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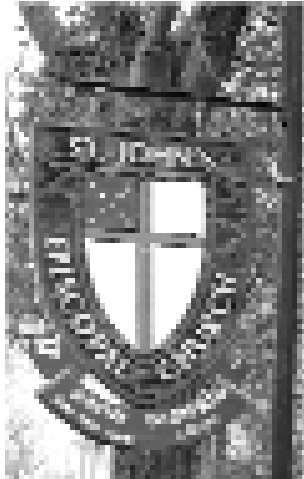
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## *The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church*

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### From Our Rector Father Alan

Dear Friends,

I would like for you to hold space in your heart for a thought about Christmas.

God came to his people in the person of Christ out of love for his people.

His people for the most part were disobedient, angry, sinful people, hateful both to God and to one another. God came to them, not for revenge, or even punishment. He came because he loved them and he wanted them to love one another.

Not much has changed about the ways of Gods people.

Nothing has changed about God. Nothing.

Christmas will come again this year. It will come not because of our wonderful preparations, or because we have managed to get everything done.

It will come because God still loves his people.

*So the thought I ask you to keep is this:*

Love one another. Hold fast to that, whether you understand it or not.

Remember that nothing really matters except being kind to one another, and to the whole world as far as you can reach.

I wish you a most peaceful and blessed Christmas.

With all my love and prayers,  
Your Friend,  
**Fr. Alan**

SUNDAY SERVICES  
8:00, 9:00, AND 11:00 AM





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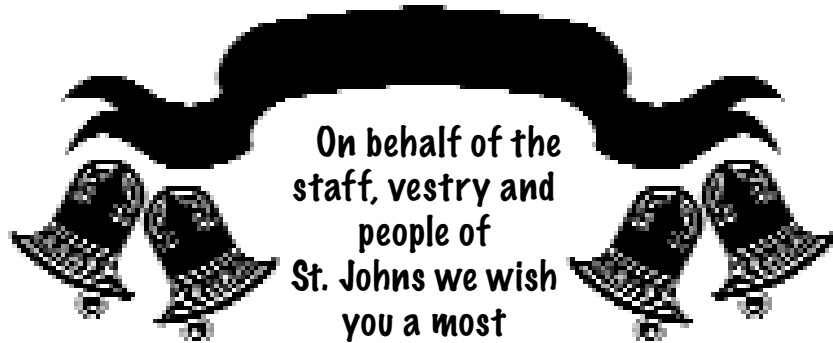
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 EAGLE WINGS MAILBOX IN THE CHURCH  
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**REMINDER...**

Any articles, news, photos, etc. for the  
 Woodford Sun or the Advocate should be  
 placed in Virginia Ballard's mailbox in the  
 church office. Top row, right side, marked:

**News for Woodford Sun & Advocate**  
**Virginia Ballard**  
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On behalf of the  
 staff, vestry and  
 people of  
 St. Johns we wish  
 you a most  
 peaceful & blessed  
 Christmas!

**Christmas Communion**  
 If you are unable to attend  
 church over the Christmas holiday  
 and would like communion,  
 please call Fr Alan to make  
 arrangements. 873-3481

**ADVENT**

Only in the church do we celebrate 3  
 new years. The first, like most of the rest  
 of the world, is celebrated on January 1st  
 of the calendar year. In August we cele-  
 brate the beginning of the school year. Yet  
 in the church the new year begins on  
 Advent Sunday, which this year is  
 December 3rd. We begin our joyful

preparation for the celebration of the  
 birth of our Lord, and for 4 Sundays we  
 reflect on the events that God shaped in  
 preparation for his coming to us.

The 4th Sunday of Advent is Dec 24th  
 which is also Christmas Eve. We will cele-  
 brate 4 Advent with morning services. (See  
 elsewhere for full schedule of Christmas)

**Advent Calendars**

One of the most helpful devotional  
 tools for Advent is the Advent Calendar.

Each day a window is opened that  
 draws into focus a particular aspect of  
 Gods love for us. Calendars are available in  
 Hosea hall.

