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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Sunday schedule at  
St. John's will be:

- 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 in DECEMBER

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

13 Letha Reid  
15 Morgan Meekins  
16 Dennis Lawrence  
17 Gay VanMeter  
19 Tamra Perry  
20 Joshua Filson  
21 Patti Pierce  
23 Julie Ross  
24 John Dearey  
25 Art Otenburger

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

# RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

This is the last time I will be writing a rector's page for Eagle Wings. Over the years I have tried to focus these pages on the things of God. Some have been better than others and some may have completely missed the point. But it has been an honor to write for you in my life with you.

You have become a very important part of my life. Sharing ministry with you has been a sacred gift that I will treasure. I have had the honor of sharing life with most of you each Sunday as we gathered the community of faith and listened and learned and ate together. More importantly as we gathered around the altar, knowing we are loved by God, and then being fed by Him as we offer ourselves to be fashioned into God's will for our lives. To become who God wants us to become.



I have had the honor of sharing life's most joyous moments with some of you. The birth of a child, the baptism of new life, the marriages of so many. The joys of new jobs, the joys of children.

I also have had the honor of sharing some of your saddest moments. The death of a loved one, sickness and surgery, the loss of jobs, the struggles with life. I have had the honor of visiting with you, playing with you, laughing and crying with you. Sometimes disagreeing with you, as sometimes you have with me. It has been an honor to share life with you these last 5 ½ years. As your priest, pastor, and friend, life has certainly been full and abundant. I have loved my time with you.

And I just wanted to say thank you. Not for just what you have done for me, but for what you have done for each other in the spirit of Christ.

I know it will continue, and I am very grateful to have been a part of the story of St. John's that allowed that spirit of Christ to come more fully into our lives.

With all my love and prayers,

Your friend

***Fr Alan***

# DEACON'S PAGE



Advent is a special time each year when we prepare a place for God to be born in our lives. Quiet Days are an easy way to take a break from the busyness of our lives to pause and welcome the "God-with-us."

Give yourself a small break during this hectic time to nourish your soul in the company of friends. All are welcome to join us for this day of prayer, reflection, and quiet, as well as food and fellowship.

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
210 N. Main St.  
Versailles, Kentucky**

**Saturday, December 5, 2009  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
The Rev. Donna Barr –Quiet Day Leader**

**RSVP (859) 873-3481  
or  
sign up in Hosea Hall**

**Daughters of the King Quiet Day**

# THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

*By Stephen Leist*

I would like to devote my column this month to pay tribute to our rector, the Rev. Alan Sutherland, in whose service I have been privileged to work these past 5 years. It is timely, not only because of his imminent departure, but at this time of year it takes my memory back to the first Christmas since the congregation split. In August of 2004, Alan asked me to meet him to talk about planning the late service on Christmas Eve. As I sat down in his office, the first words he spoke were, "I really want strings." I told him I had just the thing and personnel to hire, and so we had our first Choral Eucharist with the "Little Organ Mass" by Haydn. It was a beautiful service and very moving. Given that this was a time when there was still much uncertainty at St. John's, this seemed to be confirmation that this church was indeed alive. Many of the comments made by parishioners to both of us that evening consistently included the statement, "We never thought we could have anything like this again."

The planning for that service, and every other service whether it was a special holiday or regular Sunday, defined our working relationship. He could say what kind of service he wanted, and we would work out the music suitable for the occasion. We did not agree all of the time on everything, but in the process of talking and sharing our ideas, a better idea emerged. This kind of mutual respect between choirmaster and rector is unfortunately not common, and I have been the envy of many of my friends around the country who often say, "I wish I had a rector like yours." We have shared a common value in our approach to liturgy supported by music, that a service should be characterized by beauty such that the worshipper has a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom. Even if something was going to be difficult to do, Alan would say, "we need to do this because it is the right thing to do." The first time I heard that I was speechless, because it had been so long since I heard anyone say that at the church I came from. It is a reminder that doing the right thing is not always easy and that we are in service to others. I will always be grateful for Alan's guidance, his supporting friendship, and his example.

