



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



June 2011

Rector's rambling

Perhaps some of it had to do with location, or soil type, or warm rains coming in with the Atlantic Westerlies. Or perhaps it had more to do with my expectations going in. But the greens of Ireland were unlike anything I had ever seen. They seemed to be infused with a warm interior glow, and I was reminded of those times when I happened to be in the field or on the water when a major front passed. All of nature seemed to come alive with a primal savagery for just a few seconds, and the experience was surreal. In such times of heightened awareness, it seems easier to sense the presence of God, or at least to realize that we are not really that far removed from the rest of His creation. I can easily understand why the Old Queen, looking down the valley from Ladiesview, quipped that it was one of the loveliest vistas in the British Empire.

In a sense, it is hard to imagine how such a beautiful land could have such a tragic history, replete with tribal wars and family betrayals, famines and oppression, much of which ultimately (if not with complete accuracy) gets blamed on religion. But then, I suppose our individual histories are not that different. We are all born with such incredible beauty and potential, made as it were in the very image of God. Then the circumstances of our birth, the nature of our physical attributes, our failures in relationships, and a thousand other variables intervene and we are left feeling vulnerable, alone, and afraid. We develop methods for dealing with our situations which often end up putting walls around ourselves. We wrongly imagine that we must protect ourselves from each other, and in so doing, we end up excluding God from those hidden corners of our lives as well. The image of God remains, like the Irish sunshine, but we can see nothing in ourselves but darkness and worry. We justify our situation by the most powerful magic we can muster, and that we usually call religion, faith, or spirituality.

How different our histories might be if we could see the eternal beauty of God in ourselves and in each other. How pleasant it would be to stroll in the warm sun of God's love, enjoying the gifts he has given each of us. How uncomplicated it would be to have His law written upon our hearts as the prophets foretold, living the Gospel every day in simplicity and love for God and man. In these months of summer, I trust we will all find the grace to acknowledge our own shortcomings, to draw closer to God through prayerful attendance upon Word and Sacrament, and to experience the beauty that is all around us.

Sincerely,
Bill+

Fr. Bill in South Carolina

Fr. Bill and Rebecca will be traveling to South Carolina for Matthew Canter's ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons on June 4th. There will be no Holy Communion on June 5th, but Nick England will be leading The Liturgy of the Word and preaching.

Happy Father's Day

Birthdays

- 4 Robert Shull
- 5 Jim Merton
- 6 Lori Bockman, Mary Kammerer
- 7 Derek Wright
- 8 Nancy Frick
- 10 Doug Allen, Rosana Bush
- 13 Caroline Rockwood
- 14 Steve Wood
- 17 Kathryn Clausen, Mary Shook
- 18 Barbara Parker
- 21 Laura Wright
- 25 Tom Clyde
- 28 Ron Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Nick and Claudia Powell (02)
- 6 Kaye and John Martin (68)
- 8 Tom and Jean Hammer (63)
- 10 Bill and Rebecca Pursley (78)
- 13 Bill and Kathryn Clausen (64)
- Jeff and Chris Hurdley (87)
- Chad and Mary Shook (98)
- 14 Lowell and Sally Stallsmith (58)
- 18 Max and Sally Wildermuth (50)
- 23 Mike and Ruth Whiley (73)
- 26 Nick and Joan England (76)
- 29 David and Karen Warnock (62)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Nanci Allen (49)
- 3 Helen Johnston (51)
- 4 Ruth Whiley (50)
- 10 Connie Dowling (63)
- 12 Dick Babcock (27)
- 14 Dee Joseph (36)
- 20 Chris Perrine (82)
- 23 John Furlow (40), Ethan Canby (02)
- 25 Mary Kammerer (15)

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Matthew and Ashley Canter. In May, Matthew graduated from Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church. On June 4th he will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by Bishop Lawrence of South Carolina. The family will then be moving to Carlsbad, California, where Matthew has accepted a call to serve on the staff of St. Michael's by the Sea Episcopal Church. Their new mailing address is :The Rev'd Dcn and Mrs. Matthew Canter, 4053 Peninsula Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92010.

Our Condolences to Robin and Ann Leonard on the passing of Robin's mother. May God grant her continual growth in His grace and peace.

Fellowship Breakfast

Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be June 5th after the 8 am service. Please join us in the undercroft for fun and fellowship.

To All,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who made my mother's Memorial Service at St. John's a most joyful time for my family. We are truly blessed to be supported and surrounded by so many friends and neighbors. I especially would like to thank the Altar Guild for all the lovely flowers given in Mother's memory. Your service is always beyond measure.

And to all those that arranged the wonderful reception following the service, I will be ever grateful. Lastly, I give thanks to all those who so graciously and generously gave gifts to the church in Mother's memory. She loved all of you. May our Lord's blessings be upon you all.

