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# November Epistle

St. John's Episcopal Church

## From The Rector

Dear Friends,

I have been at St. John's a year now. In this year, I have come to know this parish as few have been blessed to know it. I'd like to name a few awards for some of the heroes of this interim year:

The **Impossible Dream** award goes to Abby Presson, the Stewardship Committee, the Vestry, parish members and the diocese, for pulling St. John's out of a \$70,000 budget short-fall and painfully moving it into financial solvency.

The **Neither Sun nor Heat nor Flaming Lawn Mower** award goes to Matt Kessler, Alan Kettle and the intrepid lawn mower gang.

The **Center of the Universe** award goes to Catherine Massey and Arienne Brown for juggling the many nuts and bolts of the parish's business with dizzying dexterity. Have you ever been in the office on a typical Tuesday morning? Then you know what I mean!

The **Beyond the Call** award goes to Mid Wootten and Gene Montague, our wonderful retired priests who have done so much in this interim time.

The **Up to His Neck in Alligators** award goes to Junior Warden, Reid Calhoun for calmly leading the charge against flying door closers, network wiring tangles, endless paint days, and yes, the great elevator pool.

The **Count Your Sheep** award goes to JoAnn Wootten for many hours of work to make St. John's the only parish in Christendom that has an accurate parish register!

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The **Jack Russell Terrier Award for Persistence** goes to Jack Derrick whose determination to straighten out the insurance issues of the parish has overcome missing architectural drawings, reassigned street numbers, and slow bureaucracy.

The **Keep on Keeping on** award goes to Milly Nelligar, Grace Edwards and the stalwart members of the choir who have made beautiful music each Sunday, despite the loss of a salaried organist/choirmaster.

The **Well-done Good and Faithful Servant** award goes to retiring Senior Warden Tom Baker and the Vestry for facing all manner of challenges bravely, discussing honestly and acting powerfully and as a group. They have set the highest of standards for vestries of the future.

As I think of all these folk, all YOUR faces fill in around them. They provided leadership and YOU provided your special offerings of money, talent and help in this critical transitional year. For everyone and every group I mentioned, I can think of five more equally important!

Next rector, whoever you are – this is SOME parish! You will be blessed in coming to know them as I do.

*In Christ,  
Ann+*

### Annual Meeting and Vestry Election

On **Sunday, December 12**, St. John's will hold its annual meeting during the 10:00 service. In addition to reports from key parish leaders, four new Vestry members will be elected. Please consider whether you are called to serve on this group. 2011 will be a huge year for St. John's. Be part of the leadership and support for the next rector!

## From the Junior Warden



The St. John's Search Committee is rapidly concluding their charge from the Vestry and soon will give us the candidate that we will meet and vote on to be our new Priest. I've been asked more and more frequently as we approach the holidays and the Christmas season, "What are we going to do if our new Priest is not here by the end of Mother Ann's contract October 31<sup>st</sup>?" Well, the Vestry addressed that issue two months ago when we spoke to Mother Ann and she graciously agreed to stay and guide us through the wrap up even after October 31<sup>st</sup>. So please be assured, we will be on stable ground through the Advent Season. We should all offer Mother Ann our sincere thanks in her continued support of St. John's! Rest assured the Vestry is in front of these concerns.

Now in keeping with my promise...here is this month's "DID YOU KNOW":

**DID YOU KNOW** that recently St. John's submitted an appeal to the Diocese for 2011 financial relief from our "Fair Share Giving?" Oh you don't know what the "Fair Share Giving" is? It's the money that St. John's is required to give the Diocese each year to support all programs, publications and staff that the Diocese provides to support us. It is based on a percentage of St. John's income—in 2010 that number was \$34,000. We initially agreed as a Vestry to give them \$30,000, but with the economic downturn and

the internal cuts we were forced to make we arrived at the acceptable minimum of \$13,700. So we actually cut the Diocese \$20,300 from what they asked us to give. The 2011 appeal is a process whereby The Vestry anticipates a shortfall in the "Fair Share Giving" and we submit to a Diocesan Appeals Board what we think we can do in the form of financial support. The "asking" for 2011 for St. John's is \$27,000 so we have appealed and offered \$16,700. The appeal came back approved to accept \$20,000... so again we will cut the Diocese in 2011 by \$7,000. We all owe vestry member **Alan Kettle** a great deal of thanks for pulling our appeal together on very short notice and submitting it to the Appeals Board.

All totaled, your Vestry has cut over \$45,000 in expenses out of the 2010 Operating Budget. The bottom line is that the financial side of any church must be run like a business, especially now. If not, survival of that church is in question. St. John's seems to slowly be righting itself financially. If you want to know more or if you have a "Did You Know" question you'd like me to address in my final two months as your Sr. Warden, please let me know!

