surfaces  
scratch paper  
white art paper  
scraps: wood, paper plates, foil, egg cartons, styrofoam, etc.  
natural materials such as pebbles, leaves, etc....  
collection of pictures from magazines and other sources,  
organized into topics such as families, nature,  
holidays, Christmas, etc...  
glitter  
felt  
construction paper  
staplers and staples  
chalk  
trims  
tracing letters

They would also like ARCH BOOKS and appropriate records and tapes.

They appreciate any donations.

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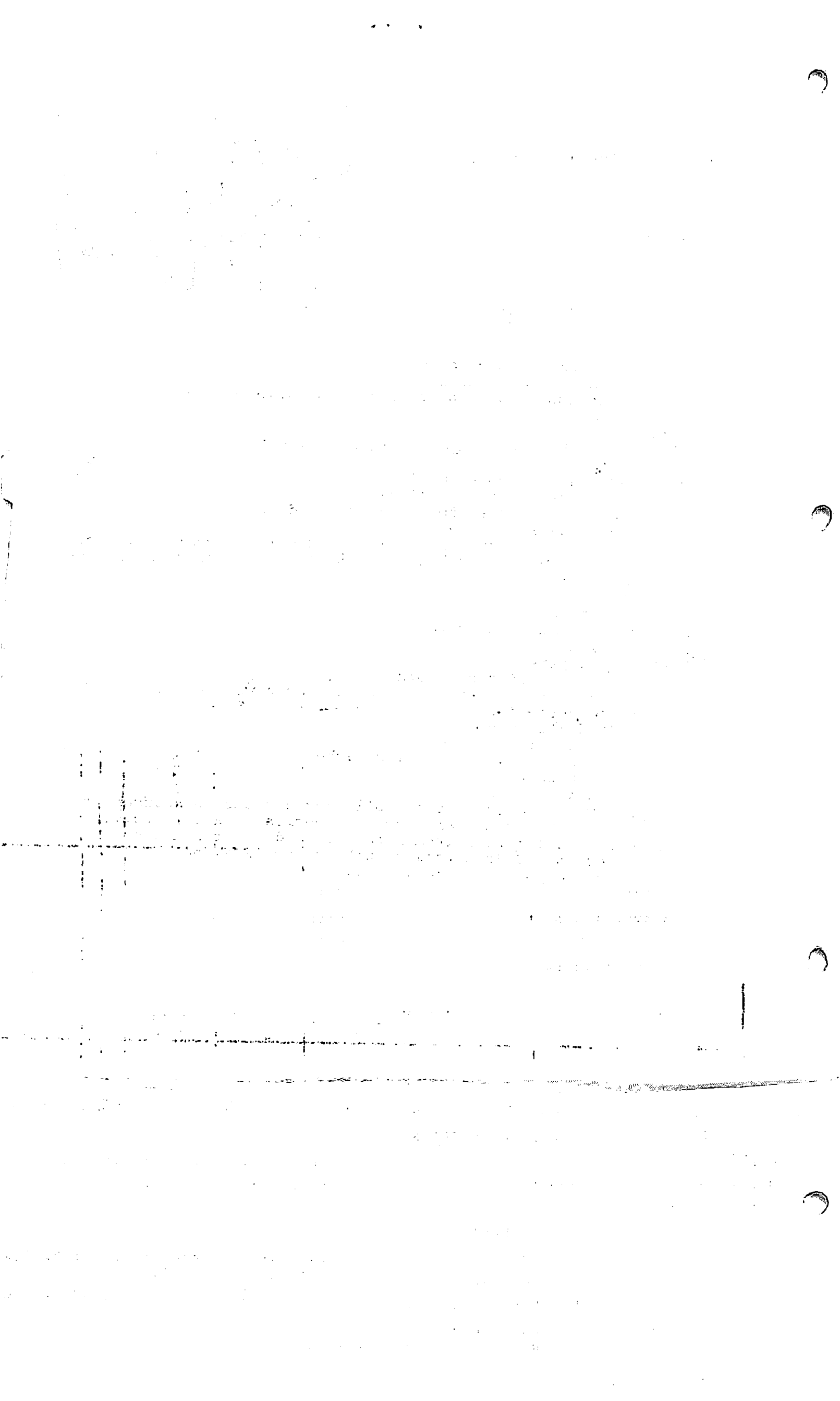
napkins  
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tea  
coffee  
powdered cream  
sugar  
styrofoam cups  
paper cups  
kool aid

## CLEANING SUPPLIES

lysol  
comet  
diswashing soap  
toilet bowl cleaner  
vinegar  
spic & span  
black garbage bags  
vaccuum cleaner bags  
for Hoover Upright Convertible

Any other items that you can think of that are needed.

The Nursury needs toys for babies through preschool.





