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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

- | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Frances Werner-Wilson | 21 Rex Pankratz | 27 Willa Cardwell |
| 2 James Jackson | 21 Susan Carey | 29 David Clark |
| 4 William Slover | 23 Ruby Snider | 29 Alexandra Hanke |
| 5 Laura Steen | 23 Karen Koontz | 30 John Range |
| 7 Ethan Howard | 25 Ann Otenburger | 30 Donna Barr |
| 9 Darrell Miracle | 25 Conner Jackson | 31 Micaela Rowland |
| 10 Martie Mayer | 26 Richard Winkler | |
| 10 Jeffrey Kuebler | 26 Mara Kesterson | |
| 11 Mary Bolin-Reece | 27 Diana Donovan | |
| 11 James Hawkins | | |
| 12 B. Read Miller | | |
| 13 Shannon Jackson | | |
| 18 Maret Galbraith | | |
| 19 David Gess | | |
| 19 Tary Fuller | | |
| 19 Luke Crawford | | |
| 20 Robert Johnson | | |
| 20 Melissa Miracle | | |
| 20 Emily Lewis | | |

FROM FR. SUTHERLAND

Dear Friends,

When I was a little boy in the early 1960's I remember the first live international pictures on the TV made possible by a satellite called Telstar. The BBC put together a live program that featured several capitals of the world. Each country was to choose one thing to televise that was intended to give a flavor of the culture and life of the country. England's contribution was a live performance by The Beatles singing 'All you need is love.' I remember the disdain of my parents and grandparents as they were heavily critical of the choice, saying that of all the heritage of England we had to pick these long-haired flash in the pans!

Almost 50 years later, 'All you need is love' is incredibly popular and has resonated at our Beatles Eucharist both at St. John's and at the Cathedral Domain. To see people of all ages and all backgrounds, spontaneously stand and put arms around each other, not only singing, but believing all you need is love is very powerful. Even more so because it is at the heart of the gospel.

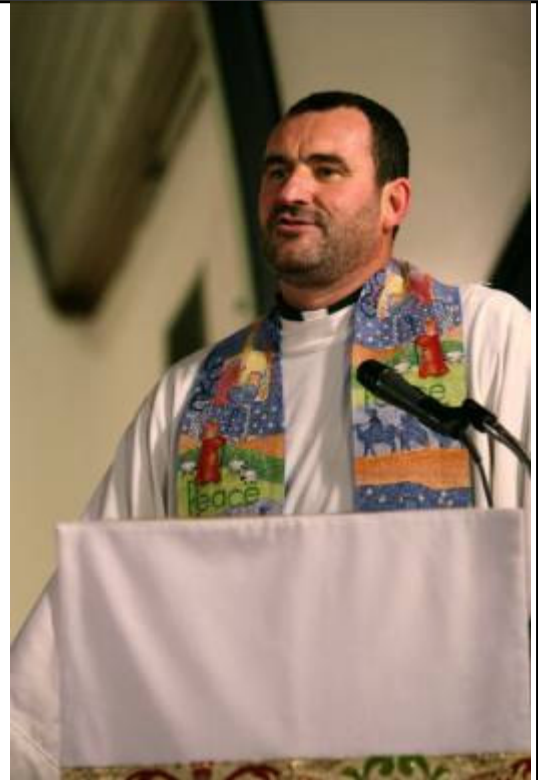
After the Beatles split, I still remained a fan of John Lennon. In his song called 'beautiful boy', there is a line that reads 'life is what's happening while you are busy making other plans.'

As you move into this time of transition at St. John's, I know that there will be much attention given to the who, when, and how of the new rector. Yet my prayer for St. John's is that you understand that life is what's happening while you are busy making other plans. Your new rector will be here after much prayer and discernment, but in the meantime do not forget that visitors will still come to St. John's. Strangers need to be welcomed. The sick will still need to be tended to. The lapsed will need to be encouraged. The ministries begun will need to be deepened and the spirit opened to new ministries. Our Lord asks us not to worry about tomorrow, but to tend to the day we have been given. To continue to do that as effectively as you have been, I ask you to remember one thing. All you need is love. Because in the end love is all you need.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you as St. John's continues to flourish as a community of faith.