*The Peace of our Lord be with us all,  
Tom*

## Treasurer's Report

The Church's actual cash flow year-to-date is a positive \$12,804. This does not include a potential \$15,000 payout to the Search Committee which has not been invoiced. Taking this into account, our actual cash flow year-to-date is a negative \$2,196. The budgeted cash flow year-to-date is a negative \$21,578. The Vestry and Finance Committee, with the support of the congregation, has almost erased the potential budget shortfall this year, and we still have three more months to make up the actual shortfall to date of \$2,196. This assumes no significant emergency expenses for the rest of the year, and the Search Committee stays within a budget of \$15,000. Thanks for your support.

*- Jeff Bierline, Treasurer*

### CHURCH CASH FLOW TO DATE

**September 2010**

Cash In	SEPT	YTD
Actual	\$21,998	\$224,753
Budget	\$19,825	\$196,475
<b>Cash Out</b>		
Actual	\$22,539	\$211,948
Budget	\$19,236	\$217,464

# The Augustine Project: Giving the Gift of Reading

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Following in the footsteps of St. John's members Kenille Baumgardner and Jane Hill, parishioners Catherine Stelzenmuller and Elizabeth Manley recently completed training with The Augustine Project, an outreach ministry of Holy Family Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, NC. The project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long-term, one-to-one instruction in reading, writing, and spelling to economically and academically disadvantaged children and teens. Tutors use a structured, multisensory, phonetic teaching approach called the Orton-Gillingham method to assist children in building skills in phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Tutors receive 70 intensive hours of training and are carefully screened and evaluated before they are assigned to work with a student.

About 17-22% of school aged children have reading problems. Among low-income children and teens the percentage is likely higher. Unfortunately, children

typically do not outgrow poor reading skills: 74% of poor readers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are still poor readers in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Many tutoring programs directed toward low-income families are designed to help children with homework, not with learning to read. Thus, the Augustine Project fills a special need. It is unique in supplying a professionally trained, caring, and much needed resource to a growing at-risk population.

Now that their training is complete, Catherine and Elizabeth hope to begin tutoring soon. Although neither has a background in teaching, they both have a love of learning and an enthusiasm for the proven approach utilized by Augustine tutors in helping children develop good reading skills.

The Augustine Project offers its two-week training program twice a year, in July and in October. Additional information can be found at the organization's website: [www.augustineproject.org](http://www.augustineproject.org).

## Blessing of the Animals

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*Scenes from the Blessing of the Animals service held on October 3.*

## Calling All Ladies: Please Join Us!

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The **7th Annual Lake Logan Women's Retreat** will be held on March 3- 6, 2011. Lake Logan is a retreat center owned by the Western Diocese of the Episcopal Church and is located outside of Canton, NC. Our weekend together can begin on Thursday if your schedule allows. In the past we have enjoyed a shopping day on Friday, but many of us love a day to simply enjoy Lake Logan! The official program doesn't begin until Friday after dinner, so several of our participants come on Friday in time for dinner.

Our retreat leader this year is the Rev. Nancy Allison, retired Senior Associate Rector, Christ Church, in Raleigh. Rev. Allison has been responsible for Adult Education and Outreach Ministries. She has led programs including Education for Ministry, Disciples in Christ in Community, Kergyma Bible Study, Renovaré, Centering Prayer, Reading Theology, and Theology-Lite (a book club examining theological issues). Her resume

is extensive. Please contact me for the complete document.

There are usually 21 spaces. Spaces are reserved based on receipt of the \$150 deposit (made payable to the church and can be left with the financial secretary). This year's prices include a two-night double room for \$255, a three-night double room for \$355, a two-night single room for \$305, and a three-night single room for \$430. This includes three very good meals per day, as well as group expenses (speaker costs, meeting space cost, etc.). Everyone who goes just loves the place; you can go to [www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org) to see some pictures (which don't do the place justice at all!).

I encourage all ladies at St. John's to consider the Lake Logan Retreat this year! I would be happy to talk with you if you have more questions. Feel free to email me ([etmelvin@mindspring.com](mailto:etmelvin@mindspring.com)) or call me (556-3760).

- Elizabeth Melvin

## A Parishioner's Perspective

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I've been a member of St. John's for a long time. My most recent endeavor has been with the search committee and praying for the discernment of God's will for our church. In compiling our parish profile, along with who we are and what we want as a church, one of the objectives that came to light was that St. John's is open to growth, aspiring to bring in new members and utilize our facilities to capacity.

As we near the end of the search process for our new rector, it occurred to me that if one of the goals of St. John's is to increase membership, and I am a part of St. John's, then I should invite people to attend service at St. John's. This was an "aha" moment. It almost seemed too novel, that I could fill Christ's charge and spread the word of God simply by inviting someone to Sunday service.

