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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
 SCHEDULE**

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**

BIRTHDAYS in JUNE

- 1 Matthew Mullins
- 2 Geoff Bosmann
- 3 Tom Lamp
- 5 Betsy Poole
- 5 Wanda Johnson
- 6 Talton Huber
- 7 Bill Watts
- 7 Ronald Werner-Wilson
- 9 Noreen Roberts

- 10 Melissa Sloan
- 10 Connie Spencer
- 11 Barry Fitzgerald
- 11 Jeff Gibson
- 11 Charley Nave
- 11 Maxwell Wade
- 12 Matthew Chandler
- 13 Meredith Duff
- 15 Anne Claire Gibson
- 17 Josie Forbes

- 17 Vivian Richmond
- 17 Charles Rowland
- 17 Quinn Cardwell
- 18 Ben Harper
- 18 Cindy Kinhead
- 18 Andrew Mize
- 20 John Cooper
- 20 Christian Clark
- 21 Shelly Watkins
- 22 Susan Wigglesworth

- 23 Ninon Lawrence
- 26 Leonard Nave
- 26 Leah Mager
- 27 Stephanie Wells
- 28 Sara Meekins
- 28 Angel Cooper
- 29 Chadwick Wells
- 29 Caroline Wells
- 30 Cynthia Clark

RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Judi and I have just returned from a trip to England.

The primary purpose was to visit my mom, sister and her family. Judi had never been to England before so we did a little retracing of my life in England.

From childhood neighborhoods, to York Minster where I was ordained.

From the Church of the Ascension where my faith was awakened and my spiritual journey to priesthood began, to the parish church of Swainby where I preached my first sermon.

It was good to see where many new beginnings were made and how they have changed and how I have changed.

On June 1st I will have shared 5 years of our life together at St. John's. The change has been remarkable in our journey so far. There is not one wall that has not been painted, one floor that has not been resurfaced or refinished.

There is not one ceiling that has not been cleaned or painted. Our facility has had a 5 year makeover that has made it very attractive and welcoming.

More importantly is the spiritual life at St. John's. We are not perfect, but the changes in 5 years are very evident. A river of grace flows through St. John's that floods the community with the acceptance and welcome of Christ. The



spirit of love for all of God's children, no matter what sort or condition, moves freely in the community. The work of forgiveness continues to be practiced as each of us strives to deepen the life of the community.

Yes, much has changed but we have not arrived yet. There is still much that God is calling us to do, and it is our faithful discipleship that will see it accomplished.

With all my love and prayers,

Fr. Alan

DEACON'S PAGE

Recently, I came across the book Born For Love; a book that shaped my life in the early 70s. I smiled as I read some of the short vignettes. From my point of view this is still one of the most important and life changing books. Authored by, none other than, Leo Buscaglia, one time professor at The University of Southern California and originator of the course “Love 101.” If you don’t know this author may I introduce him to you today.

Deacon Donna

The Miracle of Love

“Sometimes it is difficult to remember, but it remains nonetheless true, that not too long ago we were all children. For most children, faith is unwavering. Joy is a natural state. They seldom worry. They laugh and play a lot. They live in a world of wondrous anticipation where miracles are commonplace.

Actually, nothing has really changed now that we have become adults except our attitudes and the way we choose to see things. The wonder, the mystery, the magic, the sources of amusements are all still there if we look.

Miracles can occur anywhere. When someone cares, when years of animosity and resentment disappear in one act of compassion, when indifference is wiped away by an outstretched hand offered to help, when a human life is changed by one simple act of love – these are indeed miracles.

In a world where pessimism and cynicism are valued, “anything is possible” has a refreshing, hopeful sound to it.

The next time you need a miracle, don’t wait for it to happen. You have the power to create it.”

