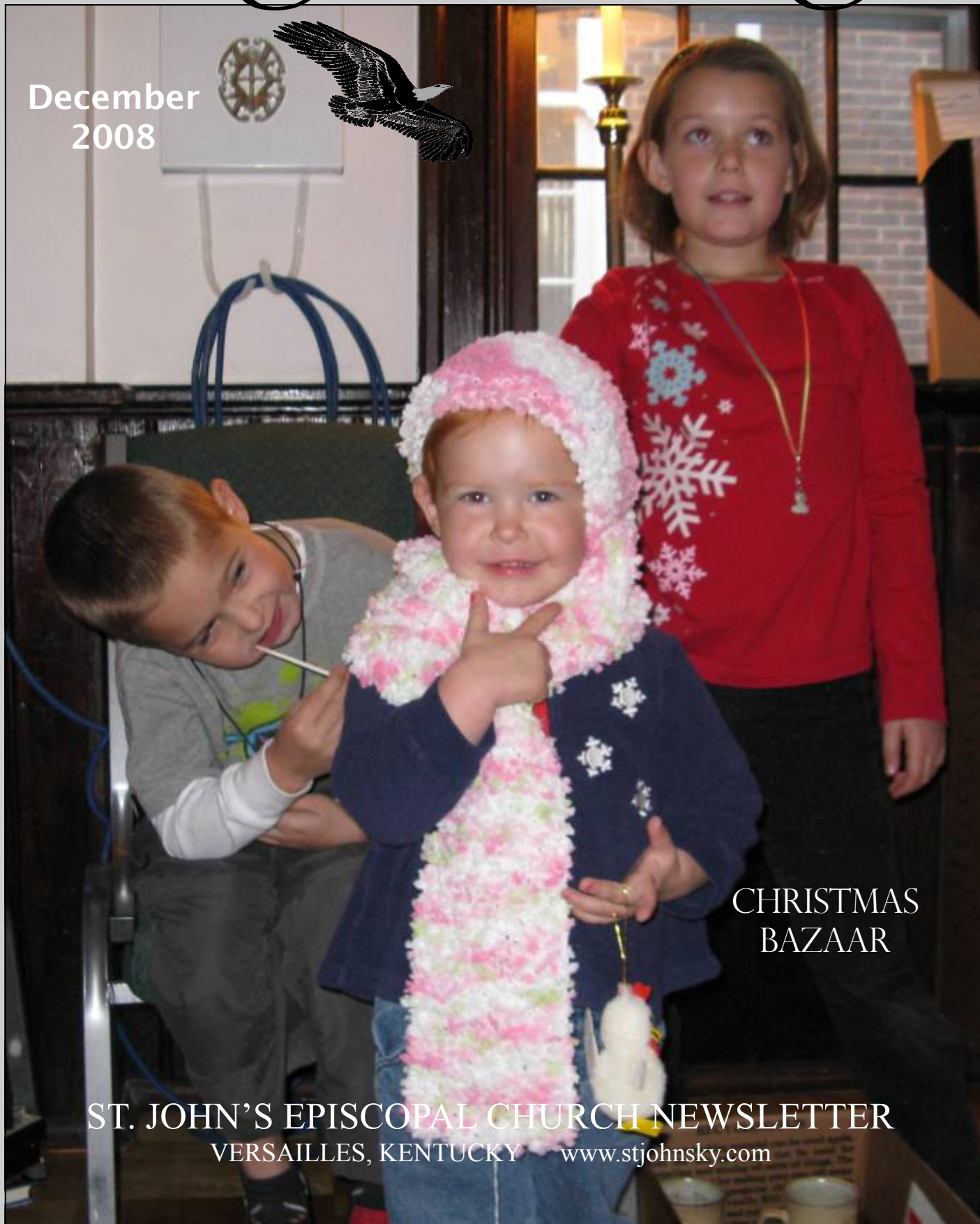


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
 SCHEDULE**

The Sunday schedule at
 St. John's:

