



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



June 2013

## Rector's Rambling

With Tristan's departure for summer studies in Luxembourg, our dog count at Briarwood has risen to four. Imagine two completely undisciplined terriers, a beagle who wants to dash off at every hint of rabbit scent, and one relatively well behaved spaniel, with me, on the way to the barn for chores. Things can get a bit complicated, especially if a chicken gets out of the pasture or we jump a rabbit or a gate gets left open when we are moving the horse between pastures. Perhaps we should change the name of Briarwood to "Mayhem," or perhaps "Malfunction Junction." But I still take the time to enjoy the beauty all around me. Tonight, my gaggle and I walked around the south end of the house on the way back from the barn and greenhouse. The combined scent of honey-suckle and lilac was overpowering, and it got me to thinking, "I wonder what holiness smells like?"

Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary defines "Holy" as "moral and ethical wholeness or perfection; freedom from moral evil. Holiness is one of the essential elements of God's nature required of His people. Holiness may also be rendered "sanctification" or "godliness." The Hebrew word for "holy" denotes that which is "sanctified" or "set apart" for divine service... While "holy" is sometimes used in a ceremonial sense, the main use is to describe God's righteous nature or the ethical righteousness demanded of His followers. Originating in God's nature, holiness is a unique quality of His character..."

The Dictionary continues, "Jesus was the personification of holiness." And again, "The theme of sanctification, or growing into God's likeness and being consecrated for his use, is prominent throughout the Bible. Like Jesus, the apostles taught that sanctification, or true holiness, expressed itself in patient and loving service while awaiting the Lord's return." Paul's prayer in I Thessalonians 3:12-13 concludes the article and provides the ultimate definition of how holiness looks, or smells, in the life of the believer.

"And may the Lord make you increase in love and abound in love... so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints."

As summer begins, how are you doing at holiness? Do people see the character of God in you? Is your life spent in patient and loving service as you await the coming of Jesus? Do you believe in the second coming of Jesus? Do you have a sense of being "set apart" to do God's work in this world? Does love dominate your motives and your actions and attitudes? Are you closer to moral and ethical wholeness as defined by the Bible than you were say ten months ago? Are you able to honestly say that evil does not have a controlling grip on your life? Are you growing to be more like Jesus every day?

Most of us know the answers to these questions in our own lives. And we are all better off if we worry about how we answer those questions and don't worry about how we think other people ought to answer them about their own lives. Judgment of others is merely a distraction that the devil sends into our lives to keep us from making the kinds of changes we need to make to be more like Jesus. If we honestly ask the right questions, if we search the scriptures and pray to have God's Spirit and motives, He will guide us, and people will see his character revealed in us, and be drawn into fellowship with Him. And in years to come, those people who knew us best will say that we truly possessed the aroma of God's holiness.

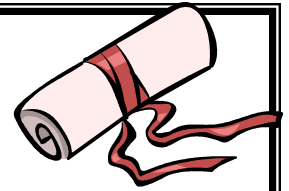
Sincerely

Bill+





## *Our Graduates*



**Savannah Claire Crawford**, daughter of Schyler Bush Crawford, graduated June 2, 2013 from Lancaster High School. She lettered in Field Hockey, was an active member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the National Arts Honor Society in which she was honored as an early inductee during her sophomore year. She was also a member of the Latin Club and participated at the Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) Conference in the costume category; winning first place her junior year and first place and best of show her senior year. Annie will be attending Ohio University – Lancaster where she will pursue a degree in the Arts.

**Milton Taylor** is planning to graduate from Fisher Catholic on June 2nd. During his time at Fisher he has participated in both football and track. Following graduation he is planning to attend Miami University in Oxford Ohio.

While at St. Johns he has participated in the youth group and served as an acolyte.

**Jordan Wilson** graduated from Ohio Christian University with a Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry as well as Pastoral Counseling. He will be working for the Ohio Christian University as a Supervisor for the Security Department with plans to attend seminary and pursue a calling to the clergy, none of which could have been possible without the love and support of my wife Kathryn and son Josiah.

### **Vestry Highlights**

- Financial report is excellent for operating and rental income and expense.
- Invested funds are performing very well.
- Youth will serve a community meal at St. Paul's, Logan in June.
- Lori Peden has completed Child Safety Training and is now certified to train others.
- The church website is in the process of revision.
- Front step repair/replacement project is still being evaluated.
- The Vestry will not meet in the summer except for emergencies.

### **Sunday Bulletin Procedure**

The following procedures have been set to facilitate utilizing office volunteers to prepare the Sunday Bulletins in the church office:

All announcements must be submitted to the church office **by noon** on the Wednesday preceding the Sunday bulletin.

If the announcement is received after the deadline, it will be placed in the following week's bulletin.

If at all possible, please submit the announcement electronically, either as an attachment to an email or by email alone to: [office@stjohnlancaster.org](mailto:office@stjohnlancaster.org).

All music selections will be submitted by the Music Department on a monthly basis, with the information needed **by noon** on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday of the month.

