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Book Study Group Forming!
Join Father Philip for a six week
study/reflection on Simply Jesus: A
New Vision of Who He Was, What
He Did, And Why He Matters, by
Anglican Bishop and theologian,
N.T. Wright.

We will meet for six Tuesday eve-
nings from 6 to 7 PM in the church
library beginning on August 21st.
Each individual will be responsible
for ordering their own book. Light
beverages will be provided.

Please call or email the rector at
fr.philip.linder@stjohnsky.com
to reserve a space. And be prepared
for fellowship and great conversa-
tion!

Summer Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR



The Politics of God in the 21st Century

God is not a Democrat.
God is not a Republican.
God is not a Libertarian.
God is not a

liberal. God is not a conservative. God is not a moderate. God is not a Christian. God is not a Jew. God is not a Buddhist. God is not a Muslim. God is not an Iraqi. God is not a Russian. God is not an American. God is God. Have we lost this basic theological understanding?

Ever since the latter part of the 20th century, and then 9-11 and the advent of America's official war on terrorism, there has been escalating rhetoric within our land that has sought to create an image of God that fits whatever political agenda is being espoused. Of course this is not new, but rather it has become ever increasingly politicized in very frightening ways. You see once we become convinced that God is a member of our particular party, we then dismiss the necessary intellectual and theological discipline of checking our thoughts and actions against the mind and will of God—we don't need to, because we have convinced ourselves that God is already with us.

Certainly it has been very good and right for our nation to unite against the evil of terrorism, working to defend our freedoms and protect our homeland. Yet the war on terrorism has brought to the

American scene a pervasive sense of self-righteousness—one defined by claiming an exclusive understanding of God and God's will. Today, with the upcoming Presidential election, we can at times hear this in the voices of our candidates and national leaders. And what are most disconcerting are the increasing actions of some to silence or discredit anyone who disagrees with their beliefs and positions. So who is God with?

I believe that the sure place God can be found is right in the mix of the complexities of the current state of our world's international and political affairs. I believe in a God that is found in every party, every nation, every people, and every faith, because if this is not true, then there is no hope for the future of the world. I am also certain that God is with those who are willing to fight the challenges of evil and bring goodness to all of God's people. However, this can only be faithfully accomplished through the fundamental understanding that God is already found in those places where evil challenges. In other words, God was present in Afghanistan and Iraq; God did not travel over there with us.

We have already been inundated with political addresses, promises, commercials and sound bites—and it is still four months to our national election. We now know that Governor Mitt Romney will be challenging President Obama for this great office. And it is important for people of faith to be an active participant in the election of our leaders—it really does matter. Yet let us never lose sight of the politics of God—that is, that there is none. God is not a politician, nor member of any one political party. God is

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

On Sunday, the 17th of June, when Julie Ross was thanking the congregation at the 10:00 o'clock service for their support of the Reading Club Camp just completed, she mentioned that there were some 28 volunteers for 20 campers – a teacher-to-student ratio that many Ivy League schools would be proud to claim. But as I pondered the ratio further, I realized that the number of volunteers was understated to some measure. For example, that number surely does not include Tim Downey and his team who staged the Roger Reeves Memorial Golf Scramble in May which funds the Reading Club program; nor does it include the 15 or 20 foursomes of golfers who willingly participate, knowing what a good cause their funds support. Extending that number of volunteers even further are the many who sustain the work of Reading Club during bi-weekly sessions throughout the academic year. And while many of those volunteering are parishioners at St. John's, some are members of other Episcopal parishes in

God; the One who seeks to bring his love, peace, and justice to all of humanity and the creation. Our prayers as people of God should be ones of thanksgiving for the freedoms of our democratic process, and ones of petitioning for God's grace and direction upon our Presidential candidates, President, and national leaders. Perhaps as we consider our personal and national politics these words of Christ may serve us well, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." (Luke 20:25)

Father Philip+

our Diocese; and some are not associated with the Episcopal Church at all. The reason I mention this diversity of volunteers is that I think it is an indication of how far-reaching this mission is in our community today.

Occasionally through the years a parent of an Episcopal teenager will complain to me that we lack a recreational (read: basketball) facility with which to attract young people. And yet we had a significant turn-out of enthusiastic, dedicated teenagers for Reading Club throughout the academic year and this past week especially. Clearly this is an indication to me that not only young people but we older parishioners as well derive satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment and reward from engaging in well-planned outreach programs. The truth of the adage, "It takes a village to raise a child," is clearly demonstrated by this recent experience at St. John's.

