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Update from Teresa!

From Parish member
Teresa Range....

As everyone probably already knows by now.....yes, I had a motorcycle wreck last Wed. It's such a bummer!!! I had been out driving my bike a lot last week, and doing so well!!! Anyway Wednesday afternoon, in between my 2:00 and 6:30 sessions, I asked John if he would like to go riding for a bit, my choice! He was so excited that I had asked and off we went. I was on this little narrow lane in front of our house when I came up on a 90 degree turn, met a truck, sort of panicked, gave it too much gas and hit two fence posts, got thrown from the bike and did a couple of flips before I stopped. So I am one lucky little girl!!! Thank God for helmets or I probably wouldn't be here to talk about it. Now I warn everyone to wear their helmets!! It made a believer out of John too when he saw my head bouncing off the pavement. He didn't have his on that day, so it was better that it was I who wrecked than him! Keep me in your prayers. I'm pretty banged up and I have a cracked ankle, knee, bruised ribs, and I've had a spell with headaches, but today is actually the first day that I've felt decent. The doctor sent me to have a CT yesterday, and I have a slight concussion (but no bleeding!) they switched my pain medication again, (I have trouble taking pain pills, because of nausea), they also gave me some muscle relaxers and told me to apply ice when the headaches occur. It has made a big difference!!! I feel like I'm finally on the road to recovery!! I told Fr. A that it was the bike blessing that saved me!!

I'm really going to miss the rides these next 6 weeks!! I would be happy now just to get to ride on the back with someone!!! But that won't happen either for at least 3 weeks (hopefully that's all I'll be in the wheelchair) and knowing my Honey, he'll have something rigged up so I can ride with him when they tell me I can throw away the wheelchair and go to crutches.

You just don't know how much we appreciate the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and most of all the food!! As some of you know, my Honey is a good nurse but he is not a COOK! When I get well I am going to have one "big daddy of a party" to show you all how much I appreciate you....or in this case should I say, one "big Mama of a party!" Because that's what I'm going to be after 6 weeks of lying around and eating all this good food!

Thanks again for everything, and most of all for just being our friends. God's family has always been there for me, and the words "thank you" just seem like such small words, but Thank You!

God's Peace. Teresa & John Range



Dear Friends,

I love to referee soccer. Earlier this year I had surgery on my knee that for a time made it look like I could not referee for a long time. When my doctor talked to me about this, the refereeing was not my top priority. I told him that what I wanted to get back to more than anything was to be able to squat at the altar rail again. He didn't understand so I told him that when our children at St. John's come to the altar rail I love to squat as I share communion or offer them a blessing, and that has not been possible since last October. Last month saw my wish become reality.

The last 2 Sundays, (August 5 and 12) those of us who have been to St. John's

will understand just how many children we have, and how active they are in the life of our community of faith.

Our children are a gift to us that we must never ignore. At the baptism services for children we all make promises to take care of them, and to teach and guide them in the life of faith.

I spent a lot of time in Northern Ireland in the late 70's at a place called Corrymeela. The primary purpose of Corrymeela was to bring children from Belfast and Londonderry and teach them that Roman Catholics and Protestants were human beings. Those children had been taught to hate, and taught that other human beings were of lesser or no value in the

eyes of God.

I am so deeply grateful that at St. John's our children feel welcomed and accepted as they are and that we are teaching them to love one another as God loves them.

It is a lesson that children of all ages still need to learn, and still needs to be taught because I believe it to be ultimate wish of God for all his children. I am glad to be part of a community of faith that is intentional about teaching us all to love one another.

With all my love and prayers
Your Friend,

Fr. Alan

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Your Vestry would like you to know you are welcome at our meetings, second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. The minutes of all our meetings are available in the church office anytime you'd like to see what we've been up to.

At our August meeting Ron Mobley reported on the success of the fish fry, despite [or because of] the big rain the night of the Twilight Festival. The Bazaar, now in its third year, is being planned for November. Bishop Sauls will visit St. John's on November 11, the same day as our Annual Parish Meeting. We will share a potluck lunch after the meeting. We will elect 3 new Vestry members at the Parish Meeting as well—please consider nominating yourself for one of the spots. I've been on the Vestry for over 3 years now

and can tell you it's a lot of work, but a lot of fun and fellowship too.

The Long Range Planning Committee reports that restoration architect Jim Opperman will be in Ky August 29th and 30th to look at the Hughes House. He will then write a phase-by-phase plan of what it will take to restore this beautiful home. Look for a report on his report in the next few months!

Fr. Alan looks forward to starting the Via Media course September 5th.

Please feel free to attend our meetings, or to contact any of us if you need anything at all.

Peace to you.

