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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 September

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|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Catherine Bell | 8 John Mink | 6 Ned Meekins | 24 Nancy Kowalke |
| 4 Tiffany Perry | 8 Mary Jane Jones | 16 Emma Berger | 25 Jo Wilhite |
| 5 Rhonda Wade | 9 Sheryl Bruens | 17 Mark Slover | 25 Rebecca Sparrow |
| 5 Amy Collingsworth | 11 Betty Rehm | 17 Jacqueline Means | 26 Nancy Palmore |
| 5 Amie Roberts | 10 Kevin Skeeters | 17 Sarah Sandknop | 27 Virginia Wiglesworth |
| 6 Patrick Watts | 11 Craig Watkins | 18 Irvin Bullock | 27 Emily Lawrence |
| 7 Linda Reeves | 11 Ali Kelly | 20 Elizabeth Rowland | 28 Shirley Potter |
| 7 Benjamin Berger | 12 Maria Ratterman | 21 Sean Rowland | 29 Elaine Menges |
| 7 Tori Donovan | 12 Samuel Werner-Wilson | 22 William Clark, Jr. | 29 Gerri Schmidt |
| 7 Lilly Groves | 13 Courtney Bruens | 24 Ann Black Sturm | 29 Todd Cooper |

RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Last week we acquired another vehicle in our family. James needed a car and so he got the brown Sentra that I drove and I got the Altima that Judi drove and the newer vehicle Judi gets to drive.

It is a learning experience to each of us to drive a different vehicle, but what has been interesting is the response we are getting on the road. James says all sorts of people just wave to him and he just waves back. He says he just looks like me so people think he is me. I have people wave to me, but then are unsure because I am not pretty with long blond hair. I do not look like Judi. Judi says she drives like a stranger because no one knows the car yet. Each of us has been identified on the road by what we drive. Yet who is on the inside is now a different person in the drivers seat.

So often in our lives we think we can know a person by how they are on the outside. We move to judgment of others based on how they look. Yet the true qualities of a person you always will find on the inside of them. It is the inside of a person that really tells you who they really are. Jesus was very clear about this. It is not how you look, where you live and today, even where you work or what you drive. It is who you are that really matters. We can change to look different on the outside all we want, but it is still what is on the inside that matters. It is our hearts that Jesus wants us to change. To not be whitewashed vessels full of dead men's bones, but to be people of substance, care, compassion, kindness and genuine love. These are the qualities of the heart that reflect the way we are called to live. Because it is always what is on the inside that matters.

With all my love and prayers

Your friend

Alan



The Pastoral Care Ministers at St. John's Presents
Wrestling With Angels



An Intimate Look at the Tough Questions of Life

Through moving testimonies and the commentary of noted authors, some of the most troubling questions of faith and ethics are wrestled with and given insight in this six part inspirational series. The series producer says, "for Wrestling with Angels we asked, 'if you could ask God any questions, what would they be? Questions such as:

"Why didn't God answer my prayers?"

"If God's so good, why is there so much evil in the world?"

"The Bible says to forgive, but how can I?"

"Why is there senseless tragedy?"

"Is it okay to doubt?"

"Why is it so hard to love?"

Often these are questions that people ask which led them away from God. But we've found out that by wrestling with them, you actually grow closer to God."

The series title, **Wrestling with Angels**, comes from Jacob wrestling with the Angel of the Lord. The idea behind this wrestling is that it's personal and intimate. You will find

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

It is really a shame that the Episcopal Church does not have a day set aside in the liturgical calendar for the celebration of the music of the church. The Lutheran church has a special day called Cantate Sunday, and the years that I lived in Wisconsin singing in a Lutheran choir, this Sunday always featured special music. The choir members were all recognized, as well as any instrumentalists and substitute organists who had been involved in the musical life of the church during the past year. It was always a wonderful occasion and I miss it very much. As I write this in mid-August, I was reminded of the occasion as we sang our processional hymn, "When in our music God is glorified" (#420), set to a stirring tune by Charles Villiers Stanford. Space does not permit quoting this hymn by F. Pratt Green (1903-2000), but the hymn focuses on the importance of music to liturgy and what it means in the life of the Church. I particularly like the beginning of the fourth verse, "And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light?" As another choirmaster pointed out to me once, it is noteworthy that in the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the word "sung" always comes before "said."

