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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 OCTOBER

3 Valerie Hanke
4 Linda Nave
5 Susan Sliger
5 Philip Gerrow
5 Sydney Gardner
6 John Fritz, Jr.
6 Nicola Berger
7 Hannah Kellogg
9 Ann Hall

9 Michael Head
9 Thayre Hawkins
10 Charline Bell
10 James Snider
10 Ernest Potter
10 Ron Bruens
11 Taner Roberts
13 Ron Mobley
17 Donna Blevins

17 Judi Sutherland
18 Ann Richmond
18 Tracey Werner-Wilson
19 Jo Gardone
21 Jo Hughes
22 Carol Watts
22 Roger Ballard
23 Steve Watts

RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends.

I have a new favorite CD. It is called Spirit of the Glen by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. It is a blend of bagpipes and orchestra, which can now be heard from my office or open car window on most days. My favorite track is Dances with Wolves. It begins, like the original score, with a stanza of trumpet, then a stanza of violins, and then the whole piece takes on a different magnitude as the bagpipes begin to lead the rest of the piece.

On Friday morning, September 11, at around 7:15 a.m., I was making my way to the Repair Affair kick off. Driving out of Versailles, the old middle school is on the right, and on the left, as you go up the hill is a pasture with trees. I was listening to Dances with Wolves and as I drove up the hill, through the trees, was this huge ball of red fire that we call the sun.

Just as I saw the incredible beauty of the rising sun through the trees, the third stanza of bagpipes and orchestra began in Dances with Wolves. It was one of those moments where everything seemed just right with the world. The deepest sense of calm and peace. The overwhelming grace of God's presence. A glimpse of the infinite in our finite world.

Even though it was a day of horrible remembrance of violence and death, shock and horror, God had still given us a beautiful day to live in His will. We each remember 9/11/01 in many different ways, but at 7:15 on 9/11/09 I was reminded that this is still God's world, and although everything is not right with God's children, there is still the potential for us to change that. And it has to begin with me.

On the weekend of 9/11 over 250 volunteers worked on 16 homes in our county. Simple acts of selflessness, caring, labor that made a difference.

I had with me all day the moment of the morning. That sense of the peace of God's presence. That, because of God, we can make a difference in God's world and we do not have to look very far for the people we can make a difference with.

Dances with Wolves reminds me of that. I play it often.

My second favorite track is the Last of the Mohicans, but that is another story.

With all my love and prayers,

Your friend



Fr. Alan

DEACON'S PAGE

I remember the first meeting of our Pastoral Care Group and as I looked around at all the faces I noticed that everyone had that look of “Why have I been asked to be a part of this?” I think I can speak for the whole group when I say that none of us felt prepared or worthy of this calling. The important thing is that we accepted the challenge and I know all of us are glad we did.

Before any of us can get to a place where we offer Pastoral Care, we first have to analyze our own spirituality with an in-depth look at ourselves. One of the most memorable times for me was at our first retreat at the Domain where we were instructed by our leader, Donna Barr, to write our spiritual autobiography. As we all sat and listened to each other's story, I was amazed at how all of us were brought to tears at our own vulnerabilities and how much courage it took just to speak what we had written. A bonding between us all took place that night and I can honestly say that everyone in our group has become as close as family. I love them all.

Recently, Donna asked us to give a report on a particular area of pastoral care that we would like to focus on. I chose hospital pastoral care and on a lesser degree, visiting people struggling with depression. I have worked in the medical field for 20 years, as a clinical caregiver. I would like the chance to work with patients on a different level.

Being in the hospital brings on a whole new aspect to a person's spiritual life. There can be confusion as to what is wrong with them, people using words and terms that are foreign to them, and the fear and anxiety of just being out of your normal routine. People who are hospitalized with a serious illness or injury find that they may need some affirmation of their spiritual life. They may have lots of questions about death and dying. It is my desire to be with these people, not that I will always have answers to their questions, but to provide a presence that they can trust, confide in, and know that they are not alone.

Clinical depression is a very serious medical illness that affects over 17 million men and women in the United States each year. It negatively affects how you feel, the way you think and how you act. A lot of people who suffer from depression/anxiety disorders don't even recognize that they have a problem. They just know that they don't feel like themselves. Clinical depression usually occurs after a stressful life event such as divorce, death in the family or even minor things such as children leaving home. It can bring on many physical ailments, headaches, stomach problems, and a general inability to cope with life. The most important thing you can do to help someone that you think may be clinically depressed, is to get them to a professional for treatment. It is not something that will go away on its own, or just sitting and talking with a friend. Treatment usually includes psychological analysis with or without medication. As with any serious illness, depression can bring on thoughts of their own spirituality and questions of why God let this happen to them.