Ned Meekins, Sr. Warden



THANKS!



Reading Club



CAMP



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ow, we made it through another successful Reading Club Summer Camp! We worked with 20 wonderful children on their reading skills and provided them with transportation, breakfast, lunch and snacks. During the mornings they worked with teachers on their reading skills and in the afternoons we did crafts, took field trips, looked for bugs, painted turtles, visited the UK Arboretum and the Kentucky Geological Survey and much more. At the end of the week we sent the children home with books, t-shirts, book bags, terrariums, painted bird-houses, walking sticks, pottery turtles, and most importantly the desire to continue reading and doing well in school.

Thanks to everyone at St. John's for your prayers, the use of the church, and your donations through the Roger Reeves golf scramble and individual donations.

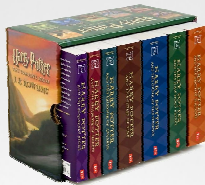
BUT, most of all **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers (30 in all!!!) who gave their time and energy to plan, organize, and work with the children. This is a huge TEAM effort! We could not have done this without Sheryl starting to recruit after Christmas, the teens singing songs with the children, Jane and Doris cooking wonderful lunches, all the teachers coming up with fun creative ways to inspire reading, Linda telling really awful (sorry Linda) knock-knock jokes, Rick bandaging knees, Sara teaching and organizing, Ed making walking sticks, Virginia making word-of-the-day posters, Maribell changing the classes with the Turkey Call... and so much more!

THANKS!



Just saying thank you really seems inadequate but when a child asks "Can we come to Reading Club next week too? This is the most fun I've ever had!" - I guess that's all the thanks we need.

Katherine Harper and Julie Ross
Co-Directors, Woodford County Reading Club



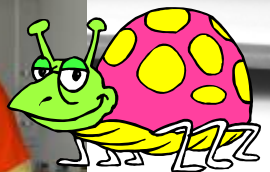
Our Wonderful Volunteers:

- Rick Keeling – Camp Nurse, photographer
- Jane Lucas – Chef
- Doris Ruggles – Assistant Chef
- Father Philip – “The Twits” reader
- Maribell White – Class Timer and turkey call ringer

Camp Week Teachers

- Sara Meekins – Lead Teacher, Wednesday Afternoon Club leader, all around helper with everything
- Linda Reeves – Pleasure reading, Photographer, all around helper with everything
- Betty Gill – Assistant Writing Teacher, Wednesday Afternoon Club leader
- Sheryl Bruens – Encoding/Decoding Teacher
- Virginia Ballard – Reading Strategies Teacher, Word of the day poster maker, birdhouse painter
- Ed Ruggles – Pleasure Reading, Walking sticks
- Vickie Duff – Pleasure Reading
- Sue Churchill – Lead Writing Teacher
- Jennifer Mason – Phonics Teacher
- Jackie Wilkin – Comprehension Teacher
- Elise Wallace – Pleasure reading, substitute Phonics Teacher
- Maddy Collingsworth – Pleasure reading
- Sara Menges – Pleasure Reading
- Joan Crowe – Pleasure Reading

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BUGS,



Teen Volunteers (without whom we could not have made it through camp with 20 active children)

- Maddy Collingsworth
- Bethany Herron
- Emily Lawrence
- Sara Menges
- Audrey Sanknop
- Eric Sandknop
- Ashleigh Woods
- Jessica Woods

Recruiters

- Sheryl Bruens, Lead recruiter
- Emmaline Kuebler
- Patty Burchett
- Tee Fiero



and BUTTERFLIES



July SERVER SCHEDULE

	1-Jul-12	8-Jul-12	15-Jul-12	22-Jul-12	29-Jul-12
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Ned Meekins	Becky Arthur	Ann Richmond	Gay Darsie
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Debby Edelen	Susan & Betty	Ann Miller	Debby Edelen
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Ben Harper	Anne Claire Gibson	Susan White	Hannah Edelen	David Richmond
Torch Bearers	Caitlin Murphy Renee Murphy	Ellie Clay Sophie Berger	Leah and Quinn Cardwell	Sophie Edelen Maddy Kuebler	Ellie Clay Leah Cardwell
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Ann Richmond	Katherine Harper	Linda Wardle	Ned Meekins
Chalice	Cindy Sullivan	David Richmond	Connie Spencer	Gary Menges	Ben Harper
Lector	Debby Edelen	Laura Gibson	Sara Meekins	Jay Box	Julie Ross
Gift Bearers		Ron & Kay Mobley	Steve & Carol Watts	Ed & Doris Ruggles	Kuebler Family
Ushers	Laura & Geoff Bosmann	Ron & Sheryl Bruens	Jay & Gayle Box	John & Teresa Range	Todd & Angel Cooper
Altar Guild	Christine Brasseale	Julie Ross & Vickie	Virginia Ballard	Julie Ross & Vickie	Kay Mobley
Wednesday	4-Jul-12	11-Jul-12	18-Jul-12	25-Jul-12	
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	David Richmond	Ben Harper	Ned Meekins	
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	

