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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
 SCHEDULE**

CALLING ALL EARLY BIRDS!

We continue to offer an additional service of Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m. We will keep this schedule until Easter and then review it.

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**

March Birthdays

- 1 Rod Hatt
- 2 Danielle Ladd
- 5 Paul Rehm
- 5 Geoffrey Longenecker
- 5 David Meekins
- 6 Anna Gerrow
- 11 Diane Epperson
- 11 Christine Powell

- 12 Allison Asay
- 14 Jay Box
- 15 Michael Razor
- 17 Bill Farish
- 18 Wanda Parrott
- 20 Phyllis Giberson
- 20 Michelle Kinkead
- 20 Maddie Kuebler
- 22 Mary Kuebler
- 22 Sophie Edelen

- 23 Randy Richards
- 24 Leah Cardwell
- 25 Kennedy Gloster
- 25 Joseph Kowalke
- 26 Julie Skeeters
- 27 Debbie Kuntz
- 27 Mary Burke
- 28 Jennifer Wells
- 30 Jeremy Filson

Anniversaries

- 15 Daniel and Susan Carey
- 27 Paul and Diane Epperson
- 10 Lee and Shannon Jackson
- 11 Walter and Debbie Kuntz
- 31 Tom and Patty Lamp

RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

It is very hard to stop doing something that seems so natural. We are in our third week of Lent, and some of us have been unable to remember not to do it. When it happens you can hear the snickers because, in all honesty, all of us are having a hard time. Even I have done it once, and I did smile and turn a little red. Especially when, not but 20 minutes earlier I had reminded everybody that we do not do it.

The hardest time is not at the breaking of the bread. It is at the end of the service because we are so used to building the crescendo as we are dismissed to be missionaries for God. It is the final act of our worship as a community of faith. As our bulletin tells us, let the worship end, and let the service begin. It affirms that we have been drawn by the crucified Christ into his love and forgiveness, and we are sent by the Risen Christ, filled with his power and his love. What we are asked not to do during Lent just focuses our attention, draws our imaginations, and expresses our intention on our Resurrection commission.

Yet on March 23rd the strain will be over as we get back to our acclamations of ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

It is very obvious that we at St. John's are Alleluia people. There is a joy and a vitality in our community of faith that is drawing many people to share their journeys of faith with us.

What we preach, how we live, how we respond to Christ in others is a hallmark of an intentional community of faith. We have much to celebrate at Easter, yet for St. John's, I cannot help but say, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

With all my love and prayers
Your friend,



DEACON'S PAGE

The Role of the Deacon

Part 2

Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine, preached at the closing Eucharist for a conference and pointed out that deacons in the early Church were not simply “servants” as we sometimes want to define them today. Beginning with the “proto deacons” in Acts – people like Philip and Stephen – they preached, they baptized, they reached out to the poor, and they became administrators in the early church, working closely with the bishops. And she pointed out the role of deacons is to be leaders in such “diaconal ministry” for all of us! Their primary work is not “in the Church” but “in the world.” A deacon I know often points out that the deacons’ ordination vows do **not** say that they are called to “interpret the needs of the world to the church and the church to the world” as is often claimed. The vows are a one-way street: “We are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world!” That’s why deacons – at their best – are often “irritants” to the institutional Church. They’re **supposed** to be! They’re always tugging at our sleeve saying, “What about them? Where are all the voices? Who’s not at the Table?”



A deacon once wrote that:

A deacon is called to -sometimes-
be a thorn in the side of the world.....for the sake
of the Gospel.

To be a pain in the butt of organizations, helping
agencies, churches, and so on.....for the sake of
the Gospel.

She went on to say that when she was ordained,
her parish presented her with a loong branch of
thorns, to remind her never to sacrifice her
service to "the least of these," for the sake of
making nice.