I have found that our Pastoral Care class has been instrumental in my own spiritual life by affirming for me my beliefs, my relationship with God, and my relationship with others. I am so thankful to have had this opportunity to learn, serve, and grow in the Christian faith.

I hope that everyone takes advantage of the six part series “Wrestling With Angels” coming up in September. The topics will be 1) Why Me?, 2) Guidance, 3) Prayer, 4) Forgiving, 5) Doubt, 6) Love. Hope to see you there,

Love in Christ,
Judi Sutherland

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

Over this past year, I have had a remarkable experience in giving the gift of time. About a year ago, a young person asked me for my free time to help them with a personal goal. I liked the goal and thought it admirable, and I agreed to put myself at their disposal whenever I might be needed, in spite of what I perceived to be my own limitations in terms of knowledge and ability. I even shuffled some other priorities in order to make time available, because I took the charge seriously that was asked of me. I attached no conditions and did what I could. This process has recently been completed, and at the end of it I have been rewarded with a feeling of joy such that I am more indebted to the person I helped than they are to me. My life has been enriched in the process, resulting in an experience I will never forget.

What has all this to do with liturgy and music? Well, there is a connection. Music is just one aspect of support of communal worship. Music can be a bond which brings us together in times of gladness and great sorrow. It expresses our reverence and praise to God and His son Jesus Christ. As I look back over what is now a 37-year participation (I should say it is a career) in church music, I am reminded of how meaningful my choir work has been to me. But, it is also a gift given to others and, in the context of liturgy, also on behalf of others. What about people who feel unable to sing or play an instrument? There are still roles in worship that are just as important and bring us together. The altar guild beautifies the church so that we may worship in an inspired setting. Acolytes serve at the altar, and readers teach us by narrating the Word of the Lord. As we enter a season of renewed giving, forget not the gift of time, for we cannot always tell how our effort may touch another person, but what we may receive is a sense of fulfillment that can lead us to a deeper understanding of the love of God.



Please mark your calendars now for a special service honoring the Stoles Project at St. Raphael's, Lexington, on Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. The Parish Choir of St. John's will be joining with the choir of St. Raphael's and their choir director, Matt McGarvey, in this service of Evensong honoring and remembering those within our church who are living and suffering with AIDS. Bishop Sauls will be the guest preacher.

SENIOR WARDEN

Vestry Nominations

The Vestry is the Governing Body of the Parish and consists of the Rector and nine lay persons who are 16 years old or more, communicants, contributors, and regular worshippers at St. John's Church.

The duties of the Vestry are to be in charge of and regulate the temporal affairs of the Parish and to approve the annual Parish budget.

During the coming weeks we will be receiving nominations of St. John's parishioners to run for election to Vestry. The election for Vestry takes place at our annual meeting on November 1 this year, and those elected will begin January 1, 2009, and serve for three years.

The Vestry meets once per month for approximately one hour. Each Vestry member will serve on a Vestry committee based on their interest, experience or expertise. Father Sutherland makes committee assignments.

Serving St. John's as a Vestry member is a serious responsibility, but an extremely rewarding one.

Please consider being a nominee for Vestry.

If you would like your name on the ballot or know of someone you would like to nominate (with their permission), please submit the name to Ben Harper, Sr. Warden, no later than Oct.18. Thank you.



The Gospel Diamonds

Once again led our worship music at our final outdoor service of 2009. Thanks to them for their joyful and uplifting music!





**Sunday School Bible Verse
Recital**
**Collected many dollars for the
children's special
donations and projects**



**Adult Christian Formation:
Children of Abraham**

After the Wrestling with Angels class concludes, the Adult Christian Formation class will continue its weekly Wednesday meetings from 6:30-8:00pm. Beginning October 21 the focus will shift to interfaith relations. The "Children of Abraham" class will center on discovery and discussion of the Abrahamic faith traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and probe the possibilities for dialogue. As Christians, how are we called to respond in our post-9/11 pluralistic and rapidly changing society? How can Jews, Christians, and Muslims discover common roots and a common heritage and be vehicles for peace? Led by Allison Asay, who spent her undergraduate years as a student of religion, traveling to and studying in Morocco, Poland, Turkey, Greece, Israel and Egypt, the class will be structured around discussion of the documentary film *Three Faiths: One God*. Class members will be provided with short weekly readings and preparation for the weekly viewing of a portion of the film and the discussion that will follow. All ages are welcome. Please contact Allison Asay allison.asay@gmail.com, with questions or comments.

ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, October 2009

	10/04/09	10/11/09	10/18/09	10/25/09
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	William Werner-Wilson	Sydney Gardner	Jessica Woods	Anne-Claire Gibson
Torch Bearers	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Emma/Sophie Berger	William/Frances Werner-Wilson	Hannah/Sophie Edelen
Acolyte	Ann Richmond	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Ned Meekins
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Laura Gibson	Gary Menges	Linda Wardle
Lector	Walter Kuntz	Sara Meekins	Laura Gibson	Carole Mize
Gift Bearers	Lawrences	Johnsons	Mobleys	Bruens
Ushers	Claire Wilson Judi Sutherland	Bergers	Ranges	Gardones
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty
LEM	Jo Wilhite	Elaine Menges	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland
Breakfast	Berger/Vandenburg	Wade/ Werner-Wilson	Koontz/Sullivan	Bruens/Rubio
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	James Hawkins	Eric Sandknop	Geoff Bosmann	Susan White
Torch Bearers	Emily/ Leah Mager	Ethan/Elena Howard		
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland	Carol Filson
Chalice Bearer	Cindy Sullivan	Christy Leaver	Susan White	Geoff Bosmann
Lector	Virginia Ballard	Lisa Davis	Katherine Harper	Julie Ross
Gift Bearers	T&A Cooper	Sara/Audrey Sandknop	Leaver/Howard	Skeeters
Ushers	J&J Cooper	James Hawkins	Rick Keeling	Kinkeads
Altar Guild	Judi Sutherland	Virginiia Ballard	Christy Leaver	Ann Miller

Wednesday	10/07/09	10/14/09	10/21/09	10/28/09
Acolyte	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Office Closed	3 Ritchie/Rachel/Wilson Wedding
4 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 Breakfast 10 Sunday School 11 Eucharist	5 9 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men 6 Pastoral Care	6 7 Unemployment Support	7 10 Bible Study 5:15 11 choir 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck 6.30 Wrestling w/ Angels	8 7 choir	9 Office Closed	10
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From the Parish Records

Holy Baptism

September 13 Harper Elizabeth Reynolds

Holy Matrimony

September 12

Sarah Hallack and William Buzo



Music and Worship at 11:00 Service

Choir rehearsals for the 11:00 service have resumed for the fall. Anyone interested in singing, playing guitar, drums, tamborine, etc - please join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm. Rehearsals adjourn in time for the potluck dinner and adult Christian formation classes.

We are always looking for new ways to enliven the worship at the 11:00 service through our musical offerings. Feel free to suggest music selections or introduce new music to choir members - we welcome your contributions. You are always welcome to help us lead music on Sunday mornings; we love new faces in the choir, even if you can only commit to sporadic and occasional rehearsals. Join us!

Peace,
Allison Asay
Assistant Musician; Director of 11:00 Music

ACOLYTE HELPERS NEEDED

Acolyte helpers are needed for the following:

1. Be in the vesting room 15 minutes before the service, 9 and 11, to assist and make sure all servers are present.
 2. Be in the vestry room after the service, 9 and 11, to hang vestments, put soiled vestments in laundry bag, tidy vesting room.
- And/or
3. Take vestments home to wash and return.

This is a very small time commitment. We need to cover services every week to effectively care for our vestments and the vesting room.

ALTAR FLOWER NEWS

As we are all aware, funding for everything has gotten tight. The altar flowers are no exception. I purchased ferns to use throughout the summer months. The ferns will last until the weather turns cold. We just haven't had very many sign up to purchase flowers for the altar. I have researched the cost for buying flowers wholesale. I believe we can make two nice arrangements for as little as \$35.00 per Sunday. That is \$65.00 cheaper than having a florist prepare them for us!! In the near future I plan on setting up a poster with all the Sundays listed for the next year. Please consider signing up to purchase flowers for the altar for a Sunday or two. On the Monday prior to your chosen Sunday, don't forget to call Kathy in the church office, and dedicate your donated flowers to a special person or event. Thank you all for your words of encouragement and approval. Cindy Kinkead, (859) 873-9744



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting—
November 7

Kirkin o the Tartans—November 22

Ann Richmond, Nominee, to Be Honored

Congratulations to Ann Richmond who was nominated as Honored Woman of the Diocese of Lexington for 2009.