A short word about F. Pratt Green. The Rev. Fred Pratt Green was a British Methodist minister, and he wrote a large number of hymns; so many, in fact, that a special trust has been set up from the royalties earned by his work. His hymns reflect a rejection of fundamentalism and show concern with social issues. Many were written to support the liturgical needs of the modern church speaking to topics or events for which traditional hymnody did not fit. His hymns have been popular with a variety of denominational hymnals, and he was recognized with a CBE from Queen Elizabeth II. His work is represented in our hymnal with a number of selections, including: "Blest be the King whose coming" (74), "For the fruit of all creation" (424), as well as the above-mentioned hymn.



As we begin the start of a new season, please consider once again supporting one of the choirs at St. John's and joining in the musical offerings of our parish life. It is as easy as a small commitment of time and speaking with me or Allison Asay. The rewards are immeasurable.

SR. WARDEN

Dear St. John's Family,

Peace and blessings. After a beautiful summer, wonderful adventures, and family vacations, we look forward to worship and fellowship with you this autumn, through Pentecost to Advent and Christmas.

Throughout the summer, St. John's has maintained its vibrant outreach and church involvement – locally, at the diocesan level, and nationally – while still praying together throughout the week. We served over 30 children with our Reading Club day camp; prayed for our youth who attended camp at the Cathedral Domain and for Lisa Davis, Katherine Harper, and Allison Asay while they represented the Diocese of Lexington at the ECW Triennial and General Convention; held Vacation Bible School for the children of our church; opened our church doors to community gatherings, guitar lessons, and meetings of AA and Al-Anon; welcomed James Sutherland home from his time as a missionary in the Philippines; had Bible Studies, Wednesday Potlucks, choir rehearsals, delicious Sunday morning breakfasts; and worshipped together -- especially at our large gatherings for Outdoor Services.

St. John's is a dynamic community of faith – living out Christ's call to love and to serve every day of the week.

We are giving, always making available our plentiful material resources for use by the community and congregation.

We are caring, with a dedicated Pastoral Care Team, and a rector and deacon who minister daily to parishioners, particularly those among us who are sick and feel uplifted by their visits.

We are welcoming; the foot traffic through our church building is something for which we can all be proud!

We are thankful for the plenty that God has given to us, and continually seeking ways to serve and share God's blessings and abundance.

The practical side of our very rich and full parish life is the cost of operation. Pledge contributions have dropped a little over the summer, which is usual in the summer months, but we move forward in faith that contributions will return to expected levels and our community can continue its work. We expect to be able to continue all our projected programs and outreach if we receive pledges as expected, we just need to catch up going into the start of the church school year.

St. John's is very blessed: our outreach and prayer life bespeak a great strength of our communal "stepping out in faith." However, our community is healthy only because of the commitment and giving of its individual members, in spite of an economy that was uncertain, but by all indications, is recovering. St. John's budget started the year \$10,047 short of being balanced. Through constant management and reduced spending, we now have a total budgetary shortfall of \$7,128. We're chipping away at that on the expense side, but pledge payments are still on vacation with a \$7,108 deficit on the income side.

Please remember St. John's in your prayers and financial contributions. We will continue to serve Woodford County, our nation, and world with our collective leaps of faith and pledges of time, talent, and treasure – with God's help.

Ben Harper, Sr. Warden

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

The Wednesday morning Bible Study group has decided to begin a book study and discussion this fall. Starting September 9 we will read and discuss *The Bible: A Biography* by Karen Armstrong. The cost of the book is \$10.19 and if you'd like a copy ordered for you, contact Katherine Harper: 285-9336. This is the book description from Amazon: "As the single work at the heart of Christianity, the world's largest organized religion, the Bible is the spiritual guide for one out of every three people in the world. It is also the world's most widely distributed book and its best-selling, with an estimated six billion copies sold in the last two hundred years. But the Bible is a complex work with a complicated and obscure history. Its contents have changed over the centuries, it has been transformed by translation and, through interpretation, has developed manifold meanings to various religions, denominations, and sects.

In this seminal account, acclaimed historian Karen Armstrong discusses the conception, gestation, life, and afterlife of history's most powerful book. Armstrong analyzes the social and political situation in which oral history turned into written scripture, how this all-pervasive scripture was collected into one work, and how it became accepted as Christianity's sacred text, and how its interpretation changed over time."



