



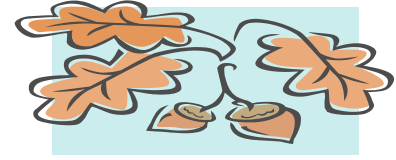
# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



November 2011

## Rector's Rambling



It is about 10:45 on a Wednesday night and the electricity is out, one of the predictable events of country living. I really don't mind it that much. The soft glow of the candles and oil lamps calms me, and tomorrow morning when we need water, if the electric is still off, I'll stroll up to the barn and start the generator. It really is as simple as that. In a sense it is nice to return to an earlier time and a simpler way. A few minutes ago, I made the trip up to the barn to check on things there. The chickens were in their house, the horses were warm and dry in their stalls, and I was greeted by a rather sleepy Pat the beagle and Cleo the barn cat, who ambled out of their beds of straw to meet me. It is always good to be greeted by old friends so faithful and true.

The interplay of the dancing light from candle and lamp throws the most enchanting shadows across the room. The only noise is the occasional beep of the battery packs, constant reminders of the efficiency of modernity, and the slow tic-tock of the cuckoo on the south wall. Soon, the bird will sing and the dancers will perform their appointed revel to the tune of Edelweiss, that final indignity to Swiss culture which has nothing to do with the native music of the Alpine region. But it is a peaceful night for which I am thankful. That God would give me an occasional reminder of the unreliability of technology is I suppose a good thing. I am often too prone to rely on it rather than on God. The Scriptures say something about trusting in the Lord my God and leaning not unto my own understanding. Sometimes I don't do that too well. These little technological hiccups are helpful reminders that our ingenuity is not the final answer at the end of the day. Earlier this evening, my temper flared at some unexpected uncooperativeness of my computer. Perhaps this is God's way of saying that I ought not to be so

impatient. Come to think of it, I can't even remember what it was that the cursed machine refused to do that upset me so.

Rawley, the Cairn Terrier, is watching me from his place on the rug inside the door. I don't think he understands why I am still awake. He generally sleeps just above my right shoulder (Quincy, the West Highland White, occupies the place of honour under my right arm.) Perhaps my wee brown dog is trying to tell me that rest is more important than productivity at this hour of the night. I think he is right, and so I think I'll turn in for the evening. Tomorrow is a busy day. I hope that all of my friends might have the benefit of a power outage in the days to come. It is a wonderful thing when we have the opportunity to hear the voice of God telling us to slow down, relax, and know that He is God.

Faithfully,  
Bill+

## Thanksgiving Service

St. John's will host the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year on **Tuesday, November 22nd at 7 pm.** We will be joined by our friends from St. Mark Catholic Church and Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church. An offering will be taken of canned and dry goods and cash to benefit local hunger ministries. Do plan to join us for this annual event. A reception will follow in the undercroft.



## Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Stevenson
- 2 Bob Suhr, Max Wildermuth
- 3 Dick Baily
- 10 Hannah Hurdley, Carl Roshong
- 12 Bob Wright
- 15 Merrill Perlow, Stuart Perlow
- 19 Savannah Crawford, Wendy Garbrandt
- 22 Lillian Douds
- 24 Michael Garbrandt
- 25 Kim Carter
- 28 Muriel Breining
- 29 Nick Powell
- 30 Jim Miller

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Paul and Kathy Heim (06)
- 26 Don and Linda Eager (97)
- Harold and Carol Uhl (66)

## Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Asher Carr (01)
- 3 Morgan Spires (00)
- 5 Sarah Young (89)
- 6 Ashley Canter (83), Nancy Taylor(60)
- Derek Wright (77)
- 7 Michael Garbrandt (08)
- 15 Sean Wright (81)
- 23 Cindy White (78)
- 25 Mark Perrine (66)
- 26 Gail Porter (44)
- 27 Walker Kittle (05), Lynn Stevenson (42)

## Suzanne Timberlake Simons

March 5, 1936 - October 5, 2011

“Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light perpetual shine upon her.”

**Our Sympathy to** the Robin Leonard Family on the death of Robin’s father Peter Kenneth Leonard on October 5, 2011, Northampton, England.

## May God Bless Their Ministry

God willing and the bishop consenting, Matthew Canter will be ordained into the sacred order of Priests on December 3rd at St. Michael’s by the Sea in Carlsbad, California. Congratulations to the Canters! May God bless their ministry. (Matthew and Ashley’s address is: 4053 Peninsula Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92010)

## The Bishop is coming! The Bishop is coming!

Bishop Price will be with us on Sunday, December 11th for confirmations and receptions. There will be a single service at 10 am, followed by a reception in the undercroft.

## Food for the Poor Report

Members of St. John’s contributed over\$1300 to Food for the Poor to assist our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean and Central America. Fr. Moulton and the Food for the Poor staff send their heartfelt thanks for allowing them to come as mendicants, or beggars on behalf of God’s people in need. God bless you for your generosity.