Please let me know when I'm not fulfilling my call!
Deacon Donna+

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

Even in the middle of winter, I can tell that spring is coming. Although it is cold outside, and sometimes inside when I arrive at church on Sunday morning, spring is definitely on the way. I know this because I can finally drive to work and to church in the mornings without my headlights on. In December and January, things get pretty dark, and it is often not until after 8:00 a.m. that it is light out, even on a clear day. It is also light until about 6:00 p.m., so with the days getting longer, the hopefulness is such that spring is not long in coming. We are now in the middle of the Lenten season, which we began with a staple Lenten hymn, "Lord, who throughout these forty days." One of the things that I like about this hymn is the last verse:

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Here at the outset of a penitential season we are already looking ahead to the celebration of Easter, and not just that but the eternal resurrection.

Because it is Lent does not mean that all the music has to be heavy and dreary. I try to avoid that at any time, but rather plan for something that will inspire and enlighten. Even though there are no "alleluias" spoken, it does not mean we cannot celebrate. On Sunday, March 9, at the 9:00



service we will be having a Choral Eucharist, featuring the *Low Mass for Women's Voices* by Gabriel Faure'. What distinguishes a "low" mass from a "high" mass is that a low mass does not include a setting of the Gloria or the Creed. This setting by Faure' is characterized by a calm beauty, while at the same time having a brightness because of the women's voices. So, in the midst of our winter, we see the signs of approaching new life.

Best wishes to all this Lent and a joyful Easter!

VESTRY NEWS FOR JANUARY

The first Vestry meeting with the three newly elected members took place in January. In case you don't know the new members, they are Carolyn Filson, Geoffrey Bosmann, and Ann Richmond.

Responsibilities for 2008 Vestry are as follows:

Ron Mobley – Senior Warden

Ben Harper - Junior Warden

Julie Ross – Christian Formation/Education & Clerk

Linda Wardle – Music & Worship

Laura Gibson – Long Range Planning

John Range - Outreach

Carolyn Filson – Parish Life

Geoffrey Bosmann – Finance & Assistant Treasurer

Ann Richmond - Stewardship

Laura Steen – Assistant Clerk

Ann Miller – Treasurer

Vestry meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Vestry meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

Thanks to the outgoing Vestry members, Vickie Duff, Bill Clark, and Ron Bruens

VESTRY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

On February 6, 2008 the Vestry met at a called meeting to review plans and discuss financing to make the women's restroom in Hosea Hall and to make the entrance by the chair lift handicapped accessible. Plans were approved and work began Monday, February 11th.

There was a Vestry retreat on February 24th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Linda Wardle's home.

Respectfully,

Ron Mobley, Senior Warden

ECW

Calling All Episcopal Church Women!

Green Eggs and Ham Brunch

March 15th at 11:00 AM in Hosea Hall

Please join us for an hour or two of fun.

Door Prizes

Bring your great ideas and a gift or two preferably green!

KENTUCKY UNITED PIPES & DRUMS
THE DRAPER FAMILY
McTEGGART IRISH DANCERS



And our own Father Alan as Emcee will be the entertainment for this year's 2nd Annual IRISH STEW at St. John's. Mark your calendar for March 28th and be sure to get your tickets because there will be limited seating at this event. It is sure to be a memorable evening.

Dinner will be served at your table by our EYC and will begin at 6:30 pm; entertainment will begin at 7:00 pm

*Dinner includes: Irish Stew (this year our own recipe)
Cole slaw
Bread
Coffee, tea, Iced tea, lemonade, or water
Dessert
Hot dogs will be available also*

Tickets: \$12.00/person

Tickets will be available March 1, 2008. Please contact Judi Sutherland (859) 879-5038 or call the church office.

Proceeds will go to the renovation of St. John's Cabin at the Cathedral Domain.

If you would be interested in helping work this event, we could really use your help. We need lads and /or gentlemen in the kitchen to help cook dinner rolls, fill crocks with stew, dishwashers, cook hot dogs and general clean up.

There is a sign-up sheet in Hosea Hall. Help us make this a wonderful time for everyone!!