**Birthdays**

- 4 Robert Shull
- 5 James Merton
- 6 Lori Bockman
- 7 Derek Wright
- 8 Nancy Frick
- 10 Doug Allen  
Roseanna Bush
- 13 Caroline Rockwood
- 14 Steve Wood
- 15 Cassidy Davis
- 17 Mary Shook
- 18 Barbara Parker
- 20 Jeff Hurdley
- 21 Laura Wright
- 25 Tom Clyde
- 28 Ron Miller

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Nick and Claudia Powell (02)
- 6 John and Kaye Martin (68)
- 8 Tom and Jean Hammer (63)
- 10 Bill and Rebecca Pursley (78)
- 13 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 Tierney Carter (01)  
Connie Dowling (63)
- 11 Tom Hammer (44)
- 12 Dick Babcock (27)
- 20 Chris Perrine (82)
- 23 Ethan Canby (02)  
John Furlow (40)

**Our Sympathy** to Susan and Jim Chilenski on the death of Susan’s father William Lantz, II, who died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Friendship Village of Dublin.

**Congratulations** to our brother and sister who were presented to Bishop Breidenthal on Saturday, May 4, 2013, on the Feast of St. Monica for Reception: Steve Messerly and Ann Rickson.

**Congratulations** to Jeff Hurdley and Paul Heim who graduated from Education for Ministry on May 18, 2013 at Procter..

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, June 2nd after the 8 AM Eucharist.

**Summer Schedule**

“**God and Pizza**” talks will not meet this summer, but several special activities have been planned.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will not meet in June, July, or August.

**Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist** will continue throughout the summer.

**Vestry** will not meet until September unless a special meeting is needed.

**Parish Health Luncheons** will resume in September.

**Lancaster Festival Art Walk**

Application forms for those parishioners who would like to participate in the Friday night Art Walk during the Lancaster Festival will be at the back of the church in June.

## June 2013 Serving Schedule

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Ivan Smith & Jim Jall	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Acolytes		Katie & Alex Shook	Psalms: 96
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Richard Bailey	Galatians 1:1-12
Ushers	Tim Hall & Mike Whiley	Nick England & Ray Hollaway	Luke 7:1-10
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Ann Canby	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Doug Carr & Robin Rhodes	1 Kings 17:17-24
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Asher Carr	Psalms: 30
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Paul Heim	Galatians 1:11-24
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris & Hannah Hurdley	Luke 7:11-17
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Mid Hall & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Carol Ralph
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Chuck Canter & Frankie Mathias	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley	Psalms: 32
Lectors		Kathy Heim & Sarah Perlow	Galatians 2:15-21
Ushers	Tim Hall & Mike Whiley	Nickie Leckrone & Diane Downard	Luke 8:26-39
Altar Guild	Mid Hall	Barb Parker, Deanna Roshong & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Nick England & Jim Hall	Isaiah 65:1-9
Acolytes		William Eyman	Psalms: 22:18-27
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Joy Malinski	Galatians 3:23-29
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris & Hannah Hurdley	Luke 1:57-80
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Sally Stallsmith, Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Carol Ralph	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Acolytes		Morgan Spires	Psalms: 16
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Nick England	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Ushers	Tim Hall & Anna Adkins	Nick England & Ray Hollaway	Luke 9:51-61
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Mid Hall & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Carol Ralph

## The US Family Medical Leave Act

For the blessing of family, we give thanks.

We made a home visit recently to evaluate the level of assistance needed by a woman patient so that her family member who lives in the USA could get leave from work. The 88-year old woman was blind and was almost totally paralyzed on her left side from a stroke. She was verbally interactive, but confused.

This woman obviously needs help with almost all of the activities of daily living – dressing, eating, etc. When we saw her, she was dressed and sitting in a wheelchair in the small living room, with windows and doors wide open. What struck me during our visit was the number of family members and friends who were there and participating in this woman's care. The family has not thought of a nursing home nor hired help (not that either of those options are very common or possible here).

The occasion of two US physicians making a scheduled house call may have prompted more people being present than normal that day. However, families commonly take care of their own here – whether the elderly or children with disabilities.

Michael completed the FMLA form. The relative from New Jersey was actually using her vacation time and personal days at this point, but wanted to have the form on file with her employer if she needed to return when her mother's condition worsens.

What a blessing to have family. When other resources are scarce, involvement of a loving family can compensate.

Keep praying,  
Anita Dohn

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	<b>3</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>4</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	<b>6</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 E & R Meeting
<b>9</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair	<b>10</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>11</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM  6:00P EFM	<b>13</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Daughters of the King 10:30 HC	<b>17</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>18</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>19</b> 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	<b>20</b> 1 PM Eagle and Lamb Deadline  2:30P Pickering House	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct. Service	<b>24</b> 7:00 p Evening Prayer Service	<b>25</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	<b>27</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC						

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Kathy Heim (14)	205-3397
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