This comes with all my love and prayers,

Fr. Alan



DEACON'S PAGE

The discernment process is at times quite similar to the experience of the disciples on that stormy, sea-tossed boat. You find yourself in uncharted waters, not sure where you are going, what you should do next, or when you will arrive at your long awaited destination. You know Jesus is there with you. But sometimes it seems as if he's in the back of the boat sound asleep. You are compelled to live in the present moment, trusting in the Holy Spirit's guidance each step of the way. It is both a terrifying and yet thrilling journey of discovery that leads you deeper into faithfulness. This is the process I just watched our dear Alan go through.

Most people want to talk about what has just ended.....and of course we must, but I do want to remind you that both Alan's journey and St. John's' are two separate journeys. The work God began 5 ½ years ago culminates in this month. And even though we are somewhat unsure and even lost, the discernment process which led Alan to go, will now call us to trust in the God's spirit. Alan taught us well. He gave us the faith and the courage to move forward, loving our God and our neighbors in ministry as God's chosen people, the people of St. John's Church. We are all in the boat together. In it we will encounter both smooth sailing as well as rough and stormy seas. Together, we will rejoice and laugh and celebrate. Together, we will get lost and confused, discouraged and afraid. Together, we will cry out to God to save us. I urge us to hold on to the belief that we do not travel this new journey alone. For, just as Jesus was in the boat with his first disciples and with Alan, he is now in the boat with us.

Well-known author Frederick Buechner writes, "Go....Go for God's sake, and for your own sake, too, and for the world's sake. Climb into your little tub of a boat and keep going....Christ sleeps in the deepest selves of all of us, and... we can call on him as the fishermen did in their boat to come awake within us and to give us courage, to give us hope, to show us our way." I have no doubt that we will continue to be led into uncharted waters, called to do God's holy work in ways we could not have imagined possible. I also have no doubt that Jesus will be there to reassure us. "Do not be afraid," he will tell us. "Trust each other. Trust me. Trust in the journey. I have shown you the way before. I will show you the way which lies ahead."

God bless Alan and Judi on their new journey.....and God bless St. John's on our new journey as well.....

May we rejoice this day in the miraculous work already begun on our behalf by our gracious loving God. And with joyful confidence may we step out together in faith as the people of St. John's. May we trust that Jesus will be with us on this journey, giving us courage and hope we will need to sustain us in the years to come, and guiding and strengthening us through the gift of the Holy Spirit as he has done so all along the way. Amen

Loving you,
Donna

THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

By Stephen Leist

About 10 years ago, I was asked by Kay Collier Mclaughlin and the Rev. "Corkie" Carlisle to participate in an experimental service that was being offered at the time at Christ Church Cathedral. It was a 5 p.m. Sunday Eucharist using a liturgy from the Church of New Zealand, and the music was all from a new hymnal supplement called *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. I was to provide the musical accompaniment. I agreed to be involved because the organizers were friends of mine, but I was suspicious of this hymnal supplement, believing it to be no good. As I began to work with *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, my attitude completely changed. Not only did I enjoy the service, which sadly discontinued, but I really enjoyed much of the new hymns and music contained in this supplement.

It is hard to believe that our hymnal is now 25 years old. I feel that I still discover meaningful resources within its cover. *Wonder, Love, and Praise* has now been around for about 10 years. Like any other living art, writing hymns and composing new tunes is a continuously ongoing activity. The Hymn Society of America publishes a quarterly journal called *The Hymn* in which new hymns are published, and the society actively solicits composers to set them to music. An art form dies when it becomes static. We need this art in order to have hymns which speak to our time and condition. *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, then, is a supplement to the 1982 Hymnal, and it is no coincidence that this volume picks up the numbering where the 1982 Hymnal leaves off, with 721.