By Leo Buscaglia

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

This summer marks my fifth anniversary as the Organist & Choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church. When I think back on it, it is amazing how time has flown. I also reflect on all the things that we have accomplished during this time. We began with about 5-6 people, and today we have 14 when everyone is able to be present. There is always room for more. Although we are now winding down the choir season, there are still plenty of opportunities to sing. I invite anyone who is interested to sing with the Parish Choir at the 9:00 service during the month of July and early August when all that is involved is showing up for choir warm—up on Sunday morning. This can be a great opportunity to test the waters before making a commitment, and it can be an opportunity for fun, too. As in past summers, the ending of the official choir season does not really mean a let-up in work for me, as I take more time to survey new music and plan for the coming 2009-10 choir year. Planning is as exciting for me as anything else I do in this program. Some people feel that Christmas is so far off, but I have to have Christmas Eve in hand by the end of August at the very latest. Also, we are tentatively scheduled to join with choir of St. Raphael's in Lexington for a special Evensong service on the last Sunday in September that is part of the Stoles Project, which is a program similar to the AIDS quilts, which will be at St. Raphael's at that time. I am excited about being able to join with another choir in the area and to work with their organist, Matt McGarvey.

Summer does not mean that life at St. John's slows down, and the music is no exception. I would like to call your attention to a program being presented by Andrew Leonard as part of the Friends of Music series on Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Andrew Leonard is the guitar instructor at the Univ. of Kentucky and runs the Childbloom guitar program at St. John's. You will be treated to a varied high quality program. In addition to working with Andrew on the Friends series, I know

him to be an outstanding performer as a soloist and also in conjunction with my wife's quartet, Endless Road Strings. Remember that the Friends of Music series is not part of the regular music program of the church and is entirely self-supporting, so please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Enjoy your summer!



SENIOR WARDEN

Last month, I reported the action of the vestry with regard to have the “church” part of St. John’s open for prayer after hours. These parts of the church are known as the narthex (foyer area between the newly painted red front doors [Thanks, John Range, for the great paint job!] and the swinging doors), the nave (area with the pews where the congregation sits), the chancel (where the choir sits) and the sanctuary (the altar and surrounds within the altar rail). The rest of St. John’s has remained bolted and barred after hours.

Since that time, some have written to me with the concern that leaving the narthex open for after-hours prayers could expose our beautiful church to a potential disaster to the interior, in effect, creating a risk management nightmare. Their concern gave me concern as well. Enough concern that doubt began to creep into my confidence that we were doing the right thing for those in need of prayer and solace at the risk of an embarrassment that might occur on a Sunday morning after a Saturday night if there were a full moon. Worse, what could happen on MY watch when MY rector were not available for what we used to call in football or the army, a “gut” check. If you don’t know what that means, ask me later. After taking my gut-check, I still felt confident that we were doing the right thing, but this is a “belt and suspenders” thing, when I am asked to be a steward of another’s church home. By belt and suspenders, I mean, if your suspenders were to break, it would be good to also have your belt on too, lest your pants fall down about your shoe tops.

So, I began a check list of calls to different folks to see if we were taking unnecessary risks with our beautiful building. The first was to Andy Sigmon, who visited recently with the Church Insurance Group’s Fred Swing, our agent, in Indianapolis, and conducted a risk management survey. Andy gave us a two-thumbs up for opening the building, both in the area of risk management, but also in our Christian mission. Next, I called for Fred’s blessing, but received the next best thing, speaking to Ms. Pam Miltner, who also gave us a thumbs up, saying that the risk is very, very minimal in our location, and that other churches do this too. She said they will monitor any claims and if a risk management issue arises, they will issue cautionary letters to all of their accounts. From the experts in risk management, my “gut-check” was being validated.