*Your Friend in Christ,
Nick*

Vestry Highlights

- * The treasurer reported that all is on schedule financially.
- * We still need volunteers for Vacation Bible School.
- * St. John's will recommend a five-year rental agreement with Wells Fargo.
- * Profit to date from the cooking class is \$608.61.
- * An internal audit will be completed within the next few weeks.
- * The church has accepted the donation of a lawn mower.
- * All computer documents will be backed up including the ACS system.

IRA Charitable Rollover

The IRA Charitable Rollover is available through December 31, 2011.

This unique provision passed by Congress allows anyone 70.5 years or older to make an outright gift up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to a qualified charity **without** paying income tax on the distribution.

To find out more, contact your financial advisor.

Food Basket

Please remember that the current economic conditions are causing shortages at our local food banks. If you can bring non-perishable items and place them in the basket at the back of the church, you would be helping to alleviate the shortages our food pantries are facing. Monetary donations are always welcome also.

Congratulations, Bryce Burton

Bryce W. Burton graduated from Capital University Law School May 22, 2011. He received his BA from Franklin University in finance/marketing and is currently employed by the Ohio Housing Finance Authority. Bryce, Melissa, Sebastian, and Anna and family attended the graduation exercises at the Ohio Theatre. Bryce is the son of Larry and Wanita Burton

Volunteers Needed

St. John's will be joining several local Lutheran churches for Vacation Bible School from July 31st - August 4th. A variety of volunteers will be needed including kitchen crew, techies and special talents, musicians, recreation and craft volunteers. Please call Peggy Merton, 653-4807, if you can help with this very special event.

Church Safety Conference

Episcopal Retirement Homes' Parish Health Ministry and Mount Carmel Church Partnerships will present a program Thursday, June 16th, from 2—3:30 pm providing valuable information on how to safeguard people, property, and resources in the faith community. Harry Trombitas, Special Agent, FBI will discuss the top ten risks churches face and will focus on issues such as crises prevention, and tools to assess safety and security.

The conference is free, but you must register to attend.
(Call 614-546-4974 or emailrmadine@mchs.com or eschneider@erbinc.com)

Summer Sundays at St. John's (June—August)

Holy Communion will be served every Sunday at 8 am and again at 10:30 am.

There will not be regular Christian education or garden services at 9 am.
Plan to make worship and fellowship a part of your summer.

St Peter's, St Paul, First English, Our Savior, & Calvary Lutheran and St John's Episcopal Churches invite you to

16th Annual Joint VBS

Sun, July 31 – Thur, Aug 4

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

for ages preschool through Middle School



Main Street

**Where Jesus makes a difference
every day!**

On **Main Street**, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.

So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in you!

Our program will be held again at St Peter's Lutheran Church, corner of Broad and Mulberry Streets, on Sunday, July 31st through Thursday, August 4th from 6:00 to 8:30. Again, to help families more easily participate, a light meal will be offered at the church from 5:00 – 5:45. All volunteers and children, with an adult, are encouraged to join us for supper.

Back This Year – A special Teen Group will follow the Main Street themes with lots of hands-on experiences and service projects in the community. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

An All-Age Registration Form will be available through participating churches or you can register online at www.vacationbibleschool.com/lancafterjointvbs.

Please register by July 17th.

How Can You Help Our Joint VBS??

Small Group Escorts & "Tour" Guides

We are currently looking for older youth and adults to lead workshops on one or more days in **elementary crafts, preschool recreation, preschool Bible story and story activities, and as snack hosts**. And we will need lots of adults and older youth as "Escorts" to participate in those workshops each day with a group of 4 - 6 children.

Kitchen Crew - Each of the churches will host one of the evening meals. We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up for the meals and also to help prepare and serve the simple snacks for one or more days. Donations for our congregation's meal.

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Decorators – Folks are also needed to set our Main Street theme. Whether you can draw or paint, or if you are just willing to follow directions on a set idea or decorating plan, your help is needed. We will also need extra hands to put all the pieces in place just before VBS begins.

Techies & Special Talents – Our openings and closings include music and projected video. The children also love to see themselves in photographs throughout the week. If you would like to take pictures or help to operate the needed equipment, PLEASE let us know!

Music Team – A special team is now forming to lead the Main Street Celebration music and some old favorites as well. There are also possibilities to lead the preschoolers in their own music time aside from the large group time.

For questions or to offer your help in any way, contact Peggy Merton, 653-4807 or **Jan at St Peter's Church, 653-1950.**

2011 VBS SET & PROP ITEMS NEEDED

These items are being sought to help set the theme for our Main Street VBS. If you could lend or donate any of the items below, please contact Karen Lewis (740-468-3161) or Jan Locascio (740-653-1950) to let them know what you'll be bringing and where to put them. When lending items for VBS, please mark your name on the item with masking tape or permanent marker so you can have it returned.