We now enter another period of uncertainty, as we do not know what is to come. The music ministry will continue as it has, inspired by the beauty of worship. Experience has taught me that there will be change ahead. As long as we embrace the change and remain unified to our common purpose, the change can be a positive experience

of renewal. I share the sadness of the parish to see our rector leave, seemingly so soon, but I must also look forward at the same time to new possibilities. In the meantime, with the example set before us, let us continue as we have with a cheerful heart.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



*A Candlelight "Blue" Christmas Service*

*7:00 pm*

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*



*Our Pastoral Care ministers and clergy invite you to share in a quiet, contemplative candlelight service of prayers, scripture and music.*

*This is an opportunity to be in God's presence for those of us who mourn, or who simply feel a need to await the coming of the Christ Child in contemplation and solemnity.*

*Not everyone is able to share in the usual joyful anticipation of Christmas, or the constant jollity of the season. Many of us experience feelings of sadness, loneliness or fear at this time of year as we face Christmas alone or in despair.*

*Some grieve the death of a beloved spouse or a precious child. Others grieve the loss of a dear friend, a broken relationship, or the loss of health or youth, while others struggle with unemployment or poverty.*

*There are countless reasons why one may feel unable to join in the mood of celebration.  
We feel "blue" and isolated, alone in our sadness.*

*It is in such difficult times as these that we need to acknowledge and honor our feelings, our broken hearts; the emptiness within.*

*In these longest, darkest days of winter,  
God's Word comes to shine in our darkness.  
Give the gift of love and care by inviting someone you know and join us in this service of quiet reflection, remembrance, comfort and hope.*

## ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, December, 2009

	12/06/09	12/13/09	12/20/09	12/27/09
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ann Richmond	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Ann Richmond
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty	Ann Miller	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>	Anne-Claire Gibson	Ashley Woods	Sydney Gardner	Jessica Woods
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Emma/Sophie Berger	Leah Cardwell Keelin Watkins	Hannah/Sophie Edelen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ann Richmond	David Richmond	Linda Reeves	Linda Wardle
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Laura Gibson	Linda Wardle	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges
<b>Lector</b>	Betsy Poole	Suzanne Thompson	David Richmond	Debbie Edelen
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Bruens	Ranges	Menges	Gardones
<b>Ushers</b>	Range	Sniders	Bob Johnson Gary Menges	Bergers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty	Ann Miller	Vickie Duff
<b>Lay Eucharist Ministry</b>	Judi Sutherland	Vickie Duff	Elaine Menges	Jo Wilhite
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Cundiff/Mobley</b>	<b>Werner-Wilson/ Wade</b>	<b>Bruens/ Mize</b>	<b>Sullivan/ Berger</b>
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>	James Hawkins	Susan White	Geoff Bosmann	Tracy Clay
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	William/Frances Werner- Wilson	Ethan/Elaina Howard	Leah/Emily Mager	Ellie Clay Linda Wardle
<b>Acolyte</b>	Carol Filson	Judi Sutherland	Cindy Kinkead	Lee Rowland
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Phyllis Giberson	Christy Leaver	Cindy Sullivan	Susan White
<b>Lector</b>	Laura Steen	Virginia Ballard	Jackie Means	Julie Skeeters
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Cooper	Carol Filson Jackie Means	Sandknop	Kinkeads
<b>Ushers</b>	Eric/Audrey Sandknop	Kinkeads	Rick Keeling	Cooper
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Allison Fleck	Judi Sutherland	Virginia Ballard	Allison Fleck

Wednesday	12/02/09	12/09/09	12/16/09	12/23/09
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

# DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 DOK	2 10 Bible Study 3-5 Reading Club 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	3 7 choir	4 Office Closed	5 DOK Quiet Day 3:30 McTaggart Party
6 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 10 Sunday School 11 Eucharist 4 Carol Sing/Chili	7 9 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	8	9 10 Bible Study 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	10 7 choir	11 Office Closed	12 11 ECW Christmas Luncheon
13 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 10 Sunday School 11 Eucharist	14 9 Hospice 7 Vestry Mtg 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	15 7 Blue Christmas	16 10 Bible Study 3-5 Reading Club 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist	17 7 Choir	18 Office Closed	19
20 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 10 Sunday School 11 Eucharist	21 9 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	22 7 Unemployment Support	23 10 Bible Study 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	24 5 Children's Service 10:30 Carols 11 Festival Eucharist	25 Office Closed	26
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		OFFICE			CLOSED	