Jesus showed Thomas not only the wounds on His hands and feet, but also felt it was necessary to show Thomas the lance wound in His side. So it was with me. I had the insurance folks saying, “Good job, we support you,” but it was not enough, especially when Father Alan was taking Judi touring and seeing places about which I have only read or imagined. I called the High Sheriff of Versailles and all of Woodford County, a man known to many as “Tiny”, explaining the situation and concern expressed to me. Tiny thought about the situation, and being familiar with St. John’s, made a couple of suggestions, one of which was to place a kneeler in the narthex and bolt the swinging doors, if we were very much concerned about something occurring in the nave that was not spiritual in nature. I next called the Versailles Police Department and spoke to Lt. Clark, who arranged an appointment with me to have Safety Officer Michael Fortney to inspect the premises and offer recommendations the very next day. So that whatever Officer Fortney said to me would not be filtered by my opinion only, I asked

Ned Meekins if he would be in town around 9 AM the next day to meet with Officer Fortney also, and he readily agreed. So, at 9 AM sharp, we began to view that part of St. John's that would be open at night. After explaining our situation, Officer Fortney pointed out two items that would be taken if a thief were to enter. Unfortunately, one was my guitar amplifier, and the other was the little CD player that is often left on the step to the chancel behind the piano. These were the only items that could be converted to cash as the brass works had minimal scrap value.

Officer Fortney remarked that St. John's is located "in town" but not in an inner city. It is located not on a heavily traveled street at night, but more traveled than most in Versailles. He said that there is usually a police car nearby late at night, explaining that the office building across the street from St. John's has a wireless internet network that allows the third shift officers to be working at their laptops away from the station house, where they can respond more quickly if a need arises, and the presence of a police car within 50 yards is very reassuring. As we walked and talked, however, I noticed that Officer Fortney was mentioning things that were less and less about protecting material assets and more and more about supporting spiritual needs. I could tell that souls were beginning to communicate to one another. At one point, Officer Fortney stopped and, looking at Ned and me said, "You know, there are times when something happens out on the turnpike, and families are called to come to the hospital as soon as possible. Mr. Harper, there are no places at the hospital for families to go to pray like there are at some of the hospitals in Lexington. In fact, I don't know of another church in Versailles that is opening their church to people to come and pray if they need to. I know my church next door doesn't. If the police know that St. John's is open, they can direct these families who are anxious or grieving to a place where they can seek strength or solace, or whatever quiet place they might need at that time of night. Now let me tell you what we might be able to do. I can ask Lt. Clark if we can extend the walking beat a little further up North Main and check on the doors, like we do on the shops closer to the center of town. We might be able to even pop in and kinda look around to make sure that if the building has someone in it, they are there for the right reasons. We might even stop for a moment and say a prayer ourselves." I said, "I can imagine that an officer who has been on the turnpike at a wreck scene might need some moments for quiet and prayer himself," to which Officer Fortney replied, "You got **that** right." At that point, I knew that we, Fr. Alan and the Vestry, which had voted unanimously to open the church, was performing it's mission in the town of Versailles, and I was proud of that vote and not afraid of what *might* happen.

That afternoon, I emailed Officer Fortney, thanking him for spending part of his morning with Ned and me and asking him once again to discuss our situation with Lt. Clark. The next day, I received this email from Officer Fortney:

Our plan is to have someone on Second Shift and Third Shift check by doing a walk through sometime during their shift. It is out pleasure to do this for you,

Ofc. M. Fortney

JAMES IN THE PHILIPPINES:



I want to start off by saying God has been so good, and has revealed so many truths about life to me in the past 8 months! I can't believe I am getting myself prepared to fly home in July! Although I can't say my time in the Philippines is over! I truly think there is much left for me to do here! As the month of June approaches, and it being our last month, I have some plans and some goals set for the ministries we have started. The month of June is going to be as busy as it can be! St John's has helped fund two jails for the time we have been here! It has also helped in many instances for medication and hospital visits to the families who cannot afford it. My vision is to supply some more bibles into the jails as well as music for the men to listen to that will give them positive things to do while locked up. The month of June I will be doing some traveling as well with some groups from other countries and doing ministry with them in the hospitals, feeding programs and also jails. I want to leave here this time with some assurance that what has started will not stop. This has been something we have all worked to put together with the help of God! We have been giving the inmates supplies, and I would like to leave them with a supply for the rest of the year. This would include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry soap. I am praying and hoping that these goals will be met! I truly believe it is important to make sure these guys have the daily needs in their life as well as bibles to study and become better people! The government here does not provide anything for them except maybe two meals a day. I am looking at total cost of my dream coming to \$400. This money will be going to help fund the things needed above! I ask that you just pray and give as you are led! As the Filipino would say "Salamat" meaning Thank You! The people you have touched here you probably will never meet, but God has seen the true heart of St. John's in reaching the Waray people of the Philippines! May God Bless you and I will see you all very soon!!!