**REMEMBER THE SUMMER SCHEDULE:
8:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL
10:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH.**

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	2 9:00 Hospice 7:00 AA Women 7:00 Alanon 7:30 AA Men	3	4 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing	5	6	7
8 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	9 9:00 Hospice 7:00 AA Women 7:00 Alanon 7:30 AA Men	10 6:15 Vestry	11 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing	12	13	14
15 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	16 9:00 Hospice 7:00 AA Women 7:00 Alanon 7:30 AA Men	17	18 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing	19	20	21
22 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	23 9:00 Hospice 7:00 AA Women 7:00 Alanon 7:30 AA Men	24	25 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing	26	27	28
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We have been through quite a busy spring, commencing with a wonderful Easter celebration and culminating in the installation of our new rector. For that occasion, we were able to commission a new work from Robert J. Powell, and it has since gone to a publisher. Before too long, we will actually have those copies on hand. Another aspect of that service that was particularly enjoyable for me was the opportunity to have our choirs combined. It really made a difference toward a fuller sound, and I have continued to enjoy having both choirs together with the start of summer schedule. Now that week day rehearsals have ended for the summer, it is time for summer choir. If you are interested in our choirs, now is the time to try it out without the time commitment. All you have to do is show up on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Holly and I would both like to see some new faces!

At this time, I would be reporting on the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians. However, due to some family uncertainties, I decided to forego that this summer. As many of you know, my mother died at the end of May after a long struggle with Alzheimer's, and I would like to thank everyone for the expressions of support and sympathy I have received. The funeral took place at St. Peter's in Greenville, SC, and I believe she would have been pleased, as we chose several of her favorite hymns. My mother grew up in a small parish in Skokie, IL, which was very much like St. John's. When we moved to Greenville, our parish was the Church of

the Redeemer, a small parish on the south end of town. After we migrated one by one to Christ Church to sing in the choir led by Robert Powell, mother wasn't very happy, as she did not care for big parishes. Small parishes can have a lot to offer by enabling the parishioner to experience a closer community, and this was very important to my mother, almost as much as Rite I. Her ashes now reside in the columbarium behind the altar at St. Peter's, where my parents transferred a number of years ago. No doubt, she is very pleased.

Stephen Leist, Organist Choirmaster

**VIEW FROM THE
BENCH**

New at St. John's!



Wish List for our Parish

These are items needed to enhance our worship, buildings, ministries and life together at St. John's. They can be given in Thanksgiving for someone or something, or in Memory of a loved one. The names of those giving the gift and the "Thanksgiving" or "Memorial" will be listed in Eagle Wings. Donations will be accepted by contacting Kathy Sparrow at the Church Office.

Hardcover red Book of Common Prayer for our church pews. We are presently in need of 20. A Prayer Book costs \$23.00 to donate and you may donate one or more.

(more to come!)

NEEDLEPOINT

Maribell White hosted a meeting of The American Needlepoint Guild at St. John's Saturday, May 19. Members met for lunch. They then had a tour of the Chapel and a history of the kneelers and cushions there.

They then viewed the church kneelers and cushions. Maribell discussed the designs as they relate to the church year, the painting of the canvases, the recruiting and teaching of our volunteers, and the finishing of the pieces. Each guest was presented with a lovely informative booklet detailing the work, including color images of the kneelers.

Our visitors enjoyed the day and were very complimentary of the needlepoint.



Camp Indian Summer

Introducing an all-new adult opportunity!

August 24-26 at the Cathedral Domain

Recreation – Relaxation- Social Time

Camp Indian Summer is a special **all-new** opportunity for the young-at-heart adults of **all ages** to forget the worries of everyday life and enjoy the kind of carefree existence that made being young so special. No matter where you grew up, or whether attending camp was a part of those early years, you are invited to be a camper for just a few days this August. (Guaranteed it won't be long enough!) This intergenerational camp indicates on its registration form that there's a place for everyone!

What is Camp Indian Summer about?