- 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**
- 10 a.m. Breakfast Hosea Hall**
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jon Hall
- 5 Kelly Gess
- 6 Patricia Lamp
- 6 Sharon Martin
- 6 Cromwell Cleveland
- 8 Teresa Pieratt
- 11 Georgia Lockridge
- 11 Kaelan Sloan
- 12 Madison Collingsworth

- 13 Letha Reid
- 15 Morgan Meekins (Morgan)
- 16 Dennis Lawrence
- 17 Gay VanMeter
- 19 Tamra Perry
- 20 Todd Mobley
- 20 Joshua Filson
- 21 Patti Pierce
- 23 Julie Ross
- 25 Art Otenburger

- 25 Tree Bosmann
- 25 Jacqueline Kowalke
- 25 Griffin Mobley
- 29 Jay Wigglesworth
- 30 Calab Donovan
- 31 Bill Nave

RECTOR'S PAGE

It is two weeks to Thanksgiving. There is a radio station already playing 24 hour Christmas carols and songs. Pre-season sales are beginning to happen. Lights are going up and the decorating has happened at the malls and stores. Christmas greenery is beginning to accent windows and railings. It is all about the 'stuff' and the lights, trimmings and greenery are designed to make you believe you need more stuff, or that stuff would make the perfect gift for one of the million people you are made to believe you need to get gifts for.

I have not seen a nativity scene yet, but I am sure that some individual homes will place one in their yard. It may take some looking for, being lost in the rest of the hulla-ballo, but we will see it. Christmas can become like the rest of what seems to be living. Life that is full of busyness. Things to do, places to see, stuff to get.

What often gets lost in the busyness of living is the reason that Christmas even exists. The small nativity scene, graced with a few participants and some of God's animal kingdom. The birth of Jesus is when love was made incarnate. Love was made flesh. Love was made visible for all of God's children to be freed from guilt. Freed from the bondage of sin. Freed from the notion that forgiveness by God had to be gotten by an act of sacrifice and the stamp of approval by the religious leaders. God was no longer confined to a set of man made rules. God is always God and cannot be confined.

So amongst the stuff, the lights, the trimmings and the 24 hour Christmas music, look for the nativity scene and listen for the quiet voice. The still small voice of God who tells us once again Christmas is not about the stuff. It is about you. God's love for you. With all my love and prayers,

Fr Alan



Phillipines Hope Ministries:

As you know James, my son, is serving as a missionary in the Phillipines. The stories of poverty, need, often desperation, that he encounters on a daily basis are phenomenal. Judi and I have been moved to send a financial support each month to help provide food, medicine, schooling and other basic necessities for the people Hope Ministry serves. If you would like to join us on a monthly basis or a one time gift, please sign up in Hosea Hall by the pictures of the ministry. Checks may be made payable to the rector's discretionary fund, and will be forwarded to Hope Ministries.



DEACON'S PAGE

Blue Christmas Service at St. John's

Not everyone feels holiday cheer as Christmas approaches. With that in mind, St. John's Pastoral Care Team will be hosting a "blue" candlelight Christmas service on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to be in God's presence for those of us who mourn, or who simply feel a need to await the coming of the Christ child in contemplation and solemnity. Many of us experience feelings of sadness, loneliness or fear at this time of year as we face Christmas alone or in despair. We're acknowledging that (holiday) festivities are mingled with sadness for many. We want to offer a holy space and a time when people can come together to give their grief in life up to God.

Psychologist Michael Schwarzchild agrees that the holidays are fraught with many other issues besides grief and despair. Relationships, and financial difficulties and the stress of physical demands of holiday shopping, preparing meals and attending parties. These things leave people feeling blue. He said it is important to "be realistic about your feelings." It's OK to feel sad and stressed. It's OK not to put up a "happy front." Taking time to sit quietly and "feel what you are feeling" is essential, he said, "What is needed at the holidays is God. But people come to God in different ways." This is a different way. A blue Christmas service is a way for people to acknowledge they are disappointed, miss other people, or have high expectations. It is a time for "quiet reflection, remembrance, comfort and hope."