Here is a letter from some of the inmates at one of the jails:

Dearest Brother Tim & James

A blessed day to both of you. Hoping that your always in a good health. But before anything else thank you for being good to us. We are very thankful that there are people like you who sacrifices just to help lightened our way in everyday living. God gave us instrument in order to know and to be with him because we almost lost our way, and that instrument are both of you. Since you've been with us and with your word of God, A different personality came out with us a better man with God's words. We assure to continue what we learned from you and the words of God. Hopefully you will not be bored in coming back here with us discussing the word of God. Maybe we will be removed or transfer to Leyte Provincial Jail at Kauswagan Palo, Leyte next week or month but we still dont have the exact date for transfer. When we are transfered there hoping we can still hear the word of God from both of you. Thank You!!!

Brothers :
Christopher Redubla
Edgar Monte
Robert Monte
Alevan La Caba



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE, 2009

	06/07/09	06/14/09	06/21/09	06/28/09
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Gay Glenn
Altar Guild	Kay&Gay	Susan&Betty	Ann&Nancy	Vickie Duff
	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Sydney Gardner	Anne-Claire Gibson	Jared Cook	Ashleigh Woods
Torch Bearers	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Sophie/Hannah Edelen	Evan/Tage Cook	Leah Cardwell Keelin Watkins
Acolyte	David Richmond	Ned Meekins	Linda R.	Ann Richmond
Chalice Bearer	Christy Leaver	Laura Gibson	Connie Spencer	Linda Wardle
Lector	Jay Box	Debby Edelen	Sara Meekins	Walter Kuntz
Gift Bearers	Todd & Angel Cooper	Gardones	Jacksons	Johnsons
Ushers	Gardones	Gary Menges Bob Johnson	Ron Bruens	Bergers
Altar Guild	Kay&Gay	Susan&Betty	Ann&Nancy	Vickie Duff
L.E.M.	Jo Wilhite	Elaine Menges	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland
Breakfast	Potluck Lunch	Edelen/Koontz	Leaver/ Wade	Sullivan/Mobley
		11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer		James Hawkins	Eric Sandknop	Geoff Bosmann
Torch Bearers		Emily/Leah Mager	Linda Wardle Judi Sutherland	
Acolyte		Judi S.	Carol Filson	Linda Wardle
Chalice Bearer		Cindy Sullivan	Geoff Bosmann	Susan White
Lector		Laura Steen	Virginia Ballard	Lisa Davis
Gift Bearers		Sandknops	Kinkeads	Skeeters
Torch Bearers		McCormicks	Rick Keeling	J & J Cooper
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Allison Fleck	Judi Sutherland	Christy Leaver

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men	2 6 Men's Club	3	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 10 Outdoor Eucharist 11 Potluck Lunch 3 Reading Club Ice Cream Social	8 9 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men 6 Pastoral Care	9 6.15 Vestry	10 10 Bible Study 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 7 Unemployment Support	11 7 Choir Practice	12 Office Closed	13
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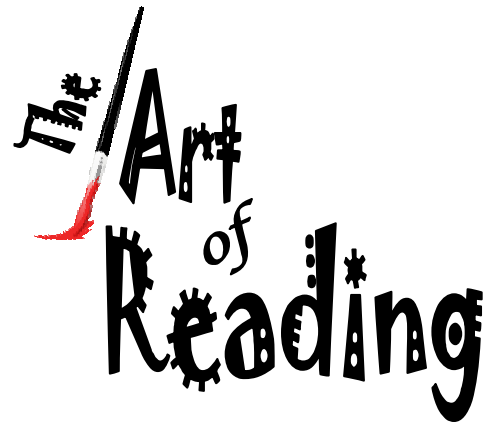
May 6, 2009 was a happy and joyful day with just a tinge of sadness at our final Reading Club for the 2008-2009 school year. The afternoon concluded with a graduation ceremony (complete with humming Pomp and Circumstance!) for our first graduates who attended our two summer camp/school year program! Congratulations! Each received a matted picture