Vickie Duff, Sr. Warden

The View from the Bench

by Stephen Leist

Until I met my wife, I was not in the habit of going to church while on vacation. While growing up, the only times I can remember going to church on vacation was when we visited my grandparents in Illinois or New Mexico. My wife's childhood vacations were often camping trips, and her mother was always determined that they would find a church somewhere for Sundays. I have since learned that one can have a pretty good time going to church on vacation, and in addition to worship, there is the opportunity to learn new things and make some new acquaintances. A couple years ago, we were in Monterey, California while my wife was attending a conference. On Sunday, we went to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in the nearby town of Ocean Grove. The church was a beautiful building constructed in the 1880's almost entirely out of redwood with Tiffany windows given by Cyrus McCormick (of Chicago McCormick reaper fame), who was married in that church and it remained the favorite church of him and his wife. The church and congregation were a lot like St. John's in terms of size, and I also had a chance to get some choir ideas. We were warmly welcomed as visitors and given special mugs to keep, which made us stand out at coffee hour. The mugs are a constant reminder of that occasion. Last year, we were in Minneapolis, again for a conference my wife was involved in, and I went to the Ascension service as well as Sunday morning at St. Mark's Cathedral. It was completely different experience, but I got to meet the choirmaster as well as one of the canons, who had recently moved from a parish in the city where I grew up.

Without a doubt, the most delightful experience was just this summer when we were in Idaho. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Wallace, Idaho, happened to

be right around the corner from our hotel. They only have service there on the first and third Sunday of the month, and the Sunday coming up happened to be the third Sunday. This church, like the town of Wallace itself, has fallen on hard times since many of the area mines closed in the 1980's, with the population falling from over 2,500 to about 960. The Sunday we were there, the congregation consisted of maybe a couple dozen people. Judging from the guest book, we were the only visitors since the fall of 2006. The Bishop of Spokane happened to be there for his visitation, and he stated at the beginning of his sermon that he was given some good news—that they ran out of bulletins that morning. The service was simple, but very moving. The bishop preached on the lessons for the day, which included the story of Abraham receiving the three men coming in from the desert, and the gospel was the story of Mary and Martha. His words at the close were very poignant, pointing out that it was always in small groups that God chose to reveal himself. That was certainly the case with this congregation. Afterwards, the priest-in-charge along with several of the parishioners, invited us to come to their church lunch. We had a wonderful time meeting the people, and I have to say that their covered dish lunch would slightly embarrass St. John's. We even have a standing invitation for tea with the bishop. We definitely have a home-away-from-home there. So, the lesson I have learned is go to church on vacation. You never know what can happen.



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE September, 2007

	09/02/07	09/09/07	09/16/07	09/23/07	09/30/07
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff
Greeter					
Altar Guild	Ann Cox	Vickie	Kay Mobley	Gay Glenn	Susan & Betty

	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Aun Gibson	Linda Wardle	Leigh Wehrle	David Richmond	Tori Donovan
Torch Bearers	Emily & Ashley Lawrence	Ashley & Jessica Woods	Laura Wehrle Elaina Berger	Stacey Garner Ashley Woods	Hannah & Sophie Edelen
Acolyte	Ned Meekins	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Aun Richmond	Ned Meekins
Chalice Bearer	Gary Menges	Toss Chandler	Sammy Cundiff	Donnie Spencer	Gary Menges
Lector	Laura Gibson	Colin Cautcher	Carol Mize	Sara Meekins	Debbie Edelen
Gift Bearers	None	Fleck Family	Bill Clark Rick Keeling	Jackson Family	Donovan Family
Ushers	Deanna & Nelson Lawrence	Jim & Ruby Snider	Mark Cox Benjamin Wehrle	Gary Menges Bob Johnson	Glenn Edelen Ron Mobley
Greeter					
Altar Guild	Ann Cox	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Gay Glenn	Susan & Betty
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Judi Sulherland	Elaine Menges	Vickie	Judi Sulherland	Jo White
Breakfast	Pollock Lunch	Mobley/Knoward-Roller	Ruggles/Warlick	Bruce/Wade	Meekins/Cox

	No 11:00 service	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer		Michelle Kinkead	James Hawkins	Mark Mullis	Michelle Kinkead
Torch Bearers		Elton & Elana Howard	Leah & Emily Mager	Gaila Mullis James Hawkins	Eric & Audrey Sandlin
Acolyte		Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sulherland	Carol Filson	Sharon Martin
Chalice Bearer		Geoff Boscorn	Phyllis Gibson	Christy Porter	Cindy Sullivan
Lector		Virginia Ballard	Lisa Hawkins	Katherine Harper	Phyllis Martin
Gift Bearers		Chillick Family	Boscorn Family	Sheeters Family	Hawkins Family
Ushers		Charlie Kinkead Rick Keeling	Thayne Hawkins George Chillick	Bill Clark Rick Keeling	Carol Filson Jackie Means
Greeter					
Altar Guild		Judi Sulherland	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard	Christy Porter

Wednesday	09/05/07	09/12/07	09/19/07	09/26/07	10/03/07
Acolyte	Ned	Ben	Linda	David	Ned Meekins
Altar Guild	Ann Cox	Vickie	Ann Cox	Vickie	h



From the Parish Records

DEATHS

August 14 Helen Neal, mother of Stephanie Wells. We extend our deepest sympathies to Helen's family. May light perpetual shine upon her.

