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*HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 THE RECTOR,
 STAFF, AND VESTRY
 OF ST. JOHN'S
 WISH YOU A
 MOST BLESSED AND PEACEFUL
 NEW YEAR.*

January Birthdays

2 Lee Jackson	11 James Hawkins	20 Robert Johnson	26 Richard Winkler
5 Laura Steen	12 Read Miller	20 Melissa Miracle	27 Diana Donovan
7 Ethan Howard	13 Shannon Jackson	20 Emily Lewis	27 Willa Cardwell
9 Darrell Miracle	16 Sallie Razor	21 Rex Pankratz	29 Alexandra Hanke
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10 Jeffrey Kuebler	18 Jackie Hawthorne	23 Ruby Snider	30 Donna Barr
11 Mary Bolin-Reece	19 Frank Watts	23 Karen Koontz	31 Micaela Rowland
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RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends;

The New Year is always an exciting time. It brings with it a sense of anticipation and expectation. Sometimes resolutions are made-usually to do with one's health- but nevertheless resolutions are made. It is a time for new beginnings. The old year has passed, and we look forward to a year that we hope will be different in some ways from last year.

Differences are usually made through our intention to be different. Yet in the world around us we are bombarded with indicators that not much will change.

Already in our national life the heat is being turned up as republicans and democrats, often very unkindly, battle each other for positions of leadership including who will be President of our United States. The local issues of land use evoke passionate words and debate.

Over much of this we have little or no control . One vote does make a difference, and voicing our opinions adds to the decision making process.

Yet I am not sure that at the end of the day those issues are what God is going to ask us about. I have a hunch it will be questions about our family and our friends, our community of faith and the larger community in which God has called us to live and work.

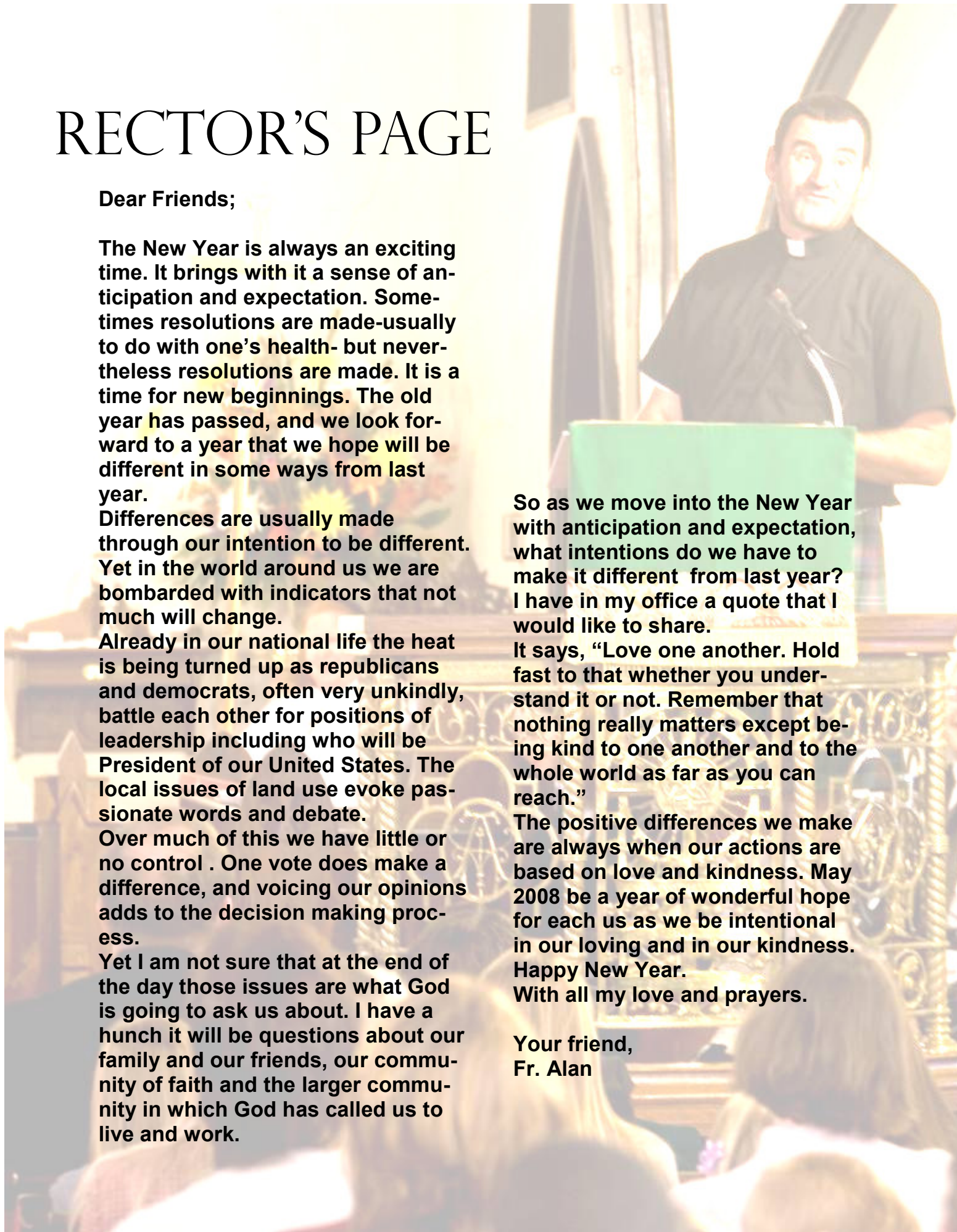
So as we move into the New Year with anticipation and expectation, what intentions do we have to make it different from last year? I have in my office a quote that I would like to share.

