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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The Sunday schedule at  
 St. John's is:

- 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**

- |                    |                     |                     |                    |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Robert Graham    | 14 Walker Mayer     | 18 Colin Cook       |                    |
| 5 Evan Cook        | 16 Shirley Bickford | 20 Kevin Roberts    | 29 Stephen Leist   |
| 6 Kathryn Cook     | 16 Lindy Huber      | 21 Kay Mobley       | 30 Henry Bradley   |
| 6 Saige Miracle    | 16 James Clark      | 21 Jennifer Parrish | 30 Audrey Sandknop |
| 8 Carolyn Filson   | 16 Sophie Berger    | 23 Timothy Oliver   |                    |
| 11 Teresa Range    | 16 Ava Crawford     | 23 Griffin Mayer    |                    |
| 12 Dorothy Krabill | 17 James Wells      | 25 Laura Wehrle     |                    |
| 12 Matt Groves     | 17 Griffin Mullins  | 26 Cook Cundiff     |                    |
| 13 William Gerrow  | 17 Kinsey Roberts   | 28 James Gill       |                    |
|                    | 18 Mark Herbert     | 28 Lee Rowland      |                    |

# RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

There is an old saying that there are only two certainties of life: taxes and death. Tomorrow is April 15<sup>th</sup>, and we all know that is the deadline for filing our returns to the IRS. It is a date that has been constant for many years and is a fixed date on our calendar. Yet our death does not have a fixed date. None of us are guaranteed a tomorrow, and none of us have a date that is given to us when we will pass through the door that leads us from this life into eternal life. All of us are guaranteed this entrance by the resurrection of Christ and none of us have anything to fear. Yet death is not just about the one who dies, it is also about those who are left.

Life is one of constant adjustment without our loved one. At the time of death it is the hundreds of decisions that need to be made. After that it is the vacuum that is left, the space of emptiness, the unfulfilled hopes and dreams, the new routines as life is learned to be lived without the one you love.

We can do nothing for our loved ones when we die. But there is much we can do that will help them before we die. We can make a will, have sufficient life insurance, and make prearrangements with a funeral home and the church.

When a loved one dies there are numer-

ous decisions that have to be made. Many of these are not necessary if we take the time to prepare, and knowing that our loved ones will not have to make those decisions in a deep time of grief, knowing that they will be secure after we die, and knowing that they know we have taken care of them of-

fers a great sense of security both for us and those we love. None of us is immortal in this life. That happens after our death. But we can make our death a little easier for those we love if we have taken the time to prepare.

With all my love and prayers

Your friend,



***Fr. Alan***

**Ascension Day  
will be celebrated  
with a sung mass  
in the chapel on  
Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.**

I reflect on my own call, on who I was then, and who I am now, with a feeling of awe. At age 24, I was awakened to the drawing of God's love and the voice of his calling....the circumstances I would have rather changed. I was young and content with my life, not expecting to need or depend on anyone but myself. But when I looked into the mirror, one cold winter night, in the restroom of St. Joseph Hospital, I cried out, "If there is a God I am here and I need your help." Our daughter, a 4 month old infant was fighting for her life with an intestinal blockage that had actually drained her small body within a 24 hour period. She was dying.

As my journey continued from the first initial call – I have listened as God has directed my life. Soon after our daughter recovered from the life-threatening event, our lives would soon be changed forever – my ears perked up and the call continued. Our daughter, Emily would again become gravely ill with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, suffering with acute pain, carrying a heavy cross for a little child. Her struggle robbed her of a strong and straight body. It robbed her of an active and joyful childhood and it robbed her of emotionally essential relationships as she grew up. Both Emily and I would hear a call from God. After 10 major surgeries and 18 years of prayer, God's perfect grace sent Emily out into the world ready for his call for her.

During those years I was called to minister to the sick, the weak, the poor in spirit, and the lonely all for my own child, but in preparation for another call. This was my call to the Diaconate and specifically those in the hospital. When I was charged at my ordination to serve all people particularly, the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely...this was my life...my call at age 24...now it was for the service of others in circumstances I knew all too well.

As the Bishop addresses the candidate for ordination to the Diaconate he proclaims that God called me to a special ministry of servanthood. I am to serve all people but especially the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely; and to interpret the needs, the concerns and hopes of the world to the Church.

