



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 2011

Rector's Rambling

Nights are cooler now, and the morning comes later every day. Squirt the pony is starting to grow her winter coat, and Pat the white hound stays on scent longer than he did in the dog days of summer. At church too, the change of the season is upon us. September 11th at 9AM marks our Christian Education kick-off breakfast. I hope you will all plan to attend, and to be involved in the process of Christian Formation this year. The end of summer marks the perfect time for following that little voice which has at some time suggested that you might like to join the altar guild, or the choir, or take a cooking class, or attend a weekly Bible Study. Now is the time!

The change of the season also brings us face to face with another opportunity. As family schedules change with the start of the school year, our friends and neighbors are making decisions about how they will spend their time. This is perhaps the best time of the year for us as Christians to invite a friend or a family member to Church. There is a widespread belief floating around in our culture that it is enough to be spiritual, and that Church is not really all that important. Like many ideas that float around, it is popular, but contrary to the teachings of our Lord and His Church. The Bible teaches us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25), and the Gospels have many examples of Jesus' regular attendance at Synagogue and at the Temple (Mt.12:9; Mk.1:21; and Lu.4:6 to mention a few). As Anglican Christians, we believe that worshipping together and receiving the Sacraments are primary ways in which God has chosen to give his grace and love to his people. Attendance at Church is not like attendance at a club meeting. It impacts the health and well being of our souls and our bodies. If all of these teachings of our faith are true, then it ought to be our hearts' desire that we share the blessings of regular Church attendance with those we love.

The question is, "How do we do it without offending those for whom we care?" I would offer a few suggestions:

Never browbeat or argue with a person you want to come to Church with you. Negative and controlling behavior only drives people away.

Invite them to some special event at church and offer to sit with them to help them follow the service. It is also a good idea to invite the person or couple out for a meal following the service.

Watch for opportunities in everyday discussion to invite a person to Church. For instance, if a friend says, "The pressures at work have really been heavy lately." You might say something like, "I find that going to Church and taking some time apart for God on Sunday really helps me to start the week off right. You would be welcome to come with me anytime you want."

Don't argue religion or doctrine. Rather share your experience with God. If someone has had a big loss in their life, tell them you are sorry, and that you will say a prayer for them. Then if the conversation progresses in that direction, say the prayer with them aloud, and invite them to come with you to Church.

Identify the people you know and love, who don't come to Church, or who don't seem to think too much about God. Pray that God would speak to their hearts and open a door for you to share your faith and your experience of God with them. You will be amazed at how quickly He will answer such a prayer.

See you in Church!

Bill+

Birthdays

- 1 Alex Shook
- 2 Diane Downard
- 3 Kaitlyn Perkins, Fran Utley, Sarah Young
- 10 Linda Eager, Nancy Russell
- 12 Robin Romano
- 13 Doug Carr, Jean Hammer
- 17 Allison Angle
- 19 Harold Uhl
- 20 Claudia Powell
- 21 Ashley Snyder
- 24 Cindy White, Rachel Young
- 25 Mike Parker
- 26 Louise Young
- 27 Morgan Spires, Sean Wright
- 29 Kathy Canter, Denise Denton
- 30 Jane Hurley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Jack and Garnet Nelson (50)
- 10 Ron and Judie Miller (60)
- 17 Jim and Mid Hall (66)
- 21 Bill and Louise Young (85)
- 22 John and Amy Eyman (90)
- 29 Mike and Wendy Garbrandt (01)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3 Polly Gray (95)
- 11 Robin Harris (55)
- 12 Merrill Perlow, Stuart Perlow (93)
- 15 Jack Nelson (23)
- 16 Nick England (50)
- 17 Lori Egbert (89)
- 22 Andy Kittle(74), Mike Whiley (57)
- 23 Kathy Gay (34)
- 25 Milt Taylor III (94)
- 27 Tim Hall (36), Tyler Spires (98)

William E. Clausen
March 11, 1938— August 10, 2011

“Receive him into the arms of your mercy, O Lord, grant him your peace, and send your Holy Spirit to comfort those who mourn.”

Our sympathy to Don and Linda Eager on the death of Don’s mother in Tucson, Arizona, on August 1, 2011. Mrs. Eager would have been 98 in September.

Kick-off Breakfast



The 2011 Kickoff Breakfast will be on Sunday, September 11th at 9 am following the 8am service. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please indicate if you plan on attending and how many people will be attending. If you will not attend, please indicate this also.

If you have questions about the breakfast, please contact Mark Perrine at 654-2551.

Home Bible Study

Would you like to grow spiritually by studying God’s Word and learning what the Bible says about our lives and how we should live them?

We will be meeting at my home on Monday at 7 pm. The first meeting will be October 10th.

Contact me if you are interested or have any questions—Rita Zimmerman, 654-2561.

Food Basket Reminder

Please remember to bring a donation to the food basket at the back of the church. Food pantries are finding it difficult to meet the needs of the hungry in our community.