It says, "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."

The positive differences we make are always when our actions are based on love and kindness. May 2008 be a year of wonderful hope for each us as we be intentional in our loving and in our kindness. Happy New Year.

With all my love and prayers.

Your friend,
Fr. Alan



DEACON'S PAGE The Rev. Donna Barr

The Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church

A Three Part Series on My Life as a Deacon

The call to ministry is a basic idea in the life of the church. The Greek word for deacon from the New Testament is diakonia. Its meaning is service. To be a Deacon, one is called to follow Jesus and to live a life of obedience and service; she is also commissioned to gather others who would commit themselves; teaching them about service, sacrifice and servanthood.

The Maundy Thursday service best symbolizes the role of the Deacon... the one who stands as a symbol of the servanthood of all believers, especially among the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the neglected. My own particular ministry has been to serve our diocese as the hospital chaplain: a ministry that offers care and compassion to Episcopalians throughout the diocese who find themselves hospitalized and often away from their homes and communities.

The deacon's role in our liturgy tells the story of our ministry together. The colored piece of cloth I wear – the stole (over my heart) symbolizes all that the deacon does and what the holy people of God are called to do. As the messenger of the Word of God, the stole reminds me that I carry the Word with me in my heart and out into the world. The stole is also similar to the dish cloth used by a waiter as he or she prepares the table for the guests. And finally, the deacon's stole is Jesus' towel, used to wash our neighbor's feet. In this way, it is a constant reminder to me of my servanthood. We read the Gospel reminding us and others of Jesus' compassionate actions in the world by God's great mercy and love. We lead in prayer and confession and serve at the table. The priest shows Christ broken and poured out for us, God's living sacrifice; the deacon shows us Christ the servant.

The most important liturgical role the deacon fulfills comes at the very end of our service. The deacon appeals to us each week to go out into the world. Go out....no, get up out of your seats and go.....There is a hungry, sick, lonely, and poor in spirit world outside these doors.... just waiting and hoping for us.

“Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.” Amen

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

JANUARY 2008

By Stephen Leist



It is hard to believe that we have now arrived at 2008! Officially, this marks my third anniversary as the Organist & Choirmaster of St. John's, having spent my first six months designated as Interim Organist. 2004 was characterized by uncertainty, but by the winter of 2005, the choir program was no longer feeling its way, but rather had developed a renewed sense of mission and purpose with the Parish Choir growing from a small group of people to about the size it is now. Once the choir had stabilized, I was able to have a good idea regarding what we would be able to do in terms of enriching the liturgical life of St. John's. It was a period of growth in so many ways, but the greatest stride was coming to an understanding that we really could do things that we did not think possible before. In the life of a choir, that is a particularly important concept, especially in a program that is in the process of rebuilding itself. One might say we experienced an "Epiphany" of sorts, as we came to understand our mission and purpose.

So it is as we enter once again the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season in which Jesus is recognized by a series of signs and miracles as the Son of God. Each week, we observe one of those signs as we follow the growth and maturity of Jesus. Because of the timing of Easter this year, Epiphany is only 4 weeks long instead of 7 or 8 (yes, Easter will be here before you know it!), but we have the benefit that happens once every 7 years of having the Feast of the Epiphany--January 6-- fall on a Sunday. We will have a festive anthem composed by one of the outstanding musicians of our contemporary church, Bruce Neswick. But, with each passing year, we have done something that continues to move us forward, not only to grow musically, but also spiritually. Let us all grow together with Jesus this Epiphany season.