- *A time to get away from routine and responsibility.*
- *A time to let someone else do the cooking.*
- *A chance to explore the streams, caves and forest trails on the 800 acre Cathedral Domain property located in the Daniel Boone National Forest...or to relax on the decks and porches, or beside the swimming pool with a good book, a good nap or good conversation!*
- *A chance to connect with other young-at-heart adults from near and far.*

Where did the idea come from? In their exploration of what's happening in other camping and retreat programs, the Camps and Conferences Board of the Diocese of Lexington (a rotating group appointed by the Bishop and approved annually by Diocesan Convention), heard of an adult camping experience initiated in a nearby state. So enthusiastic had the response been in the pioneering stages, and so enthusiastic was the response to the idea when shared with others, that Camp Indian Summer is being introduced for its very first time in the Diocese of Lexington!

How does it differ from other programs for adults which have been offered previously?

Camp Indian Summer offers a true camping experience — a chance to participate in the offerings that the children and youth enjoy every summer — or choose a more laid-back experience. It is not specific to any gender or age group. It is not a reunion of former campers. In truth, this first Camp Indian Summer will help shape what it is to become, as men and women bring their individual history of camping from youthful experiences across the United States and various denominations, to be joined with present-day anticipation of what an adult camp can be for them, and for others.

How can I register? Registration forms are available at Mission House, in the parishes and on-line. Fees are \$110 for cabin accommodations and meals; \$125 for Air Conditioned Cabin and meals; \$150 for the Retreat Center and meals. Credit cards are accepted.

Where will Camp Indian Summer be held and how do I get there? Camp Indian Summer will be held at the Cathedral Domain, the Camp and Conference Center of the Diocese of Lexington, which is located at 800 Highway 1746, Irvine, Kentucky in Lee County. Directions to the Camp and Conference Center can be found on the web site ([www.diorex.org/ministries/Cathedral Domain](http://www.diorex.org/ministries/Cathedral%20Domain))

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S WEEKEND



We Missed You!

2012 Diocesan Women's Weekend: The Rev. Linda Young, Associate Rector @ Trinity Covington, was the meditation leader at the Annual Diocesan Women's Weekend at the Cathedral Domain. Linda discussed Women of the Old Testament and included sessions on Esther, Eve, Ruth and Naomi. Linda was an excellent teacher and made each session interesting and thought-provoking. Over 50 women from the Diocese, including multiple generations and one infant, attended this weekend of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Friday evening began with a Eucharist and Healing Service in Mary's Chapel led by our Interim Assisting Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen. The weekend ended with a Closing Eucharist at the Cathedral of St. George the Martyr, which included beautiful music played and directed by Candace Armstrong.

It is not too early to start planning to attend for next year so you won't be left out! Please mark your calendar for the weekend after Mother's Day; May 17-19, 2013.



St. John's has a chapter of The Daughters of the King "Are You Called to Become A Daughter of the King?"

Through membership in our Order women are:
Strengthened through prayer.
Helped to learn through study.
Provided community with other Daughters.

We find the Order of the Daughters of the King to be a safe place in a busy world where we can be together and support each other in Christ's love." Excerpts from The National Handbook.

If you believe in the power of prayer, this may be the group for you. Many lives, including our own, are enhanced and blessed through prayer. This is a major focus of the chapter.

A typical meeting consists of keeping tabs on our Prayer Partners in Haiti, gatherings of Daughters, a devotion, study, or report from a member about a notable Episcopal event, and the update of our confidential Prayer List.

There are fourteen members of the St. John's chapter of the DOK. Please contact: Pres. Betty Gill (bettygill@windstream.net) , Vice-Pres. Sara Hellard , Treasurer Jo Hughes, or Sec. Virginia Ballard (vlcballard@windstream.net) or any other Daughter for more information.

Women are invited to attend the July 31, 2012, meeting at 6:30 p.m at the Church. You may feel free to leave when we update the confidential Prayer List.

Submitted by,
Virginia Ballard

FIVE TEENS FROM
ST. JOHN'S ATTENDED
SENIOR
CONFERENCE CAMP
AT THE CATHEDRAL
DOMAIN.

AUDREY SANDKNOP
ASHLEIGH WOODS
JESSICA WOODS
BEN WERHLE
LAURA WERHLE



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 Organist/ChoirmasterStephen Leist
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 Parish EmailElaine Menges
 Parish SecretaryKathy Sparrow
 Pastoral Care MinistrySarah Sandknop
 Pianist/Choir directorHolly Coffey
 Reading Club.....Sara Meekins
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 Senior Warden.....Ned Meekins
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 VBSEmily Cardwell
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