## USED TOYS & TOGS FOR TEENS & TOTS

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... WHILE CLEANING OUT THE OLD TOYS TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT JOHN & TERESA RANGE ARE COLLECTING NEW AND USED TOYS (FOR ALL AGES) AND USED CLOTHING (ALL SIZES) FOR THE McCREARY COUNTY KIDS AGAIN THIS YEAR. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US WHEN WE MAKE OUR DELIVERY IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO COME AND SHARE THE BLESSING. THIS IS OUR 8TH YEAR DELIVERING TOYS AND PROVIDING A MEAL FOR THE CHILDREN, AND THEY ARE STILL AS APPRECIATIVE TODAY AS THEY WERE THE FIRST YEAR WE WENT. MAYBE MORE SO, BECAUSE NOW THE KIDS INVITE FRIENDS TO COME WITH THEM AND THEY ARE REACHING OUT TO OTHERS WHO ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION. THERE ARE NO WISH LISTS FROM THE KIDS- FOR ANYTHING. THEY ARE JUST AS HAPPY TO OPEN A BOX OF USED TOYS AS THEY ARE A BOX OF NEW ONES. ALTHOUGH THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WE'VE HAD A FEW MEMBERS FROM ST. JOHN'S WHO GRACIOUSLY DONATED NEW TOYS AND BOOKS! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! THAT WAS A HUGE SURPRISE TO THE KIDS, AND WE HAVE PICTURES TO SHOW THEIR HAPPY FACES! THIS IS A NEEDY COMMUNITY AND THEY APPRECIATE ANYTHING THEY GET, NEW OR USED, **BUT PLEASE... SEND TOYS THAT ARE NOT BROKEN OR HAVE MISSING PARTS, AND CLOTHES THAT ARE IN GOOD CONDITION AND APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL KIDS OF ALL AGES.** COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES ARE ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME! FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY CALL 859-873-8600, OR EMAIL [tlaine@windstream.net](mailto:tlaine@windstream.net) . DEADLINE FOR DELIVERIES IS DECEMBER 17TH!

*Practice resurrection. Live in open expectation of the new thing God is doing at all times and in all places. It means opening ourselves to that new thing, recognizing that the change it brings will cause some distress. But there is always more abundant life on the other side of the pain and grief that comes with change and growth. From **A Wing and a Prayer** by Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori.*

### From the Parish Records

#### Holy Matrimony

- 11/6 Stephen Gray and Ashley Slusher
- 11/7 Josh Gravatt and Betsy Samples
- 11/14 Rob Edwards and Elizabeth Boison

#### Deaths

- 10/28 Frank Watts husband of Jean
- 11/3 Hunter Roberts stepson of Billy Nave
- 11/13 Ina Horwitz mother of Melody Kinkead

We extend our condolences to their family and friends. May light perpetual shine upon them.

## ***Children's Christmas Eve Pageant*** **Calling all angels, shepherds, lambs, and kings!**

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

Rehearsal dates and times are:

Sunday, December 6	<b>2:00-3:30 (parts will be given out)</b>
Sunday, December 13	<b>3:00-5:00</b>
Sunday, December 20	<b>3:00-5:00</b>
Thursday, December 24	<b>4:00 Children arrive at Church to put on costumes</b>
Thursday, December 24	<b>5:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service</b>

See Julie Ross if you have any questions.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

	12/24/2009	12/24/2009
	5:00 PM	10:30 PM
<b>Crucifer</b>	NA	Anne-Claire Gibson
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	NA	Ashleigh/Jessica Woods
<b>Acolyte</b>	NA	Ann Richmond
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Connie Spencer	Susan White
<b>Lector</b>	NA	Laura Gibson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	NA	Kinkeads
<b>Ushers</b>		Gardones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	All Altar Angels	All Altar Angels
<b>Thurifer</b>	None	Ned Meekins

# ANNUAL MEETING



## Annual Meeting Elections

To serve on vestry for 3 years beginning 2010  
Bill Clark. Cindy Sullivan Tracy Werner Wilson

To serve as deputies of St. John's at Diocesan convention  
Lisa Davis Hawkins, Vickie Duff, Mark Herbert, Ron Mobley,  
1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Katherine Harper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Suzanne Thompson