Wonder, Love, and Praise is a mainstream collection that has been in use throughout most of the Episcopal churches in this country for several years. Starting with the New Year, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, will be going into use at the 9:00 service. Some of its contents have already been used at 11. During the month of January and into February, the communion hymns will all come from *Wonder, Love, and Praise* so that the congregation can get used to hearing them. As a reminder, the communion hymns are not just the choir's music, but rather they are for the congregation to sing, however

you may be moved. Yes, there are some hymns that I do not like as well as others, but that goes for every hymn collection. You will encounter new tunes for familiar words and new words for familiar tunes among some of the more original contents. What we continue to have is an outstanding body of hymnody that is relevant to our time. As we discover this collection together, may we be spiritually enriched and enlivened.



INQUIRER'S CLASS

I WILL WITH GOD'S Help!

Do you remember the joke about the bat-infested belfry of a Baptist church? The pastor called exterminators, without the results he wanted. He called on several other ministers to come and pray for them to leave, but the bats refused to go. The Roman Catholic priest tried exorcism without success. Finally, the local Episcopal priest appealed to the bishop for help. He came and confirmed the bats—and they were never seen again.

Some Episcopalians view Baptism / Confirmation as something like a permit or license that authorizes them to attend worship, receive Communion and to be placed on the annual Stewardship Campaign list. How sad that the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant are soon forgotten because we limit our investigation into our tradition, theology, and practice.

Beginning on Wednesday evening (6 JAN, 2010) @ 6:30PM, Fr. Pierce will serve as the facilitator for the Adult Class as it takes on a slightly different approach: Revisiting Our Baptismal Covenant. During this six-week period the Inquirers will focus on the principles of the Episcopal understanding of Christian faith: The Nicene Creed, Anglican History and Tradition, Worship and Service. The focus on these fundamentals will be opening them to questions, comments, and stories of our experience and understanding. New life, energy, and joy are the goals that will lead us to fulfillment and meaning in our spiritual life with Christ as we serve the world in His name.

A thought: This is wonderful time to invite friends to a “quick peek” into the Episcopal Church.

Please sign up in the Hosea Hall. This will give us an idea of the many hundreds that will attend.

BLUE CHRISTMAS



CAROL SING AND CHILI SUPPER



VERSAILLES CHRISTMAS PARADE

St. John's entry won SECOND PLACE!



ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, January, 2010

	01/03/10	01/10/10	01/17/10	01/24/10	01/31/10
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Linda Wardle	Anne-Claire Gibson	Ashleigh Woods	Sydney Gardner	Jessica Woods
Torch Bearers	Emily/Ashley Lawrence	Emma/Sophie Berger	Leah Caldwell Keelin Watkins	Hannah/Sophie Edelen	William/Frances Werner-Wilson
Acolyte	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Ann Richmond	Linda Wardle	Linda Reeves
Chalice Bearer	Laura Gibson	Linda Wardle	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Laura Gibson
Lector	Walter Kuntz	Laura Gibson	Emily Caldwell	Corbin Crutcher	Carole Mize
Gift Bearers	Lawrence	Johnson	Mobley	Watts	Fleck
Ushers	Claire Wilson Wanda Parrott	Range	Bob Johnson Gary Menges	David Richmond Ron Mobley	Bergers
Altar Guild	Kay Mobley	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
L.E.M.	Jo Wilhite	Vickie Duff	Elaine Menges	Vickie Duff	Elaine Menges
Breakfast	Berger/Sullivan	Edelen/Wade	Bruens/Cundiff	Berger/Mize	Koontz/ Werner-Wilson
	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	James Hawkins	Susan White	Geoff Bosmann	Tracy Clay	Laura Steen
Torch Bearers	William/Frances Werner-Wilson	Ethan/Elaina Howard	Leah/Emily Mager	Ellie Clay Evan Slone	Caitlin/Renee Murphy
Acolyte	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead	Lee Rowland	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead
Chalice Bearer	Christy Leaver	Cindy Sullivan	Susan White	Geoff Bosmann	Linda Wardle
Lector	Julie Ross	Jackie Means	Jay Box	Laura Steen	Virginia Ballard
Gift Bearers	Sharon Martin Phyllis Giberson	Skeeters	T/A Cooper	Carol Filson Jackie Means	Sandknops
Ushers	Kinkeads	James Hawkins Eric Sandknop	Rick Keeling	Sandknops	T/A Cooper
Altar Guild	Virginia Ballard	Christy Leaver	Ann Miller	Virginia Ballard	Christy Leaver
Wednesday	01/06/10	01/13/10	01/20/10	01/27/10	
Acolyte	Ben Harper	David Richmond	Vickie Duff	Ben Harper	
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dear Parishioners of St. Johns