I visit with several people in their homes with whom God has connected me over the years. One of those people is Sally. She is 95 years old, the daughter of an Episcopal Bishop, and a faithful lover of the Church. The first time I visited with her she was apologetic about not being able to get to Church anymore. She said it was just so hard to get ready in the mornings. My remark to her lament was, "Well, Sally we will just have to bring the church to you!" Appropriately, the Deacon ends our worship sending us - everyone of us - out into the world...to love and serve the Lord.

Faithfully,  
Donna

"Just as believers are a dime a dozen in the church, so are activists in social justice circles nowadays. But lovers are hard to come by. And I think that's what our world is desperately in need of: lovers, people who are building deep, genuine relationships with fellow strugglers along the way, and who actually know the faces of the people behind the issues they are concerned about. We are trying to raise up an army not simply of street activists but of lovers: a community of people who have fallen desperately in love with God and with suffering people, and who allow those relationships to disturb and transform them." ~ From The Irresistible Revolution, by Shane Claiborne

# THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

*By Stephen Leist*

Silence. This is a topic I don't think I have ever written anything about. When I was in college, I had a course called "Introduction to Music Literature," which was the prerequisite for taking the advanced courses in music history. One of the first questions we were asked was "is there music in silence?" My answer to that is, yes, there is. Music can be any kind of



sound, whether it is in some organized presentation or existing in a random pattern. When we sit completely still, it is amazing what can be heard. You may hear other people talking at a distance, or it may be the sound of the heating and air system, or it may be the sounds of nature. Very rarely is it absolutely nothing.

When I arrive at church on Thursday afternoons to prepare for choir rehearsal, I spend a fair amount of time in the church practicing, but every once in awhile I will just sit for a few moments. I hear the sound of the fan, the wind in the organ if it is already turned on, the sound of street traffic, and wind blowing over the roof. If the doors are open to the parish hall, I can hear some of the sound of the guitar lessons filtering down from upstairs, but never is it absolutely nothing.

Silence can also be an effective part of worship. Silence is something we are often uncomfortable with in Sunday morning services because we feel that something should be happening. The congregation needs to be doing something to keep them occupied or busy, the clergy need to be saying something, etc. Sometimes, we should just let silence happen. In our rector's sermon on Good Shepherd Sunday, we were reminded of the importance of being still and reducing the busy nature of our lives. These silent moments, whether we take them at home, work, at church on Sunday morning, or anywhere else are important because moments of silence open us to experiences we might otherwise miss. It is also the silence that opens us to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

# #the Reading Club

The Woodford County Reading Club is a group of fourth and fifth graders who meet about twice a month with a group of dedicated volunteers for a snack, fun and some games and programs to improve the school kids' reading skills and their enjoyment of the written word.

This summer, the group will have a week-long day camp with some kids returning and some new ones as well. The theme this year is "Read for the Roses," a hopefully obvious take off on the Derby. We are hoping to decorate the upstairs classrooms and Hosea Hall with Derby and horse-related items. We're looking for Derby posters or other items that we might use to set the mood.

Following breakfast, the mornings will be spent in six learning centers working on strategies for improving their reading skills. After lunch is fun time: a trip to Life Adventure Camp and to the Kentucky Horse Park, a steeplechase, a visit by several horses who belong to members of our church and fun crafts and projects with a horse theme. The kids will come up with a name for their imaginary Thoroughbred using the name of a real sire and a fictitious mare and checking with The Jockey Club to see if the name is available. They'll design their own silks and give their stable a name. They will paint a small horse statue either as their own horse or as a work of art.

We'd love your help: horse or Derby items that we can decorate with, various colors of fabric paint and acrylic paint, items for the steeple chase course (hay bales, baby pools, etc.)

To all of you who have been so supportive THANK YOU! Your offerings have been great and please know that there is a group of kids who enjoy the blessings of improved reading ability each and every day!

Call Julie Ross (873-6833) or Katherine Harper (254-3083) if you have ANY questions!

## DID YOU KNOW...

You've noticed the bell being rung during Holy Eucharist. Do you wonder why we do that? It is to signal the celebration and presence of Christ in our midst during Holy Eucharist, at the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) and at the elevation of the bread and wine. Long ago, when the services were in Latin and not understood by most, the steeple bells signaled the congregation at important moments in the service. The farmers, who sometimes could not attend service, stopped their work at the sound of the bells to be part of Holy Eucharist.