of the whole group, a framed copy of a poem written especially about them by Virginia Ballard and a backpack monogrammed with their initials and loaded with books!! Each also received a certificate and invitation to return when they are 16 and help other kids.

Plans are also in full swing for our third week-long day camp to be held June 15 - 19. The theme this year is "The Art of Reading." Following breakfast, the mornings will be spent in six learning centers working on strategies for improving reading skills and we'll use the William Tell Overture to change classes. After lunch it's fun time: a trip to Life Adventure Camp, a visit from a local author of children's books and to local museums as well and the UK Art Museum for a tour and drawing lesson, demonstrations, lessons and projects to include the theatre (with a VERY interesting surprise performance), watercolors, tie-dye, origami, dancing, pottery and lots of music. Please contact Julie Ross (873-6833) or Katherine Harper (254-3083) if you have ANY questions!

The Woodford County Reading Club is a group of fourth and fifth graders who attend a week-long day camp in the summer and meet twice a month during the school year 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. The Reading Club is offered free of charge to students who are recommended by their teacher or principals at their schools.

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!



"Everyone really stepped up to the plate and the event was a great success by every measure." -Tim Downey, Chair of the Second Annual Roger Reeves Memorial Golf Scramble.

The day began a bit cloudy and cool but by tee time at 1:00, the twenty-two foursomes

who were recruited, organized, and re-organized where necessary by John Darsie, gathered at the Woodford Hills County Club and had a most glorious afternoon of golfing, eating, socializing and fundraising. Tim had told Fr. Alan that his job was to take care of the weather and he did a smashing job! This event is held to honor Roger Reeves and raise funds for The Reading Club, a program near to Roger's heart, as Roger was to the kids who are part of the program. Roger was quite a practical joker and in his honor, on the hole he sponsored during his membership - #14, golfers were required to putt with a croquet mallet. Tim promises that the tournament will always include at least one 'surprise' to honor Roger's sense of humor. The Ky Farm Bureau team from Carroll County



was declared the winner after going to the 5th-hole on a scorecard tie-breaker. These wonderful gentlemen graciously donated back their prize money to The Reading Club! A delicious dinner was served and door prizes distributed to nearly every player. Tim received many compliments on how the tournament was set up and run (thanks,

John!), the wonderful way of memorializing Roger and this fabulous ministry of St. John's members and friends. He said that one player even indicated that, after meeting so many people from St. John's, he wished that he lived in Versailles and could attend church with us!

Many, many thanks go to the Committee, the golfers, the hole sponsors, the cart sponsors, those who made contributions of cash and door prizes, and the volunteers who staffed the tournament.

Tim is already working on next year so if you'd like to help, see him and let John know who will be in your foursome!!