**Bishop Sauls'  
 Visitation to St. Johns**

On December 10 we will welcome Bishop  
 Sauls to St. Johns. He will celebrate and  
 preach at all services. At 9 a.m. he will also  
 confirm and receive people into the Episcopal  
 Church. If you would like to be confirmed or  
 received, please speak with Father Alan.



Father Alan bringing the annual Parish Meeting to order



Handmade Items with Shoppers



Ruby and Jim Snyder

*Dear Alan, Warden, Vestry and  
the People of St. John's,*

*Thank you for your hospitality last  
Saturday. The service was wonderful,  
the music terrific and the lunch deli-  
cious. The building was beautiful.  
You certainly made us feel welcome.  
Thank you.*

*Susan Baird, President  
Episcopal Church Women*



Advent, not because it meant Christmas was coming--and lots of presents I hoped--but rather because we finally had a different color in the church. The official color for Advent was purple then, and in addition to the paraments on the altar, lectern and pulpit, the clergy vestments, we had the four purple candles on the Advent wreath, the white candle in the center for Christmas. All that purple was such an exciting change from 25 weeks of green. What also excited me was the opportunity to sing some of my favorite hymns which are unique to the season. I attended an Episcopal Church kindergarten, because in 1968 there was no such thing as public kindergarten in South Carolina. The first hymn we learned was "Come, thou long expected Jesus," and I can still hear my teacher, Mrs. Sanders, playing it on the horrible electronic organ we had in our chapel. Suffice it to say, the organ did not color my feeling for the hymn.

As we move into a season of expectation and celebration, there is a lot happening at St. John's to capture that spirit. I have endeavored to include most, if not all, the standard seasonal hymns, which for many of us have strong memories going all the way back to childhood. On Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m., we will be having our annual Service of Nine Lessons & Carols as we begin our preparation for Christmas. All this will culminate in our Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 11:00 p.m. Children have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas Pageant, led by Julie Ross, singing many familiar Advent and Christmas songs that illustrate the birth of Jesus. This is probably the best time of year to be a child in the church, and we can be



Ned Meekins attaching brackets to pews for tartan staffs

children no matter what our age is now. A former priest in this diocese once commented that we should not lose touch with the child that is still in us. Let us not forget that, for ourselves, our own children, and as we prepare to receive the Christ child once again into our hearts. Best Wishes to all this Advent and Christmas, and...Happy New Year!

The Parish Choir CD of favorite anthems recorded a year ago will be ready in time for Christmas. Place your order now by signing up on the order sheet in Hosea Hall. A \$10 donation is requested per CD to help defray the cost of

new choir vestments.

## TARTAN FLAGS FOR ST. ANDREW'S DAY

In church are some of the parish tartan flags for our St. Andrew's Day Kirkin'O'The Tartans. Tartans shown, reflecting the Scottish heritage of several of our members, are: Sutherland, Lindsay, Ross, Davidson, MacDuff, MacGregor, MacEwen, Buchanan, Anderson, MacNaughton, Bell, Dunlop, MacIntyre, Campbell, Kinkead, McIntosh, Fife, Henderson, County Cork and Stevenson.

We will be taking additional flag orders for next year's Kirkin', so if you're interested, sign up in Hosea Hall before December 10th. If you don't know your tartan, we'll do our best to find it—try [www.tartans.com](http://www.tartans.com) first!

## COOKIE SWAP

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 A.M. IN HOSEA HALL

BRING 6 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES

(all the same kind)

ONE DOZEN PER CONTAINER  
SWAP YOUR 6 DOZEN HOLIDAY  
COOKIES FOR 6 DOZEN

DIFFERENT HOLIDAY COOKIES!

SEE YOU THERE!