You are invited to celebrate this honor with Ann at the Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW on Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Church, Versailles. Please join us in honoring Ann!



Sunday, October 25

4:00 p.m.



RAIN OR SHINE

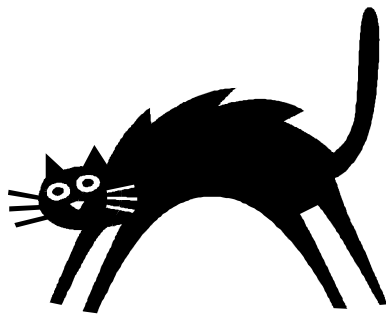
(Raining - we'll party in the Richmond's home)

Halloween Party

Dinner

Hayride

Games



Bonfire

Come in Costume

Bring a Friend

Ann & David Richmond's Farm
4895 McCowans Ferry Road

From the courthouse in Versailles go south on Main Street. Turn right onto Rose Hill. Take first left onto High Street/McCowan's Ferry. Go about 5 miles, past the Country Club, over the Bluegrass Parkway. The farm is one mile past the parkway. You come over a small hill, the driveway is at the bottom of the hill on the right. There is a tree, flower bed and sign saying Wyndehurst. Come back the driveway we'll be in the field. If you get lost...492-4389
**Bonfire weather permitting



St. John's Episcopal Church – Comparison of Budget to Actual				
	Aug-09 YTD Ac- tual	Aug-09 YTD Budget	2009 Full Year Budget	
Income				
Pledges	\$140,090	\$144,533	\$216,800	
Plate	36,497	26,667	40,000	
Other income	35,847	37,520	56,280	
Total Income	\$212,434	\$208,720	\$313,080	
Expenses				
General Ministry expenses	\$37,214	\$44,307	\$66,460	
Property expenses	25,564	22,165	33,247	
Office expenses	9,793	8,506	12,760	
Salaries, Benefits, etc.	136,424	138,427	207,641	
Total Expenses	\$208,995	\$213,405	\$320,108	
Net	\$3,439	(\$4,685)	(\$7,028)	

Time, Talent, and Treasure Oct. 4

Our pledge period for 2010 begins on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was a privileged, wealthy young man who turned his life to prayer, gave everything he had away, and became the role model for countless people for hundreds of years.

St. John's 2010 stewardship campaign doesn't ask us to go quite that far, but we do need to ask ourselves what we can each give to our community of faith in these three categories:

Time, Talent, and Treasure.

You will receive a packet with a pledge card for your financial contribution and a Time and Talent donation form. Please consider prayerfully what you can do toward the support of our church, fill out the information, seal your envelope, and take the packet to the next household on your list.

The ingathering will be on October 25th, when we will bless the gifts we have pledged. It is important to have all the packets back by that date as we need the information for the income side of the 2010 budget. We will only have one week to get that document put together in time for the annual meeting on November 1st.

We'll need everyone's help to see that the packets keep moving and don't get stuck along the line.

Sunday School

10:00 – 10:30

(Upstairs)



Pre – 2nd grade: Godly Play is the Montessori Method of Christian Formation. We believe children already experience God. Godly Play gives them the language and place in which to express it. Teachers: Virginia Ballard, Emily Cardwell, Tracy Clay, Debby Edelen, Sarah Meekins, Julie Skeeters, Rhonda Wade

3-5 grades: Grow through the Bible sharing through stories, responses, and various outreach activities. Teachers: Nikki Berger, Julie Ross

Middle & High School: Allison Asay, now a graduate in theology continues teaching the teens with help from Kerry Lawry, Diana Vetter and Ron Werner-Wilson.

Questions? Talk to Julie Ross



Youth/Teen Sunday School: The Heart of Christianity

The Sunday School class for our middle and high school students began September 13 - and what a great start we had! Over ten students joined leaders Ron Werner-Wilson and Allison Asay as they started the semester with discussion of *The Heart of Christianity*, which is both the title of a book by Marcus Borg and will also be the focus of discussion for this fall and winter. What is the heart of Christianity? How are we to be Christians in the world today? The first class was full of great conversation as the students and leaders discussed love, forgiveness, faith, and their relationship with God. All students in grades 6-12 are more than welcome; please join us in the youth room on Sundays at 9:45. We need and want your voice to be in our class.

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



Children of Abraham

October 21st

6:30-8:00

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