Many churches throughout the country have been so blessed by the Blue Christmas service. I am hopeful that we at St. John's might minister to others in a different way this year. Invite your friend or neighbor to this service. Give a gift of love and care to someone you know. Our hope is in our God of love who comes to us at Christmas. So let us share our place of refuge and help bringing people from throughout the Versailles community.

With Love,

Donna

Mark your Calendar:
Saturday, December 6th
9 am to 1 pm

Annual Advent Quiet Day

Sponsored by St. John's Daughters of the King

Program Leader: Rev. Donna Barr

Take a little time out to prepare your heart and mind for the true message of
Christmas.

Lunch will be provided so please sign up in Hosea Hall.

Questions? Call Lisa @ 317-1101.

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist



It is hard to believe that I am sitting here writing my last column for the year 2008! No matter how hard I try to slow down, life just seems to get progressively faster and this year is almost gone. Where did the time go? I ask this question often, particularly when I am preparing the Parish Choir for demanding services, and it seems there is never enough time for rehearsal. Matters are not helped as we enter a busy holiday season characterized by rushing around: parties, shopping, special programs, shopping, more parties. We seem to work harder at this time of year than any other. Yet, the arrival of a new liturgical year with the season of Advent reminds us of the need to slow down. Advent is a season of reflection as well as anticipation. Many no doubt remember when the seasonal color for Advent was purple, because it was a penitential season. The thinking was that penitential reflection and atonement was necessary in order to suitably prepare for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. The newer color of blue is actually the older traditional color for Advent, symbolizing the Virgin Mary and often referred to as "Marian Blue." The anonymous "they" who often decide these matters in recent years believed that Advent should be a joyous season and not a penitential one. I think I agree with that, but my feeling is that if I wear myself out during the Advent season, I will be too tired to celebrate and enjoy Christmas when it finally comes; hence, the need to slow down.

As we revisit this season once again, many fond memories return of the hymnody associated with this time of year. Advent does not seem complete without "Sleepers wake," "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry," or "Creator of the stars of night," hymns that only come once a year. I think we are most sentimental about Advent and Christmas hymns because of the many childhood memories they evoke, as well as touch the child that is still in each of us. I frequently receive requests at this time of year, and it is a challenge to honor all of them. Be assured that many of your favorites are also my favorites. As we progress through the four Sundays in Advent, culminating in Christmas and the Christmas season, we can use our hymnody to mark the way. Christmas Lessons & Carols is an excellent service for this as we hear the stories of expectation and the event of Christ's birth told in the scriptures and paraphrased in song. This service will take place on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m., so mark your calendars now.

Best Wishes to all this season!

VESTRY

As my tenure on the Vestry comes to an end, I would like to express my gratitude for everyone's support. I especially appreciate Fr. Sutherland's faith in me to be your Senior Warden. I have developed friendships that would not have happened without this experience. Again thank you for the kindness you have shown, the encouraging words and gentle direction.

Peace,

Ron Mobley
Senior Warden

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Women of St. John's mark your calendars for December 20, 2008. ECW will be hosting a Christmas luncheon from 11:00 to 1:00 that day. We will have an ornament swap so bring a \$5-10 Christmas ornament. We'll also be voting on how to spend the money we've earned this year. If you have any ideas for this money, please submit them in writing to Nikki Berger or Debby Edelen by December 10. You can email them to dedelen@alltel.net.

CHRISTMAS SERVERS

	12/24/2008	12/24/2008
	5:00 PM	10:30 PM
Crucifer	NA	Anne-Claire Gibson
Torch Bearers	NA	
Acolyte	NA	Ann Richmond
Chalice Bearer		Gary Menges
Lector	NA	Walter Kuntz
Gift Bearers	NA	
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff
Thurifer		

Second Annual
St. John's
**Community
Christmas
Sing a Long
& Chili Supper**
Sunday, December 7
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Contact a member of the 11:00
Choir to volunteer to help.