REPAIR AFFAIR

This will be our 3rd year to participate in Repair Affair, which is sponsored by the Woodford County Rotary Club. It helps elderly, disabled, and low income families to make repairs on their homes. The work days are Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29. If you would like to volunteer to help please complete the registration form in Hosea Hall. See Fr. Alan if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd.....

will be the last of our series of outdoor services for this year. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 8a.m in St Mary's

chapel and 10 a.m. in the garden. At both services our guest preacher will be the Rev. Jay Pierce who will talk to us about the work of Food for the Poor.

At the 10a.m our guest musicians will be the Gospel Diamonds. Don and his friends have been coming to our September service for the last 3 years and it will be good to see old friends with their wonderful style of gospel music. A potluck will follow the service.



VIA MEDIA IS COMING!

On Wednesday, Sept 5th we begin our Via Media program. An 8 week look at spirituality as expressed through the Episcopal/Anglican Tradition. This is

for all people who are seeking a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. It is a place to bring your questions. It is not about guaranteed answers, but a place for seekers of a deeper truth.

This course is excellent for all people. Whether you are a member of a faith community or not, I encourage you to attend and encourage a friend who may have shown some interest in your spirituality and your church.

Registration is in Hosea Hall. Child care is provided. There is a cost of \$10 to cover materials provided.

On July 22nd, 30+ bikers showed up for the annual "Discycles For Christ" Bike Blessing & River Run. Fr. Sutherland, and Rev. Randy Nation of Woodford Community Christian Church performed the bike blessings, after which the bikers donated a room full of clothes and \$130.00 cash to the Woodford County Clothing Bank. This was then followed by a 75-mile ride primarily encompassing the river borders of Franklin and Woodford Counties. St. John's members included founders John & Teresa Range, Mark & Ann Cox, and Paul and Lindy Huber

ECW NEWS

THE 3RD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 9:00 - 1:00, will be our next sewing & craft day for St. John's Christmas Bazaar. Donuts, pastries and coffee provided. We will finish the bazaar aprons and hopefully begin other crafts for sale. We hope to have a lot of \$5 - \$10 crafts to sale for teacher, and co-worker gifts. We will also have consignments this year. We hope that consigning goods this year will generate higher quality items, and give people the opportunity to donate who may not be able to afford to otherwise. We have several artists in the

church who we hope will donate some of their work. The group led toward 60%/40% for consigned goods, with 60% to the consigner and 40% to the church. Walter Kuntz offered to borrow a couple of army tents for housing furniture, and possibly to serve lunch on the patio, provided we can come up with a couple of heaters. Way to go Walter!

All ministries and organizations may apply now for funding from the ECW account for year 2008, by putting their request in writing by November 1st in the box in Hosea Hall marked ECW DONATION REQUEST. In November the ECW officers will review the requests and determine the amount and to whom the 2008 distributions will go. Examples are reading camp, Cathedral Domain scholarships, vestments, or garden and kitchen supplies that may not be covered by the church budget.

St. John's Parish Birthdays!!! September 2007

1st	Catherine Bell
4th	Tiffany Perry
5th	Rhonda Wade
6th	Patrick Watts
7th	Linda Reeves Benjamin Berger Tori Donovan
8th	John Mink Alycia Ford
9th	Clifford Pike Sheryl Bruens
10th	Betty Rehm Kevin Skeeters
11th	Craig Watkins
12th	Maria Woods
13th	Courtney Bruens
16th	Ned Meekins
17th	Jacqueline Means Sarah Sandknop
18th	Irvin Bullock Devon Bradley
20th	Beth Rowland

21st	Sean Rowland
22nd	Bill Clark, Jr.
24th	Helen Sanford Ann Sturm Nancy Kowalke
25th	Joanne Wilhite Rebecca Sparrow
26th	Nancy Palmore
27th	Ginni Wiglesworth Emily Lawrence
28th	Shirley Potter Judy Wells
29th	Elaine Menges Gerri Schmidt Todd Cooper

Happy Anniversary Parish Couples!!! September 2007

3rd	Doris and Edward Ruggles
7th	Kevin and Julie Skeeters
9th	Ian and Maret Galbraith
22nd	Mark and Ann Cox
24th	Thayre and Lisa Hawkins

You made the night a great one
For all of those that came
It couldn't happen without you
It wouldn't be the same

Thank you so for all you did
Despite our rainy weather
The best part of the festival
is doing it together

Thank you so much for your support!

Melissa Lippert
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Manager

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