If you would like to be part of a service contact Linda Wardle at 859-396-9225 or [kychads@yahoo.com](mailto:kychads@yahoo.com).

## ***RELAY FOR LIFE!***

Join St. John's in the fight against cancer!

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held June 6, 2008, from 7pm-7am at Falling Springs Arts & Recreation Fair Pavilion located at 275 Beasley Road. Teams of people in our community will take turns walking or running around the track in this noncompetitive event. Our relay team will consist of individuals representing St. Johns Church.

During Relay for Life, team members enjoy games, food, music and camaraderie while camping out on the surrounding grounds.

At 10 pm, all participants will share in a special luminaria ceremony to remember those individuals who have been affected by cancer. Candles will be lit in honor or memory of cancer patients and placed around the perimeter of the track. You can order a luminaria in honor of a loved one who has been touched by cancer.

This year's theme will be a sports event. We will be able to decorate our tent to represent the sporting event and St. John's. We will also be able to dress out for the event and come up with a cheer for our team. This should be a lot of fun and we hope that everyone will participate to make it a big event!

We will have information, on the table, about how you can participate. Please sign up to be a part of St. John's team! If you want to make a donation and cannot participate, please make the check payable to Relay For Life.

Let us do what we can to help find a cure for Cancer and stop the needless suffering that affects everyone's lives.

If you need more information, please contact

Carol Filson (859)  
983-1479

or Jackie Means  
(859) 983-8729.



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

	05/04/08 8:00 a.m.	05/11/08 8:00 a.m.	05/18/08 8:00 a.m.	05/25/08 8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gay Glenn	Vickie	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gay Glenn	Kay Mobley	Susan&Betty	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>	Anne-Claire Gibson	Laura Wehrle	Sydney Gardner	Ben Harper
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Ben Wehrle Emma Berger	Sophie/Hannah Edelen	William & Frances Werner
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ned Meekins	David Richmond	Ben Harper	Linda Wardle
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Toss Chandler	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Garland Barr
<b>Lector</b>	Corbin Crutcher	Laura Gibson	Emily Cardwell	Carol Mize
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Dennis, Ninon & Kayla Lawrence	Ruggles	Ranges	Sniders
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Bruens/Tim Downey	Chandlers	Steve Watts	Bob Johnson/Gary Menges
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gay Glenn	Kay Mobley	Susan & Betty	Vickie Duff
<b>Lay Eucharist Ministry</b>	Jo Wilhite	Elaine Menges	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Edelen/Wildman</b>	<b>Miller/Wade</b>	<b>Cooper/Bruens</b>	<b>Ruggles/Watts</b>
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>	Linda Wardle	James Hawkins	Maj. Bill Clark	Jared Cook
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Ethan & Elaina Howard	Eric & Audrey Sandknop	Jay Clark Evan Sloan	Evan & Tage Cook
<b>Acolyte</b>	Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Linda Wardle	Cindy Sullivan	Geoff Bosmann	Christy Howard
<b>Lector</b>	Jackie Means	Lisa Hawkins	Katherine Harper	Julie Ross
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Chitticks	Coopers	Skeeters	Bosmann
<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Kinkead Todd Cooper	Thayre Hawkins Rick Keeling	Jackie Means	Potters
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christy Leaver	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard	Judi Sutherland
Wednesday	05/07/08	05/14/08	05/21/08	05/28/08
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Ned Meekins
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

# MAY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		10.30 Knit Wits	10 Morning Prayer 10 Reading Camp 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Inquirers Class	1 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	2 Office Closed	3
4 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 11 Eucharist 12.15 Reading Club Mtg 12.30 Altar Server Training	5 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	6 10.30 Knit Wits 6.30 Men's Club	7 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 3.00 Reading Club 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Inquirers Class	8 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	9 Office Closed	10 10-4 Mayfest
11 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast Reading Club Graduation 11 Eucharist	12 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	13 10.30 Knit Wits	14 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Inquirers Class	15 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	16 Office Closed	17
18 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 11 Eucharist	19 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	20 10.30 Knit Wits 5.30 FIT 6.15 Vestry	21 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Inquirers Class	22 5 EFM 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	23 Office Closed	24 9-5.3 FIT
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## **Martial Arts Program at St. John's**



