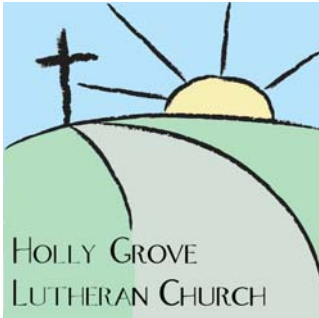


Holly Grove Lutheran

**March 2011**



**GROWING TO SERVE!**

# The Holly Leaf

Invite    Worship  
          Give  
Study  
          Encourage  
Pray  
                  Serve

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**Tuesday, March 8**

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Prepared & Served by

CHICK (Connecting Hearts in Christ's Kingdom)

Serving begins at 5PM in Fellowship Hall

Love Offering

All are welcome! Come as you are!

Bring family & friends!



*Rest in peace, Don Sanford. July 10, 1943 to February 7, 2011.+ You did "let your light shine before others". +*



**Service at 7PM  
Wednesday, March 9**

Lenten Meals will be served every Wednesday  
beginning Wednesday, March 16 through April 13.

Serving begins at 5:45PM with Worship  
from 6:30PM-7:30PM.



• **Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:**

**[www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org](http://www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org)**

• **March Basket Offering: Crisis Ministries**

• **Newsletter Team**

**Caroline Mocko**

**Pastor John Mocko, Editor**

**Contributing: Minnie Conrad**

Choir Prac-  
tice  
Wednesdays  
7:30PM

# March 2011

Weight Watchers  
Thursdays 530PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>SUNDAY, February 6</b>	<b>1</b> 10AM Unbinding 7PM Steward- ship	<b>2</b> <b>AWE</b> 545 Meal 630 Worship	<b>3</b> 7PM Unbind- ing  7PM Mutual	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding  6PM Fishing,	<b>7</b> 930AM Office Com- plex Bible Study  7PM Broth- ers	<b>8</b> 10AM Unbinding <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5PM—7PM</b>	<b>9</b> <b>ASH Wednesday Service at 7PM</b>  +	<b>10</b> 7PM Unbind- ing	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding	<b>14</b> 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study  <b>7PM Coun- cil</b>	<b>15</b> 10AM Unbinding	<b>16</b> 1030AM Seniors <b>Lent</b> Meal 545PM Service	<b>17</b> 7PM Unbind- ing	<b>18</b>  Katy Cog- gins' Youth Group from Wil- mington	<b>19</b>  Youth Group from Wil- mington Staying at OC
<b>20</b> 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding Youth Group from Wil-	<b>21</b> 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study  630PM	<b>22</b> 10AM Unbinding 2PM 3DM @ Christ the King Char- lotte	<b>23</b> 8-5 3DM @Christ the King Char- lotte <b>Lent</b> Meal 545PM	<b>24</b> Holly Leaf deadline 930 TPP Shower  7PM Unbind-	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding	<b>28</b> 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study  7PM LMIM	<b>29</b> 10AM Unbinding	<b>30</b> <b>Lent</b> Meal 545PM Service 630PM	<b>31</b>  7PM Un- binding		

## Thank you for Serving!

March *Altar Guild* – Cindy Hartley

*Mothers Rose Garden* – Bob & Kim Troutman in Honor of Minnie Conrad and in  
Memory of Helen Troutman

*Basket Offering* – Crisis Ministry

- 6 *Acolyte*- Sarah Grace Davis      *Assisting Minister* – Toni Chapman  
*Communion Assistant* - Amy Kepley  
*Ushers* – Robin Beck, Harold Beck, Herbert Frank, Jonathan Hedrick  
*Altar Flowers*- Wynn, Annette, & Claire Conrad in Honor of Ethan's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
*Nursery Attendant*- Anna Lohr      *Children's Chat* - Pastor John  
*Gathering at the Grove*-Julie Welch, Nina & Blake  
*Prayer Room* – Cornelia Conrad
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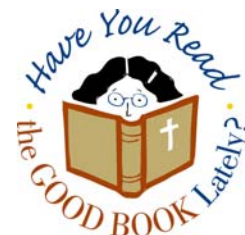
ASH Wednesday Service 7:00PM

