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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

Dear Friends,

The holy season of Advent and Christmas are now upon us! Main Street in Versailles is brightly lit each night and the Christmas tree is up in front of the courthouse and decorated with holiday cheer! This is a time of many varied emotions for all of us, as we remember Christmases past and look again to the promised new hope given by God in the birth of the Christ Child. ***'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'*** (Luke 1:10-11)

This is especially the season when we are greatly encouraged by our belief in Jesus Christ and our thankfulness to God for belonging to this community of faith at St. John's. Together as a church through the Holy Eucharist, ministry, and fellowship, we acknowledge the incredible love of God shown for us in the Incarnation; God becoming humanity in His Son Jesus to offer salvation and eternal life for all people and all the nations of the world. ***And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*** (John 1:14)

Advent and Christmas are as well a time when we are called by the infant Jesus to renew our faith and commitment to him through our worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, as well as by daily reflection on the meaning of God being born into the world to Mary and Joseph as a tiny infant in a lowly stable. What a remarkable story and faith we have to share as Good News to a world desperately in need of light and hope!

Consider worshipping faithfully each Sunday of Advent at either the 8 AM or 10 AM Services of Holy Eucharist. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22nd, at 10 AM we will have the Christmas pageant with the children of St. John's in place of the sermon. Christmas Eve we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 5 PM and then a Festival Candlelight Holy Eucharist at 11 PM. Come, worship and invite family and friends to be with us and share in the joy of the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth!

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Advent and a joy-filled Christmas!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father Philip+

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

2013 has been a time of redefining, realigning and refining at St. John's. From the first Vestry meeting in January to the time of this report, Fr. Philip and the Vestry have worked to meet and answer the challenges of expanding our congregation, address the needs and concerns of those who attend our church as well as those outside our walls whom we are called to welcome and serve and plan for the future of our church.

This year, we modified our Bylaws to redefine the responsibilities of the Junior Warden. Buildings and Grounds Maintenance responsibilities are now assigned to a Buildings and Grounds Chair. The Junior Warden serves as the 'people's warden' and may have other responsibilities as Jane Vance did this year in her capacity as Newcomer Chair. At our March Vestry meeting, we elected Louise Jones to fill a vacancy on the Vestry until the Annual Meeting.



We have expanded our online presence and communication to include a more active Facebook page, weekly email notices and reminders and a QR (Quick Response) code to access our web site. Realizing that many in our congregation do not use the internet regularly, we continue to include announcements in our Sunday service bulletins, have printed copies of Eagle Wings available and print and mail quarterly contribution statements.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. In May, the Vestry and Fr. Linder began a several-month long process of developing a three-year Strategic Plan for St. John's. Careful always to reflect and prayerfully consider each step in the process, this plan was developed to focus our efforts and manage our resources so that we might best serve God in our community of faith, our community of Versailles and the larger community of the world. At the end of the September, we prayed for God's blessing on the plan and launched what will be a guiding, evolving plan for the next three years of our church progress and growth.

The Vestry has four main responsibilities: the care of the parish's finances, the care and maintenance of the church facilities, the choosing of the clergy leadership and to assist the clergy in the nurture and extension of the Christ's Church. This year, the care of the parish's finances has been a challenge and the subject of much discussion. The first Sunday in October we celebrated the launch of the 2014 Stewardship Campaign with a delicious BBQ prepared by our own parishioners and offered an 'open mic' to celebrate not only what we might offer to by way of our financial resources but also what we can offer of our wonderful, entertaining talents! The results of our Stewardship Campaign have been encouraging and we are poised to meet the challenges of 2014.

As I reflect on my three years of service on the Vestry, I'm faced with a myriad of emotions and memories. It has been my honor and privilege to serve with some of the most dedicated and inspiring Episcopalians that I've ever known and I am humbled to list my name with their names in the history of our parish. It has been a rewarding, trying, frustrating, and incredibly inspiring three years of spiritual growth for me and I thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve with you. I offer a special thank you to this year's Vestry: Cindy Kinkead, Vickie Duff, Emily Cardwell, Louise Jones, Jay Box, Todd Cooper and Jane Hansen, and to Ned Meekins and Jane Vance with whom I served as Wardens the last two years and to Fr. Philip whose leadership, guidance and friendship have always been steadfast.

