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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**

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Glenn Edelen    | 10 Joan Cooper       | 21 Keelin Watkins | 29 Vicki Freeman               |
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| 5 Danna Estridge  | 14 Kayla Lawrence    | 22 Amanda Donovan |                                |
| 5 Brenda Wells    | 17 Hannah Brown      | 23 Chris Wells    | <b>From the Parish Records</b> |
| 7 Tom VanMeter II | 17 Hannah Edelen     | 24 Edward Roberts | Holy Matrimony                 |
| 7 Riley Watkins   | 18 Sally Longenecker | 24 Janet Lewis    | June 7 Amber Cheke and         |
| 8 Mark Cox        | 19 Kathy Milburn     | 25 Tage Cook      | Brian Kerr                     |
| 8 Stephen Pieratt | 19 Cynthia Sullivan  | 27 Terry Thompson | Blessing of a home             |
|                   | 21 Geoffrey Reid     | 29 Doris Ruggles  | June 1 Corbin Crutcher         |
|                   | 21 John Mayer        | 29 Mada Barnes    |                                |

# RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

From July 16 until August 4, 2008 at the University of Kent's Canterbury Campus in England, the 14th Lambeth Conference will take place.

The history of the Lambeth Conference has not been without disagreement. Last month I told you of the first Lambeth Conference, and its focus on the Rev. John Colenso and his 'radical' teachings—much of which we take for granted today.

Some of the highlights of the other conferences are: 3<sup>RD</sup> CONFERENCE, 1888. A resolution that has become known as the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral (Prayer Book page 876 and 877) and which laid down a fourfold basis for reunion of churches.

5<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE, 1908. Among the chief items of discussion were questions of marriage and divorce, and the revision and enrichment of the Book of Common Prayer.

6<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE, 1920.

Affirmed the place of women in the synods. The conference also rejected all forms of contraception.

7<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE, 1930. Approved the use of birth control in limited circumstances, and declared abortion abhorrent.

8<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE, 1948. Affirmed that discrimination on grounds of race is 'inconsistent with the principles of Christ's religion.'

10<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE, 1968. Recommended the ordination of women to the Diaconate. It endorsed open communion. It suggested that *Assent to the 39 articles* (BCP p 867) no longer be required of clergy.

11<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE, 1978. Recognized the autonomy of each of its member churches and the legal right of each church to make its own decision about women priests.

12<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE, 1988. "Each province respects the decision of other provinces in the ordination or consecration of women to the Episcopate."

13<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE, 1998. Resolution calling for a listening process on issues of homosexuality and that homosexual practice (not orientation) was 'incompatible with Scripture.' A subsequent apology from 182 bishops including 8 Primates was issued to



gay and lesbian Anglicans.

It is the division and controversy of this motion that sets the stage for Lambeth 2008.

Invitations were sent to 880 bishops throughout the 38 Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Sadly, 5 (Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and Southern Cone of the Americas), out of the 38 Anglican Primates announced that they intend to boycott the conference and hold their own conference in June 2008.

The Anglican Communion, known as the *Via Media*, such an incredible instrument that has shown the world a way that autonomous churches can be

united in a common faith and mission is now, sadly, a deeply divided community. Much of what has been held sacred in Anglicanism; respect for decisions made by another province of the Anglican Communion, respect by a bishop not entering another diocese without permission, respect of diocesan boundaries and churches, is no longer sacred but has been trampled on.

The prayer of our Lord -'that we all may be one' -has taken another step away from His vision. The Episcopal Church is still the Anglican Church in America. Unfortunately, when you see the word Anglican in a name of a church, it is now like the Lutherans who have Synods, Baptists who have Conventions, and Presbyterians who have USA, America, and Orthodox. When you see the word Anglican, the question is which Province and to which Bishop do they represent?

I am very proud of the accomplishments of the Anglican Communion. I am very proud of the Episcopal Church for exemplifying the Anglican vision of inclusiveness, tolerance, listening, not judging, discernment, and action.

My prayer is that one day unity will be restored among all of God's children and the kingdom of God will be, on earth, as it is in heaven.

