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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

## Random Violence as God's Will?

Almost every week our nation is rocked, though sadly no longer shocked, by the all too common news of a lone gunman shooting at random and killing innocent people. Most recently, it has been once again in the classrooms of our nation's schools. So one looming question for the Christian believer is, "Was this the destiny of the shooter? Was this part of God's plan for him?" And even more troubling, "Was this God's pre-destined plan for those who were murdered and injured on those fateful days?"

There is no question about the providence of God with respect to God's created universe. Stated simply, God is ever-present and in control. As the psalmist declares in Psalm 8: *O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth... When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?* If this is true then why do such awful tragedies occur?

The story of first humanity in the book of Genesis, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, examined from our point of reference in Christ Jesus, offers an explanation of why God's creation is not perfect. It is not that the universe was not created perfectly, but rather it is that out of God's great love for creation and especially for humanity, God gave us free will, or freedom to choose. And when Adam and Eve freely chose against the will of God, sin, death, and evil entered the world. Paradise was lost. We call this the "fall of creation," and because of this event there is disease...there is disaster...there is tragedy...there is death...there is sin. The world is not a Garden of Eden. And it is for this that in the fullness of time God sent his only Son into the world to restore our relationship with God through the possibility of forgiveness of our sins and eternal life when we die, if we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Could we believe that God's plan would intentionally include such evil acts as those of these recent school shootings? Could God stop it? Absolutely! Why God sometimes intervenes when someone is terribly ill and miraculously heals, and at other times a loved one, despite our faith and intense prayers, dies is indeed a mystery. Yes there is mystery in our faith—St. Paul told us in his Letter to the Corinthians that now we see in a mirror dimly and someday we shall see face to face.

Every Sunday we celebrate that Jesus came into the world to live and die as one of us, so that God, feeling the human suffering of evil, could die once for all,

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The weather is cooler, the leaves are turning warm fall colors, it's the final quarter of the calendar year and yes, it must be stewardship season at the church. Ugh. We Episcopalians are not always very good at talking about stewardship. Or are we? At the risk of sounding unimaginative and trite, I looked up the definition of 'stewardship.' Merriam-Webster defines it as 'the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something.' On the whole, I think that we do a pretty good job of that at St. John's on many levels: we protect and nurture our children, we care for each other, and we take responsibility for our church facility. We look for ways to assist those outside of our church community in need. Many people at St. John's have a strong prayer life and are often engaged in petitioning God for intervention and resolution on a many needs and situations. It isn't too difficult to see evidence that we offer our time and talents generously.



And our treasure? We don't discuss our finances like we do our ability or willingness to pray or to paint or to participate in church ministries and activities. What portion of our money we give to the church in expectation of its use for God's intended purposes is between us and God. It is something that we should prayerfully consider and let God's will guide and direct.

A number of years ago I was asked to be on a stewardship committee. I admitted ignorance and reluctance to serve but offered myself none the less. A veteran committee member loaned me a tape on stewardship. One line of thought from the teaching really struck with me then and remains: Stewardship is not about the church's need for money but about each parishioner's need to offer every aspect of life, including money, to God's will and guidance. In the same spirit that we offer our petitions, our thanksgivings, our hearts, and our minds to God, let us also offer to God our financial commitment to the church.

On Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday, we will present our pledge cards and ask God's blessing on these offerings. From these pledges we will prepare our budget and plan for 2014.

*Loving God, we thank you for the rich abundance in our lives. Open our eyes to see that, in being so blessed, we can in turn abundantly bless others. Open our hearts to feel the powerful generosity of your Spirit and let go of our fear and judgment. Open our ears to hear the needs of this church and community. Open our minds that, whenever called, we offer the world our measureless Love, our generous time, our unique talents and treasure. Quicken our hands to your service, breathe your Spirit into us and touch us with the life of Christ. Amen.*

and for all time. The gift of free will from God continues—and human sin did not end, but now there is a path through Christ and the cross back to a right relationship with God. This is forgiveness and redemption. This is grace.