Please Note
 Parish Health Ministries will sponsor a luncheon on Wednesday, September 21st after the noon Eucharist.

Christian Education

When it's time for school to start again, the start of Sunday School isn't far behind. The first class will be held on September 18th. Our schedule this year will be like last year's. Class will run from 9:00—10:00. The teen class will be held in the room closest to the upstairs outside door. The other class for school age children will be in the same room as last year—last door on the left at the end of the hall.

Fellowship breakfasts will still be held at 9 am on the first Sunday of the month, so there will be no classes on those days. The September kick-off breakfast will be on the 11th, and the breakfasts through the end of the year will fall on Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, and December 4th. There will also be no class on November 27th due to the holiday weekend.

We are still looking for another Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please let Kim Carter or Father Bill know. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to help.

Teen Activities

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Movie and lunch after church
Service project : Assemble activity bags for church services.

**Saturday, October 22 and
Sunday, October 23**

Service project: Help rake for those church members who sign up for help.



All Youth

Saturday, November 12—Game Night for all youth in the undercroft with pizza.

Sunday, December 19th: Christmas Party, Details to be announced.

Donations Needed

The teen Sunday School class is planning to put together activity bags for the younger members of our congregation to be used during church services. This project will be done after church on Sunday, September 18th so donations may be brought to the church before then.

We could use:

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| crayons, large and small | large beads and shoe laces for stringing |
| coloring books | board books |
| puzzles | fruit snacks reusable canvas bags |



Did You Know?

The "Back to the Table" Cooking Class has donated \$1,435.16 to St. John's through August 8th Thanks to Susie McCall of Shaw's Restaurant and to all who have attended. If you would like to attend a class, have a great meal, and support St. John's, check us out at www.stjohnlancastrer.org/cookingclashtml.

Vestry Highlights

- The cost of the repair for the outside north and south towers is \$15,000.
- A review of the volunteer office program was positive.
- New security measures for the building and computer system will be in place soon.
- A new wrought iron gate at the Wheeling St. entrance and the wall between the Taylor property and the church have been installed.
- Annie Crawford will chair the CROP WALK for St. John's.

Attention, Altar Guild Members

The fall Altar Guild meeting will be Monday, October 10th. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank You!!

Your in-kind food donations and volunteer time are helping support one of the most innovative, efficient and effective food pantry models in the country! Just as the face of hunger has changed, so have we to better serve those in need. So why is your help so important?

Here in Fairfield County, our high-volume Choice food pantry is helping over 1/3 (38%) of all households seeking hunger relief. This past year we supported about 1,000 households a month and distributed 315,000 meals! Because each family head selects food from each USDA food group to take home, hungry youth are eating much healthier meals, and their parents tell us they are preparing more wholesome meals thanks to our pantries. We also link households to the Ohio Benefit Bank program based in our pantry to help them get out of poverty. Yet, the face of hunger remains daunting. Between 2000 and 2009 our county's population grew by 17.6% while the population in extreme poverty nearly tripled, going from 2,860 to 8,310. And people eligible to receive food pantry help increased by 60% rising from 23,000 to about 37,000.

We deeply appreciate your help in our mission, "Creating a better world by serving people in need."

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us Sunday, September 18, 2011 to hear The Rev. Dr. John A. Moulton speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Moulton will share what he has witnessed about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Moulton was ordained in 1971 for the Diocese of North Carolina.

Please join me in welcoming Father Moulton.

Thanks to All of Our Ecumenical Helpers

This summer we had the opportunity to work with several Lutheran Churches in Lancaster to provide a Vacation Bible School to the children and families of Lancaster and Fairfield County. Such cooperative ministry is an important aspect of the concordat between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. (Fr. Pursley's attendance at a regularly scheduled Bible Study with the Lutheran pastors in our community is another aspect of this ecumenical venture between our denominations.) Our appreciation goes out to everyone who helped to make this year's VBS a success: KimCarter, Carol Uhl, Mike and Barbara Parker, Ethan Canby, Jean Hammer, Mikki Miller, Gail Porter, Peggy Merton, and Caitlyn Hurdley.

Guess What? The Weeds Are Still Growing!!

Our beautiful Memorial Garden needs some tender, loving care. One person to chair "the ministry of the garden" would be wonderful, but—a committee to share the responsibility would work well, too. With fall approaching some extra work will need to be done.

Please consider discussing this need with a friend if you feel you can't take full responsibility. Contact Mark Perrine at 6564-2551 (h) or 740-438-4817 ©, if you can help.

Back to the Table

Cooking Classes

**Taught by Susie Cork
at St. Johns' Episcopal Church**

Celebrate community & fellowship as we learn to cook together.

Meet new people or get to know your spouse and family all over again.

Classes are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on style and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with the meal. Every participant receives a set of typed recipes and will have dinner during the class. Class size is limited to 14 participants.