With all my love and prayers,  
your friend

**Fr Alan**

# DEACON'S PAGE

“Faith Hope and Love”  
E.C.W. Retreat  
Friday, August 22-Saturday August 23  
Moye Spiritual Life Center  
Melbourne, Kentucky



I am honored to have been asked to lead this year's Women's Retreat. The journey by which we discover God is also the journey by which we discover, or uncover, our true self hidden in God. I know no better way to be reconnected with God than by setting myself away. To retreat is to take time in reflection, to pray rather than analyze, to open oneself more fully to the Spirit. We cannot learn this deeply enough.

I have entitled our time together as Faith, Hope, and Love. We will explore our faith journeys, our hopes for our own lives and St. John's, and we will commit ourselves to loving and caring for each other as the Body of Christ.

It is always tempting to say – “I'd love to go, but I just can't get away.” I would encourage you to pray for this opportunity of growth and fellowship.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Donna

Sign up Sheet in Hosea Hall  
Moye Spiritual Retreat Center – [www.cdpkentucky.org/7a.html](http://www.cdpkentucky.org/7a.html)  
For more information please contact Nikki Berger at 859 230-3164

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Steps are not a problem for me. Yet last year while confined to crutches for 7 weeks and not able to put weight on one leg, steps became a huge problem. Especially lots of them. Steps, as well as doors, chairs of different heights, getting in and out of vehicles etc. It was surprising to me, because I had not really been in a position to have to deal with it, how many of the buildings I have to go to do not make it easy for people with a disability. On September 13, the Rev. Emily Richards will be with us at St. John's to offer a powerful workshop on life dealing with steps, doors, vehicles, and the hundreds of other obstacles that many of are just not aware of. This will be an incredible opportunity for us to have our awareness raised about much that we take for granted. Emily will also be our guest celebrant and preacher at our services on September 14th. More information will be in August Eagle Wings and in Hosea Hall.

***Fr. Alan***

# THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist



Having just returned from my trip to Alaska, it is no wonder to me that the glory of creation has inspired music for centuries. While driving north and east of Anchorage on the Glenn Highway on the way to the Matanuska glacier, every bend in the road revealed another grand scene. All I could think of was the opening verse of Psalm 19: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork,” sung to a cathedral chant. I have never seen anything of such breathtaking scale. Everything is big, from the wide open spaces, forests, and the mountains.

Creation has often been a subject of song. One of the canticles for the daily office, the *Benedicite*, is a catalog of creation beginning with the opening line, “O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord,” and we also have a marvelous paraphrase of that canticle in hymn 428 “O all ye works of God, now come to thank him and adore,” sung to the tune *Irish*. Creation has inspired a host of compositions, both secular and sacred. There is Robert Schumann’s Symphony No. 3, known as the “Rhenish Symphony” for its depiction of the flowing Rhine river, and the Alpine Symphony of Richard Strauss, which gives us an image of the Alps in a huge battery of horns. On the sacred side there is Joseph Haydn’s oratorio, titled literally *The Creation*, which tells in song the creation story from Genesis and borrows from other parts of scripture, including the opening line of Psalm 19.

While there is something new to see at any time of the year, summer is the time when most travel occurs. Whether you travel some place far away or stay close to home, take time to notice what is around you and listen. What you hear may not be the most obvious. On some of my bike rides around Woodford County, which is truly one of the prettiest areas anywhere, I experience something new almost every time, and all I can do is express it in song. Some may find this an annoyance, but one Thursday when I arrived at church to prepare for choir rehearsal, the trees adjacent to the columbarium were *full* of cicadas making their brief appearance. It was an incredible racket but majestic at the same time, and it was truly musical.

The Parish Choir will be traveling a little this summer to share its gifts with others. On Sunday, July 6, we will be singing at the Church of the Advent in Cynthiana for their 10:00 service, and an August visit to St. Hubert’s is also planned.



