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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 2012

Rector's Rambling

With the coming of the new school year, I thought it might be a good time to remind everyone of some of the opportunities for Christian growth and formation which are available here at St. John's. I hope and pray that everyone will peruse these resources and prayerfully consider ways in which you might draw closer to God in this coming year.

+Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to attend services every week. Our services on Sunday and Wednesday afford us the opportunity to hear and experience the Scriptures through confession, praise, listening to God, and receiving Holy Communion- all things He has commanded us to do.

+Become more familiar with the Bible by participating in the "Essential One-Hundred Bible Reading Plan" <http://www.scriptureunion.org/> from Scripture Union. Materials are available at the back of the church or in my study.

+Attend our mid-week Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the undercroft beginning in September. We generally discuss a book or section of the Bible over coffee or tea.

+Enroll in "Education For Ministry" <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/>, a program for education of the laity sponsored by St. Luke's Sewanee, my alma mater. The group meets on Wednesday nights for a gourmet meal and to study the in depth texts provided by the Divinity School. Kathy Heim and Carole Bailey are our mentors. Call Kathy at 205-3397 for more information.

+If you are in middle school, plan on attending our "Pizza and God Talk" nights on Monday at 5 in the Undercroft. Bring your Bible and your

appetite. We are usually done by 6:15 at the latest.

+We invite all Junior and Senior High Students to meet at Four Reasons at 9AM on Sundays for breakfast and discussion of spiritual topics beginning in September. There is no cost to the teens, and we hope you will attend in conjunction with the regular Communion Service of your choice.

+If you like online resource study, check out "The Global Anglican Theological Institute" <http://www.globalanglican.org/>. It will soon be accessible from our Church Web Site <http://www.stjohnlanaster.org/index.html>. It has scores of articles with links and references about all sorts of Biblical and Theological issues from an Anglican perspective.

+The Anglican Library <http://www.anglicanlibrary.org/> has a great collection of sermons, commentaries, and other works illustrating what we believe. Project Canterbury <http://anglicanhistory.org/> is another great source for online anglican resources.

+Watch your mail box for a complimentary annual subscription to "The Anglican Digest" <http://www.anglicandigest.org/>, a quarterly miscellany reflecting the words and works of the Churches of the Anglican Communion, provided through an agreement between St. John's and the Trustees of Hill-speak, an Anglican retreat center in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

+Plan on attending "Mere Anglicanism" <http://www.mereanglicanism.com/> January 24-26, 2013 in Charleston, SC. It will refresh your soul.

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Rector's Rambling, cont'd.

+Some folks at St. John's have indicated an interest in seeking a formal spiritual director or participating in sacramental confession. If you are interested in these more intensive ways of knowing yourself and our Lord, please call me at 215-3900.

I hope these resources will help you as you seek to draw closer to God in this coming academic and church year. May we all commit to live together in peace and harmony, that true religion might flourish among us as we order our lives to more readily recognize and appropriate his grace.

Faithfully,
Bill+

Vestry Meeting

Following the summer recess, the first vestry meeting for the fall will be:

Thursday, September 20th at 7:00PM

All Vestry meetings are open to the entire parish!

Centennial Celebration

The Rev'd Bill McCleery and the people of St. Paul's Logan and Epiphany Nelsonville invite you to join them in celebration of 100 years of ministry in the Hocking Valley on Sept. 16th. Services begin at 3PM in Nelsonville and continue at Logan. See Fr. Bill for details.

Good Earth Farm Communion Service

Fr. Bill will be conducting the Communion Service at the Good Earth Farm in Athens on Tues., Sept. 25th. If you would like to ride down for the service, call him at 215-3900. The group will be leaving Lancaster at 4 pm.

The following information is presented as a resource.

No Kidding Ohio: Straight Talk from Teen Parents

No Kidding Ohio (NKO) educates youth on the rights, responsibilities, and realities of teenage parenting, and the benefits of delaying parenting until adulthood. Teen parents are currently being recruited and will be trained in public speaking, active learning, classroom management and child support law. However, they are not sex educators and will not address topics related to sex education. These amazing peer educators will provide honest and straightforward information regarding the financial and emotional issues of raising a child, fatherhood and paternity law.

The NKO curriculum has been adapted from the highly successful, award winning No Kidding curriculum currently being presented to youth from 6th to 12th grade, across Texas and New York City. The curriculum is flexible enough to serve a wide range of academic classrooms, as well as community youth groups and programs.