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, March 2008

	03/02/08 8:00 a.m.	03/09/08 8:00 a.m.	03/16/08 8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday	03/23/08 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday	03/30/08 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Anne Claire Gibson	Laura Wehrle	William Werner-Wilson	Sydney Gardner	Ashleigh Woods
Torch Bearers	William and Frances Werner-Wilson	Ben Wehrle Emma Berger	Keelin Watkins Frances Werner-Wilson	Ashleigh/Jessica Woods	Keelin Watkins Leah Cardwell
Acolyte	Linda Wardle	David Richmond	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves	Linda Wardle
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Toss Chandler	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges
Lector	Debby Edelen	Corbin Crutcher	Emily Cardwell	Carole Mize	Walter Kuntz
Gift Bearers	Gardones	Bruens	Johnsons	Mobleys	Jacksons
Ushers	Ron Bruens Tim Downey	Chandlers	Steve Watts/Haywood Aves	Gary Menges/Bob Johnson	Ed Ruggles/David Richmond
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Betty & Susan	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland	Elaine Menges	Jo Wilhite
Breakfast	Ann Miller Cindy Sullivan	White/Wildman	Bruens/Wade	POT LUCK	Ruggles/Carol Watts
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	Michelle Kinkead	James Hawkins	Linda Wardle	James Hawkins	Michelle Kinkead
Torch Bearers		Amanda Donovan Jay Clark	Leah/Emily Mager	Audrey Sandknop/Jay Clark	Ethan/Elaina Howard
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead
Chalice Bearers	Cindy Sullivan	Geoffrey Bosmann	Cindy Sullivan	Christy Howard	Geoffrey Bosmann
Lector	Virginia Ballard	Lisa Hawkins	Phyllis Giberson	Jackie Means	Julie Ross
Gift Bearers	Filson/Means	Chitticks	Havens	Skeeters	Kinkeads
Ushers	Charlie Kinkead Rick Keeling	Thayre Hawkins	Filson/Means	Potters	Tim Downey/ Rick Keeling
Altar Guild	Judi Sutherland	Christy Howard	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard	Judi Sutherland

MARCH 2008

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23 Easter 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 11 Eucharist	24 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	25 10.30 Knit Wits 6.15 Vestry	26 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Inquirer's Class	27 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice	28 Office Closed 6.30 Irish Stew	29
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#the READING CLUB



At one of our January meetings the children learned to write letters. Virginia Ballard modeled a personal letter, and Linda Reeves modeled a business letter. The children wrote personal letters to some of our St. John's parishioners. All the reading clubbers received replies and in some cases hand knitted toboggans and cookies. (Once again we are so blessed by our St. John's family.)

Linda had the children write to community leaders about problems they would like to see addressed in Woodford County. Not only did



they receive responses....but we actually had a visit from Judge-Executive John Coyle. He addressed some of the issues that the children had written to him about; such as building a high dive at Fallings Springs and recycling. Thank you Judge Coyle for the visit and letting children know that their voices really can be heard!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Reading Club Sunday was a huge success.

Through the generosity of the Parishioners of St. John's we will be able to buy materials to help countless children gain confidence in their reading abilities for years to come.

Meeting dates:

Wednesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 26

Wednesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, May 7

EYC NEWS

DIANA VETTER

Last month we donated \$40 to our local food bank as part of the "Souperbowl of Sharing." On Superbowl Sunday youth from across the nation collected donations for their local food banks. We are so glad to have been a part of such a great service to benefit our community.

This month we are starting a new type of Sunday night meeting called Fun & Fellowship. Fun & Fellowship will focus more on games and activities that not only help us grow in our faith but also give us a chance to get to know one another better and create community. We will still have dinner on those nights as well. Dinner & Discussion nights will now focus on discussions of current events and a variety of other topics.

Allison and I are continuing the Wednesday night Bible study. We meet at 6:30. Our goal is to simply learn more about the Bible and the foundations of our faith through reading and discussions. We hope you all will join us!

We are always looking for local service projects, so if anyone has any ideas please contact me. New faces are welcome so please join us and bring your friends! Also, feel free to contact me at any time.