The family of Shelby Christine Wray would like to express their deepest appreciation to everyone for keeping us in their prayers these past months. The overwhelming support we have received from this ministry during her hospitalization and after her passing has made us realize that words can never adequately express our gratitude; we can never say how much we have been comforted by so many; words can never convey how grateful we are to be a part of this community. We may not be able to thank all of you personally for your support, but we wanted everyone to know that the outpouring of kindness will never be forgotten and will be in our hearts forever. With special thanks to Father Alan for bringing light, faith, and understanding when our moments were darkest and to Deacon Donna Barr for her comfort and support.

Sincerely Rachele Lefever, Jeremiah Wray and Families



From the Parish Records

Holy Baptism

12/6 Charlie Ko Mooney

12/13 Max Wade. Macey Wade. Ellie Wade.

Ryan Elizabeth Marshall

12/20 Ian Cooper.

Annabelle Raisor. Nash Raisor.

Holy Matrimony

11/27 Joanne Neal and
Jorges Ramos

Burials

12/6 Shelby Wray

12/12 Jimmie McDaniel

Deaths

12/17 Donna Blevins

Blessing of Homes

12/7 Al and Michelle Beatty

12/21 Lisa Davis and
James Hawkins

FLOWER GUILD NEWS

Thanks to everyone for taking a Sunday to pay for the Altar flowers. Thanks goes out to Jo Hughes for her beautiful arrangements this past month. Thank you Jo!! The guild welcomes Sarah Sandknop and Jan Ramos as new volunteers. They have agreed to take on some of the arranging for Sundays. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

A new sign-up poster will be placed in Hosea Hall for January-February, 2010 soon. Please keep the donations coming! Remember to pay in the church office and memo your check for flowers so that it gets into the correct deposit. Also, remember to call the church office to dedicate your flowers in memory or thanksgiving for a person or event by Monday noon prior to the Sunday you signed-up for. Any questions, please call Cindy Kinkead 873-9744 or 396-9490 (cell).

EMAIL & EAGLE WINGS.....

If you would rather not get the printed copy of Eagle Wings and just want it by email, let us know by emailing richmond@qx.net. We are up to about 325 copies which we mail out which is many more than we need for bulk mail.

We can save some expense by printing and sending fewer, but we want everyone who wants a print copy to have one. Everyone has different preferences in accessing information. We want to be sure everyone gets what they need.

Also if you are not getting **Parish Emails**, let Elaine know at mem-secy@aol.com. This has become a very big part of letting folks know what is going on at St. John's especially things on short notice!