FLOWER GUILD NEWS

I AM IN NEED OF PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP WITH THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS. I AM ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO KNOW THE BASICS OF HOW TO ARRANGE AND ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS ABOUT ONE TIME PER MONTH. IT IS A VERY REWARDING CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHURCH AND ONLY TAKES ABOUT 1 1/2 HOURS FROM START TO FINISH. CURRENTLY, SARA HELLARD AND I ARE THE GUILD. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN ARRANGE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CINDY KINKEAD AT 396-9490.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP



Sunday, December 7
4:00– 6:00 p.m.
 If you'd like to help lead the caroling
 come at 3:30 for practice.

Join us as we sing everyone's favorite Christmas carols. Afterwards, stay and enjoy a chili supper. Bring the whole family!

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Dec 10 Wednesday	Reading Club St. John's
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 14 Wednesday	Reading Club St. John's

***CHILDREN'S
 CHRISTMAS EVE
 PAGEANT***

The Children's Christmas Eve service is one of my favorite things I do with the children each year. Even though we perform the same basic pageant, it's always different. Not only do we have different children participating each year but the children that return are changing as they grow, learn, and mature. Some of our children have started out as little lambs and are now (big) angels and kings. It is such a joy and blessing to watch these transformations. Now to the important stuff.

We have parts for every age group. The only requirement is that they can walk down the aisle of the Church and **sort-of** sit or stand still for about a half-hour. Costumes are provided. There are parts for angels, shepherds, kings, lambs, prophets, an Innkeeper, an Emperor and more.

Rehearsal dates and times are:

- Sunday, December 7 **2:00-3:30**
- Sunday, December 14 **3:00-5:00**
- Sunday, December 21 **3:00-5:00**
- Wed, December 24 **4:00 Children arrive at Church to put on costumes**
- Wed, December 24 **5:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service**

See Julie Ross if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, December, 2008

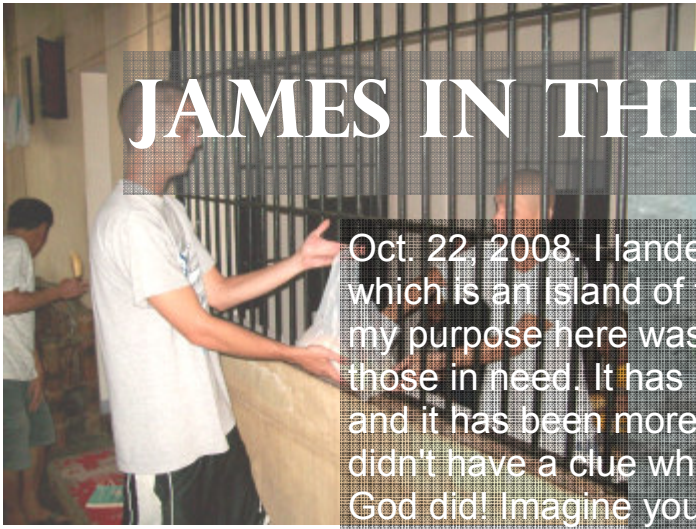
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Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Ann Richmond	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Susan/Betty	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Anne-Claire Gibson	Jessica Woods	Sydney Gardner	Jared Cook
Torch Bearers	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Hannah/Sophie Edelen	Frances & William Werner-Wilson	Evan & Tage Cook
Acolyte	Linda Wardle	Linda Reeves	David Richmond	Ann Richmond
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Garland Barr	Laura Gibson
Lector	Emily Cardwell	Debby Edelen	Carole Mize	Corbin Crutcher
Gift Bearers	Ranges	Watkins Family	Fleck Family	Sniders
Ushers	Garland Barr Gary Menges	Gardones	Ranges	Johnsons
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Susan/Betty	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Elaine Menges	Jo Wilhite	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland
Breakfast	Berger/Wade	Werner-Wilson White	Sullivan/Leaver	Bruens/Miller
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	Geoff Bosmann	Mark Herbert	James Hawkins	Judi Sutherland
Torch Bearers	Emily & Leah Mager	Eric Sandknop Evan Slone	Ethan & Elaina Howard	
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Carol Filson	Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland
Chalice Bearer	Cindy Sullivan	Geoff Bosmann	Christy Leaver	Susan White
Lector	Jacqueline Means	Julie Ross	Lisa Hawkins	Jay Box
Gift Bearers	Skeeters Family	Judi Sutherland Cindy Sullivan	Berger Family	Mobleys
Ushers	James Hawkins Eric Sandknop	Chitticks	Kinkeads	Todd & Angel Cooper
Altar Guild	Judi Sutherland	Christy Leaver	Nancy Miller	Virginia Ballard
Wednesday	12/03/08	12/10/08	12/17/08	
Acolyte	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Vickie Duff	
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	