FEBRUARY

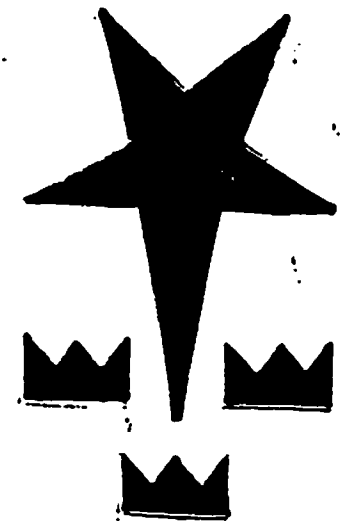
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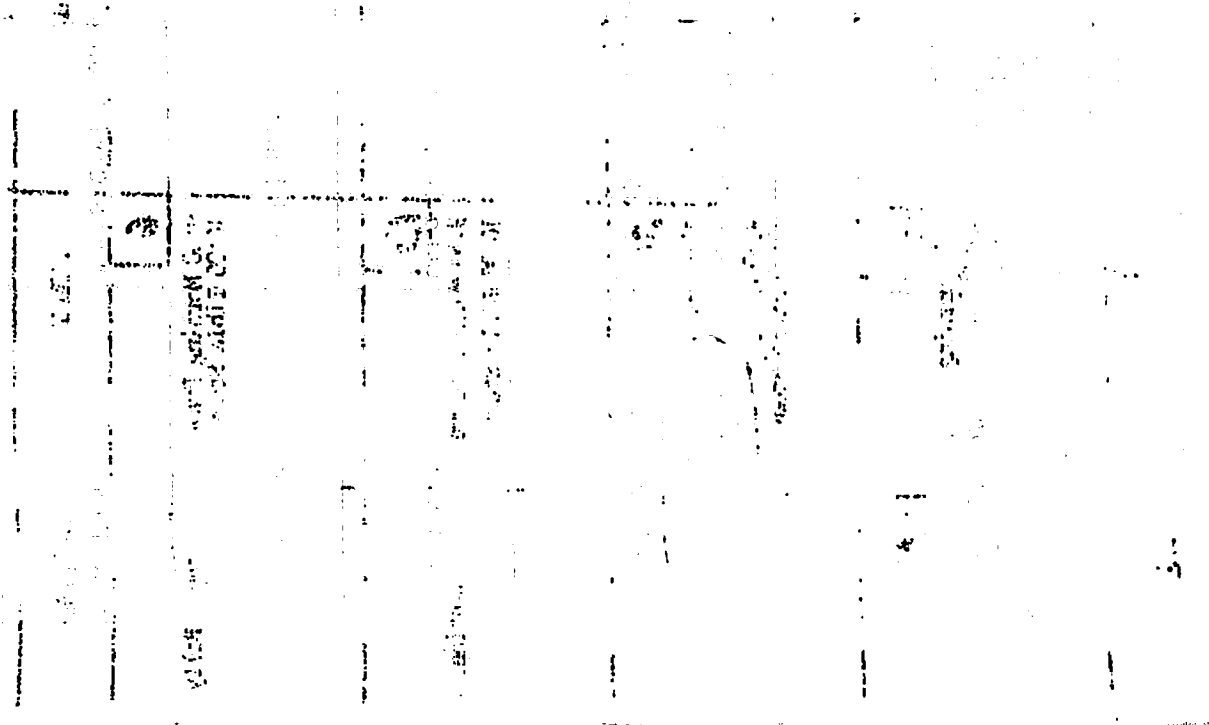
	FEBRUARY 1 Epiphany IV HC *8:30am	FEBRUARY 8 Epiphany 5 MP	FEBRUARY 15 Epiphany 6 HC	FEBRUARY 22 Epiphany 7 HC	MARCH 1 Epiphany 8 HC
LESSONS	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 37:1-18 I Cor. 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Habakkuk 3:2-6,17-19 I Cor. 2:1-11 Psalm 27 Matthew 5:13-20	Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20 Psalm 119:1-16 I Cor. 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 71 I Cor. 3:10-11,16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 Phillippians 3:7-14 Matthew 17:1-9
LAY READERS	Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Craig Anderson LR: Merrill Hunter	Officiant: Kitty Brewer LR: Beverly Hunter	Celebrant: Hall LR: George DeLay	Celebrant: Hall LR: Kitty Brewer	Celebrant: Hall LR: Rex Page
ACOLYTES	Annie Brewer	Mary Johnson	Chad Johnson	Ben Johnson	Jennifer Rethorn
BELL RINGER	George Johnson	Annie Brewer	Ben Johnson	Chad Johnson	George Johnson
COFFEE HOUR	Fred & Ruby Stewart	Myrtle Newcomb Violet Witt	Tim & Cori Wroble	Janice Johnson	George & Evelyn Delay
CHURCH CLEANERS	Rex & Marilyn Page Robert & Doris Payne				Kitty Brewer & Annie George & Evelyn Delay

# EPIPHANY

"... behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.'" Matthew 2:16..

Epiphany means the manifestation of God to the Gentiles, symbolized by the five pointed star. The three crowns remind us of the wise men, traditionally referred to as three kings. They were the first Gentiles to receive the good news of Jesus' birth.





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# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bishop's Visitation 9:30 Holy Communion Parake Breakfast Following service	2	3 Adult Class 7:00pm	4	5	6 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	7 Birthday - Billy Reverts
8 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	9 Birthday - Algeboll	10 Adult Class 7:00 pm	11	12	13 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	14 St. Valentines Day
15 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship Coffee Brotherhood Week	16 President's Day	17 Birthday - Violet Witt Anniversary - Robert & Doris Payne Adult Class 7:00 pm	18 Birthday - Janice Graham ECW - 4:00 at Kitty Brewer's	19 Bishop Committee 7:00 pm	20 Birthday - Richard Moose 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	21
22 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	23	24 Adult Class 7:00 pm	25	26	27 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	28

Jan. 31 is Church Cle  
Day. Meet at 9

Coffee Schedule

- Feb 1 Fred & Ruby Stewart
- Feb 8 Myrtle Newcomb, Violet  
Witt
- Feb 15 Tim & Cori Mroble
- Feb 22 Janice Johnson

Church Cleaners for February

- Rex & Marilyn Page
- Robert & Doris Payne

ECW will meet on Feb. 17 at  
4:00 pm. Kitty Brewer will  
host. Address: 113 N. Union  
use the back door.



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Kitty Brewer