**Don't forget, starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, the martial arts program at St. John's begins. Everyone is invited to share two hours every Thursday with Geoffrey Bosmann as he brings more than 20 years of combat science experience to participants.**

**The class will be free of charge and cover basic to advanced theory and skills.**

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION.**

**Everyone is welcome, although children 12 and under are asked to bring an adult who will participate with them. While this class will be geared toward beginners, those with previous experience or a desire for advanced material will get something from the sessions as well.**

**Class will be held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. No equipment is necessary and attire is limited only to your imagination.**

**The first class will be an orientation and future classes will follow the schedule below:**

**7:00-7:45 Empty Hand Principles**

**7:45-8:00 Break**

**8:00-8:45 Weapons Theory**

**Geoffrey can be contacted at [Geoffrey.bosmann@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.bosmann@gmail.com) or 859.489.4044**

**Hope to see you on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00!**

## CATHEDRAL DOMAIN CAMP SCHEDULE, 2008

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 GRADS OF GRADES 5 & 6	JULY 20 - 26
CAMP JIM BICKFORD FOR GRADUATES OF GRADES 6 - 8	JULY 27 - AUG. 2*
<i>*CAMP JIM BICKFORD IS A CO-ED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CAMP</i>	
CAMP ALEXANDER PATTERSON FOR GRADS OF GRADES 5 & 6	7/27 - 8/2

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE, and you are encouraged to use them—we believe all kids should have the chance to go to camp. If you are able to help fund these scholarships, it's easy to do, and more appreciated than words can say. Simply make a check to St. John's and write "camp scholarship" in the memo section. Any amount will help fund this important ministry of fun in a beautiful part of Kentucky. Thank you!

## Donate a Vehicle to Hope Center for Women

*Wanted: good, running vehicles (or in need of MINOR repair) for use by women who are ready to return to work after a year or more of intensive rehabilitation from alcohol and /or drug addiction.*

***These women are the winners!  
They are motivated and ready to begin a new life.  
Let's help them do that!***

*(and you get a tax deduction)  
For more information : call Cindy Kinkead 859-396-9490 or  
email ckinkead@leapfroginet.com  
or leave a message with the church office.*

# *St. John's Mayfest*

Saturday, May 10

10:00 – 4:00

*Mayfest is shaping up to be a SPECTACULAR event. Rumor has it the teens are sponsoring a Dunking Booth...would anyone like to see a certain priest with a funny accent dunked? Tons of games are planned including a Cake Walk, Ring Toss to win liters of Soda, and a Fishing Pond.*

*We also have storytellers accompanied by their furry friends (again rumor has it an alpaca and a skunk). You'll be able to make your own stuffed animal with Noah's Ark Animals, eat, have your face painted, eat some more, and enjoy entertainment on the hour. Last but not least we're having a Garage Sale. So mark your calendars for St. John's first annual Mayfest.*

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*As part of **Mayfest** the children are having a Children's Bazaar. To get ready we had a craft day on Saturday morning. We painted birdhouses, bug boxes, and picture frames. We also decorated bookmarks and made bead necklaces. Everyone painted, glued, cut, and beaded to their hearts content.*



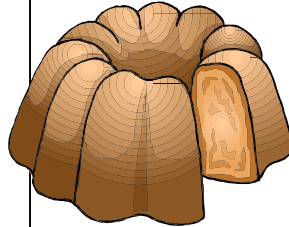
*The children have also been working on knitting scarves, potholders, and blankets at home. Be sure and stop by our booth during Mayfest! All of our proceeds will be used for outreach. We've discussed sponsoring two foster children from the Angel Tree at Christmas and visiting and making a donation to the Woodford County Humane Society.*

## ATTENTION BAKERS!

One of the booths at MayFest is an old-fashioned cake walk and your wonderful cakes are needed to make this a success!

Cakes will need to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. May 10 or I can pick them up the day before. Please sign up in Hosea Hall and then come by and see what will be a great display of fabulous creations and take a chance to win a cake!

See Katherine Harper, 254-3083 for more info or questions.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July – July - July*

*More information coming  
soon!*

## Spring cleaning is in the air!!!

As part of **St. John's Mayfest** (May 10, 10:00-4:00)

we're having a ***GARAGE SALE.***

If you'd like to donate items, leave them on the stage in Hosea Hall.