## Convention 2010 Delegates



Newly Elected Vestry Members  
for 2010

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calendar Pre- K – High School			
	Sunday School	Christmas Eve Pageant	Parade
<b>Nov 29</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30		Costume Fitting
<b>Dec 5</b> Saturday			2:30 – line up for Parade 4:00 – Parade <b><i>Dinner back at St. John's after the parade</i></b>
<b>Dec 6</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30	2:00-3:30 <b>Parts given out</b> (Christmas Carols and Chili supper 4-6)	
<b>Dec 13</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30	3:00-5:00	
<b>Dec 20</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30	3:00-5:00	
<b>Dec 24</b> Sunday		4:00 – children arrive put on costumes 5:00 – Christmas Eve Service and Pageant	
<b>Dec 27</b> Sunday	No Sunday School Christmas Break		
<b>Jan 3</b> Sunday	No Sunday School Christmas Break		
<b>Jan 10</b> Sunday	No Sunday School Christmas Break		
<b>Jan 17</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30		
<b>Jan 24</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30		
<b>Jan 31</b> Sunday	10:00-10:30		

## Versailles Christmas Parade Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

The children and youth are participating in the Versailles Christmas parade. If you haven't been the Kentucky State band plays and it's a lot of fun and lots of people attend.

Our theme is the Christmas Story. For participants there will be a costume fitting on Sunday, November 28. On Saturday, December 5 we're supposed to start lining up at 2:30. The parade starts at 4:00. We will have dinner back at the Church after the Parade. Any questions see Julie Ross or Walter Kuntz



## Goodbye

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**“And now I commend you to God....”**

**When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all: they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again....**

Nobody likes goodbyes, and we go to many lengths to soften or avoid them. In a few short weeks we will all have to say goodbye to Fr. Alan and Judi. Many of us will hope it's not goodbye forever because we promise to visit, or to write, or to Facebook. Sometimes we avoid the moment altogether.

When Paul says goodbye to the Ephesians, he gets it right. He remembers what they did together, he tells them what they mean to him, he commends them to God. The word "goodbye" is a contraction of "God be with you." Saying it is a reminder that even when we're apart, God is with us both. It's an act of faith that if God is with you and with me, then somehow we're still together, and that in the end we'll join each other at a reunion in God's heart. It's a promise that even when I can't be with you, God will be, and that will be sufficient.

My prayer for all of us is that we make time to say goodbye and to extend our love to one another. It will be our gift to Alan and Judi and it will be their gift to us. It's worth doing well, for it's all about faith.

With Love,

Deacon Donna

*TEENS - WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH? WANT TO EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS?*

*Confirmation classes for ages 12-18 will begin on Sunday, December 6 during Sunday School time. The Bishop will visit on February 14, and will confirm those who wish to make their own commitment to Jesus Christ. This 8-week class is a time for teens who genuinely want to learn more about our faith, explore their beliefs, and choose for themselves whether they are ready to follow the Baptismal Covenant, the promises that were made for them at their baptism.*

*Class is very interactive, and all questions are acceptable.*

*Please call Laura Gibson at 948-9249 or email at [lauracgibson@hotmail.com](mailto:lauracgibson@hotmail.com).*

# WHO DOES WHAT AT ST. JOHN'S

Rector	Fr. Alan Sutherland
Deacon	Rev. Donna Barr
Associate Clergy	Fr. Jay Pierce
	Fr. Colley Bell
Administrative Secretary	Kathy Sparrow
Sr. Warden	Ben Harper
Jr. Warden	John Range
Clerk of the Vestry	Karen Koontz
Asst Clerk of the Vestry	Laura Steen
Vestry-Outreach	Carol Filson
Vestry-Finance	Geoff Bosmann
Vestry-Parish Life	Karen Koontz
Vestry-Stewardship	Tim Downey&Ann Richmond
Vestry-Music & Worship	Linda Wardle
Vestry-Restoration	Ann Richmond
Vestry-Christian Formation	Gayle Box
Treasurer	Jeff Cardwell
Episcopal Youth	Diana Vetter
Organist/Choirmaster	Stephen Leist
Assistant Musician	Allison Assay
Men's Club	John Darsie
Reading Club	Julie Ross, Katherine Harper
Kitchen	Ann Richmond
Sunday School	Julie Ross
Episcopal Church Women	Carole Mize
Daughters Of the King	Lisa Hawkins
Solo Flight	Linda Wardle
Clothing Bank	Carol Filson
Food Bank	Norma Downey
Garden	Jo Hughes, Karen Koontz
Weddings	Judi Sutherland
Funerals	Karen Koontz
Bazaar	Karen Koontz
Flowers	Cindy Kinkead
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharistic Ministry	Elaine Menges
Needlepoint	Maribell White
Eagle Wings	Ann Richmond
Compost/Recycling	Ned Meekins
Capital Campaign	Ned Meekins, Garland Barr
Parish Email	Elaine Menges
Website	Sarah Sandknop

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