Diana Vetter (859) 333-4176 dvetter13@gmail.com

SCHEDULE

- March 2: Fun & Fellowship 4:30-6:30
- March 9: Bowling (time TBA)
- March 16: Game Night 4:30 - 6:30
- March 23: Easter (NO EYC)
- March 30: Dinner & Discussion 4:30- 6:30



CATHEDRAL DOMAIN

2008 CAMP SCHEDULE

SENIOR CONFERENCE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 9&12
JUNE 15-21

CAMP GLEN ADKINS 1
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 1&2
JUNE 22-25

READING CAMP
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JUNE 22-28

CAMP GLEN ADKINS 2
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 1&2
JUNE 25-28

JUNIOR CONFERENCE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 7&8
JUNE 29-JULY 5

CAMP BEULAH SMITH
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JULY 6-12

CAMP BILL SMITH
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 3&4
JULY 13-19

CAMP MARY BRECKINRIDGE
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 5&6
JULY 20-26

CAMP JIM BICKFORD
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 6-8
JULY 27-AUGUST 2
CO-ED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

CAMP ALEXANDER PATTERSON
FOR: GRADUATES OF GRADES 5&6
JULY 27-AUGUST 2

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

On March 15th the Altar Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. to polish silver and brass, set up for Palm Sunday, and make about 250 palm crosses. It will take all of us Altar Angels to polish and set up, so we would like to invite anyone and everyone who is handy/crafty to come and help us with the Palm Crosses. The Lawrence girls were twice as fast as any of us grown-ups the last time, so we invite them, and anyone else who can spare an hour or so. Breakfast will be served, and all are welcome. If interested in serving on Altar Guild, this would be an excellent time to come and see what we do, and we welcome all ---you don't have to be female---or just contact Vickie Duff at 879-8402.



Kathy Sparrow in the Music Man

Tickets may be purchased at
the Lexington Center Box Office,
at any Ticketmaster location
or via phone through
Ticketmaster at (859)233-3535
or (859)233-3565.

Performance dates are April 17,
18, 19 and 20 at the Lexington
Opera House.

Hope to see you there!

Holy Matrimony Feb 9

Tom Ratterman and Maria Woods



DID YOU KNOW...?

As Episcopalians, our services are based in ancient tradition. As far back as 251 C.E. for altar servers—acolytes, crucifers, torch bearers, chalice bearers. The involvement of young people and teenagers in the ministry wasn't apparent until the ninth century. Girls and women were not admitted to this all male ministry until the late 1970's and early 1980's!

Acolytes, and all servers today, remain servants of the altar whose primary duty is to serve God and the church and assist the priest. Acolyte, *akolouthos* in Greek, means follower or attendant.

Want to know more about the ministry of serving at the altar? Call or e-mail Linda Wardle, 859-396-9225 or kychads@yahoo.com.

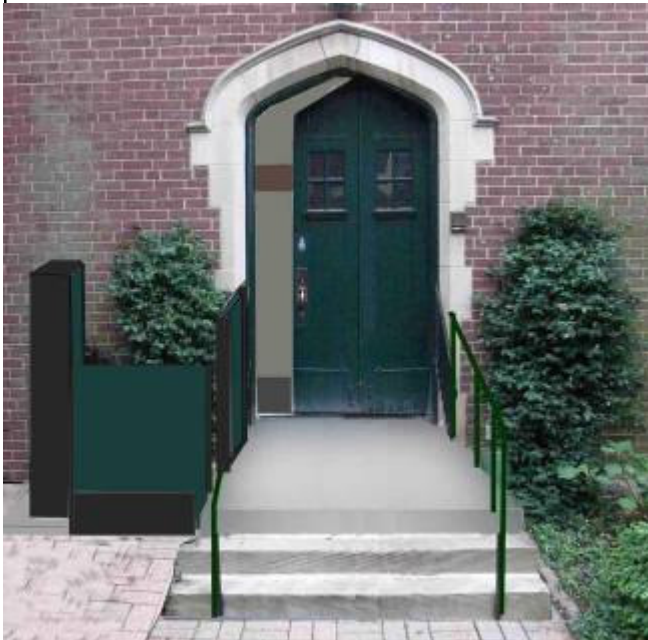
Source: *Acolyte Leader's Resource Guide*, pp. 1&2, Donna H. Barthle



HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY!

This is a computer generated image of what the garden entrance will look like when the lift is painted dark green like the door and when the door is modified. The current double doors are being reworked into a single piece which will then swing inward, allowing sufficient clearance for a wheel chair.