Park/Garden benches	lampposts
Fake potted plants/shrubbery/trees	trunks for clothes
Gigantic crayons and/or paintbrushes – plastic or inflatables	white Christmas lights
Fake fire hydrant – plastic or inflatable	Plastic or inflatable oversized food items
Old firefighter items – hydrant, old fire hoses, old fire gear, etc	Red checked tablecloths for Bistro (plastic or cloth)
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Fake traffic lights	Hard plastic popcorn bowls and/or bags
Vegetable stand	Old white and colored sheets.
Plastic mailbox	Dress form
Flower cart	Roll of tickets
Café tables/chairs	Director's chair
wooden flower wheelbarrow or cart	Director's megaphone
	Director's clipboard

Multicultural Understandings in a Global Society

I use a photo in our current series of nutrition workshops for the health promoters. It shows something that you never see here: a young girl carrying her younger brother or sister on her back. This is not part of the Dominican way of doing things - carrying children strapped on your back.

Michael took the picture decades ago in Ecuador. Because it comes from a different cultural setting, the photo opens the way for a conversation at the workshop without appearing critical of Dominicans or being seen as threatening by the health promoters. It is not that “close to home,” so to speak.

Even though the photo is not “Dominican,” everyone attending the workshop recognizes the situation. Everyone knows of children caring for younger children in their neighborhood.

While none of the promoters think this is a good idea, they understand how this comes about. The realities of poverty may force young mothers into the labor market. The dearth of social services means that there are few accessible day care facilities here. The economics of poverty wages would not allow paying for child care, anyway. Young children are left in the care of slightly older children.

Neighbors generally are aware of these situations and can be alert for problems, but basically the kids are on their own. Years ago when we were running the Tuesday evening ‘Bible story-handicraft-sandwich ministry’ for children in a poor neighborhood, some of the mothers told us that the sandwich we gave to some little ones was the first food they had had since morning when a parent had fed them breakfast and left for work. Living in poverty requires some difficult choices sometimes.

Keep praying, Anita Dohn

June 2011 Serving Schedule

June 5 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Doug Carr & Frankie Mathias	Acts 1:6-114
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Asher Carr	Psalm: 68:1-10, 33-36
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Diana Turpin	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Victor & Mary Paini	John 17:1-11
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Deanna Roshong & Chris Hurdley	Set-up: Jean Hammer
June 12 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Jenn Spires & Jim Hall	Genesis 11:1-9
Acolytes		Alanna Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 33:12-22
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Ivan Smith	Acts 2:1-11
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Mike & Wendy Garbrandt	John 7:37-39a
Altar Guild	Anna Adkins	Judie Miller & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley
June 19 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 8
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Nick England	Corinthians 13:11-13
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Nicki Leckrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 28:16-20
Altar Guild	Frankie Mathias	Sally Stallsmith & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Heather Perkins
June 26 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Jim Merton & Robin Rhodes	Genesis 22:1-14
Acolytes		William Eyman & Andrew Eyman	Psalm: 13
Lectors		Paul Heim & Charlie Voss	Romans 6:12-23
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Nick England	Matthew 10:40-42
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Cathy Forbes & Mid Hall	Set-up: Deanna Roshong

Our Call to Minister in the World

Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, EfM has come to play an important role by providing a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity

Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be "a minister." The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry. This TOTAL MINISTRY is nothing less than the exercise of the church's vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus. He reconciled the world to God. We are called to incarnate that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of God's Word to all people.

The EfM program is preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

The St. John's EfM group meets during the school year on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Paul and Kathy Heim. Registration for next year is currently underway. Please contact Kathy at 205-3397 (or anyone else in the group) if you would like to know more about the program.

Summer Choir Schedule

For the months of June, July and August the choir will rehearse at 9:45 for the 10:30 worship service. There will be no rehearsal following the service during summer months.

JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	2 3:30P Pickering House 6:15P Back to the Table Cooking Class	3	4
5 8:00 Liturgy of The Word 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 Liturgy of The Word	6 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	7 8:00P AA Meeting	8 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	9 3:30P Pickering House	10	11 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
12 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	13 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	14 8:00P AA Meeting	15 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	16 1:00 E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	17	18
19 Father's Day 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	20 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	21 8:00P AA Meeting	22 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	23 3:30P Pickering House	24	25
26 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Court Service	27 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	28 8:00P AA Meeting	29 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	30 3:30P Pickering House		

Back to the Table Cooking Classes

June 2nd July 7th August 4th

For details go to www.stjohnlancaster.org
or call the church office at 653-3052

Liturgy of the Word
Both services
June 5th
Nick England will
be preaching

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