So, no, I cannot believe in a God that wills school shootings, disease, poverty, or any other tragedies. The great German theologian of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Karl Barth, wrote extensively about the “suffering God.” He believed that because God became humanity in Jesus, God knows what it is to suffer, so that when evil such as this befalls us God is intimate with our pain and is compassionate. God literally suffers with us and is merciful. Our hope is in a God that is compassion and walks right alongside us when we suffer and mourn. You see, God can take the most awful of events in our lives and turn them into opportunities for growth, grace, and new life in Him through His Son Jesus Christ. This is our daily hope, even in the midst of tragedy and sadness.

*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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fr.philip.linder@stjohnsky.com)**



The logo for the United Thank Offering (UTO) consists of the letters "UTO" in a white, serif font, centered within a blue rectangular box. The box has a subtle, textured background.

## St. John's Ingathering November 17

The United Thank Offering is a personal and family devotional program of The Episcopal Church.

As Christians we are called to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. The more thankful we are, the stronger our relationship with God grows and the more we want to follow in the path of Jesus. We can become his hands and feet by supporting the ministry of the United Thank Offering with our thanksgiving prayers and offerings.

Please take time each day, personally or as a family, to consider your many blessings and set aside a few pennies, dimes, or dollars as a sign of your thanks.

Dear Lord,  
Open my eyes that I may see the beauty of the earth you have given us.  
Open my ears that I may hear the lessons that you send my way.  
Open my heart that it may feel the needs of others.  
Open my hands that they may share my good fortune with others. Amen



***Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet, on earth but yours.***  
***Teresa of Avila***

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

## **St. John's Bazaar**

in conjunction with Versailles's celebration of the holiday season will be on Sat. Nov. 9, 2013. The set up days are Nov. 6, 7, and 8th.

There will be a few tables of humble items on Main Street which Ann Sturm will store in the garage for 3-4 days before the sale. Inside we will have a variety of categories such as purses, decorative items, jewelry, children's toys and books and riding vehicles. Also, last year we had a very large assortment of collectibles, and Mada Barnes has agreed to head up that area. Our Bazaar is always interesting because of the items which our members contribute. If you'd like a tax deduction make a list of the donated items and have it authorized by our church secretary. Plan on eating a lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches, drinks, and desserts for sale. SAVE the DATE, NOV 9th.



Sara Hellard,  
Co-Chair  
with Nikki  
Berger

# SERVER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2013

	ALL SAINTS	ANNUAL MTG	KIRKIN'o' THE TARTANS		
	NOV. 3	NOV. 10	NOV. 17	NOV. 24	
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	VICKIE DUFF	BEN HARPER	ANN RICHMOND	BECKY ARTHUR	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	VICKIE DUFF	DEBBY EDELEN	SUSAN & BETTY	KAY MOBLEY	
	10:00A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00A.M.	10:A.M.	10:A.M.
<b>Crucifer</b>	LINDA WARDLE	DAVID RICHMOND	ERIC SANDKNOP	CONRAD LINDER	
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	LEAH & QUINN CARDWELL	IAN COOPER & SOPHIE EDELEN	LINDA WARDLE & LINDA REEVES	LEAH CARDWELL & IAN COOPER	
<b>Acolyte</b>	CONRAD LINDER	ANN RICHMOND	NED MEEKINS	KATHERINE HARPER	
<b>Chalice</b>	SUSAN WHITE	CINDY KINKEAD	KATHERINE HARPER	LINDA WARDLE	
<b>Lector</b>	STACEY OXLADE & NANCY DAWSON	JAY BOX & JULIE ROSS	JAMES WELLS & VIRGINIA BALLARD	SARA MEEKINS & WALTER KUNTZ	
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	CARDWELLS	GARDONES	RANGES	DUFFS	
<b>Ushers</b>	RANGES	COOPERS	SAM HAWKINS & RON MOBLEY	JANE HANSEN & LOUISE JONES	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	VIRGINIA BALLARD	CHRISTINE & STACEY	SARA MEEKINS & VICKIE DUFF	SARAH SANDKNOP	
<b>Brunch</b>	LEFEVER CROWLEY	POTLUCK	POTLUCK	EDELEN CUNDIFF	

**Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. -**

**Diocese of Lexington Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting:** St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, 1891 Parker's Mill Road, Lexington.