Katherine Harper, Sr. Warden

A Great Christmas Bazaar at St. John's!

My sincere thanks to all who volunteered of their time, talents, and donated items for the 2013 Christmas Bazaar! I especially want to thank our Co-Chairs, Sara Hellard and Nikki Berger for their leadership, organization, and tremendous time given!

This year's bazaar was a huge success with the following monies being raised for the Episcopal Church Women and Men of St. John's and their ministries:

**Bazaar (Items sold) \$2,581.55
Yard Sale (Items sold) \$392.00
Bake Sale (baked goods and frozen casseroles) \$879.65
Lunch \$393.00**

What a great Saturday and Sunday! Father Philip+

Vital Pursuits: Developing Your Spiritual Life

I am a believer, but I am not satisfied with where I am. I want to take my faith in Jesus Christ and my spiritual life to the next level. What practices will help me become a mature Christian?

If this sounds like you, then maybe you should consider this study being led by Father Philip. We will begin on Wednesday evening, January 8th, and meet for ten Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The study is taken from *Life Connections by Serendipity House*. There is a \$14.00 donation to St. John's for the book and a sign-up is required. Joining this study is committing to a covenant which asks that you strive to attend all ten of the classes! Nursery Care will be provided! Please note that this time will not include dinner, but rather coffee and desserts will be offered.

**A great way to begin the New Year!
Sign up now to**

fr.philip.linder@stjohnsky.com



Children's Christmas Pageant

Every year, the children of St. John's have the opportunity to join in the beloved Christmas Pageant. Last year the children presented a story of *Why* the world needed a Savior and how God in His wisdom and mercy sent us Jesus. This year's pageant will be the more traditional Christmas play including the Annunciation, trip to Bethlehem, birth of Jesus and shepherd's visit, all with the many wonderful hymns associated with each story. All the children of St. John's are invited and encouraged to participate with roles for all ages - lambs and sheep, shepherds, angels, narrators, and Mary and Joseph. Youngest participants ideally would be able to sit comfortably with the other children in the Chancel (between the Altar and steps) during their part/role. Practices will be the first three Sunday's in December from 2-4 p.m. (1st, 8th and 15th) with the Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 22nd during the 10:00 service. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Cardwell @ 879-3633, or mailto:emily_cardwell@yahoo.com We hope to see your child!



DATES

Monday's Hope AIAnon Meeting, Every Monday 7 pm. Everyone welcome!

St. John's Cookbook: We need your favorite family recipes by February 1, 2014. Please place them in the box in Hosea Hall or email them to Jane Hansen (shopvarens@yahoo.com).

All the Angel Tree names of foster children have been adopted for gifts!!. Gifts should be returned to Hosea Hall by December 8.

The Clothing Bank is in dire need of clothing in the following sizes: infants 0 – 24 months, girls and boys clothing sizes 6 – 16. You may leave them on the stage in Hosea Hall or drop them off at the Clothing Bank. Contact Sara Meekins (meeki@windstream.net) if you have any questions.

The Daughters of the King are collecting cleaning supplies, especially kitchen and bathroom cleaners (canisters of quick wipes are very welcome) and disposable plastic or non-latex gloves for the people doing the cleaning to donate to St. Agnes House, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. Please place these items in the blue box on the stage in Hosea Hall. More on St. Agnes House: <http://www.diolex.net/stagneshouse/>

December 1, Sunday, 2 – 4 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant practice.

December 7, Saturday, 9 – 1 pm – Daughters of the King Advent Quiet Day Flo Mayer will be the leader and the meditations will be on "Living in the Joy of Christ." Everyone is invited. Lunch is included and so that they can prepare, please RSVP to Betty Gill (bettygill@windstream.net). This event is a wonderful way to begin the Advent season.