- 9 *Acolyte* – Caroline Black  
*Assisting Minister* – Caroline Mocko      *Communion Assistant* – Rex Everhart  
*Ushers* – Bob Troutman, Dean Chapman, Joe Davis, Herbert Frank
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- 13 *Acolyte*- Jay Proctor      *Assisting Minister* – Micky Conrad  
*Ushers* – Scott Black, Michael Willson, Rex Everhart, Mary Davis  
*Altar Flowers*- Dean & Toni Chapman in Honor of Alex's Birthday  
*Nursery Attendant*- Libby Carrick      *Children's Chat* – PJ  
*Gathering at the Grove*- Stephanie Hearn, Abi, Wilson & Jacob
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- 20 *Acolyte*- Claire Conrad      *Assisting Minister* – Chip Blower  
*Communion Assistant* – Mary Davis  
*Ushers* – Bob Troutman, Joel Hartley, Neil Clark, Dan Smith  
*Altar Flowers*- Robert & Mandy Fritts in Honor of Taylor's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday  
*Nursery Attendant* - Katy Hodgson      *Children's Chat* - Pastor John  
*Gathering at the Grove*- Lauren & Lori Cecil
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- 27 *Acolyte*- Caroline Black      *Assisting Minister* – Debbie Frank  
*Ushers* – Joe Davis, Mary Davis, Herbert Frank, Donnie Parsons  
*Altar Flowers*- Jim & Amy Horn in Honor of Debbie Frank's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
*Nursery Attendant*- Erin Parsons      *Children's Chat* - PJ  
*Gathering at the Grove*- Sarah Grace Davis



Dear friends in Christ,

Have you noticed lately how busy life is? Have you noticed lately how busy you are? Have you had a checkup lately on the levels of stress that you are experiencing?

God has a gift specially designed for our busyness and stress. God's gift is called Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath is one of the commandments, but Sabbath is more than about obeying a rule to go to church. Sabbath is about caring for our personal, emotional, spiritual and physical health. Sabbath is about tending to our relationship with God. What a blessed gift to have a time each week when we can do something about all the busyness and accompanying stress of our lives.

Sabbath is a "holy day," a "holyday," or as we say today a "holiday." One day of each week is intended to be a holiday. Sabbath is about taking time away from doing work, or holding the normal busy schedules that we keep, and realizing that life will go on.

Sabbath, according to Martin Luther, is about keeping God's Word holy in my life, and gladly hearing it and learning it. In God's Word we find light and peace for our stress-filled lives.

Sabbath is a day set aside to focus on how great our God is, how powerful in love the Lord is, how gracious God is to each one of us, in particular ways. Sabbath is a day to enjoy the goodness of God.

Sabbath is a day to enjoy the people you love the most, and the people who love you the most. We can take time to be with each other, family and friends, and simply enjoy each other's company.

Sabbath is about peace. Peace means more than an absence of conflict. When Jesus came to people bringing them peace, he was bringing them the very real presence of the goodness of God for whatever was ailing them. No matter the fears or worries, no matter the troubles, Jesus comes with the gift of the goodness of the living God.

Like they say in the commercials for the Ford Focus, we say about the Sabbath - "It's a pretty big deal." God has a remedy for our stressed out lives. I encourage you to open the gift of Sabbath, and use it to heal the stress in your life. Happy sabbath. Happy holyday. Happy holidays.

A fellow disciple of Jesus,

Pastor John

The Worship & Music Committee is asking for volunteers to provide meals during Lent.  
Available dates are March 23, 30, & April 6  
Please see Bryan McCullough if you or your group is willing to provide a meal during Lent.

**New Phone Number**  
Lee, Katy & Emma  
Hodgson: 925-3103  
Please make this  
change in your Member  
Directory!

### What's it all about???

**Unbinding the Gospel** arises out of the only major study of evangelism in mainline churches, funded by the Lilly Endowment. It's a book for pastors who want to know the truth about the state of evangelism. **It is a book for Christians who want a hopeful, powerful, prayerful, joy-filled way to learn to share their faith.**

Based on thorough research, sparkling with life and practicality, and steeped in spirituality, this workbook for congregational use has been enthusiastically endorsed by 7 heads of denominations, professors of evangelism, and leading experts, and pastors.

**Congregations discover and develop their faith, pray and start to engage in authentic faith sharing.**

*"Martha Grace Reese gently but persistently lures the Mainline back to the ministry of evangelism that is the heart of the church. Based on careful research and extensive listening, Unbinding the Gospel avoids gimmicks and the trap of the latest church growth fad, inviting pastors and members instead to a relationship with Christ that overflows the banks of our often cautious and reserved congregations. Filled with helpful suggestions for getting started, this book can convert even the most "evangelism-cautious" Christians into eager disciples who love others enough to tell them why Jesus is the answer."*

John H. Thomas, General Minister and President,  
United Church of Christ



Everyone who helped put together the Annual Report and the Member Directory.  
Lita Smith, Sandra Vaughn, Libby Carrick,  
Gene Queen, Janna Waitman