The work on the former Ladies Rest Room off the Parish Hall will also make it accessible for individuals who use wheelchairs. The door is being widened and the stall removed. The vanity has been removed and a sink installed which will allow all to use it.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



The St. John's Men's Club cooked pancakes and sausage for the parish on February 5, which was also Mardi Gras. The parish hall was decorated as well as full of happily eating people of all ages.

Young and old enjoyed the chocolate chip, blueberry, or plain pancakes which were served with sausage and lots of syrup.

St. John's Men's Club undertakes a variety of projects around the parish. If you would like to join them, watch for their monthly meeting notice and come!

NEEDLEPOINT

A new project with participation opportunities for everyone!!

The month of February is the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the St. Mary's Chapel needlepoint which was designed and executed entirely by members of our parish. In celebration of that anniversary, we are starting a new needlepoint project at St. John's.



This will be the railing kneelers at the altar in the main church and seat cushions for the deacon's chair and the acolyte's bench.

The designs are first conceived, then drawn on paper to scale, then transferred to canvas and painted, then stitched.

There will be 11 pieces in all. No two of the railing kneelers are exactly the same in design. The designs denote the seasons of the Liturgical calendar. Two exceptions to this are the gate to the altar known as the key, which has the symbol of St. John, and the acolyte's bench which has the grace symbol and the Canterbury Cross. There are many opportunities for volunteers to help with this project even if you do not stitch!

Individuals or families also may dedicate cushions by donating the cost of materials. See Maribell White for more information.



CONCERT KENTUCKY BLUE

Kentucky Blue performed in concert February 23, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. which was a fundraiser for St. John's Reading Club.

The Childbloom Guitar Program students, Andrew Leonard's guitar students, performed at intermission. Also, several of his most proficient students played on stage with Kentucky Blue in their second set.



CONCERT FEBRUARY 29

The Friends of Music at St. John's will be presenting guitarist Daniel Corr in concert on Friday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. Daniel Corr has received top honors in several performance competitions and he has appeared with major orchestras in the United States and China. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers call on shut-ins every Sunday. Presently those people are Vickie Duff, Elaine Menges, Judi Sutherland, and Jo Wilhite. This is a rewarding thing to do; in fact we often feel more blessed by the visit(s) than those to whom we bring communion! We try to bring them a touch, a hug, a smile - a lay contact from their church family - an assurance they are remembered. Our visits are local (Versailles only) and include Taylor Manor and home visits. We have in the past also gone to the Bluegrass Hospital here in town.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 16th Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist 7, 8,9,11
- March 17 – 19 Meditations with Holy Eucharist 7 pm
- March 20th Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist 7 pm
Vigil until midnight
- March 21st Good Friday Liturgy 7 am
Community Service -Noon at Woodford Community Christian Church
Stations of the Cross 3 pm
Good Friday Service 7 pm
- March 22nd Holy Saturday
Children’s Service 4 pm: Flowering of the Cross, Egg Hunt
Great Vigil 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! HOLY EUCHARIST @ 7, 8,9,11 a.m. Alleluia!

TO DONATE TO EASTER FLOWERS, PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE IN THE BULLETIN AND WRITE IN WHOM YOU’RE REMEMBERING

HOLY WEEK SERVER SCHEDULE

	Monday, 3/17/08	Tuesday, 3/18/08	Wednesday, 3/19/08	Thursday, 3/20/08	Saturday, 3/22/08
Crucifer	NA	NA	NA	Anne Claire Gibson	
Torch Bearers	NA	NA	NA	Jay Clark	
Acolyte	Ben Harper	Vickie Duff	Linda Wardle	Judi Sutherland	Ann Richmond
Chalice Bearers	NA	NA	NA		Gary Menges
Lector	NA	NA	NA	Laura Gibson	David Richmond
Gift Bearers	NA	NA	NA		
Ushers	NA	NA	NA	Tim Downey	Tim Downey
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff/ Kay Mobley	Vickie Duff/ Susan	Vickie Duff/ Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff/ Allison Fleck	Vickie Duff/ Christy Howard

STEWARDSHIP 2008

This year stewardship is going to be something we hear about all year long, not just during the pledge period in October.