## Special Speaker at St. John’s

On Sunday, November 13th, Gifford Doxee, a member of our Diocesan delegation to Liberia, will be addressing our adult forum at 9am. We hope you will come and learn more about the exciting opportunities for ministry our diocese is seeking to establish with this West African nation. Liberia was established in the 1800’s by freed American slaves who returned to Africa to establish a modern Democratic nation. The Liberians recently ended a bitter civil war, and their president has received the Nobel peace prize for her accomplishments at bringing about reconciliation.

## Vestry Highlights

- Matthew Canter will be ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 3rd.
- Bishop Price will be at St. John's on Dec. 11. There will be one service at 10am.
- A stewardship update was given.
- Convention resolutions were discussed.
- The Nominating Committee will be Mike Whiley, Doug Snider, and Nick Powell.

## Thanks from the Altar Guild

Thanks to all those who brought gold and silver to sell on Saturday, Oct. 14th to benefit the Altar Guild. Many people made monetary donations in addition to the 10% of the sale so that the Altar Guild received over \$1200. We will now be able to continue to buy wine, candles, wafers, and other altar needs.

**Reminder:** We will decorate for Advent on Saturday, Nov. 26th at 10am. **Please**, plan to help. This is a big job.

## Convention News

Diocesan Convention will be held on November 12th in Dayton. Our delegates this year are Mike and Barb Parker, Kathy Heim, and Carol Baily. Fr. Pursley has been asked to serve as Convention Chaplain. We welcome you to read through the proposed resolutions and nominations in the Interchange or at the Diocesan Website and communicate your thoughts and ideas to our delegates.

## Stewardship Breakfast



**Join your parish family for the annual stewardship breakfast.**

**November 6th at 9 am  
(after the 8:00 service)**

**Our volunteers are planning a very special meal.**

Be sure to sign up at the back of the church to indicate whether you are coming or not.

## Volunteers Needed

“Fairfield County Citizen Circle” is a cooperative venture of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Fairfield County Job and Family Services to provide encouragement, accountability, and help setting goals for men and women who have served time in prison and are working to get on with their lives. Volunteers meet as part of a small group with a client (who has requested the program) once each month at Job and Family Services. A half day training event is provided to prepare volunteers for the program.

If God is calling you to a program such as this, please call Kristin Ankrom at 740/652-7671, or see Fr. Bill or Ivan Smith, the chairman of our Mission Committee.

## Wings Christmas Party

The annual Wings Christmas Party at Southeastern Correctional Institution will be held December 3rd. This is the party for inmates and their families held in the gym at the prison and allows families to spend a few hours together during the holiday season.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Jean Hammer, 687-6134. New volunteers will need to be cleared ahead of time for admittance to the prison.

Happy  
Happy  
Thanksgiving

**Lutheran Social Services** serves Fairfield County residents in crisis through the Family Transitional Housing Program, the Fairfield County Emergency Shelter and Fairhaven Place. A new Veterans program was started this year. In order to celebrate the holiday season, this organization will need some help. Many of the families and individuals that are served would not receive a Christmas gift if Lutheran Social Services did not receive support from individuals and organizations

**Families in Transitional Housing Program**

Individuals or groups are asked to adopt one or more families and provide them with gifts. The families will fill out a form listing their clothing sizes and interests. The lists will be available after Nov. 1st. Gifts should be delivered no later than December 12th to the office. (1681 E. Main St.) They are asking that each child receive two toys/items and two outfits with a limit of \$100. They would like each parent to receive a gift card to the store of their choice for no more than \$50 per parent. The gifts should be wrapped and clearly labeled.

If you are interested in donating to this program, please contact Kerry at [kdreyer@lssco.org](mailto:kdreyer@lssco.org) or call 740-653-2265.



**Fairhaven Place**

Fourteen residents of Fairhaven Place, a permanent supportive housing community, will need to be “adopted.” Residents will complete a wish list that will then be given to their Secret Santa. Each resident should receive one \$25 gift card to somewhere they would like and one gift. Gifts should be wrapped and the wish list attached. Please deliver the gifts by December 12th.

If you are interested in donating to this program, contact Lisa at [lpickrell](mailto:lpickrell)

**Emergency Shelter/Veterans Program**

For residents of the shelter and Veterans program, they are asking for backpacks filled with donations and stocking stuffers. Gift ideas include:

- sweatshirts and sweatpants, all sizes, but especially extra large
- Gloves, hats, scarves, and socks
- Hooded sweatshirts, all sizes
- Men’s and women’s long underwear
- Hygiene products, nail clippers
- Pocket calendars/notebooks
- Cough drops, gum, mints
- Hand lotion, combs, hairbrushes
- Watches
- Pens and pencils, decks of cards
- Chapstick
- Gift cards

Items should be delivered unwrapped to the office (1681 E. Main) no later than Dec. 12th. To donate, contact Anna at [adyer@lssco.org](mailto:adyer@lssco.org), or call 740-653-2265.

**Some Ideas to Take Action Against Hunger**

*Skip Coffee*

Instead of buying coffee today (or this week), make it at home. Consider donating the savings to a local food pantry.

