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Upcoming Liturgy Trainings

Crucifer and Torchbearer
Sunday, September 16 at 11:30 in the
Church

Acolyte and Chalice Bearer
Sunday, September 23 at 11:30 in the
Church

Lay Readers
Sunday, October 7 at 11:30 in the Church

Please make every effort to attend
your training session.

These trainings will be approximately 30
minutes and together we will strive
for excellence in worship at St. John's!
Father Philip+

Worship Schedule

Sunday

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

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

11:00 Sunday School

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Unction (Chapel)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

Reaching In---Reaching Out Fall at St. John's Episcopal Church!

Dear Friends,

A favorite verse from scripture for me comes from Ecclesiastes 3:1, *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.* We are now in a new season of life as a community of faith at St. John's, one that I believe we shall particularly experience as we now enter the fall.

Perhaps above all else there has been a rebirth of our sense of community and oneness in the Body of Christ. Each Sunday we gather to celebrate at 8 AM the Holy Eucharist Rite II in St. Mary's Chapel and at 10 AM in the church the Holy Eucharist that alternates between Rites I and II. The richness of both our liturgical and musical diversity will be honored with Rite I services being traditionally Anglican, and Rite II services emphasizing the more contemporary approach to Episcopal worship in music and prayer.

We will begin our full Christian Education for children and youth on Sunday, September 9th. Each week the students and teachers will receive Holy Communion at the 10 AM Eucharist and then head to their classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. As our Christian fellowship is so important, each Sunday a coffee hour will take place from 9 to 9:45 AM. Then following the 10 AM Eucharist each Sunday a "sit down" brunch will be served in Hosea Hall. This will be a time for sharing, fellowship, and the building up of community! Sunday school will end at 11:30 AM and the children can meet their parents and join in brunch. Nursery Care will be provided by staff in the undercroft from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. I

am very grateful to all who gave their creative ideas to help develop this plan.

One of the balances that the Vestry and I have discussed is that between "reaching in," serving the needs of our present membership; and, "reaching out," that the church when it is faithful to the gospel exists not for itself, but rather to draw others to our community of faith and a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our approach to faithful giving—the stewardship of our money, time, and talents, must embrace this fullness.

This year when you receive a pledge card the week of September 17th, I am asking all of you to very prayerfully consider your financial pledge to St. John's Episcopal Church as we seek to more fully reach in and reach out to serve in Christ's name. With the financial pledges and stewardship of our members we are hoping to:

- *Increase lay pastoral care training and ministries**
- *Provide the necessary funds for our music and worship**
- *Provide needed financial support for our youth ministry**
- *Maintain the beauty and operation of our church buildings**
- *Increase giving to the community dinner, food bank, and clothing bank ministries**
- *Seek out a third world mission that St. John's feels called to support**
- *Support our new Bishop-elect Doug Hahn and the mission and ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington**

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians proclaims, *All belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.* (3:22-23) Often as we reflect

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

“Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men” Thus begins the General Thanksgiving which, in my view, is one of the most eloquently expressed prayers in our entire Book of Common Prayer. A generation ago the congregation said this prayer almost every Sunday as part of Morning Prayer which was conducted every Sunday of the month except one, which was devoted to the Eucharist. Now that this prayer is somewhat “out of sight,” I fear that we are less mindful of the many things for which we should be thankful. And yet, when we are reminded, we willingly respond overwhelmingly with gratitude. Just such an example is the generous response in which congregants gave a thousand dollars to the Cathedral Domain in July. (Yes, our response to calls for financial support, every-member-canvass included, is a form of saying thanks to God and to our church.) The EYC recently sent very thoughtful messages of thanks to many servants of the congregation – including altar guild, child-care workers, pastoral caregivers, choir members, and kitchen workers among others – expressing their appreciation and support for the work that they do.

These recent events augur well that we have not lost our sense of appreciation for “thine inestimable love” and that we do indeed retain a sensitivity to the many things for which we should be thankful. May we intensify our expressions of gratitude toward one another and toward God as we fulfill our commitment of stewardship this fall.

Ned Meekins, Sr. Warden



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upon our lives and the difference that we are making, they may seem small and insignificant. Theologian and priest, Richard Rohr reminds us though, *yet one life is a significant piece of the eternal and cosmic Christ, a short moment of Incarnation that is building up the Body of God.* My prayer for you is that you will make a difference and that together this is exactly what we shall accomplish here at St. John’s...build up the Body of Christ!

God’s peace and blessings,

Father Philip+

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

When we were planning my mother's funeral service at the beginning of June, it was decided that I should read the two lessons. Choosing them was the easy part; reading them in the service in a calm and deliberate manner was the harder task. The New Testament lesson we selected was the reading from the Revelation, which begins, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." This is a favorite text of mine, because it is set so well by Edgar Bainton in an anthem for All Saints.' As I reflect on that passage and prepare to begin my new job in Norfolk, Virginia, there are a few words that stand out to me. One sentence is, "God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes," and the other is, "Behold, I make all things new." Dear Friends: this day God is making something new for me and for you, and it is the reality of life that we must endure a brief period of pain.

