



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 2012

Rector's Rambling

I can't understand why it happened. It was a good day. I visited the ill and distressed, mentored a seminarian, laughed and enjoyed a good dinner with friends, and tended my poultry. I even said my prayers and read the old long form lectionary. But in spite of all of my regular and delightful activities, the Muse seems to have left me. Writing is like that, and I suppose so is life. Inspired words and inspired times, which we so often take for granted, simply don't seem to occur, and so we go about doing our duty. I've always assumed that when inspiration seems to desert me, there are two ways I can respond, and the choice is entirely mine. First, I can frump and stew and complain, and believe me, that is no way to live; or I can acknowledge that every day is not fun this side of the grave, and that sometimes we must just soldier on. Eventually, the wonder of life returns and the normal and mundane resume that thrill of expectation and joy of the dance which characterize most of my days. Soon, Clio, the muse of historians, will return to me, and until that time, I shall rest content in the knowledge that God is in the routine and boring just as much as he is in the more desirable times of my life.

It is fitting that every July we take a moment to give thanks for the aberration (perhaps anomaly is a better word) that is the United States of America. For most of human history, and for most people, life has been in the words of one historian, "nasty, brutish, and short." Men and women have lived as subjects or worse. Economies have performed hesitantly and been subject to wild fluctuations which make our recent unpleasantness seem pretty good; and there has been no safety net and no reliable scientific medical care. "In the fulness of time," Judeo-Christian culture joined forces with the best of classical Graeco-Roman culture to produce an idea that became this nation. We are blessed to be citizens in this place at this time. It is easy to become a nay

sayer and a cynic, and on occasion my own attitudes have probably reflected both of those outlooks, but at the end of the day, the Idea of what Governor Bradford called this "City set on a hill" is still our last, best hope. Pray for our nation and our leaders, for those who represent us in elective and appointive positions, for those who serve in the military and diplomatic corps, for our businesses and people. I would offer this ancient prayer (slightly modified for our present situation) if you don't quite know what to pray: "O Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious sovereign Republic; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, we may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sincerely,
Bill+



Grants and lore for community ministry

If you yearn to improve conditions for those in need in your community, bring your best strategies and discerning heart to ECSF's 2012 Grantseekers Workshop on Saturday July 28 at Procter Conference Center. This will be a day of sharing first-hand lore on how churches team up with others to transform community conditions. Anybody from your town who is working with you on solutions to human need is welcome to attend! The day concludes with a session on how to apply to ECSF for a grant for your community ministry. Grant requests for 2013 are due Sept. 15. This summer ECSF is also accepting requests for unusual opportunities or emergencies, acting on these requests as soon as they are received. Registration for the July 28 workshop and instructions for both kinds of grants are posted on ECSF's website, www.ECSFsouthernohio.org or you can call ECSF at 513-221-0547.

Three rides, one goal: Cycle to Break the Cycle

Sign up to ride or sponsor a rider for ECSF's Bike Fest, your choice of three great bike rides Aug. 17-18. These pedal-powered mission trips will raise money for community ministry grants to churches throughout the diocese. A great choice for outreach committees and youth groups, the **Columbus Urban Treasures ride** stops for lore and refreshments at ten urban ministries, concluding with supper, social and raffle at St. Alban's. The **Cincinnati Eastside Eden ride** is your choice of distance along the Little Miami bike trail, with way stations where you can collect lore and snacks, before ending at St. Thomas for a cookout with live music by Robinson Circus. Veteran bikers: consider the **two-day Tour d'Ohio** from Procter to Cincinnati and back. Led by the Rev. Steve Smith and Chris Tokarz, this follows some of Ohio's loveliest bike trails with free lodging at Church of the Redeemer. Everything you need to sign up or sponsor a rider is on ECSF's website at www.ECSFsouthernohio.org or call ECSF at 513-221-0547.

Change of Scene

We are moving. Not far – just across town. We really dislike moving.

Six of us arrived in 2000 – the girls ranging from 5 to 15 years old then. We needed space for ourselves as well as room for visitors when they came. Today, with the older girls all in the USA, our needs are different. Accordingly we are downsizing, renting an apartment closer to the Clinic. This move is a good thing.

Still, we really dislike moving.

One might think that God would call missionaries that have a sense of adventure, a willingness to embrace change, a longing for the journey, a hunger for the exotic – well, about 85% of long-term missionaries do fit that profile. The other 15% of us just want things to get settled and stay settled. In profiles of long-term missionary personalities, there are the adventurers and the non-adventurers, without much gray area in between.