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INDUCTION OF CONNIE SPENCER

CLERGY
SCHEDULED FOR
JANUARY

Jan 3rd Jay Pierce
Jan 10 Bob Kirkpatrick
Jan 17 Rob Slocum
Jan 24 Bob Kirkpatrick



NAME TAGS

*IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A NAME TAG,
PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE OFFICE
HALLWAY AND YOU WILL GET ONE!
WEAR THEM!
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY AT
THIS TIME IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S
THAT WE KNOW AND GREET EACH
OTHER AND OUR VISITORS.
LET'S MAKE EVERYONE WELCOME!*

Game Nights

**Resume in January!
Saturday January 30
6-9pm
Bring a snack to share and
beverage of choice.
In Hosea Hall**

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WHO DOES WHAT AT ST. JOHN'S

Rector	Vacant
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 Davis
Solo Flight	Linda Wardle
Clothing Bank	Carol Filson
Food Bank	Norma Downey
Garden	Jo Hughes, Karen Koontz
Weddings	Karen Koontz
Funerals	ECW
Bazaar	Karen Koontz
Flowers	Cindy Kinkead
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharistic Ministry	Elaine Menges
Needlepoint	Maribell White
Eagle Wings	Katherine Harper
Compost/Recycling	Ned Meekins
Capital Campaign	Ned Meekins, Garland Barr
Parish Email	Elaine Menges
Website	Sarah Sandknop

CHRISTMAS EVE



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Fr. Alan's Christmas Eve Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through
the world
Most children were excited, most all boys and girls.
Most moms and dads had presents already,
A tree, the food, and a plan that was steady.

Yet in some corners of the world there were some
not so lucky,
The hungry, the homeless, Yes, even here in Ken-
tucky!
Christmas is marketed as the season of giving.
It tells of presents, but not of living.

On a cold winter's night in a stable so bare,
God did something wonderful there.
An unmarried couple, a pregnant teen,
Unknowing that one day in heaven she will be
Queen.

Homeless and friendless, and late in the night
A heart of compassion saw them in their plight.
To a stable he brought them a candle for light.
The animals looked on but they did not show fright.
The angels they came and they visited the earth
Ready to herald the news of a birth.
To lowly shepherds by their religion outcast,
Made to feel worthless, made to feel last.

To them angels came and not to the leaders,
I hope this resounds with all of the readers.
This birth is not just for the rich and the wealthy.
This birth is for the poor and those not so healthy.

To tell of God's love came the angels that night,
Not just for some but for everyone in God's sight.
God has a vision that can see all the earth.
That means God loves all people—all people on
earth.

In two thousand years we have seen things that
changed.
The world is different, much has been rearranged.
But nothing has changed in the hearts of God's
children.
There is still a seed of love that has to be broken.



Broken to grow and broken to expand.
To show the gift of love to all in the land.
To stop being judges, one of another,
To understand deeply you're my sister or
brother.

Regardless of color, of sex, or of race
To love one another is the gift of grace.
A gift that was given on a cold winter's night
To all of God's children whatever their plight.

For unto us a son is born
Unto us a savior given.
Unto us hope was created
That here on earth could be like heaven.

But it doesn't just happen, it just doesn't start
Until the gift of this baby gets a place in your
heart.
To live your life fully in the way of Christ,
In the way of love. That's the only price.

A price that's been paid, a gift that is free,
A gift that was given in a stable and on a tree.
Tonight we are called once again to see
The love that God has for you and for me.

And look around to see each other.
You are looking at God's children, your sisters



and brothers.

Imperfect and sinful, gossipy and vain,
No matter the condition we love them the same.

We all are like shepherds in some ways outcast,
But the angels still tell us we're first and not last.
So tonight is of God, of a mom and a dad,
A baby who grew up to tell us we are not bad.

To tell us God loves us with all of his heart
And if we love one another we'll have done our part.

And now a final note to you at St. John's,
To Versailles and Woodford and the lands beyond.
Take care of yourselves, be earnest to pray.
Remember love is not to be kept but given away.

Be faithful in giving much of yourselves
To all who you meet and not just the elves
(I could not think of anything else to rhyme)
Be open and honest. Be accepting and forgiving.
Show the people you meet Christ's way of living.

Be kind and compassionate. Be loving and caring.
Do not withhold, but have an abundance in sharing.
Take care of yourselves as you take care of each
other—
Remember the commandment love one another.

With Christ in our hearts the future is bright.
So to all may God bless you and to all a goodnight!



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