When I began this position 8 years ago, it was doubtful that St. John's would survive. The parish life that existed before was thought to be gone forever, but see what has emerged. We have a lively parish again, and we have a music program that supports our worship in a strong, yet meaningful way. A new chapter has already begun in the life of St. John's with the arrival of Fr. Linder as our new permanent rector one year ago, and the music of this church stands poised for a new level of creativity. As I leave this place, one thing that I have especially enjoyed is the summer schedule. For the first time, I heard real congregational singing coming back at me at the organ. Regardless of Rite I or II, the singing of the service music was strong, not to mention all of the hymns, even if it

was something new. I have been very moved by this, and it will be chief among many good memories that I take with me.

I am proud to have served the clergy and people of this parish. There are many good things about St. John's, and I find that it is unique among the small parishes of this diocese. We have a choir that can hold its own with larger parishes. I commend to your care a choir that serves dutifully, year after year, as a vehicle to transport you during worship, lead your singing, and provide a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom.

Affectionately,
Stephen Leist



SEPTEMBER SERVER SCHEDULE

	SEPT. 02 2012	SEPT. 09 2012	SEPT. 16 2012	SEPT. 23 2012	SEPT. 30 2012
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	NED MEEKINS	BECKY ARTHUR	ANN RICHMOND	VICKIE DUFF	BECKY ARTHUR
Altar Guild	VICKIE DUFF	DEBBY EDELEN	SUSAN & BETTY	KAY MOBLEY	VICKIE DUFF
	10:00A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00A.M.	10:A.M.	10:A.M.
Crucifer	ANNE CLAIRE GIBSON	DAVID RICHMOND	LINDA WARDLE	SUSAN WHITE	LAURA STEEN
Torch Bearers	EMMA&SOPHIE BERGER	LEAH&QUINN CARDWELL	MADDIE KUEBLER	SOPHIE EDELEN	TRACY & ELLIE CLAY
Acolyte	LINDA WARDLE	ANN RICHMOND	NED MEEKINS	DAVID RICHMOND	CINDY KINKEAD
Chalice	CONNIE SPENCER	LAURA GIBSON	BEN HARPER	GARY MENGES	SUSAN WHITE
Lector	JULIE SKEETERS	EMILY CARDWELL	WALTER KUNTZ	DEBBY EDLEN	VIRGINA BALLARD
Gift Bearers	RICHMOND FAMILY	EDELEN FAMILY	GARDONE FAMILY	RANGE FAMILY	MURPHY FAMILY
Ushers	BOB JOHNSON & ED RUGGLES	SARA & NED MEEKINS	RON BRUENS & LIBBY KELLY	MIKE & JO GARDONE	ANN & DAVID RICHMOND
Altar Guild	JULIE ROSS	CHRISTINE BRASSEALE	VIRGINIA BALLARD	SARAH SANDKNOP	ANN MILLER
WEDNSDAY	SEPT. 5 2012	SEPT. 12 2012	SEPT. 19 2012	SEPT. 26 2012	
Acolyte	NED MEEKINS	DAVID RICHMOND	LINDA WARDLE	BEN HARPER	
Altar Guild	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Holy Eucharist & Healing			1
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From Bishop-Elect Doug Hahn

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I am thrilled and honored to be called to be the Seventh Bishop of Lexington. Kaye and our family share this excitement. I have long had love for the people of Kentucky, and over the last several months have grown especially fond of the people of the Diocese of Lexington — those inside and outside the Episcopal Church. I know that my passion for these people and my passion for God's church will bring us a long and fruitful ministry together.

I am grateful to Kaye for her presence in this journey. She is my joy. I am grateful for the many people of the diocese who have invested heart and soul in this process; for Bishop Chilton's steady care of the diocese; for the prayers of my Bishops and colleagues in the Diocese of Atlanta; and especially for the people of St. Thomas Church in Columbus, a people whose care for one another is deep, and whose courage and imagination always take them to new places of service in the world. I am also grateful to the other candidates for their commitment to the church. I am grateful to God, in whose service we all find our highest, truest and best selves.

May our years together be filled with mutual respect and affection, passion for God's people and God's earth, and great wonder at the mystery of Grace that surrounds us. May the world see Christ's light among us, and in that light know that they, too, are part of God's beloved community.

Christ's Peace.

Doug Hahn+

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of the most important jobs as a Christian parent of a Baptized child, taken from The Book of Common Prayer, is the question: "Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?" Alone, this would be a great undertaking, but as a Church family-working together, it becomes much easier.