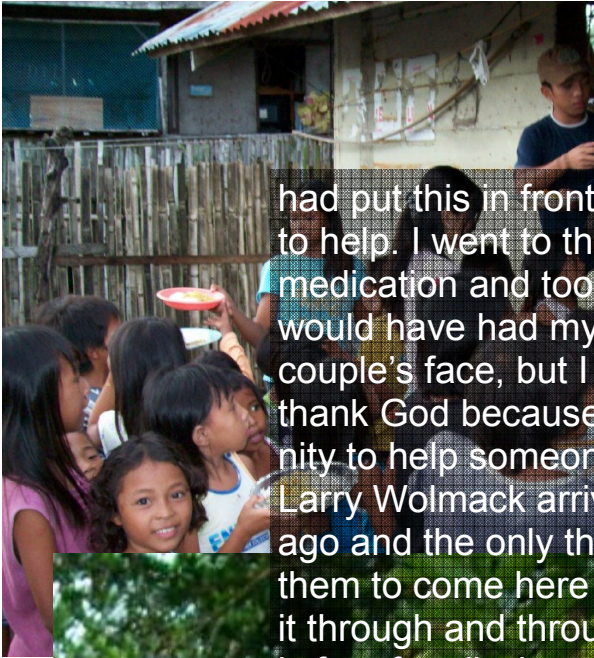
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7 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 11 Eucharist 4 Holiday SIng	8 8.30 Hospice 10 Needlepoint 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	9 6.00 Men's Club 7-9 Needlepoint	10 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 3 Reading Club 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	11 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	12 Office Closed 10 Needlepoint 7.30 AA 7-9 Needlepoint	13
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21 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 11 Eucharist	22 8.30 Hospice 10 Needlepoint 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	23 5.30-9.30 FIT 7-9 Needlepoint	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Office Closed 7.30 AA 7-9 Needlepoint	27
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JAMES IN THE PHILLIPINES

Oct. 22, 2008. I landed in Tacloban City, Leyte which is an Island of the Philippines. I knew my purpose here was to do missions and help those in need. It has been almost a month, and it has been more than I ever expected. I didn't have a clue what I was in for, but I know God did! Imagine your everyday life consisting of ministering to hungry families, small children, and broken inmates in jail? I'm not talking about what you see in "poor" America. These people have no chance to prosper with money and materialism, but one thing I have found is they prosper in living a life with God, and are more friendly and high spirited than most people I have encountered. On a daily basis we load up and go to different areas and teach the word of God, sing children's Christian songs such as "Father Abraham", "This little light of mine", and many others. We will tell a Bible story, say a prayer, and feed the kids. It amazes me to sit back and see these kids that have what you think nothing to be grateful for, be grateful for everything. On Thursdays Tim and I will go to a local jail and minister to the inmates and buy them some bread on the way. At the jail we will also sing, pray, and teach a lesson so that these guys can find rejuvenation and hope with Jesus! This past Thursday Tim and I gave our first lesson at the Jail and we spoke about "Comfort". It was very moving to see men who just need some love and caring for to be told that everything is going to be ok! Just 2 hours ago I was at the jail and an inmate was having a visit with his wife and baby daughter, but the problem was the baby was sick with a very high fever and they had no money to get medicine so I knew God