# #the Reading Club

## Read for the Roses!

Reading Club Summer Camp

June 16-20

### The church was filled with horses!

Our theme for Reading Club this summer was "Read for the Roses." In the morning the children will worked with teachers on their reading skills. Afternoons were spent doing all kinds of crafts and going to the library.

Campers had a wonderful week, lots of activities, and made real improvement in their reading skills. They worked in the mornings and worked really hard! Then in the afternoons they had loads of fun—Life Adventure, rock climbing, games, a visit to a real Thoroughbred farm, a visit from 2 real live and very friendly horses, library visits, and the culmination—a visit to the Horse Park complete with a ride on a horse!

Most of our Parish family was involved in one way or another. What a wonderful outreach opportunity.





## ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, JULY, 2008

	07/06/08 8:00 a.m.	07/13/08 8:00 a.m.	07/20/08 8:00 a.m.	07/27/08 8:00 a.m.	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Vickie Duff	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff	Gay Glenn	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Gay Glenn	Susan & Betty	
	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Jared Cook	Ben Harper	Colin Cook	Anne Claire Gibson	
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Emiliy & Ashley Lawrence	Emma & Sophie Berger	William & Frances Werner-Wilson	Hannah & Sophie Edelen	
<b>Acolyte</b>	David Richmond	Ned Meekins	Ben Harper	Linda Wardle	
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Vivian Richmond	Toss Changer	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	
<b>Lector</b>	Ned Meekins	Sara Meekins	David Richmond	Walter Kuntz	
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Dennis, Ninon & Kayla Lawrence	Johnsons	McMormick family	Mobleys	
<b>Ushers</b>	Gardones	Ed Ruggles Haywood Alves	Ron Bruens Garland Barr	Ranges	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christy Leaver	Kay Moberly	Gay Glenn	Susan & Betty	
<b>Lay Eucharist Ministry</b>	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff	Jo Wilhite	Elaine Menges	
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Potluck Lunch</b>	<b>Sloane/Berger</b>	<b>Miller/Cooper</b>	<b>Leaver/Wildman</b>	
		11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	
<b>Crucifer</b>		Mark Herbert	Geoff Bosmann	James Hawkins	
<b>Torch Bearers</b>		Emily & Leah Mager	Eric & Audrey Sandknop	Ethan & Elaina Howard	
<b>Acolyte</b>		Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sutherland	
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>		Linda Wardle	Geoff Bosmann	Christy Leaver	
<b>Lector</b>		Christy Leaver	Laura Steen	Virginia Ballard	
<b>Gift Bearers</b>		Watkins family	Todd Cooper family	Kinkead family	
<b>Ushers</b>		Rick Keeling Thayre Hawkins	Jackie Means Carol Filson	Todd Cooper John Cooper	
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Judi Sutherland	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard	
<b>Wednesday</b>	07/02/08	07/09/08	07/16/08	07/23/08	07/30/08
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Harper	Linda Wardle	David Richmond	Ned Meekins	Ben Harper
<b>Altar Guild</b>					

# JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10.30 Knit Wits 6.30 Men's Club	2 10 Morning Prayer 10 Reading Camp 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	3 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	4 Office Closed	5
6 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 10 Outdoor Eucharist 11 Potluck Lunch 12 Book Club 7 Neighborhood Cottage Meeting	7 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men 7 Neighborhood Cottage Meeting	8 10.30 Knit Wits 6.15 Vestry 7 Neighborhood Cottage Meeting	9 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 3.00 Reading Club 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	10 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts 7 Neighborhood Cottage Meeting	11 Office Closed	12 Wedding
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## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Watch for your invitation in the mail to one of 24 neighborhood meetings we will be having in July and August!

These neighborhood gatherings will be short, and we hope everyone can come. They are for the purpose of giving everyone the information about our capital campaign, "Restore, Renew, Rejoice." We will talk about what we need to do, how much money we need to do it, and what difference it will make in our parish and our community when we have accomplished these things.

Our buildings are important to others in the community as well as to members of our community of faith. They are a beautiful and historic part of Main Street, Versailles. When we have completed our proposed restorations and improvements, they will also be available to some degree to the community as well. We want to know of any civic groups you are aware of who might be interested in information about what we plan to do. We have speakers who will be able to do presentations for clubs or groups who might want to contribute financially as well.