Most of us attend Church once a week (if you're not also attending Wednesday service), but once a week rarely draws anyone closer to God. Reading the Bible, listening to Christian music, meditating and praying daily certainly will, but do all of us make time to do this? And do we do this with our children? Sunday School allows our youth the opportunity to be reminded, on a regular basis, that learning about and growing closer to God and Jesus Christ is everyone's privilege and responsibility.

On Sunday, September 9th we will kick-off our Sunday School program for the new school year. I am very pleased to announce that we plan to offer five different classes for youth: Pre-K - Kindergarten, 1st - 3rd grade, 4th - 6th grade, 7th - 9th grade, and 10th - 12th grade. Classes will begin immediately, following Communion, at the 10:00 service, for a half hour. The youth and teachers will receive Communion first and then proceed on to the classrooms as a group.

In addition to more classes this year, the format for the classes will also be different. We will be incorporating movement, music, crafts that relate to the stories, and even acting out part(s) of the stories, as appropriate for each class level. I'm very excited by the number of youth we have at St. John's and the possibilities of growth and fellowship for our children. Of course, this will only work if our youth participate.

I am aware that it is much easier to persuade a younger, dependent child to attend church with you! But, I pray that you will have the strength, patience and stamina to pry your child out of bed on Sunday mornings the first few times, however old they may be- and after that, hopefully the idea of seeing their friends at Church will be enough! For parents and other church members, there will be coffee, etc. after the service, while you are waiting for the children to finish. As always, we could use more volunteers to help with teaching - we have had the same, very small, dedicated core group of teachers the last few years and we'd love to see others join us in the wonderful ministry at St. John's.

If you have any questions about Sunday School or offering assistance, please call Emily Cardwell @ 879-3633.



HUGHES HOUSE UPDATE:

Work is beginning again on the house next door to the church.

An extremely generous and meaningful gift of \$100,000 has been made to further the restoration of the Hughes House. The porch reconstruction under way is the last structural component on the exterior.

It will take roughly an additional \$400,000 to finish implementing the master plan for the property.

This is an important project in the life of St. John's and downtown Versailles.

To provide a bit of background:

In the Fall of 2008 we began a capital campaign to raise money to restore and repair the church building and the Hughes House. The campaign goal was to raise \$1.2 million dollars.

We received pledges of \$460,000 to be given over 3 years: 2009, 2010, 2011.

The money was spent first on the church building and then on the Hughes House:

Church \$169,939

new hvac system

new kitchen

new sacristy

new carpet and paint upstairs and down

refinish floors in Rector's office, Kathy's office, and library

tile floor in the office hall

repoint the brick



Circa 1900. Note the unpaved street!

Hughes House \$250,198

new roof

rebuild roof and interior dormer support

remove asbestos

repoint brick and rebuild chimneys

rebuild back porch

remove rear addition

remove damaged trees

remove old bathroom and floor

rebuild foundation north wall under house

repair load bearing interior brick wall

The work remaining to be done includes;

- new HVAC
- new plumbing
- new wiring and lighting
- new handicapped accessible rest room
- new sewer line
- new interior walls upstairs
- rebuild front porch
- raise level of back rooms to make accessible
- new back porch floor
- brick paved area off back porch
- parking areas
- accessibility ramp on north side at French doors w/parking area
- driveways



When the house is completed, our vision is that it will be a hospitality house for church meetings, classes, and fellowship. It will also be available to the community for approved functions such as business meetings, wedding rehearsal dinners, outdoor weddings, wedding receptions etc. The business and wedding rentals would provide an income stream to help with ongoing maintenance costs for the whole property.

If there is enough money we could even do the amphitheatre part of the plan on the back of the property, but that would cost an additional \$170,000 so it will probably have to wait.



2006 before work started. Bad roof, structural problems, but huge possibilities!

From the Rector and Vestry:

As we begin our fall program, please make every effort to bring your 2012 financial pledge up to date. The mission and ministry of St. John's in the Name of Jesus Christ are counting on you! We thank-you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Dear St. John's,

As I leave this church and move on, I want you to know this was not an easy decision for me, However, my heart tells me this is the right path to take for me and for the church.

A lot of factors influenced my decision:

- foremost, the church's direction toward merging the 9:00 and 11:00 services (which I think is the right thing to do).
- my lack of vocal and choral training.
- my time; on August 1, I began a new job which will be very demanding with aggressive deadlines.
- my desire to get back, somehow, to my first love - classical music.

St. John's is a very sophisticated musical congregation. Please embrace each other's talents and differences and continue to strive for unity. Life is too short to do otherwise.

I will cherish my time spent at St. John's. It has been a wonderful experience and I thank you for your kindness, support, and singing voices!

God Bless,

Holly

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