Last month , February, we heard about our parish working toward recycling everything we can. Everyone needs to help us remember to use the right containers to do this. We have been taking 15-20 bags of trash to the curb every week for the last year or so. Creating such a large quantity of trash is not good stewardship of God's earth.

Starting in April we hope to be building our own composting system so that we can change from using plastic and foam and unrecyclables and begin to use compostable earth-friendly products. We have sampled these products, made from corn and potato starch, and sugar cane pulp, and while they are about 30% more expensive to buy, they are good substitutes for what we have been using. We can compost our yard and garden waste, flower waste, and now our disposables from our kitchen. The end product of our waste disposal program will be dirt!

This is stewardship, taking care of what God has given us as well as we can.

After Easter we also will begin to talk about a long range plan for our buildings and facilities, the use and proper care of which is stewardship as well.

We will hear more about tithing, the practice of giving back to God one tenth of our income. This is stewardship of the money we earn by our own work but by the grace of God as well. Tithing takes care not only of our church and our community by what our parish can afford to do, it also renews our understanding of our dependence on God each time we give to God's church.

Recycle

Restore

Renew

Stewardship is something we will hear about all this year. It is one of the many wonderful ways to serve God in his creation.

FLOWER GUILD Cindy Kinkead

Lent is the time of year that the people on the flower guild get to rest....no flowers. For the past year or so, I have done the flowers pretty much by myself. Thank God for people like Jo Hughes and Sara Hellard who shared their talent with flower arranging! I knew that the time would come when more talented people would come out of the woodwork and help me. Well, it has happened. Melodye Kinkead and Tallie Huber have agreed to be on the St. John's Flower Guild with me. Anyone else who has a talent for arranging flowers, weeds or sticks, please, don't be shy, call me at 873-9744 or my cell is 396-9490. At St. John's there are very few rules to follow regarding the arrangements for the altars (sanctuary and chapel). It truly is a way to express your talents in your own way and be of service to the church and community.



LITTLE OLD LADIED, AGAIN

I say this with “tongue in cheek” and all else that it takes to say it’s supposed to be funny.

A year or so ago, on a Sunday morning, I was attending the 9:00 service. I noticed that a good friend was ushering. Now that is something he does from time to time but not often.

I got to the steps to go up for communion, unaware that I was about to be “handled.”

My friend grabbed my arm, and as near as I could tell tried to bodily lift me from the floor to the step. In the first place I was surprised, secondly the last time I looked I could get there “all by myself”.

I was certainly not gracious. I told his wife if he ever did it again I’d deck him right then and there. You may have noted, St. Andrew’s Day when he was ushering, with his wife, that in

fun we sparred a bit about who was going to do what to whom.

You want a point to this story?

If your mommy taught you to be nice and considerate of little old ladies, please ask first, even say “May I help” before you try to make them do something they may not have had in mind.

When your momma told you to be kind and thoughtful of “Little Old Ladies,” I am sure she was not yet a “Little Old Lady” herself.

The problem is that as we age, male or female, our balance is not great. When someone takes us by the arm at least half of that balance is taken away.

Solution: If you want to be of assistance, first ask if you can help. Then offer your arm for him/her to hold. If the person has a problem they can let go easier than they can make you let go.

Did you hear the story about the Boy Scout who came upon a “Little Old Lady” standing on the street corner? The Boy Scout took her by the arm and propelled her across the street. She hit him with her umbrella. “Let go of me!! I was waiting for the bus!

Now you’ve made me miss it!!!”

M’bel Dec.07

INQUIRERS CLASS

Have you ever wondered why we stand, sit and kneel during what seems to be a Christian Aerobic session called worship? Have you wondered why different colors are used at different times of the year? Have you ever wondered what is the Episcopal approach to the Bible? Have you just got some questions that need to be answered?

On Wednesday March 26 we will begin an inquirers class that will look at the Episcopal Church. Our worship, history, customs etc etc etc. We will begin at 6.30 p.m. Child care will be provided and everybody is welcome.



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