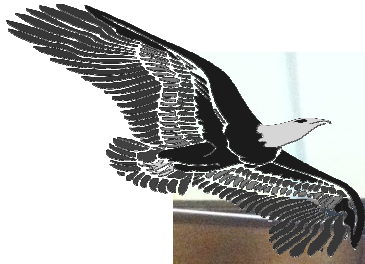


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*Welcome,  
Regardless.*

## 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

### Trinity and the Vastness of God

“God in three persons blessed Trinity.” Although Christ is the foundation of the church, the head and cornerstone, the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, expresses the very essence of the Christian Church. The Trinity is a core belief of the Christian faith that has gradually been revealed to us, and yet never fully understood or adequately explained.

Although the doctrine of the Trinity is never spelled out in the Gospels, it is ever-present in the words and actions of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus, the Son of God, who prays constantly to his Father in heaven. And it is Jesus who assures the disciples before his ascension to the Father in heaven that he will be sending the comforter, the Holy Spirit to empower and guide them. Jesus commands the disciples before his physical departure that they are to baptize all nations of peoples in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Author and theologian Dorothy Sayers has written of the essence of the Trinity: *These three are one, each equally in itself the whole work whereof none can exist without the other...* As priest and theologian, I particularly enjoy struggling with such doctrines as that of the Trinity. Understanding the nature of God as being Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, separate but equal and united in being is not an easy task. This is a doctrine of the Church that slowly developed over the early centuries of Christianity. The Father is not the Son...the Son is not the Spirit...the Father is not the Spirit...but all are coequal and coeternal. Perhaps what the Trinity expresses best of all is the complex nature of the Triune God that if you think you have gotten **God** figured out, guess again.

The Trinitarian understanding of God keeps us from putting God in a box or neat package. The Trinity does not contain God, but rather opens up God in infinite ways that have been and continue to be revealed to us. If God is a living God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, then God is actively at work in our lives in tangible, new, exciting, saving, forgiving, healing, and loving ways. When you are growing as a Christian on your spiritual journey your reflections and understandings of the nature of God are growing as well. A community of faith such as St. John’s is at its best when it reflects this wide and expansive nature of God.

Within the pages of her book, [An Altar in the World](#), Episcopal priest and author Barbara Brown Taylor shares the following story about a time with

her father: *On the night I am remembering, he told me to pull the pale blue blanket off my bed and bring it to the deck. The air was sweet and cool. The sky bristled with stars. After my father had folded the blanket in half, he lay down on it with his hands folded behind his head. Katy and I lay down beside him, one under each elbow, where we could smell the Chap stick, tobacco, strong coffee smell of our father. All I remember is lying there beside him looking into a sky I had never really looked into before, or at least never for so long.*

*When I breathed in, I seemed huge to myself. I felt as much a part of the sky as a feather on a bird’s belly. When I breathed out, I became so small that I feared I might vanish. What was a seven year-old girl, under that great weight of stars? When the first one fell, we all gasped and clutched at one another. “Did you see that? I did! Where did it go? To the far side of the moon.”*

*More and more stars fell as the night deepened... watching them, I gained the understanding that the planet I was lying on looked like a star from somewhere else in the universe...I learned reverence from my father.*

For me, Barbara’s story also points to the largeness and vastness of God. Personally I still struggle both intellectually and spiritually with understanding God as Trinity of Persons. Yet I know that this is true—we call that faith. Most of us think of God and pray to God with a focus upon one part of the Trinity; a particular lens to God, so to speak. Who is your lens...perhaps your favorite—Father, Son, or Holy Spirit? Push the boundaries of your God. Open the box that you have placed God within...unwrap the way that you have packaged God, and look anew upon the Holy Trinity. How big is your God? Let your God be large and vast.

Father Philip+



## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Strategic planning has been defined as a disciplined process that involves a team of people representing the total organization in making fundamental decisions about the future of the organization. The process helps an organization manage change, focus on the future, and achieve long-term, sustainable results.

The Vestry has recently undertaken the development of a three-year strategic plan for St. John's. Thanks to Jay Box for securing the services of Sharon Marcum, a Certified Strategic Planner who has met with the Vestry twice to guide our work.

Your input will be vitally important as the development continues so some background on the process so far might be helpful.

We began with our core values and mission statement (see [www.stjohnsky.com](http://www.stjohnsky.com)) as identified in our congregational work in preparation for our Rector search which culminated in Father Philip's call.

- Community outreach and support
- A spirit of family
- Pastoral care
- Spirituality
- Christian education
- Uniqueness of every member
- Joy of ministry
- Liturgical diversity
- Inclusiveness
- History and tradition

Next we reviewed the church's significant accomplishments in the last two years. Building on this, we prepared an analysis of the strengths of our congregation, weaknesses we face, opportunities that we can explore and expand on and threats from outside from church. From this emerged five strategic themes upon which to develop our goals for the next three years.

- Outreach
- Congregational development and growth
- Resources/stewardship (human, financial, physical)
- Communication
- Programming (educational, social, speakers, Bible study)

This is an ongoing process and your participation is vital. There will be several ways for everyone to provide input. Please keep your Vestry and this process in your prayers and we plan for our future.