December 8, Sunday, 2 – 4 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant practice.

December 8, Sunday – Angel Tree gifts due in Hosea Hall

December 10, Tuesday, 6:15 pm - – regular monthly Vestry meeting in Hosea Hall. Everyone welcome.

December 14, Saturday, 10:30 am – ECW Meeting, Brunch & Ornament Exchange - There will be a short business meeting preceding the festivities. Please bring a salad, dessert or appetizer to share. Beverages provided. Bring a holiday ornament to exchange have fun in the games. Contact Christine Brasseale (brasseale@dcr.net) if you have any questions.

December 15, Sunday, 3 – 6 pm – Open House at the Linders'

December 15, Sunday, 2 – 4 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant practice

December 17, Tuesday, - NO Men's Club this month

December 19, Thursday, 7 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service

December 22, Sunday, 10 a.m. - Eucharist will include the Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24, Tuesday, 5 p.m. – Celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist

December 24, Tuesday, 11 p.m. – Celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ with Festival Holy Eucharist

SERVER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2013

	DEC. 1	DEC. 8	DEC. 15	DEC. 22	DEC. 29
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Becky Arthur	Ben Harper	Ann Richmond	Vickie Duff	Becky Arthur
Altar Guild	Susan & Betty	Debby Edelen	Susan & Betty	Vickie Duff	Debby Edelen
	10:00A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00A.M.	10:A.M.	10:A.M.
Crucifer	Eric Sandknop	Conrad Linder	Linda Reeves	Eric Sandknop	Susan White
Torch Bearers	Shayla & Jillian Carney	Emma & Sophie Berger	Ian Cooper & Sophie Edelen	Linda Reeves & Linda Wardle	Leah & Quinn Cardwell
Acolyte	Conrad Linder	Ann Richmond	Katherine Harper	Ann Richmond	Linda Reeves
Chalice	Katherine Harper	David Richmond	Ned Meekins	Susan White	Christine Brasseale
Lector	James Wells & Julie Ross	Jay Box & Nancy Dawson	Stacey Oxlade & Sara Meekins	Julie Ross & David Richmond	Virginia Ballard & Stacey Oxlade
Gift Bearers	Cardwells	Duffs	Coopers	Gardones	Ranges
Ushers	Libby Kelly & Louise Jones	Ron Mobley & Sam Hawkins	John & Teresa Range	Libby Kelly & Jane Hansen	Ron Mobley & Sam Hawkins
Altar Guild	Christine & Stacey	Sarah Sandknop & Jane Hansen	Virginia Ballard & Connie Spencer	Sarah Sandknop & Sara Meekins	Vickie Duff & Julie Ross
Brunch	Hansen Carney	Berger Gonzales	Linder Keeling	Lefever Crawley	Bruens Vandenburg
WEDNSDAY	DEC. 4	DEC. 11	DEC. 18	25-Dec	
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Ben Harper	Ann Richmond	FELIZ NAVIDAD	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	FELIZ NUEVO ANO!

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

5 P.M.

Crucifer: Linda Reeves
Torches: Leah & Quinn Cardwell
Acolyte: Katherine Harper
Chalice: Ben Harper
Lector: Stacey Oxlade
Gift Bearers Gardones
Ushers: Jane Hansen & Louise Jones
Altar Guild: Vickie Duff

10:30 P.M.

Thurifer: Conrad Linder
Torches: Shayla & Jillian Carney
Acolyte: Ann Richmond
Chalice: Ned Meekins
Lector: Sara Meekins & Jay Box
Gift Bearers: Duffs
Ushers: John & Teresa Range, Ron Mobley & Sam Hawkins
Altar Guild: Virginia Ballard & Julie Ross & Connie Spencer



ECW Holiday Luncheon

Saturday December 14, 2013 @ 10:30 A.M.
There will be a short business meeting preceding the festivities.
Please bring a salad, dessert or appetizer to share. I will provide the beverages.
Bring a holiday ornament to exchange and trade and have fun in the games.
I do hope to see a large number of our church women on that day.
Wishing you a blessed Holiday Season,
Christine Brasseale, President



***Advent-Christmas Open House
at the Linders***

All St. John's worshippers are invited to our home
on Sunday, December 15th from 3 to 6:00 PM
for food, drink, fellowship, and sharing in the joy of this season!