From the Parish Records

Transfers in: Gordon Rhodes, John Cook, Kathryn Cook, Jared Cook, Colin Cook, Page Cook, Evan Cook

Holy Baptism

December 2 Connor Jackson son of Lee and Shannon Jackson
December 16 Charles Huber son of Charles and Tallee Huber

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Attendance at St. John's is growing at every service. It is wonderful and a great joy to have so many share the journey of faith within the community of faith. At our 8a.m service in St. Mary's chapel we have a problem with space. Obviously St. Mary's chapel lends itself to the 8 a.m. service. So to try to alleviate this problem, beginning on January 6th we will offer an additional service of Holy Eucharist at 7a.m. We will keep this schedule until Easter and then review it.
SO - Beginning January 6 the Sunday schedule at St. John's will be:

- 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**



THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S!

Dear Alan,
St. John's certainly filled my heart with joy during my recent visitation. It was wonderful to see a full church and, even more importantly, people with full hearts. I do believe that confirming or receiving a class of 23 is a record for me. Things are obviously going well.

I can hardly wait to report this to the many friends and admirers St. John's has around the country.

All of you are very much in my prayers. It is a great privilege for me to share in the ministry of our Lord with all of you.

May you be blessed during this holy season and filled with expectation.

Faithfully yours,
Stacy F. Sauls
Bishop of Lexington

p.s. I sent news of my visitation to the Presiding Bishop. With all the difficult things she has to do, I knew this would encourage her.

VIA MEDIA BAPTISMAL ETHICS IN ACTION

Each time we gather for worship we affirm our faith in the words of a creed. Creed is from the Latin CREDO which means "I believe", and when we say the creed we are stating what we believe. At each service of Baptism and at various times during the year, we publicly renew our baptismal vow. This is the creed followed by some statements of how of we intend to live because of what we believe. Beginning on Wednesday January 23 we will begin a 6 week series developed by Via Media called Baptismal Ethics in Action. We will take a serious look at what we believe and how we live according to what we believe. The sessions will begin at 6:30 and finish at 8 p.m. They include a short video, discussion, and worship. Child care is provided. Cost will be \$10 to cover materials. Sign up in Hosea Hall.

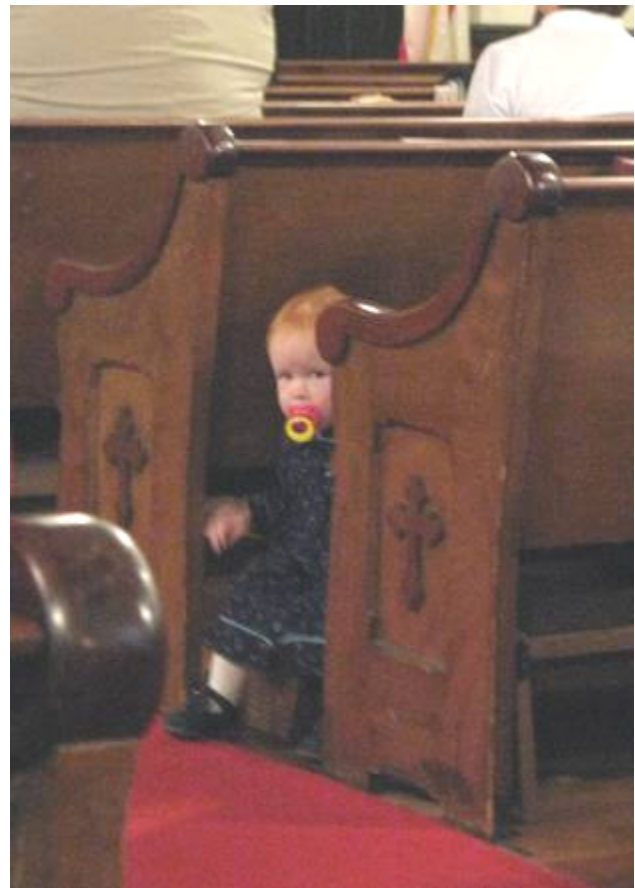


Everybody is welcome and it should be a good way for us to move through Lent in our preparation for Easter.