## Happy Birthday!

Harold Beck	1
Ethan Conrad	5
Betty Roberts	7
Jessica Proctor	8
Paulette Huskey	9
Drew Parks	9
Stephanie Parks	9
Chloe Gabriel	10
Lindsay Black	11
Michael Willson	11
Alex Chapman	12
Karl Fulbright	12
Kendra Willson	13
Terri Clark	14
Steve Curry	15
Ty Heitman	15
Tim Conrad	17
Barbara Black	18
Mandy Lawrence	19
Courtney Batten	20
Carl Conrad	20
Taylor Fritts	20
Jean Hill	20
Walt Anderson	21
Rebecca Kepley	21
Teresa Shelton	21
Scott Parks	22
Peggy Everhart	23
Barbara Gaultney	23
Whitney Lohr	23
Stanley Shields	23
Sunny Palmer	26
Debbie Frank	28
Kim Troutman	30
Kat Varner	31



## Happy Anniversary !

Gary & Judy McLain	15
Chris & Emily Beck	18
Ben & Angela Palmer	21



Vergie Lucille Monteith  
Sue Anderson  
Edna Conrad  
Maxine Conrad  
Barbara Conrad  
Larry Vaughn

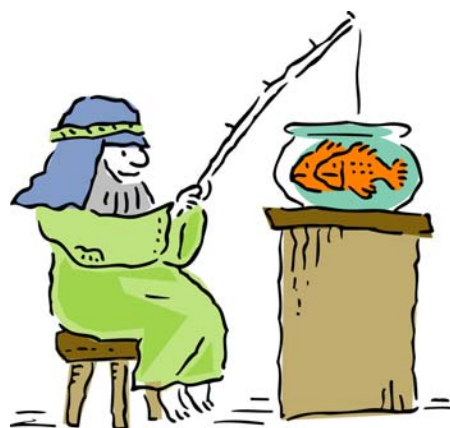
All are listed in your directory. Please remember them with a call or a card.

**Fishing, Faith, and Fellowship!**  
“Catch the Spirit!”

**Men, Women, Boys & Girls!**  
\$20 per person reserves your  
“spot”.

October 27, 28, 29 at Kure’ Beach  
2 nights = \$64 per person

Fish Fry follows in November as we feed our Back Pack Families, our Teen Parents, and provide fried fish and all the fixings for the Homeless Shelter in Lexington.  
See Pastor John for more info.



“Catch the Spirit”  
Holly Grove Lutheran

***Seniors***

*by Minnie Conrad*

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> with 26 present. Tables were decorated with Valentine hearts and Bible verses. President Virginia White began the meeting with some facts about the holidays we celebrate in February of which there are many. Along with Valentine’s Day, there is President’s Day, Groundhog’s Day, French Fry Day and Myra Beck’s birthday.

Virginia gave a reading: “What love is, thanks to children.” She then introduced James Tysinger, who works with Reggie’s Florist. Jim started as a delivery driver and soon ventured into design. He has been in the floral industry for 38 years. He is currently a wedding director and designer. From 1999 to present he has taught Floral Design at DCCC, Randolph Co. Community College and Forsyth Technical Community College. Among his many accomplishments, he designed for the Miss South Carolina Pageant. He is a member of the North Carolina Florist Association and is currently serving as the President of the South Carolina Florists’ Association.

Since roses are the preferred flower for Valentine’s Day, Jim gave us much information on roses. He said if we only learned one thing from his talk, it was to never use scissors to cut a flower stem, but to use a knife or pruning shears. A rose from Reggie’s comes from California, Holland, Columbia and Ecuador. It takes 85 days and 50 rose plants to produce 1 dozen premium roses. Jim plans to go to California to work on a float for the Rose Parade. He gave a very interesting and informative program. Reggie plans to present our program next month.

Virginia concluded with the thought for today, “Love is not only something that we feel. It is something that we do.”

Following a blessing by Pastor Sluder we ate a delicious meal prepared by Daisy Crisp. We would love to have you join us at Mt. Tabor each third Wednesday at 10:30.

Welcome our new staff member,  
**Whitney Foster**,  
serving in our nursery.

Stop in and meet Whitney and bring all  
children  
ages Birth to 4.

If you are scheduled to be Nursery At-  
tendant, please go to the nursery to  
meet Whitney and  
assist during our worship service.



**Singers!**  
**We want you!**



The Senior Choir at HGLC will be performing an  
Easter Cantata for the service on  
Sunday, May 1, 2011.

**If you would like to sing in the choir for this  
service, we will rehearse the cantata at the  
beginning of every choir rehearsal starting at  
7:30PM Wednesday evenings.**

See you there!  
Bryan McCullough, HGLC Choir Director

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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship

**Wednesdays**

5:45PM Meal 6:30PM-7:30PM Worship

*AWE Awesome Worship Experience*

Food + Fellowship + Prayer + Music



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God's work. Our hands.