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, September, 2009

	09/06/09	09/13/09	09/20/09	09/27/09
	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	Ann Miller	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty
	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Jessica Woods	Linda Wardle	Anne-Claire Gibson	Ashleigh Woods
Torch Bearers	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Hannah/Sophie Edelen	Leah Cardwell Keelin Watkins	William/Frances Werner-Wilson
Acolyte	Linda Wardle	Ned Meekins	Linda Reeves	Ben Harper
Chalice Bearer	Connie Spencer	Laura Gibson	Linda Wardle	Gary Menges
Lector	Suzanne Thompson	Ned Meekins	Sara Meekins	David Richmond
Gift Bearers		Range	Menges	Ruggles/McCormick
Ushers	Ned Meekins, Ed Ruggles, James Hawkins	Gardones	Johnsons	Bruens
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley/Gay Glenn	Ann Miller	Vickie Duff	Susan & Betty
L.E.M.	Jo Wilhite	Judi Sutherland	Elaine Menges	Vickie Duff
Breakfast	Potluck Lunch	Mobley/Edelen	Bruens/Sullivan	Koontz/Watts
		11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer		Eric Sandknop	Geoff Bosmann	Susan White
Torches		Ethan/Elaina Howard	Emily/Leah Mager	
Acolyte		Judi Sutherland	Lee Rowland	Carol Filson
Chalice Bearer		Cindy Sullivan	Susan White	Geoff Bosmann
Lector		Jay Box	Christy Leaver	Laura Steen
Gift Bearers		Skeeters	Mc/Cormick	J&J Cooper
Ushers		Rick Keeling	Jackie & Carol	James Hawkins Eric Sandknop
Altar Guild	Allison Fleck	Virginia Ballard	Christy Leaver	Judi Sutherland

Wednesday	09/02/09	09/09/09	09/16/09	09/23/09
Acolyte	David Richmond	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Ned Meekins
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 Men's Club 7 Unemployment Support	2 10 Bible Study 5:15 11 choir 5:30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	3 7 Choir	4 Office Closed	5 10 Server Training
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LAST OUTDOOR SERVICE!

We continue 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 Sept 6.



From the Parish Records

Holy Baptism
8/16 Nicole Janet Collingsworth

Holy Matrimony
7/28 Matthew Marshall and Heather Napier
7/28 Bradley Tune and Kelsey Nicholson

Deaths
7/16 Patricia Leaver
8/13 Linda Tucker

We extend our sympathies to their families and loved ones. May light perpetual shine upon them.

ECW ANNUAL RETREAT

Women of St. John's, recharge your spirit before a hectic autumn!

Sign up now for St. John's Episcopal Church Women annual retreat Thursday, September 24 through Saturday, September 26 at Moyer Spiritual Center on the grounds of St. Anne Convent in Melbourne, KY.

This year's theme: "The Christian Woman in a Modern World" —Workshops, Meditation, Worship, Friendship and more!

Two nights lodging plus four meals will be \$101.00 per person.

Thursday dinner on the road. Carpool from St. John's Thursday afternoon, and return Saturday afternoon.

Sign up sheet in Hosea Hall. Don't delay, space is limited.

insights from hearing stories of people like yourselves.

Episode Titles

1. **Guidance with Tony Campolo**
2. **Why Me? with Philip Yancy**
3. **Prayer with Richard Foster**
4. **Forgiving with Lewis Smedles**
5. **Doubt with Madeline L'Engle**
6. **Love with Keith Miller**

This six weeks study begins Wednesday, September 9th

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist 5:30

Potluck Dinner 6:00

Wrestling With Angels 6:30 – 8:00

Child Care Provided

Sign-up Hosea Hall

St. John's Tract Rack and Information Table

Would you or someone you know be interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church? Have you ever wondered about the language or the customs of our faith? Satisfy your curiosity by taking one or more pamphlets displayed in St. John's tract rack located on the wall in Hosea Hall. As a service to members and visitors, St. John's offers Forward Movement's *Red Door Series* of pamphlets about the history, traditions and teachings of the Episcopal Church as well as the *Forward Day by Day* lectionary meditations. You'll also find information about the many programs and ministries associated with St. John's. So, if you haven't browsed the information area lately, you might want to take a look next time you're in Hosea Hall.