JANUARY 6 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6 is the 12th day of Christmas, which officially ends the Christmas season. In many European countries, gifts are not exchanged on December 25, but on January 6 to remember the gifts offered by the Magi to our Lord. This is the festival where the Christ is affirmed as the savior for both Jew and Gentile. On Sunday January 6 we will have a special Epiphany celebration at 4p.m in the church.

See you there!



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE January, 2008

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement, notify Linda Wardle at ky-chads@yahoo.com or 859-396-9225 and make the change on the bulletin board in Hosea Hall. Thank you each for your faithful part in this ministry!

	01/06/07 8:00 a.m.	01/13/07 8:00 a.m.	01/20/07 8:00 a.m.	01/27/07 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Ann Richmond	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff

	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Anne Claire Gibson	Ashleigh Woods	Laura Wehrle	Sydney Garner
Torch Bearers	Hannah & Sophie Edelen	Keelin Watkins & Leah Cardwell	Benjamin Wehrle & Emma Berger	Ashleigh & Jessica Woods
Acolyte	Linda Wardle	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves	David Richmond
Chalice Bearer	Toss Chandler	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Toss Chandler
Lector	Debbie Edelen	Linda Wardle	Corbin Crutcher	Laura Gibson
Gift Bearers	Gardones	Bruens	Johnsons	Mobleys
Ushers	Glenn Edelen Ron Bruens	Mark Cox Haywood Alves	Ben Chandler Toss Chandler	Gary Menges Bob Johnson
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Jo Wilhite	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff	Elaine Menges
Breakfast	AnnCox/Wildman/ White	Bruens/Wade	Mobley/Sullivan	Berger/Sloan

	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	Michelle Kinkead	James Hawkins	Linda Wardle	James Hawkins
Torch Bearers	Eric & Audrey Sandknop	Elaina Howard Jay Clark	Ethan Howard Elaina Howard	Eric Sandknop Jay Clark
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland	Sharon Martin
Chalice Bearers	Geoff Bosmann	Sharon Martin	Christy Howard	Phyllis Giberson
Lector	Phyllis Giberson	Jackie Means	Julie Ross	Lisa Hawkins
Gift Bearers	Means & Filson	Chittick	Havens	Kinkead
Ushers	Charlie Kinkead	Rick Keeling	Jackie Means Carol Filson	Thayre Hawkins
Altar Guild	Judi Sutherland	Christy Howard	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard

Wednesday	01/02/07	01/09/07	01/16/07	01/23/07	1/30/2007
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	David Richmond	Ben Harper	Linda Wardle	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild					

JANUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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READING CLUB NEWS

Chapter One: 16 children attended the first Reading Camp in Woodford County. It was a great week for learning, swimming, crafts, hikes and good times.

Chapter Two: Reading Club was created to continue the learning and fun for the sixteen graduates of Reading Camp.

During the month of September, a volunteer team brainstormed and came up with a plan to continue working with the Woodford County Reading Camp students. The plan was to have after school meetings and some Saturday outings that would reinforce the reading skills learned in June. The team created a plan, schedule and the idea was set into motion. Julie Ross created the logo. Jane Lucas came up with a list of activities and fun ideas. Sara Meekins received permission from the Woodford County Library to bring the group on a regular basis. Julie Ross and Katherine Harper created a newsletter to send to all the students inviting them to the first Reading Club meeting in October. Since our goal is to keep the students reading, the newsletter is just one more effort along those lines plus it keeps everyone informed about plans, activities, and the meeting schedule.

Twelve of the sixteen students elected to join the Reading Club. Once the newsletter was sent out, we followed up with the children with phone calls and home visits to find out who was interested and who wasn't. The main reason the four decided not to participate was too many other after school activities. One student was so excited about the program, he came to the first meeting the day after receiving the newsletter. Unfortunately, that was a week too early!

We found that the bus drivers would drop the students off at St. John's with a permission slip from home, so we

#the Reading Club





were ready for our first meeting. We also had a plan: have the children check out library books that are on their "Reading Counts" list for suggested reading, continue the learning centers to reinforce what they learned in June, and play word games. We wanted to encourage the students to read without adding more work, so the Reading Counts book lists fit well into the Reading Club's goals. Unfortunately, each school has a different list for each grade and that can get tricky. But the library maintains an up to date list and we were able to print them off each school's website.