had put this in front of me to not just pass it by but to help. I went to the pharmacy purchased the medication and took it back to the jail. I wish I would have had my camera to take a picture of this couple's face, but I told them not to thank me but to thank God because I thanked him for the opportunity to help someone who truly needs it. Bobby and Larry Wolmack arrived in the Philippines 22 years ago and the only thing they knew was God told them to come here and serve him. They have done it through and through. There is a Bible school that is free for all who apply that allows people from the Philippines to come for 5 months and learn to become disciples for Christ. These students take daily classes and also take part in the feeding programs. These students after graduation go back to their homes with a new hope and spirit that they may not have known without just 2 people doing the will of God. I am here now and I know that I have landed in my calling in life and I am forever grateful for this opportunity. I am very thankful to God and His grace in my own life and also for my family who have never given up on me. Every month you will be given more and more pictures and an article from me. I say this because St. John's is apart of this journey as well as me. I thank everyone for your prayers and much more that I know you all are contributing to this great work of God. May God be with each of you and no matter where we are in the world may the light of God shine through us to touch those who need it most!

Sincerely,

James Sutherland



RESTORATION & RENEWAL

PROGRESS:
HUGHES HOUSE





PROGRESS:

THE CHURCH

OFFICE FLOORS AND WALLS

UPSTAIRS BATHROOMS

STAIRWELLS AND PLASTER

UPSTAIRS CARPET

UPSTAIRS PAINTING



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The ECW bazaar this year was an enormous success! Most of the St. John's family was involved in some way or other. The weather was perfect—bright, sunny, cold. Although our space was somewhat restricted after the last two years at the Hughes House, the parish hall looked great. Christmas items on the stage set the holiday mood. Lunch served from the kitchen was tasty and very welcome on a cold day. The raffles were the focus of the fundraising. Baskets for UK basketball, travel, children's games, and bartending were popular. Of course, the flat screen TV attracted the most money. Maribell White painted children's faces. Saint Nicholas talked with children in the chapel. The bake sale tempted many to take a treat home for later. This year the town was full of people on the street going from one church bazaar to another or visiting shops or just enjoying the weather and the bustle.



ANNUAL MEETING 2008



November 9 at our annual parish meeting the three new Vestry members elected were Karen Koontz, Tim Downey, and Gayle Box. Also elected as delegates to Diocesan convention were Vickie Duff, Katherine Harper, Lisa Hawkins, Ron Mobley, and Ann Richmond.

Rotating off the Vestry January first are Ron Mobley, Julie Ross, and Laura Gibson.



TOYS-N-TOGS FOR TEENS-N-TOTS

- Deadline Sunday, December 7th

Used toys and clothing are being collected by John and Teresa Range again this year for their annual Toys-n-Togs Drive. They have done this for 9 years, and any extra clothing or toys they collect are shared with the Woodford County Clothing Bank. John and Teresa have always asked for only used clothing and toys however, last year for the first time new toys were donated by Roger and Linda Reeves and Ben and Nikki Berger. The kids were very grateful! A photo album and thank you notes from some of the children who benefited from this drive is beside the collection box marked "TOYS-N-TOGS", in Hosea Hall. You may leave your donations there or you may drop them off at the home of John and Teresa Range at 1625 Lexington Road. Please, do not donate toys that are broken or missing puzzle parts. If donating clothing, donate children's clothing ONLY, and bag according to gender, and label, "toddler boys", "teen girls", etc., etc. Now go help your kids clean out their closets! You will be helping those in need, and helping your kids make room for the new! Thank you in advance for