Candidates to 2008 Convention and Alternates

# CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

## Sunday, Dec. 24

### Advent 4/ Christmas Eve

- 8a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Advent 4  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Advent 4  
5p.m. Children's Pageant and  
Eucharist  
10:30 Carol Singing  
11p.m. Festival Eucharist

## Monday, Dec 25

### Christmas day:

- 10a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Contemplative prayer

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30  
Sainted for Helping and Healing  
December

- 6 Brigid of Kildare  
13 Mary Bertilla Boscardin  
20 Katharine Drexel  
27 NO MEETING

Bible study

Wednesday evenings at 6:30

DECEMBER

- 6 Isaiah  
13 Jeremiah, Lamentations  
20 Ezekiel  
27 NO MEETING

## St. John's Men's Club

On December 2nd, the St. John's Men's Club will sponsor a Yard Clean-Up Day for the church property. We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. and be done when leaves are gone—followed by a chili lunch with other good stuff to eat. Volunteers will receive gold stars and improved approval ratings. Y'all come, and if possible, bring rakes and gloves. See you there!

## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King are pleased and happy to announce that Lisa Hawkins is our new president. Our next meeting is January 14th between the 9:00 and 11:00 services in Fr. Sutherland's office. We will conclude and have lunch around noon. All parishioners are welcome.

## Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Training (PoSM)

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct training [PoSM] will be held at St. John's on December 3rd just after the 11:00 service. The training is required for all church staff, Vestry, and volunteers working with children. All new Vestry members, Reading Camp volunteers, Sunday School teachers, and anyone working with children at St. John's in any capacity are required to take complete PoSM training before participating in church programs or activities with children or taking elected office. In an effort to make sure your children are safe, I also encourage all parents to attend.

Keeping our precious children safe is the goal of this program. The class teaches you how to watch for signs of abuse, how to protect yourself, and how to make the environment safer for children. Along with the class, you'll be asked to fill out a lengthy application which includes education, work history, etc. and a form giving permission for background and reference checks. The application, and the need for its completion, will be further explained in class.

The class lasts about 3 hours and lunch will be served during class. Please sign up in Hosea Hall or contact Linda Reeves at 873-9567 or shyrock@worldnet.att.net

## A KENTUCKY CELTIC CHRISTMAS

You are invited to celebrate a Celtic Christmas at St. John's on Sunday, December 10th. This will be an evening of fellowship, fun and festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be after-dinner entertainment and a live auction. All of the \$2 per person admission fee and proceeds from the live auction will benefit



Father Alan and kids on steps

Reading Camp and Children of the Americas.

For the dinner portion of the evening, please bring a covered dish to share. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided and, in the purest sense of a very Celtic celebration---BYOB.

As always, there will be a food sign-up sheet in Hosea Hall. Please join us for a stomping, dancing, and kicking good time at St. John's on December 10, 2006.

Presented by the Celtic Heart Foundation

ST. JOHN'S NEEDS SOME LARGE [20-CUP & LARGER] COFFEE MAKERS. IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE THAT YOU DON'T USE OR JUST DON'T WANT, PLEASE DONATE IT TO THE CHURCH. JUST DROP IT OFF, OR CALL 873-3481 FOR SOMEONE TO PICK IT UP.

THANKS!

## The View from the Bench

By Stephen Leist

It is not inappropriate at the beginning of December, or even in the last week of November (depending on how the calendar falls) to wish someone a Happy New Year. Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year in our church calendar, almost five full weeks before we start the new year of 2007. It is amazing how quickly 2006 has gone by, and it is nearly over. There is a lot of expectation and excitement over what the new year will bring. Advent is the season we capture that expectation, as we celebrate awaiting the birth of Jesus as foretold by the prophets. I remember as a child always being excited about the arrival of

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## \$10 DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. John Mink informs us that the UK College of Dentistry opened on August 7th the Pediatric Dentistry Twilight Clinic to give area families a new low-cost way to obtain basic, primary dental care for their children. The fee is \$10 and the clinic is open to all children ages 4 – 10 regardless of parents' income.

The clinic is on the 3rd floor of the College of Dentistry, next to the UK Chandler Hospital. The hours are: Mondays 4-8 p.m. and Thursdays 6 -8 p.m. Parking is available in the hospital or Kentucky Clinic garages. Schedule an



Was that Fun?

### FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

November 4

Karen Fortner and Jeff Aimes

appointment at 323-6525.



!!Game Night New Years Eve!!  
8 p.m. - 1 a.m.



