The Chant
St. Gregory’s
Anglican Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.
**Merry Christmas!**

As I am writing my entry for this month on my phone at 6am, in the airport in Charleston, SC, my remarks will be brief. First I want to thank the parish for the generous Christmas gift for me and my family. We appreciate it and everything that you all do for us. We are truly blessed.

Second, I’d like to say how pleased and excited I was for our Christmas Eve pageant and service. A huge thank you to Anne Bressert and everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, sewed costumes, or were involved in some way. I think it was definitely a testament to our growth and excitement and a wonderful sign of the good things to come for St. Gregory’s. This has been an amazing year and I hope the year to come will be full of love and blessings for all of our parish family. Thank you all for making St. Gregory’s the place that it is and may God continue the work that He is doing within us and among us.

**Fr. Horton+**

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**Mark Your January Calendar**

- 01 ~ Office closed
- 09 ~ Preschool returns from Christmas break
- 21 ~ Annual Meeting & Chili Cookoff

Small Groups meet every Tuesday at 10am, Tuesday at 7pm and Thursday at 7pm.

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**January Birthdays**

- 07 ~ Betty McFadin
- 09 ~ Beth Marshall
- 15 ~ Jim Rider
- 17 ~ Suzanne Dougherty
- 18 ~ James McDuff
- 20 ~ Theresa Brantley & Jackie Rider
- 25 ~ Steve Hawkins
- 30 ~ Barbara Hanson
- 31 ~ Blaine Marshall

**January Anniversaries**

- 09 ~ Paul & Rebecca Jennings
- 16 ~ Fred & Linda Bass
- 20 ~ Phillip & Theresa Brantley
- 30 ~ Walt & Gayle Bradburn

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**St. Clara’s Guild**

Working on clothing for the Christmas Pageant.

*Barbara Hanson*

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**Preschool Happenings**

Jim Willbern volunteering at our book fair.

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**Angel Tree**

I would like to thank everyone that made the Angel Tree project such a success. If you had seen the mothers’ genuine gratitude when they received their presents, you would have been so moved. It was heartfelt and sincere humbleness. Please know that you have made a huge difference in the lives of each family.

*Kathy.*
Daughters of the Holy Cross

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We plan to have a new study in the spring.

Bernice Baldwin

Jr. Warden’s Report

2017 was a fun year at St. Gregory’s for me. Learning the grounds and buildings is an ongoing process. Some things were accomplished and others still to work on.

The A/C unit in the Parish Hall repaired, replaced the lights in the garden and on the corner of the Parish Hall. Replaced the lawn equipment and started a Garden Guild with hopes to make the grounds more beautiful in the coming year.

St Gregory’s experienced some changes and growth this year and 2018 should hold more excitement. The Fall Festival was a success and there are plans to make it even better in 2018.

While we will miss the outgoing vestry members we are looking forward to the new members and the opportunities that 2018 will present.

I hope everyone experiences a safe and happy holiday season.

Thanks, Trice

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Our Clergy and Staff

“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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