*Food Stamp Challenge*

Live a day (or a week) on an average food stamp budget. That’s about \$3 per day, per person

*Brown Bag Benefit*

Ask co-workers to bring lunches from home for a day (or week) and donate the money saved to the Foundation Dinners

*Read a Book*

Read a book about hunger with your children such as *Uncle Willie & the Soup Kitchen* or *Sam & the Lucky Money*.

*Saying Grace*

As you thank God for your meals this week, also pray for hungry people in Fairfield County.

# *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**

#### **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.



# Altar Guild Teams 2011

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH**

Heather Perkins (President)	284 Blue Valley Rd., SE	740-681-1572
Cathy Forbes	1160 Beechwood Dr., NE	740-654-5540
Judie Miller (Linens)	451 Crestview Dr., NE	740-654-6747
Ann Canby	157 Marks Ave.	740-243-8267
Deanna Roshong	10832 Mill St., Pataskala, OH 43062	Cell: 740-877-1396

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH**

Anna Adkins	1938 W. Mulberry St.	740-653-5037
Bobbie Beebe	5231 Oregon Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110	614-837-0838
Barbara Parker	13261 Middlefork Rd. E, Amanda, OH 43102	740-969-4829
Jesse Smith	325 E. Chestnut St.	740-654-3859
Amy Eyman	223 Wilson Ave.	740-654-2417

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH**

Jean Hammer (Linens)	434 Downing Place	740-687-6134
Frances Mathias	1339 N. Columbus St.	740-653-5559
Julie Meenach	260 Overlook Dr.	740-687-4582
Kathy Canter	8063 Lavelle Rd., Athens, OH 45701	740-592-5706
Mid Hall	1529 Lynn Drive	740-654-5819

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH**

Rebecca Pursley (Supplies)	332 Mt. Zion Rd., NE	740-654-5274
Peggy Merton	450 Hilltop Dr	740-653-4807
Reda Kittle	2140 Bickel Church Rd., NE, Baltimore, OH 43105	740-467-2049
Sally Stallsmith (Flowers)	1788 Rosewood Ave., NE	740-654-6592
Chris Hurdley	3120 Walters Lane, SW	740-654-7831

***Please: Check schedule in monthly Eagle & Lamb for assignments.***

***Remember to get a replacement if you cannot serve when scheduled.***

***For changes to this list contact Mid Hall, 654-5819.***

## November 2011 Serving Schedule

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Acolytes		Milt Taylor, III, & Asher Carr	Psalm: 78: 1-7
Lectors		Paul Heim & Charlie Voss	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Morgan Spires & Jenn Spires	Matthew 25:1-13
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Heather Perkins
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Judges 4:1-7
Acolytes		William Eyman & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 123
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Nick England	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Victor Painsi & Mary Painsi	Matthew 25:14-30
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Barb Parker & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Nick England & Jenn Spires	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Acolytes		Ty Spires & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 100
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Sarah Perlow	Ephesians 1:15-23
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 25:31-46
Altar Guild	Frankie Mathias	Mid Hall, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Robin Rhodes & Nick England	Isaiah 64:1-9
Acolytes		Katie Shook & Alex Shook	Psalm: 80:1-7
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Ivan Smith	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 13:24-37
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley

### From the Dohns

Health promoters meeting in Hoyo del Toro (a smaller, rural community) identified flooding as the major current health priority. It was the middle of hurricane season (daily rains and frequent thunderstorms). All the water seemed to be collecting in one low-lying area. Houses flooded, the water deposited silt everywhere, standing water developed (with an increase in mosquitos), and sometimes latrines flooded and overflowed. Not to mention the dirt streets turning to mud.

The health promoters kept the messages circulating about using purified water for consumption and about good hand washing technique, but there is a limit to how much that accomplishes under these circumstances.

The discussions at the meeting revolved around various suggestions to divert the water to avoid its pooling in the low-lying area. Essentially, they were trying to design a storm-water drainage system without the benefit of civil engineering, a system that they could construct using hand tools available in the community.

I was reminded of the visit several years ago by the sub-director for the Caribbean Region from USAID (United States Agency for International Development). It was an official visit with many USAID and embassy staff following along while the sub-director and I walked around a different rural community.

Mostly he wanted to talk about his church and how Anita and I became missionaries. When I asked if he wanted to know about the community, he said, "Not particularly. I can see that they are doing the best that they can with their own resources and on their own initiative in circumstances where their government either can't or won't provide the basic services for people."

We trained the group in Hoyo del Toro to be health promoters, not civil engineers. However, they are now organizing work teams to dig diversion ditches around their community. They are trying the best they can with the resources available. At least (thanks to all who support this mission) that community has that group of health promoters as a resource it can count on.

Keep praying, Michael

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>3</b> 3:30P Pickering House	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Stewardship Breakfast 10:30 HC	<b>7</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>10</b> 3:30P Pickering House	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.  Diocesan Convention
<b>13</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	<b>14</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>15</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>17</b> 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House 7:00P Vestry Mtg.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC	<b>21</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>22</b> 7 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	<b>23</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 Altar Guild Decorating
<b>27</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Court Service	<b>28</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>29</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry			
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