Katherine Harper, Senior Warden

**SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 2013**

	<b>2-Jun</b>	<b>9-Jun</b>	<b>16-Jun</b>	<b>23-Jun</b>	<b>30-Jun</b>
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	VICKIE DUFF	BECKY ARTHUR	BECKY ARTHUR	BEN HARPER	VICKIE DUFF
<b>Altar Guild</b>	VICKIE DUFF	SUSAN & BETTY	DEBBY EDELEN	KAY MOBLEY	VICKIE DUFF
	<b>10:00A.M.</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>10:00A.M.</b>	<b>10:A.M.</b>	<b>10:A.M.</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	ERIC SANDKNOP	LINDA WARDLE	SUSAN WHITE	CONRAD LINDER	NED MEEKINS
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	LEAH & QUINN CARDWELL	EMMA & SOPHIE BERGER	MADDIE KUEBLER & SOPHIE EDELEN	LEAH & QUINN CARDWELL	EMMA & SOPHIE BERGER
<b>Acolyte</b>	CONRAD LINDER	ANN RICHMOND	NED MEEKINS	CINDY KINKEAD	CONRAD LINDER
<b>Chalice</b>	KATHERINE HARPER	DAVID RICHMOND	CINDY KINKEAD	ANN RICHMOND	SUSAN WHITE
<b>Lector</b>	STACEY OXLADE	JAY BOX	EMILY CARDWELL	JAY BOX	STACEY OXLADE
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	RON & KAY MOBLEY	JOHNSON FAMILY	GARDONE FAMILY	BRUENS FAMILY	CARDWELL FAMILY
<b>Ushers</b>	LOUISE JONES & JANE HANSEN	JOHN & TERESA RANGE	SAM HAWKINS & RON MOBLEY	ANGEL & TODD COOPER	RON & SHERYL BRUENS
<b>Altar Guild</b>	VICKIE & JANE	STACEY & CHRISTINE	KAY MOBLEY	STACEY & CHRISTINE	VICKIE & JANE
<b>Brunch</b>	<b>EYC</b>	<b>CRAWLEY</b>	<b>LEFEVER</b>	<b>JONES GONZALES</b>	<b>HANSON BERGER</b>
<b>WEDNSDAY</b>	<b>5-Jun</b>	<b>12-Jun</b>	<b>19-Jun</b>	<b>26-Jun</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	BEN HARPER	KATHERINE HARPER	NED MEEKINS	LINDA WARDLE	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF	VICKIE DUFF

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, July 27th- please mark your calendars. There will be more information including our theme, times and schedule once these are finalized. Clarita Murphy, mother to Caitlin, Regan and Renee, will again coordinate this fun program for youth ages pre-school through 6th grade, or younger with a parent/guardian. EYC members will once again offer their fine leadership skills, as may any adult who is interested- see Clarita Murphy for more information.

Sunday School

Thank you to all the wonderful men and women who volunteered their time to serve as Sunday School teachers this year. Charlene Gonzalez, taught the Pre-school - K age group down in the nursery; Angel Cooper and Clarita Murphy taught 1st - 3rd grade, Sara Meekins taught 4-6th grade, Laura Gibson taught 7th-9th grade and the following men led the High School discussion group: Sam Hawkins, John Dearey, Rick Keeling and Ben Harper. Please remember to thank these individuals for their time and preparation they gave to our students. Sunday School is finished for the Summer and will start up again after school begins in the Fall. If you would like to serve as a teacher, in the Fall, please contact Emily Cardwell, who is in charge of Christian Education for the Vestry.



GOLF SCRAMBLE  
BEAUTIFUL DAY  
SUCCESSFUL FUND  
RAISER

The Roger Reeves Memorial Golf Scramble once again was well attended and supported by St. John's and the community.

This annual fund raising event provides all the money necessary for our Reading Club program throughout the school year as well as the week of Reading Camp in June each year.

Volunteers are needed for this month's camp!

Call the church office and speak to Kathy Sparrow if you have some time to spend in this ministry with children in Woodford County who need help with reading skills.

## 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 Garden.....Cindy Sullivan  
 Community Dinners.....Cindy Sullivan  
 Daughters of the King.....Betty Gill  
 Eagle Wings.....Ann Richmond  
 Episcopal Church Women.....Christine Brasseale  
 Episcopal Youth.....Emily Cardwell  
 Finance Committee...Katherine Harper,  
 Jay Box  
 Food Bank.....Norma Downey  
 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.....Father Philip Linder  
 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

## **EMERGENCY TRAINING**

What would you do if the tornado siren went off during church? Did you know that the church has an automated external defibrillator (AED) and would you know how to use it if the need arose? If you just needed a band-aid, where is the first aid kit? These questions and more will be answered by our own Johnny Mills, Deputy Director of Woodford County Emergency Management on Sunday, June 30. Beginning at approximately 11:45 in Hosea Hall and lasting approximately an hour and a half, these topics, and more, will be covered. This is for everyone and anyone as heightened awareness can save lives in an emergency situation. Ushers, Sunday School teachers and anyone who leads a group at church are especially encouraged to attend.

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