Questions or to have stuff picked up call **Nikki Berger 230-3164**

## **POSM**

Linda Reeves will be conducting  
PoSM (Prevention of Sexual Misconduct) training in  
Hosea Hall on June 8th at 3:00.

Anyone who needs to take the class is invited.

This will be one 1.5 hour session.

## ***Irish Festival Success***

***What a wonderful time we all had at the Irish Festival!! Good food, good fun, and good entertainment. But it would not have been possible if not for all the volunteers that helped. I especially want to thank Ron and Kay Mobley, Tim Downey, and Karen Koontz for all their extra hours they put in. Also, Mary Jane Jones, Ann Richmond, Ron Bruens, and Dennis and Ninon Lawrence.***

***To Diana Veters, Sarah Sandknop, and Emily Cardwell, thank you so much. And a special thanks to our EYC! I can't tell you how many compliments I received on how well our youth did with serving dinner. I want to personally thank Audrey and Eric Sandknop, Leah Cardwell, Jessica and Ashley Woods, Haley Sloan, Kayla, Emily, and Ashley Lawrence, and Leigh and Laura Wehrle. We couldn't have done it without you guys! Most of all I want to thank Father Alan for the wonderful job he did as emcee. Way to go, everyone! I am already looking forward to next year.***

***Sincerely,***

***Judi Sutherland***



# St. John's Annual Derby Party!

Derby Day - May 3

Charles and Cindy Kinkead's  
4020 Big Sink Road  
Versailles

4:00 PM

Last Initial A - L  
Bring Heavy Hors D'oeuvre

Last Initial M - Z  
Bring Dessert  
BYOB

Hat Competition!

More information?

Call Nikki Berger 230-3164 or Cindy Kinkead 873-9744  
Sign-up Sheet in Hosea Hall



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

Parents, your child is not the first to agitate in the pews, wander in the aisles, or leap off the transept steps! In fact, for most of us OT's (old timers), what may cause you some concern is really a joyful reminder to us of precious days gone by and a comforting awareness of our unending family in God.. Of course, screams and tantrums need to be dealt with; we removed the upset one just like you do. But don't be embarrassed; it has all happened before, and we lived through it! Years ago, a Rector's young daughter got loose during a service and managed to find enough toe holes in the pulpit to almost reach the top before her mother yanked her down. After that exciting incident, all of us then-young parents breathed a sigh of relief. If the Rector's own could act like a monkey, who were we to fret over ours?

The collection plate can yield more than monetary gifts to God! Once, when this OT was helping total the plate, we ran across a carefully folded piece of paper, probably pulled out as the giver reached into his or her wallet. It turned out to be a recipe for mayonaise! Amid much laughter in the office, we showed it to the Rector, who promptly tucked it into his pocket. Later that Sunday afternoon, he called to report he had made the mayonaise and, in his words, "It is delicious!" Another "collection story" with roots in St. John's involved a wonderful older lady of our parish who went to Christ Church to hear her nephew preach his first sermon. With great enthusiasm and pride, she pulled a \$20 bill out for the collection plate, only to discover after the service that she had forgotten her purse and had helped herself to one belonging to the lady next to her!

**RENEW, RECYCLE,  
RESTORE, REUSE**

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These are stewardship themes we have been talking about in Eagle Wings each month.

As we renew our faith during this Easter Season, we are ready to begin our recycling project. In the next few weeks you will see the new compostable products appear at parish mealtimes. We will soon be building our compost bins behind the Hughes House garage. (Volunteers needed!)

We have identified areas needing repair in our church building which you will see on the walls in the parish hall on picture boards.

We have estimates for restoring the Hughes House to a useable state for us and for the community as well. We are researching and applying for grants to help with this expense.

Some of these repairs need to be begun immediately and some can wait longer.

These efforts are all inspired by our obligation to care for God's creation which he has placed in our care. With our buildings in good condition, we can go forward in many new ways with the work of the Gospel!

Volunteers are needed to help plan these efforts. If you have some time you might want to give to the church, Call Ann Richmond at 492-4389 or email [richmond@qx.net](mailto:richmond@qx.net)

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# OF PENTECOST



On May 11<sup>th</sup> we will gather and celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost is a Jewish feast that is described in Leviticus 23:15-22, after the feast of the First Fruits. During the feast of the First Fruits thanks were offered to God for the first crop ready to harvest. The first fruits of the crop were brought to the Priest, who waved it before the Lord in thanksgiving.