The curriculum is designed to be interactive, compelling, and full of little-known, surprising information about the legal, financial and emotional realities of young parenthood. The presentation series consists of 3 sessions, for a total of one and a half to two hours of material. These sessions focus on 1) the stories and life changes of the young parents, 2) fatherhood and paternity, and 3) child support and financial matters. Presentations can be delivered in one day or split into three separate sessions across several days.

This program is sponsored by Fairfield County Job and Family Services, in partnership with Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Office of Workforce Development and Office of Child Support. **If you know of any young fathers or mothers who could benefit from being involved in No Kidding Ohio, please refer them to me.**

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Birthdays

- 1 Alex Shook
- 2 Diane Downard
- 3 Kaitlyn Perkins, Fran Utley,
Sarah Young
- 10 Linda Eager, Nancy Russell
- 13 Doug Carr, Jean Hammer
- 17 Allison Angle
- 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

- 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)
- 16 Nick England (50)
- 17 Lori Egbert (89)
- 22 Lloyd Kittle (74),
Mike Whiley (57)
- 25 Milton Taylor (94)
- 27 Tim Hall (36), Tyler Spires (98)

**Parish Health Ministries Lunch-
eons** will resume on Wednesday, September 19th after the noon Eucharist.

Bishop’s Visit & Confirmation Reception

On September 16th there will be a reception for the confirmands and their families in the undercroft. Bishop Breidenthal will be here that Sunday. The reception will follow the single service on that Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please indicate if you will attend and how many. Please also indicate if you will not attend. This reception will take the place of our normal Sunday fellowship breakfast. If you have any

New Parish Directories—Please Check

For the next few weeks, two copies of the new parish directories will be at the back of the church. Please take a few minutes and check your information for corrections or additions. If all goes well, we will have new directories for everyone by mid September.

A Special Thanks

On behalf of our Military Ministry and all the members of St. Michael’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, please accept my sincere thanks for your generous contribution toward supporting our deployed Marines and their families. Having been spiritually formed at St. John’s, it was no surprise to hear of your support and prayers for this ministry, but I am overwhelmed by your generosity in the amount of \$567.00, as well as by learning that this was a parish-wide effort to support it. As you may already know, while we support any deployed Marines, our specific relationship is with the officers and operators of the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion. This battalion, due to its specialized skill mission, is more commonly deployed than other expeditionary units, and thus greater stress is laid upon it and the battalion’s families. On behalf of them, again, thank you.

Please continue praying for this ministry, its efforts and the Marines.

In Christ,
Fr. Matthew A. Canter+
Curate, St. Michael’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Cincinnati Reds Day

Parish Health Ministries is sponsoring a trip to Cincinnati on Thursday, Sept. 27th to see the Reds play. If you would like to go, see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



Christian Education and Formation 2012-13

Christian Education at St. John's is taking on a new and exciting look this year. Starting in September:

- +Junior and Senior High Youth will meet at 4 Reasons between the Sunday services for a time of fellowship, study, and discussion.
- +Middle School Youth will meet Mondays at 5 in the Undercroft for Nick's Pizza and discussion. This will replace the meeting at the Restaurant, and will allow us to take advantage of some curriculum materials and to learn more about our church.
- +The Mid-week adult Bible study will meet at 10:30 on Wednesdays in the undercroft.
- +EFM will meet Wednesday at 6 at Kathy Heim's home on Chestnut Street.
- +Special Topic Adult Forums will meet on an occasional basis Sunday at 9 in the Undercroft. Our September presentations will be:
 - Sept 2, The Gospel in Art and Architecture- a walking tour of St. John's
 - Sept 9, Just what are the orders of ministry anyway? or Why do we have a bishop?
 - Sept 16, Bishop Breidenthal's episcopal visitation
 - September 23, take a week off while Fr. Bill joins the teens.
 - September 30th, What is sacramental confession and how can it help me grow?
- +Our younger members (third grade and under) will be invited each week to process from the church after the Gospel for a time of focus and worship where they will learn a Bible Story and work on memorizing the Apostles' Creed, the 10 Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, which are the basic elements we learn before confirmation. Parents are welcome to accompany their children, but we do have a staff of caring teachers who are trained in diocesan "safe church training" and who are available to teach and help the children. The children will return to sit with their parents during the announcement period before Holy Communion. We are committed to the belief that sitting in worship as a family is one of the greatest gifts we can provide to our children. We encourage everyone to remember the words of Jesus, how he said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." They may squirm and make some noise, but it is as the heavenly choir, and how will they learn to sit in church if we never teach them and let them try?
- +Be sure to check out our online resources detailed in this month's Rector's Rambling

Volunteers Needed!!