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share!

Directions to our farm at
475 Arrowhead Springs Lane, Versailles
will be available in Hosea Hall.

Father Philip and Ellen



St. John's 13th Annual Toys & Togs Drive for the McCreary County Kids!

Upon our Bishop's visit to St. John's in August, he told us that our Diocese wanted to start an outreach program in Corbin, Ky. He explained how badly that area needed assistance. Well, St. John's, "the little church that could" has been doing that for years just across the river in McCreary County. The infamous Cumberland Falls separates the two counties. So now that you know where it is, here is a little history about our ministry.

John and Teresa Range started this ministry in 1996 with the help of the Millcreek Methodist Church in McCreary County. Since Teresa grew up in that area (also, born in Corbin, KY!) she knew there was a great need for winter clothes, blankets, and also toys for the children at Christmastime. So she began gathering only "used" items from friends, and family members, and with the help of the Methodist Church ladies, she provided lunch for all the kids who attended. Also, out of her own pocket, she made little gift bags so they would have "something new". There were only about a dozen needy children who attended back then, but after a few years interest grew, and the need for assistance in that area also grew, and Teresa realized she was going to need more help. That's when she turned to her church, and St. John's ECW became involved. They started donating left-over toys, books, and Christmas items from the Bazaar. As years have gone by, more St. John's parishioners have started helping by purchasing "new" toys, and giving monetary donations for ham and gift basket drawings, and purchasing food for the lunch we provide for all the kids and their families. And thank God for that, because we now have about 50 kids, plus their parents!

Over the years, St. John's youth has added to, and assembled, the gift bags for Teresa, and occasionally have gone with her and John, to help deliver toys, and serve lunch. But with membership attendance fluctuating at St. John's, changes in Rectors, and youth leaders coming and going, last year was the first time in about 5 yrs. that the youth got to go again. Thanks to Emily Cardwell who asked the youth to help with gift bags the last two years, and last year she even got a group together to go and assist in delivery. And a big "thank you" to Emma Berger who came to Teresa last year with a desire to learn more about outreach for needy children, and this ministry. Emma helped load and unload the vans, sorted toys, helped the children pick out toys, and spent the whole day assisting Teresa with this ministry! Also, thanks to the Cooper's, Edelen's, Kowalke's, and Melissa Sloan's children who can't make the trip, but generously donate their used toys and clothing every year. We hope more youth will get involved this year. It is a very rewarding ministry. Those little children appreciate everything we do, whether it's new or used clothes, new or used toys, or just a turkey sandwich. Their little faces light up when they see us walk in. Thank you for all your support in the past years, and a special thank you to St. John's ECW, and Fr.

Linder, for helping Teresa to keep this ministry alive. They would be so disappointed if it were to stop now.

God bless each and every one of you who help in any way! If you're wondering how you can help... we will accept items for gift bags (50 pcs. of each... lunch bags, candy, pencils, notepads, and religious items) until Sunday Dec. 1st, which the youth will then assemble. Donations of slightly used toys, and winter clothing, are accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 4th. We always run low on gifts/ clothing for teenage boys! BTW: ECW or Kathy Sparrow can provide a tax form for your donations. Anyone who wants to join us is more than welcome to follow us down!

For any information about donations or assistance in delivery, you may call Teresa Range at 859-873-8600. Our trip this year will be **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, LEAVING ST. JOHN'S AT 10:00 A.M.**



THANK YOU THANK YOU

I am so happy that the Christmas Bazaar was a great success and sorry I missed all the fun and excitement. The co-chairs Sara Hillard and Nicki Burger did a fantastic job in organizing and getting everyone involved to make the bazaar a success.