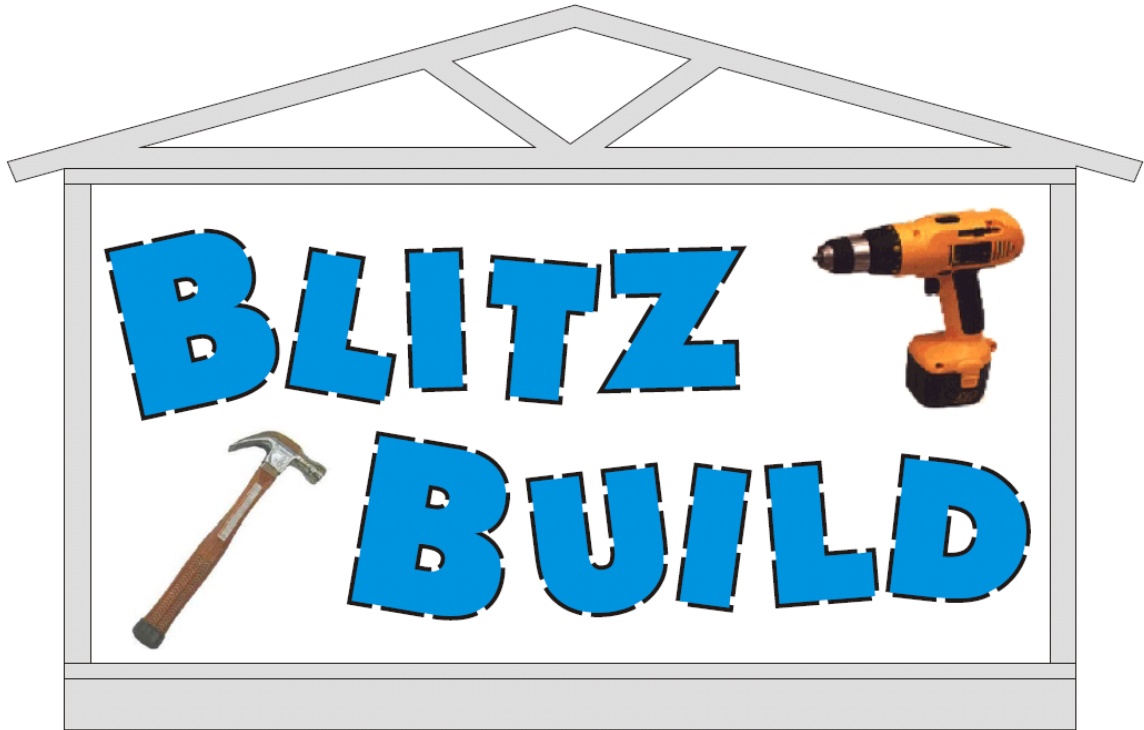




Woodford

Habitat for Humanity

WANTED: Helping Hands!!!



Location: 217 & 219 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Date: June 20th - June 28th, Sunday off

Time: 8am - 4pm, maybe later

Lunch and Water provided, bring a hammer if you can.

Woodford Co. Habitat for Humanity 333-0440

OUTDOOR SERVICES

Dear Friends,
 June 7th will be the first of our outdoor services for the summer. The schedule will be Holy Communion in the chapel at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. The outdoor service will begin in the garden at 10 a.m followed by a pot luck lunch. We will share the same schedule on July 5, Aug 2, and Sept 6

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 31st is the day of Pentecost and marks the end of the Easter season. During the Easter season, we have used Rite 2 at all our services with the use of service booklets. After Pentecost that will continue at the 7 a.m , 8 a.m and 11 a.m. services. At the 9 a.m service, beginning on June 14th we will be celebrating with the Rite 1 Liturgy. We will be using prayer books and hymnals. We have several choices of styles of worship at St. John's and we hope that everyone can find one that is spiritually enriching for them.



St. John's Episcopal Church Comparison: 2009 Actual & Budget

	Apr-09 YTD Actual	Apr-09 YTD Budget
Income		
Pledges	\$ 74,749	\$ 72,067
Plate	13,784	10,000
Other Income	13,113	10,983
Total Income	\$ 101,646	\$ 93,050
Expenses		
Total General Ministry Ex- penses	\$ 17,197	\$ 17,869
Total Property Expenses	16,521	9,492
Total Office Expenses	5,002	3,960
Total Sala- ries, Benefits, etc.	70,382	67,440
Total Expense	\$ 109,102	\$ 98,761
Net	\$ (7,456)	\$ (5,711)

Vacation Bible School *With My Own Two Hands*



July 20
— 23
6:00-
8:00

Family Game Night...

will be taking a hiatus through the summer. It will resume in the Fall on the first Saturday of October and continue monthly on the first Saturdays through the Winter and Spring. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



Gallon Jugs

Virginia Ballard is in charge of a major art project to make masks at the Reading Camp at Pine Mountain Settlement School this summer. We need to get 40 one-gallon jugs like those that milk and orange juice come in. Please save and rinse out the one-gallon jugs you are through with. They can either be dropped off on the porch of 130 Elm Street (by parishioners on Elm St.) or I will be glad to come and pick them up. An e-mail will be sent to stop the collection when we get 40 one-gallon jugs. Please save as many as you can. For pick up call Virginia at: 873-9120 or cell: 333-1773. Thanks everyone!!