2006 Vestry



Halloween Party 2006



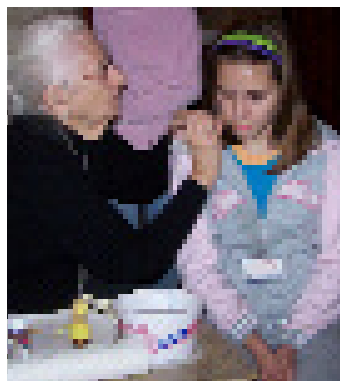
Halloween Party 2006



St. Nick points out items for the elves



Three workers



Maribell White face painting

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY!

Jon Hall	3rd
Kelly Gess	5th
Patricia Lamp	6th
Sharon Martin	6th
Cromwell Cleveland	6th
Teresa Pieratt	8th
Georgia Lockridge	11th
Blake Ford	11th
Mallory Ford	11th
Letha Reid	13th
Morgan Meekins	15th
Dennis Lawrence	16th
Gay Van Meter	17th
Tamra Perry	19th
Joshua Filson	20th
Patti Pierce	21st
Julie Ross	23rd
Tree Bosmann	25th
Jacqueline Kowalke	25th
Griffin Mobley	25th
Jay Wigglesworth	29th
Calab Donovan	30th
Bill Nave	31st

## HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY!

Glenn and Debby Edelen	12/25
George and Sara Hellard	12/27
Read and Nancy Miller	12/30
David and Ann Richmond	12/27

December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.  
*Dinner & Hot Topic*

December 10th  
*Ice Skating*

December 17th  
*Christmas Caroling*

December 24 & 31 *No EYC*

# St. John's Servers' Schedule December 2006



	<u>12/03/06</u>	<u>12/10/06</u>	<u>12/17/06</u>	<u>12/24/06</u>
Acolyte	Linda Reeves	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Susan Carey	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff	Ann Cox
Crucifer	Annie Gibson	Laura Wehrle	Leigh Wehrle	Judi Sutherland
Torch Bearers	Emily and Ashley Lawrence	Ashleigh and Jessica Woods	Ben and Laura Wehrle	Ethan and Elaina Howard
Acolyte	Linda Wardle	Linda Reeves	Ann Cox	Carol Filson
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Cindy Sullivan	Linda Wardle	Judi Sutherland
Lector	Julie Skeeters	David Richmond	Carol Mize	Katherine Harper
Gift Bearers	Lawrence Ruggles	Skeeters	Sniders	Busby
Ushers	Bill Clark, Mark Cox	Mike and Jo Gardone	Bob Johnson, Gary Menges	James and Thayer Hawkins
Altar Guild	Susan Carey	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff	Fleck/Sutherland
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Vickie Duff [Judi & Lee]	Elaine Menges [Judi & Lee]	Jo Wilhite [Judi & Lee]	Vickie Duff [Judi & Lee]
Breakfast	Reeves	Bruens	Lawrence	Edelen
Crucifer	James Hawkins	Ryan Potter	Michelle Kinkead	Laura Wehrle
Torch Bearers	Audrey and Eric Sandknop	Ethan and Elaina Howard	Audrey and Eric Sandknop	Annie Gibson, Leigh W.
Acolyte	Judi Sutherland	Carol Filson	Geoff Bosman	Ann Cox
Chalice Bearers	Geoff Bosman	Ann Cox	Cindy Kinkead	Toss Chandler
Lector	Virginia Ballard	Jacqueline Means	Ben Harper	Julie Ross
Gift Bearers	Means/Filson	Range	Means/Filson	
Ushers	Cindy Sullivan, Ben Berger	David and Christy Potter	George Chittick, Rick Keeling	Ron Mobley, D. Richmond, Benjamin W., Mark Cox
Altar Guild	Virginia Ballard	Christy Potter	Duff/Sutherland	
Chalice				<u>5:00 p.m.</u> Walter Kuntz, Sarah Sandknop

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/06/06</b>	<b>12/13/06</b>	<b>12/20/06</b>	<b>12/27/06</b>
Acolyte	Ann Cox	Linda Wardle	Vickie Duff	Linda Wardle
Altar Guild	Ann Cox	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Ann Cox