Fifty days later, after all the harvest was gathered, the bread made from the crop was brought and offered to God, and sacrifices were made. This was the feast of Pentecost. In our Christian faith, Pentecost occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Christ. It is Christ who is the first fruit of resurrection. He is the first and promises the same resurrection to all who believe in Him. The Christian feast of Pentecost is a time when we all look back and celebrate the first disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and being given the power and the confidence to proclaim the gospel, the good news, the saving message of Christ.

Christ was the first fruit, and the disciples were the first Pentecostal people 'made' by the Holy Spirit. Something was 'made' because of Christ's resurrection, and that was the Church. The Church was born on the Christian feast of Pentecost, and that is why it is often referred to as the Church's birthday.

The Church was born not because of a well-drawn plan.

The Church was born not because of programs, methods of evangelism, or intense studies.

The Church was born not because of any novelties or giveaways, any gimmicks, or any pandering to each and every whim of society.

The Church was born because people were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were on fire with Christ. They had a burning desire to share His gospel, to bring all people back to God, to share the good news of repentance, love, forgiveness, and joy.

The Church that was born on the first Pentecost is the same Church we belong to today. Let us pray that during this season of Pentecost and at all times, God will continue to pour out His Holy Spirit on us, His disciples. Let us also pray that the zeal of the Church, the burning desire of the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen, be strengthened and enriched.



## **SERVER TRAINING**

**New servers need to attend this training  
Old servers are welcome to help**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

**12:30 PM-TORCH BEARERS**

**1:00 PM-CRUCIFERS**

**2 PM-ACOLYTES & CHALICE  
BEARERS**

**Please see Linda Wardle if you cannot attend.**

## **MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY**

You may have noticed something different about the lectionary. Starting in Advent, we began a new schedule of readings and psalms during our services. At our Wednesday morning Bible Study, we're reading the lessons for the upcoming Sunday and *Synthesis*, an interpretation in the Episcopal tradition prepared by The University of the South at Sewanee. There are discussion questions suggested in *Synthesis* and often we have our own. We begin with Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and follow with Bible Study at 10:30. Join us – no need to sign up, nothing to bring – just come. We'll be there with a hot cup of coffee and a warm welcome.

## **SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES**

Sunday June 1st will be the first of our outdoor services. 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 7a.m and 8 a.m.

## **CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

ON May 18th at all services we will honor those who are graduating in 2008 from High School or college. Please submit the name of the graduate and the name of their school/college to Kathy at the church office. 873 3481

## **FROM THE PARISH RECORD**

### **Births**

April 7 Braedon Keilar Duff-Pierce

### **Deaths**

March 22 Coy Dean Maxwell

March 29 Julie Roach

We extend our deepest sympathies to the loved ones of Coy and Julie. May light perpetual shine upon them.

# NEEDLEPOINT

The project to create needlepoint kneelers and cushions around the altar in the church is coming along.

Cutting and taping canvas has been done. Designs first carefully drawn on paper are now being painted onto the canvas. The stitching will begin soon.

The chapel cushions are a beautifying and enduring memorial not only to those in whose names they were given, but to the parishioners who made them.



When the cushions for the church have been finished and installed around the altar rail and on the bench and chair inside the rail, there will be a memorial book, like the one for the chapel, made for this work. It will contain the names of those who worked on the project. It will also contain the names of those in memory of whom or in thanksgiving for whom gifts of financial support for the project have been made.

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the kneelers to honor or memorialize someone, see Maribell White. We are estimating the cost per cushion to be not more than \$500. That is for the canvas, yarn, and upholstery assembly. There are 11 cushions. If you want to participate financially, you can donate toward one with a particular design that has meaning for you or your loved ones. We have money toward the overall cost already which may be enough to cover the expense. But individuals have asked about using the kneelers as a memorial opportunity. That is what a gift toward a part of this project would be.

We still need more stitchers to join this effort! This is something that happens both in a group setting and at home on your own time. If you used to needlepoint, but haven't in years, now is the time to refresh those skills and get those fingers going again! Expert coaching is available if you feel that your skills are too rusty. If you would like to help, sign up in the parish hall or see Maribell White!





Children's Craft Bazaar  
**Mayfest** May 10, Saturday 10-4

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