A percentage of the proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

The Classes - Autumn 2011

September 1: Family Night - Easy Weeknight Meal**

Fettuccine with Seared Beef, Tomatoes & Smoked Almonds,
Mixed Greens with local red apples, goat cheese & maple balsamic vinaigrette, Lemon Raspberry Angel Trifle
\$35/person

October 6: Kids Class* - When in Rome

Homemade Pepperoni Pizza, Fettuccine with Lemon Alfredo & Broccoli,
Homemade Butterscotch Budino (pudding).

\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

November 10: Adult Class *- Company's Coming**

Beef Wellington, Cabernet Sauce, Pumpkin baby cakes with Hazelnut Caramel Sauce
\$40/person

December 1: Family Night- Santa's Bakeshop**

Imprinted Soft Gingerbread Tiles, Sea Salt Caramels,
Chocolate Winter Wonderland cupcakes with 7-minute Frosting & Santa Pizza for dinner. \$35/person

Details

*The Kids Classes are for kids 8-17 years of age.

**Family Classes are for any age group or combination of family members,
provided the children under 17 are accompanied by an adult.

***Adult classes are for 18 years and older

The Instructor

Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. Johns', Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught cooking classes at A La Carte Gourmet Kitchen in Chicago, The Chopping Block Cooking School in Chicago
and currently at Sur La Table at Easton in Columbus & at Shaw's every Saturday.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. Johns'. Reservations can be made at St. Johns' Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. 740-653-3052.

Paid reservations are non-refundable. You are welcome to send someone to take your place in the class.

Reservation Deadline: Payment must be received the Sunday before the day of the class.



September 2011 Serving Schedule

September 4 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Jim Merton	Exodus 12:1-14
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 149
Lectors		Marty Turpin & Charlie Voss	Romans 13:8-14
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Nick England & Jenn Spires	Matthew 18:15-20
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer	Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Jessie Smith & Barb Parker
September 11 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jenn Spires & Robin Rhodes	Exodus 14:19-31
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Katie Shook	Psalm: 114
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Diana Turpin	Romans 14:1-12
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Matthew 18:21-35
Altar Guild	Heather Perkins	Anna Adkins	Set-up: Judie Miller & Ann Canby
September 18 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Chuck Canter & Nick England	Exodus 16:2-15
Acolytes		Alanna Hurdley & Alex Shook	Psalm: 105: 1-6
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Kathy Heim	Philippians 1:21-30
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 20:1-16
Altar Guild	Rebecca Pursley	Cathy Forbes	Set-up: Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith
September 25 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Exodus 17:1-7
Acolytes		Ty Spires & Andrew Eyman	Psalm: 78: 1-4, 12-16
Lectors		Paul Heim & Ivan Smith	Philippians 2:1-13
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	Matthew 21:23-32
Altar Guild	Deanna Roshong	Peggy Merton	Set-up: Mid Hall & Julie Meenach

Lessons from a birthday party

Santa slowly said, “Bien” [“Good” in English], with a bemused and somewhat mischievous expression - an expression that means she has more to say.

Santa and Maximinia, the Clinic’s community health coordinators, had completed a series of workshops for the 13 community health promoter groups. I had asked Santa how the workshops had gone. The workshop topic was about planning projects, setting goals, developing objectives and aims, doing monitoring, and making evaluations - generally a dull and boring topic.

Of course, the health promoters use goals and objectives, monitor progress, and evaluate results all the time in their daily lives - but they don’t use that formal terminology. Thinking about a birthday party (goal = please the birthday girl or boy), Santa and Maximinia can illustrate all the concepts (even including the evaluation: quantitative = how many people came to the party? or qualitative = is the birthday girl or boy happy?). It has been a clever and engaging teaching method that makes the ideas easy to grasp within the health promoters’ everyday experiences.

At the end of the workshop, the health promoters split into small groups to design a “practice project” for their community complete with goals, objectives, and a monitoring and evaluation plan.

Now back to Santa who continued, “The health promoters have left these workshop with a set of realistic and doable project outlines for real health problems in their communities - litter, mosquitoes, problems with health department services, latrines - and they are excited about their ideas! This is going to be very interesting to watch.”

These recent workshops equip the health promoters to plan and develop programs for their communities. It is another step toward their autonomy and self-actualization - a step they seem ready to take. This is going to be interesting.

Keep praying, Michael Dohn

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:30P Pickering House	2	3
4 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 1:00 P CROP WALK Rally	5 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	6 8:00P AA Meeting	7 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	8 3:30P Pickering House	9	10 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
11 8:00 HC 9:00 Kick-off Breakfast 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	12 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	13 8:00P AA Meeting	14 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	15 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	16	17
18 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 12:00P Youth Project	19 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	20 8:00P AA Meeting	21 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 6:15P Education For Ministry	22 3:30P Pickering House	23	24
25 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Court Service	26 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	27 8:00P AA Meeting	28 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	29 3:30P Pickering House	30	

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