A typical Reading Club meeting includes a snack, board games, a trip to the library, a craft, and rotating through at least two learning centers. We have snacks and play board games until everyone arrives, then the scheduled ac-

tivities begin. As with camp, we divide the students into small groups so we can work with them in groups of two or three. At each meeting, the students are asked to read aloud with a mentor for at least 15 minutes each meeting, they practice library skills and manners, and all the board games we play include reading, creative thinking, and teamwork. The fourth learning center varies from week to week but always includes comprehension, encoding and decoding, or reading strategies.

The mission of Reading Club is simple: keep reinforcing the reading lessons, encourage the students to read and have fun. If you are ever at St. John's on a Reading Club Wednesday after school, you will hear the fun and excitement and see the Reading Club members hard at work reading, reading, and reading. And just in case it doesn't look like learning and studying, that's because the students don't mind working hard when it's fun!



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NEW YEARS EVE

There will be a New Year's Eve Dance and Party in the Parish Hall starting at 9 on the 31st. Music will be provided by Grooves On The Move.

Bring an appetizer and beverage and have a wonderful time!

More information will be in the Sunday bulletins.



EVERYONE IS INVITED



DANCING AT ST. JOHN'S

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Several members have asked for homework help time and that may be incorporated in the future. In good weather, we plan to include outdoor physical activity before studying. We are still in the process of developing the best schedule and activities to suit our students. We are always looking for additional help and ideas. Please contact Linda Reeves, Julie Ross or Kathryn Harper with your suggestions and offers of help. If you would like to play games, provide snacks, help the students read aloud, do crafts, just give us a shout. Thanks!

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Julie Ross jross@engrservices.com





CHRISTMAS
SING-ALONG
DECEMBER 9
WAS LOTS OF FUN
WITH CAROLS
FOLLOWED BY
A CHILI SUPPER

BE THERE NEXT
YEAR!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST





I'VE BEEN LITTLE-OLD-LADY'D AGAIN!

When I was probably 7 or 8, before World War II, we used to spend our summers in Estes Park, CO. We would drive out there in June and stay until we had to get back to start school in the fall. When I say we, I mean my mother, sister and I, and sometimes my brother.

There was a certain cabin a little bigger than most of the others. It was wood up to your chest, then canvas. The days were not bad, but at night it was cold like 3 wool blankets and the only heat came from a wood stove. My mother would put up with anything to be cool, even doing laundry, sheets and all, on a washboard.

One year when we were ready to make the trip, Mother wanted some things to be more comfortable, so they were packed into a one-wheeled trailer to be pulled behind the car. Those were the days of inner tubes. My brother drove; my mother, sister, and I were passengers.

We were traveling from Independence Kansas, which is in the lower southeast corner of the state, to Estes Park. That meant crossing the worst part of both states: miles of desolation, sage brush and the occasional row of Burma Shave signs. I had to ride in the back and had a big problem with motion sickness.

We weren't too far from home when the trailer tire went flat the first time. The trip took 2 days and we went through 2 or 3 inner tubes and spent many hours beside the road while my brother patched and repaired them. Am I the only one with a memory of the tire patching kits we used to be able to buy?

The early morning of the second day we started out again. It was a kind of pleasant June day and we had high hopes of making it to our destination. The tire on the trailer went flat again, and there were no more inner tubes. We were stuck by the side of a gravel road.

My brother unhooked the trailer and he and my sister drove into the next town to get some help. Mother and I sat beside the road with the trailer. We pulled the tarp off the trailer and tied it to a fence post to make a bit of shade and sat in the grass to wait.

The warm sun of the morning began to beat down on us and on everything around us. Soon the road, the grass, the trailer and every small flat place with sight became covered with tiny, newly hatched GRASSHOPPERS!!!! They were moving. They couldn't fly far, but they walked. It was as if the earth itself was moving. Soon a mowing machine came by, and they all flew up as it passed, then settled down again to walking. They were about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. There must have been billions all going the same direction, stopping for nothing.

Maribell White

November 15, 2007



FROM THE PIPE BAND

Dear Father Sutherland,

On behalf of the band I want to say how much we all enjoyed playing for you and the good people of St. John's. We all look forward to playing at the Parade of the Tartans. It is a very unique event. The Parade of the Tartans and the service that follows is such a great way to start the holiday season. It just makes us feel good!

Please let the great people at your church know that we always feel welcome, and we truly thank you for allowing us to share your bounty of food and great fellowship. We look forward to another 26 years of service! Have a great Thanksgiving and a very joyful and spiritual Christmas.

Many Thanks,
Barry Miller, President, Kentucky United Pipes and Drums

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