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. There is a sign up sheet in Hosea Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting—November 7

Kirkin o th Tartans—November 22



Pine Mountain Settlement School
Reading Camp
The Mask Project

St. John's parishioners responded to a request for gallon jugs for a "really big art project" at PMSS. Some have asked for a report about the results. The significance of the gallon jug was that it would be a base for a durable, long-lasting mask for the Reading Camp children.

I give an outline of the process of making the masks in case a parent or other family member would like to make one.

First the jugs were cut in half along a vertical seam and the top triangle cut out with scissors. Two eye holes were cut out with an exacto knife. This was done only by adult volunteers.

The picnic tables where art is done were covered by plastic drop cloths. Each camper was given a paper medical examining gown to wear backwards (in lieu of smocks). They worked in keeping the paint off of the children's clothes!

The PMSS Reading Camp participants made good use of (2) one-hour sessions. The first session, the campers applied masking tape to the mask base (in lieu of paper mache which takes *forever* to dry). Then each child chose a color of acrylic paint to cover the masking tape right then. It took very little paint but ingenuity of the teachers, counselors, and other staff to mix the colors.

The second session was devoted to decorating the painted mask (it usually takes acrylic paint 15-20 minutes to dry unless it is very humid). Each student was given a baggie of feathers, fake jewels, and fun foam. Furry fabric and markers were passed out.

The campers worked very efficiently and were animated and excited about the masks. Adults made positive comments.

Thank you St. John's parishioners for making *The Mask Project* possible.



REPAIR AFFAIR

For the last several years, St. John's has had a team that has helped with Repair Affair. Repair Affair is sponsored by the Versailles Woodford County Rotary club and makes repairs on the homes of the elderly and disabled who are not financially or physically able to get the work done. Over the past few years St. John's has painted interiors and exteriors, made several repairs, cleaned out yards, made trees safe and had a lot of fun as we got to know a resident of our community. If you would like to help this year, the Repair Affair is scheduled for Sept. 11 and 12 (you do not need to be present both days), and a sign up sheet is in Hosea Hall. No previous experience is necessary, but a warm heart and a kind smile has always made a difference in a person's life.



Bye Bye Boiler!

St. John's Episcopal Church – Comparison of Budget to Actual			
	Jul-09 YTD Actual	Jul-09 YTD Budget	2009 Full Year Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$122,132	\$126,467	\$216,800
Plate	30,250	17,500	30,000
Other income	29,175	19,221	32,950
Total Income	\$181,557	\$163,188	\$279,750
Expenses			
General Ministry expenses	\$32,385	\$31,271	\$53,608
Property expenses	24,323	15,602	26,747
Office expenses	8,881	6,930	11,880
Salaries, Benefits, etc.	123,069	115,246	197,562
Total Expenses	\$188,658	\$169,049	\$289,797
Net	(\$7,101)	(\$5,861)	(\$10,047)

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July 7, 2009

Father Alan Sutherland, Rector
St. John's Episcopal Church
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Dear Father Alan:

It is with fond remembrance and an overwhelming sense of joy that Sarah and I would like to thank you, Donna, and the wonderful people of St. John's for welcoming us into your church family last Sunday for Henry's baptism.

Even as we were strangers to your congregation and members, we were so graciously welcomed into your church as if we were locals, and we will never forget this feeling. Donna spoke of grace on Sunday, and everyone there certainly bestowed it upon us in the most selfless and Christian way imaginable.

The baptism of one's child is a hallmark event. Your personal touch from showing Henry what was to occur before the service to making him feel comfortable throughout made for a very moving experience that we will always remember. To know that Henry is now Christ's Own and has the support and prayers of everyone at St. John's is a very, very special feeling.

We also appreciate all the kind words, fellowship and delicious meal that you shared with us. Even as we are in South Carolina (where we attend the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg), and soon on the move again as I continue my job search, we look forward to visiting and supporting St. John's for many years to come whenever we are visiting our family there. St. John's will always hold a very special place in our hearts and minds.

Many thanks again, and may God bless you, your staff and everyone that worships at St. John's.

Sincerely,

Ben and Sarah

Ben and Sarah Pember
Spartanburg, SC

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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