We will be discussing some needs the church has and how to best spend some of the money at our December 14th meeting. Please plan to attend.

Please remember to be thankful for our blessings and give generously to the UTO so others less fortunate can be helped.

Wishing you a HOLIDAY SEASON blessed with health, happiness and a thankful and cheerful heart.

Christine
Braseale





The St. John's Daughters of the King are holding their
Annual Advent Quiet Day

Saturday, December 7, from 9am to 1230pm

Meditations on "Living in the Joy of Christ"

will be led by the beloved **Flo Mayer**, and a light lunch
provided

by St John's Daughters will follow. All are welcome.

For more information and to register contact: betty-
gill@windstream.net

St. Agnes House Wish List

You probably know by now that the St. John's Daughters of the King continually collect supplies to be taken to help St. Agnes' House (SAH) in Lexington, the Diocesan Hospitality House for those who travel to Lexington seeking treatment for serious illnesses. Did you know though that besides what the DOK gathers, SAH posts a wish list on Amazon.com? This is a



wonderful way to pick out what you would like to purchase to help St. Agnes' House, order it online, and have it delivered directly to SAH, all with very little effort. And with year-end coming up, this could be a great way to get in some last minute charitable giving before tax season.

So how do you find this wish list? Type <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/25SDZ4X1JYCKB> in your browser or go to the Amazon.com website and on the far right side of the page look at the drop down list under "Wish List"; then at "Find a Wish List or Registry" on the right side of the page again, type in St. Agnes House. Two pages of items SAH needs will be displayed for your shopping pleasure. You'll see printers and cartridges, coffee and creamer, light bulbs and trash bags, bedding and bath supplies, paper towels and toilet paper. And of course the endlessly needed supply of household cleaners and laundry supplies.

In this season of giving, won't you help out a real friend in need? Either bring your donations in to the blue tub on the stage in Hosea Hall or make them online through Amazon.com. Thank you!

St. John's Supper Groups are in full swing and the fun abounds!!

Divided into five groups of eight or nine, 42 St. John's parishioners are enjoying food and fellowship and getting to know better some familiar faces from church as well as long-time friends. The current grouping will last through February and spring time will offer a new time to sign up for new groups. This is a wonderful way to strengthen the bonds of our community of faith.



St. John's 2013 Ministry Directory

Altar Flowers.....Cindy Kinkead
Altar Guild.....Vickie Duff
Baptisms.....Father Philip Linder
Buildings and Grounds.....Todd Cooper
Christian Education.....Emily Cardwell
Clerk of the Vestry.....Cindy Kinkead
Clothing Bank.....Sara Meekins
Community Dinners.....Louise Jones
Daughters of the King.....Betty Gill
Eagle Wings.....Ann Richmond
Episcopal Church Women.....Christine Brasseale
Episcopal Youth.....
Finance Committee.....Katherine Harper, Jay Box
Food Bank.....Louise Jones
Funerals.....ECW
Garden.....Jo Hughes
Housekeeping.....Penny Thurman
Junior Warden.....Jane Vance
Kroger Cards.....Gayle Box
Lay Eucharistic Minist.....Sarah Sandknop
Men's Club.....Ben Harper
Music and Worship.....Vickie Duff
Needlepoint.....Maribell White
Newcomers' Committee.....Jane Vance
Organist/Choirmaster.....William Webber
Outreach.....Louise Jones
Parish Email.....Elaine Menges
Parish Life.....Jane Hansen
Parish Secretary.....Kathy Sparrow
Pastoral Care Ministry.....Sarah Sandknop
Personnel.....Father Philip Linder
Reading Club.....Sara Meekins, Betty Gill
Rector.....Father Philip Linder
Recycling.....Ned Meekins
Senior Warden.....Katherine Harper

Stewardship.....Jay Box
Sunday Brunch.....Ann Richmond
Sunday School.....Emily Cardwell
Treasurer.....Julie Skeeters
Website.....Sarah Sandknop
Weddings.....Father Philip Linder
Woodford Sun.....Sammy Cundiff

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