Looking at those we met during missionary training, the non-adventurers like us seem to be the ones who are still in the field more than a decade later. Non-adventurers tend to get where they are going, settle-in, get to work, and dig-in differently than the other 85%. One group is not necessarily better than the other, just different. For example, processing the call to cross-cultural mission, the adventurers are more like Isaiah or Samuel saying, "Here I am, Lord." Non-adventurers may be more likely to emulate Jonah and look for the first boat to get away from the call. Both adventurers and non-adventurers go, but they may get there by different paths. Our sense is that we non-adventurers are a bit duller than our adventurous counterparts, that we don't create the same excitement and enthusiasm. This is not say that we are totally immune to a sense of excitement and the new possibilities as we move this month – how to set up the household, new neighbors, new routines, what to keep and what to shed. The move is a good thing. (But we really dislike moving.)

Keep praying, Anita and Michael Dohn

Birthdays

- 1 Jean Howes
- 2 Susie Cork
- 4 Andrew Eyman,
Ray Hollaway
- 5 Connie Dowling
- 6 Reda Kittle
- 8 Doug Snyder
- 10 Schyler Crawford
Robin Harris
Polly Gray
- 11 Tyler Spires
- 12 Heather Perkins
- 15 Margaret Canter
Nick England
- 18 Jennifer Snyder
- 20 Walker Kittle
- 22 Gerry Rhoads
- 23 Sally Wildermuth
- 25 David Warnock
- 27 Deanna Roshong

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Steve and Camille Martens (93)
- 5 David and Cheryl Berner (80)
- 8 Ralph and Jean Howes (72)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3 Audrey Berry (05)
- 4 William Eyman (99)
Ray Hollaway (36)
Jeane Mast (34)
- 18 Lori Bockman

Special Offering to be Taken

On Sunday, July 1st a special offering will be taken at both services for Fr. Matthew Canter's ministry called "Care Packages" for our troops overseas, especially those Marines deployed out of Camp Pendleton, California.

**Mary P. Ebersbach-Griley
June 28, 1933—May 28, 2012**

"Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light perpetual shine upon her,"

Our Sympathy to:

Robin and Marty Harris on the death of Robin's mother Anne Rhodes in Irvington, VA on June 12, 2012.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Sunday altar flower donations are still needed. If you would like to donate flowers "in thanksgiving for" or "in memory of" a loved one, please call Sally Stallsmith at 654-6592

Cookies Needed



Now that St. John's is officially hosting art exhibits at the Art Walk, we will need to support our talented friends by providing cookies to be served on Friday, July 20th. If you can help, please drop off cookies the evening of Thursday, July 19th or all day Friday, July 20th.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, July 8th in the undercroft after the 8 am service. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Help! Help!

Ninety-degree days and no rain are awfully tough on the well-established plantings in our garden and landscaping, let alone the newer additions. We have included most plants and bulbs that are heat and drought resistant. None-the-less any members of the Kingdom are welcome to use the watering can and/or hose whenever they feel inclined or when the plants look parched. It looks as if we have a hot, dry summer ahead and any watering assistance will be appreciated.



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 -2012

August 2: Kids Class*- Pizza Party

Homemade pizza dough, Grilled Vegetable Pizza with basil cream, Pepperoni Calzones with marinara,
\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

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.





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July 2012 Serving Schedule

July 1st	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Nick England	2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27
Acolytes		Katie & Alex Shook	Psalm: 130
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Robin Rhodes	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Morgan Spires & Jenn Spires	Mark 5:21-43
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer
July 8th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 48
Lectors		Paul Heim & Sarah Perlow	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Nick England & Chris Hurdley	Mark 6:1-13
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Carol Ralph
July 15th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jenn Spires & Doug Carr	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Asher Carr	Psalm: 24
Lectors		Kathy Heim & Diana Turpin	Ephesians 1:3-14
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Mark 6:14-29
Altar Guild	Mid Hall	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Heather Perkins
July 22nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Robin Rhodes & Ivan Smith	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Acolytes		William Eyman	Psalm: 89:20-37
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Joy Malinski	Ephesians 2:11-22
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall
July 29th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Nick England & Jim Hall	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Acolytes		Milt Taylor, III	Psalm: 14
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Diana Turpin	Ephesians 3:14-21
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Morgan & Jenn Spires	John 6:1-21
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 HC 10:30 HC Special offering for military "Care Packages"	7:00P Evening Prayer Service	3 8:00P AA Meeting	4 12:00 HC 	5 3:30P Pickering House	6	7
8 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	9 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	10 8:00P AA Meeting	11 12:00 HC	12 3:30P Pickering House	13	14 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
15 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	16 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	17	18 12:00 HC	19 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	20 6:00P Art Walk 	21
22 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00 Carriage Court Service	23 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	24	25 12:00 HC 2	26 3:30P Pickering House	27	28
29 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	30 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	31 8:00P AA Meeting				

Remember the Hungry - Just a reminder that our local food banks are in need of canned and non-perishable food donations. Bringing a donation of food each week will help replenish the food banks' supply. Monetary donations may be put in the offering plate marked for a food bank. Please remember those less fortunate.

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