Is God calling you to sing in the choir, serve on the Altar Guild, or be a part of an outreach worship and visitation team for nursing homes, the local hospice center, or the jail? If so, call Fr. Bill at 215-3900 to see how you might be able to serve.



The Anglican Digest

"The Anglican Digest," a ministry of Hillspeak, an Episcopal retreat house in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, will be mailed to everyone on St. John's mailing list for one year starting with the Advent issue. We hope you will profit spiritually from this small digest, and that you will consider subscribing when your trial membership expires. We are assured by the editor of TAD that they do not sell or distribute their mailing lists to anyone for any reason.

September 2012 Serving Schedule

Sept 2 nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Ivan Smith & Doug Carr	Solomon 2:8-13
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Milt Taylor	Psalm: 45:1-2, 7-10
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Diana Turpin	James 1:17-27
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Ray Hollaway & Nick England	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer
Sept 9 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Jenn Spires & Jim Hall	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & William Eyman	Psalm: 125
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Robin Rhodes	James 2:1-17
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Hannah Hurdley & Chris Hurdley	Mark 7:24-37
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
Sept 16 th	One Service Today	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers		Chuck Canter & Robin Rhodes	Proverbs 1:20-33
Acolytes		Katie Shook & Alex Shook	Psalm: 98
Lectors		Paul Heim & Diana Turpin	James 3:1-12
Ushers		Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Mark 8:27-38
Altar Guild		Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Heather Perkins
Sept 23 rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Ivan Smith & Jim Hall	Proverbs 31:10-31
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 1
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Richard Bailey	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	Mark 9:30-37
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall
Sept 30 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Nick England & Doug Carr	Esther 7:1-6, 9:20-22
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Asher Carr	Psalm: 124
Lectors		Nick England & Ivan Smith	James 5:13-20
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 9:38-50
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

When “less effective” is better

Rossy and Santa from the Clinic’s community health staff were with me on a hot, dusty street (so far back narrow, twisting passages that no car could ever make it there). Rossy looked concerned – not really worried, just a bit apprehensive. I knew because I was feeling the same way. We exchanged uneasy looks, and then watched as Santa turned around to face us. Santa had the same apprehensive look. One of the newer, less-experienced health promoter groups was starting an activity to chlorinate household water supplies and teach about Dengue and cholera prevention. There are several ways to organize this kind of activity. Several weeks earlier, a health promoter group did the same thing very efficiently in its neighborhood. However, this group today was choosing a less effective approach. Santa calmly mentioned several alternative approaches. The local group coordinator and several health promoters explained that they had considered alternative plans, and had decided on this one. “OK. Then let’s go,” Santa replied.. Rossy, Santa and I knew that the group would not accomplish as much as they might have. From a stewardship accounting perspective, maybe we should have directed them how to make the best use of the resources that day. However, we believe that the process is as important as the health outcome – and the process that day was growing the capability and autonomy of that health promoter group. Promoting local ownership means that each local health promoter group has to take ownership and exercise control of their program - owning the successes as well as the near misses.

If we get the process right, that health promoter group will continue long after the Clinic’s direct involvement – the group will be a continuing community resource for improving health. Afterwards, the community coordinator told several health promoters, “Well, I think that we can do better the next time!”

“...better ... next time” – that’s what the Clinic’s community health team likes to hear. Keep praying! Michael Dohn

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC	3 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	4 8:00P AA Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	6 3:30P Pickering House	7	8 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
9 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	10 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	11 8:00P AA Meeting	12 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	13 3:30P Pickering House	14	15
16 9:00 HC Reception following 3:00P Logan and Nelsonville celebration	17 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	18 8:00P AA Meeting	19 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30P Luncheon 6:00P EFM	20 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House 7:00P Vestry Meeting	21	22
23 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00 Carriage Court Service	24 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	25 8:00P AA Meeting 4:00P Leave for Communion service at Good Earth Farm	26 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	27 3:30P Pickering House Trip to see Cincinnati Reds	28	29
30 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC	<p>Reminder</p> <p>Bishop Breidenthal will be with us for confirmation on the 16th. We will have a single service at 9AM followed by a reception in the undercroft with the Bishop and our confirmands . Mark your calendar.</p>					

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