Contact Ned Meekins  
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## ***RELAY FOR LIFE!***

During Relay for Life, team members enjoyed games, food, music and camaraderie while camping out on the Falling Springs grounds. Tents were decorated with the Sports Theme and ours was Horse Racing. The St. John's team tent won Second Place!!

At 10 pm, all participants shared in a special luminaria ceremony to remember those individuals affected by cancer. Candles were lit in honor or memory of cancer patients and placed around the perimeter of the track. St. John's had many memorials!

This year's highlight for the St. John's was the opening parade with a parishioner in a horse suit!

It was an outdoor combination vigil/slumber party for all ages! Join us next year in this very worthy cause. It's fun!

## ST. JOHN'S.. ONCE UPON A TIME...

The women of St. John's (the ECW) of years gone by had a major money-making project: cooking for the Rotary Club every Monday night -- all year long. There were usually 2 or 3 women to a team, and each team had a set menu for which they bought groceries and did the cooking. The young people helped serve, collect, and clean up. No automatic dishwasher then, either! Amazingly, we usually had enough teams so that no one had to work too often. A key kitchen "tool" for these suppers was the butter-slicer that enabled us to slice every stick of butter (never margarine!) into a precise number of pats -- part of our method of controlling cost! One year the ECW made \$3,000 from those dinners -- a huge sum in those days -- and we donated it to the Cathedral at the Domain which was just being built. It paid for the floor!

In the 50's & early 60's, once the children went off to Sunday school, those remaining would pour more coffee and launch into conversations about any and everything. I regret to tell you that lots of cigarettes were smoked, too. One Sunday our new Rector rose from the group, suggested we all get another cup of coffee and a Bible. We would start our own Sunday School class while the children were at theirs, he remarked, " So let's turn to Genesis." Those who were there will never forget the husband of one of the parishioners who quietly ambled toward the kitchen, trying to make his get-away. The Rector smiled, asked him to stay just the one time -- and years and years later, he was still with us. There is still some confusion as to just how far we made it in the Bible during those 16 years. A reliable source maintains we got into Isaiah! Along the way were digressions into ancient history, Greek and Hebrew, moral philosophy, science, various theologies, myths -- and more than a few arguments! Unfortunately, it became increasingly difficult to recruit Sunday School teachers because if you taught, you missed class.

There wasn't always a bell in the bell tower of our church, and therein lies a tale! One of our more colorful parishioners often bemoaned the lack of bell in the tower, but the Vestry kept finding more important things to do with the budget, so he decided that he would "enlist" his regular Friday night poker buddies to "donate" a hand or two to the Bell Fund, which he would oversee. Those Friday nights involved players from many other churches in town. Periodically, our hero would announce, "This pot's for the Bell" and gather up whatever money was on the table (too bad if you had won!). Eventually, enough money was collected (and, yes, the Vestry did help), and the bell was purchased and installed. Whenever it peals or tolls, I like to think of all those Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of Christ dollar bills (or higher?) that went into its purchase: ecumenical anonymity!



## EQUUS RUN CONCERTS

DIRECT PARKING AGAIN

We will need 6 volunteers per concert.  
Sign up in Hosea Hall.  
We get free dinner and the show for directing  
parking traffic from 3:15 til 7:00.  
The church gets a donation for our help.

Dates and bands:

**July 12 The Sensations – Motown, R&B**  
**Aug 2 Pieces of a Dream – national jazz**  
**Aug 23 Johnson Brothers – classic rock**  
**Sept 13 Scandalous – R&B, funk**



## FROM THE WEB

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!.....And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there. Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

-It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

-You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

-Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."



## **SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES**

The first Sunday of each summer month  
Is our combined outdoor service.

**July 7, August 3, Sept 7**

The service will begin at 10 a.m.

and will be followed by a pot luck lunch.

Meat and drinks will be furnished by St .John's  
so just bring some fixins!

We will still have  
regular services of 7 a.m and 8a.m.



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