Sunday School Schedule pre K through teens

December 7	No Sunday School , renovating upstairs, Teens and preteens will practice song for Christmas Eve Pageant
December 14	If the renovations are complete we'll have classes.
December 21	No Sunday School , Teens and preteens will practice song for Christmas Eve Pageant
December 28	No Sunday School , Christmas break
January 4	No Sunday School , Christmas break
January 11	Sunday School classes



Angel Tree Gifts

Remember to bring your gifts to Hosea hall before December 7. Elves who can help carry the presents to the foster care office, on Crossfield dr. meet at the church on Tuesday the 9th at 8:00am.

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WHO DOES WHAT AT ST. JOHN'S

Rector	Fr. Alan Sutherland	873-3481
Deacon	Rev. Donna Barr	873-3481
Associate Clergy	Fr. Jay Pierce	873-3481
	Fr. Colley Bell	873-3481
Administrative Secretary	Kathy Sparrow	873-3481
Sr. Warden	Ron Mobley	873-4758
Jr. Warden	Ben Harper	254-3083
Clerk of the Vestry	Julie Ross	873-6833
Asst Clerk of the Vestry	Laura Steen	475-3356
Vestry-Outreach	John Range	873-8600
Vestry-Finance	Geoff Bosmann	475-3356
Vestry-Parish Life	Carol Filson	879-9526
Vestry-Stewardship	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Vestry-Music & Worship	Linda Wardle	396-9225
Vestry-Long Range Planning	Laura Gibson	276-0024
Vestry-Christian Formation	Julie Ross	873-6833
Treasurer	Ann Miller	873-3866
Episcopal Youth	Diana Vetter	333-4176
Organist/Choirmaster	Stephen Leist	873-3481
Assistant Musician	Allison Asay	873-3481
Men's Club	Tim Downey	873-1554
Reading Club	Julie Ross, Katherine Harper	254-3083
Kitchen/Breakfast	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Sunday School	Julie Ross	873-6833
Episcopal Church Women	Nikki Berger	230-3164
Daughters Of the King	Lisa Hawkins	858-0041
Solo Flight	Linda Wardle	396-9225
Clothing Bank	Carol Filson	879-9526
Food Bank	Norma Downey	873-1554
Garden	Jo Hughes, Karen Koontz	873-4066
Weddings	Judi Sutherland	879-5038
Funerals	Karen Koontz	873-4066
Bazaar	Karen Koontz	873-4066
Flowers	Cindy Kinhead	873-9744
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	879-8402
Lay Eucharistic Ministry	Elaine Menges	873-8997
Needlepoint	Maribell White	873-4321
Eagle Wings	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Compost/Recycling	Ned Meekins	873-3991
Capital Campaign	Ned Meekins, Garland Barr	873-3991
Nursery	Aiede and Ibvone	873-3481
Sexton	Cheri Donovan	873-3481

CREATIVE GIVING

IRA Charitable Rollover

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (known as the “financial rescue” or “bailout” bill) extends the popular IRA Charitable Rollover. Until the Pension Protection Act was passed in 2006, all IRA withdrawals were subject to income tax. Now, a taxpayer who is at least age 70 ½ can directly transfer (“rollover”) up to \$100,000 per year from either a traditional IRA or Roth IRA to St. John’s without paying tax on the transferred gift amount. Details about the new law include: The donor has to be at least 70 ½, the maximum distribution is \$100,000 per year, the gift must be made directly from the IRA to St. John’s, the law is effective only for years 2008 and 2009, the distributed amount is excluded from income; therefore no charitable deduction is claimed, and the rollover satisfies your required minimum distribution.



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Participants went to the Old Episcopal Buying Ground in Lexington to walk the Labyrinth there. A form of meditation and prayer, walking the labyrinth is an ancient technique to intensely focus spiritually for a time.



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