ALL women of the diocese are invited and encouraged to attend this time of worship, fellowship, networking and learning. Please join us! Contact Katherine Harper, President, at 859-285-9336 if you have any questions.

**Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday & Ingathering and Blessing of Pledge Cards**

**Thursday & Friday, November 7 & 8 – Set up for the Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 9 & Sunday, November 10 – Christmas Bazaar**

**Sunday, November 10 - Annual Meeting following the 10:00 service**

**Sunday, November 17 – Kirkin' o' the Tartans at the 10:00 service followed by a potluck lunch**



## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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***

# NEEDLEPOINT

Hooray for all the wonderful people who are plying their needles and the sweat of their brows to make pieces of canvas and lengths of yarn look fantastic!

The choir area and the kneelers for the first pews are working out very well.

There will be 30 some pieces when they are all finished. In numbers, about half are stitched. Some pieces are 60 inches long while others are 15 to 18 inches long. The canvas has 13 stitches to the inch, or 169 per square inch. So, on a piece that is 12" x 60" there are 121,680 stitches. That's a lot! And they go in one at a time!

Hopefully by this coming Easter, we will be finished stitching, and will be ready for the upholsterer to begin his work.

Many thanks to the people involved in this ministry. You can be sure your work is much appreciated and will continue to be by future generations at St. John's/

Maribell White,  
Needlepoint Minister



## **2013 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

November 10

St. John's Annual Parish Meeting will be held after the 10 a.m. service on November 10 in the church. All members are encouraged to take part in this very important meeting. We will elect three Vestry members who will serve three-year terms and one Vestry member to serve one year of an unexpired term. Please consider prayerfully whether you'd like to serve on the Vestry. With the completion of our Strategic Plan, goals and strategies are set and the congregation is poised to live more fully into our ministries under the leadership of Fr. Linder and a working, praying, committed Vestry.

We will also be electing four deputies to the Diocesan Convention, one of whom shall be a member of the Vestry with a minimum of one year remaining on their term, and at least one alternate. The Convention is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 – Saturday, February 22 in Covington, Kentucky. By Diocesan Canon 17.03, the following persons are eligible voters at Parish meetings: (1) communicants over the age of sixteen years, whose names have for three months (immediately preceding the meeting) been on the list of communicants of the Parish, and (2) baptized persons, other than communicants, who are regular worshippers at St. John's, and known to be regular contributors to the support of the Church, for a period of at least six months prior to the meeting.

As prescribed in our By-Laws, the Nominating Committee consists of the three members rotating off the Vestry: Katherine Harper, Cindy Kinhead and Jane Vance, and three members of the congregation: Becky Arthur, Ned Meekins and Ron Mobley. Nomination forms are available in Eagle Wings and also in Hosea Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fr. Linder or members of the Nominating Committee or Vestry. Nominations from the floor are permitted and do require the consent on the nominee.

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The Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder, Rector

**Diocesan Deputy Candidate Biographical Form**

**To be elected at November 10, 2013 Annual Meeting  
Diocesan Convention, Thursday, February 20 – Saturday, February 22, 2014  
Covington, Kentucky**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministries you presently/past serve(d) on and other information:

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List any information you would like to share with the parishioners, such as hobbies and/or special interest:

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***Deadline for submission: October 15.***

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The Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder, Rector

**Vestry Member Candidate Biographical Form**  
**To be elected at November 10, 2013 Annual Meeting**

Candidate for one-year remainder of term

OR

Candidate for three-year term

Full Name:

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Occupation:

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Ministries you presently/past serve(d) on and other information:

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List any information you would like to share with the parishioners, such as hobbies and/or special interest:

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: OCTOBER 15.**

## 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.....Emily Cardwell  
 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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