From the Parish Records
Holy Matrimony
May 16 Jason Huber and Crystal Tackett

Children's sermon and birthday prayer. Because of the outdoor services being on the first Sunday of the summer months, we will have our children's sermon and birthday prayer on the second Sunday of each month.





Andrew Leonard, guitar instructor at St. John's & UK to Perform

On Friday, June 19th at 7:30 pm, Andrew Leonard will be giving a solo guitar performance at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Versailles. Leonard runs the guitar program and UK and if you have been at Saint John's during a week-night you might have heard or seen the young guitarists who study with him.

Leonard has performed throughout the country, been called a "guitar phenomenon," and made two recordings. His program will include music from Spain, world music, folk music and pieces by J.S. Bach. To find out more about Andrew Leonard, his website address is "www.andrew-leonard.com" and includes a video performance.

Tickets (\$10 general admission/\$5 students) are available at the door, the evening of the performance. For further information contact Saint John's Episcopal Church (859) 873-3481.

RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's RELAY FOR LIFE will be held on JUNE 5 at FALLING SPRINGS RECREATIONAL CENTER.. Saint John's has been an active participant in this much needed rally to FIGHT CANCER in all it forms. We will have a tent set up and there will be games and organized activities throughout the event. Please consider helping in some way. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CAROL FILSON AT 859-9831479. We will also have fun.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Last year the First Christian Church opened a community kitchen to feed the hungry. The kitchen is now open two Mondays a month and provides a hot meal for those who come.

St. John's has volunteered to be responsible for a first Monday to provide a meal for the needy. Tracy Werner-Wilson is our liaison coordinator for this program, and we will have more details in the near future.

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

You might be an Episcopalian...

... when you watch Star Wars and they say "May the force be with you", you automatically reply "And also with you".

... if someone says, "Let us pray" and you automatically hit your knees.

... if you might be an Episcopalian if words like: "vouchsafe," "oblation," "supplications," "succor," "bewail," "wherefore," "dost," and "very" (in its archaic sense) are familiar to you even if you don't have a clue that they mean.

... if your groomsmen at your wedding whisper "with God's help" to you during your vows after you say "I will".

... if you can rattle off tongue twisters like: ". . . who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full and perfect sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the world" and "Wherefore, O, Lord and Heavenly Father, we thy people, do celebrate and make here, with these gifts which we offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make . . ." without missing a beat.

... if you think that the Bible is a holy book because it quotes the Book of Common Prayer so well.

... if you catch yourself genuflecting or bowing as you enter a row of seats in a theater.

... if you can pronounce "innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same."

... if you know the best way to quiet a room full of them: "The Lord be with you!"

... if, when visiting a Catholic Church, you are the only Ah-men amongst a sea of A-mens.

... if you know that a primate isn't just a monkey.

... if you don't think Agnus Dei is a woman.

...you know how to finish the phrase "and I will raaaaise them up, and I will raaaaise them up..."

... if you know that the nave is not a playing card.

... if your friend said "I'm truly sorry. . ." and you replied, "and you humbly repent?"

... if you consider a sticker on your car to be an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

... if you know that "humble access" has nothing to do with a security clearance.

... if you know that the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden are not positions in the local prison.

... if you not only talk about God, but God is placed in the palm of your hand.

And finally,

... if you reach a point when you're not sure about anything theologically but you still feel completely at home at the altar rail and somehow know you're meeting God there, even though you can't begin to understand how.

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