I readied myself and tried to remember to find an opportunity to invite someone I encountered to join us to worship at St. John's. When I took my children to that night's activities, I met a couple bringing children for

the first time and I introduced myself. As I spoke with the wife about where this and that is, I thought of the church and BAM—"You are welcome to join us at our church; it's St. John's Episcopal church, on old highway 98, across from McDonalds... services are at 8 and 10 o'clock," I stammered.

She told me they had been attending a non-denominational church over somewhere and our conversation drifted to the activities of the moment. Later, as I said farewell to the husband walking through the parking lot, he told me he attended the Episcopal Church while growing up in his home country of Nigeria, "We'll see you Sunday."

I couldn't believe it. It had been that easy. I'm not sure if it will work next time, but I intend to try again.

As we move closer toward bringing a new leader to our parish, it is important to remember that only one person is filling the position. One person can only do so much—it takes many hands to fill the hopes and desires of an entire congregation. We are those hands.

- Tammy Warriner

## Stewardship Corner

Do you have children? Aging parents? Friends? A job? Each of us would answer “yes” to one if not several of these questions, so each of us already practices good stewardship. As parents, children, friends and employees, we use our time, talents and treasure as best we can to take care of those we love and fulfill our obligations. We make these roles and relationships a priority and assign our resources accordingly. We are grateful for what our families and friends add to our lives and are more than willing to give, even sacrifice, to and for them. We take our jobs seriously and readily go the extra mile to perform our duties.

Likewise, we are the parents, children, friends, and worker bees of St. John’s Episcopal Church. St. John’s offers us peace, solace, guidance, love, hope, joy, fellowship and a community of faith in which we are able to worship collectively while respecting each individual’s spiritual journey. Given all that the church provides to us, doesn’t St. John’s deserve priority treatment with our

resources as well? Are we willing to give, even sacrifice, to and for our spiritual home? Will we go the extra mile to ensure that St. John’s reaches its full potential?

Our faith and our church provide us with comfort, satisfaction and security that no material item or worldly pursuit ever will. Let us gratefully acknowledge these and our many other blessings, and respond by graciously returning a share of our gifts in glory to God and thanksgiving for the operation and ministries of St. John’s. On the Stewardship Corner bulletin board in the parish hall are posted two lengthy lists submitted by you and your fellow parishioners, one describing the things that we love about St. John’s, and the other outlining the things that we dream for St. John’s. When each and every one of us makes our church a priority with our time, talents, and treasure then we will no longer need two lists—we will make our dreams come true.

—The Stewardship Committee

## Episcopal Youth Community

In December, the EYC will be making luminaries for the Christmas Eve Services. Check our Blog for more information: <http://stjohnsjreyc.blogspot.com/>



St John’s EYC members Jayne Bennett and Julia McCormick hard at work at East Region’s Community Service Day El Buen Pastor church in Durham.

St John’s and the East Region Youth at El Buen Pastor Community Service Day.

# The Flower Cart

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The Flower Cart of The Wake Forest Garden Club is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. Its mission is to secure flowers at no cost from vendors/donors and arrange and deliver these flowers to nursing homes, shut-ins and other worthy recipients.

The Flower Cart was started in March 2010 in St. John's

Parish Hall with flowers donated by Lowe's Foods at Gateway Commons. Fifteen small bouquets and four large arrangements were delivered to Hillside Nursing Home. The response was wonderful.

With donations for supplies and a storage cabinet, flowers from Lowe's and Harris Teeter at Heritage and CP&F wholesaler, and the generosity of St. John's in providing space, The Flower Cart is now operating on a weekly basis.

Flowers are delivered to residents of Hillside, Wake Forest Care Center, Carolina House, the Gardens at Wakefield, the Crossings at Heritage, Meals on Wheels recipients, and some individuals identified by volunteers.

While The Garden Club is the sponsoring organization, The Flower Cart is made up of a wide range of volunteers, including members of St. John's.

Anyone interested in participating is invited to join in on Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Parish Hall to help arrange the flowers. If that isn't your thing, volunteers are also needed to help deliver completed arrangements. If you would like more information or would like to request flowers for someone who is ill or just needs cheering up, contact Jean McCamy at [jeanmccamy@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmccamy@gmail.com) or 556-5342.



## Care Packages for Deployed Service Members

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St. John's is collecting items to make care packages for deployed service members. We will put together the packages the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and send them out by Thanksgiving in order to ensure they are received by Christmas.

Help us by donating any of the following items:

- AA batteries
- iTunes cards
- Magazines (used or new)
- Books (used or new)
- DVD's (old or used)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Ground coffee

- Food (cookies, nuts, etc. No chocolate, it melts :o)
- Thank you cards thanking them for serving

There will be a bin in the Parish Hall for all of the donations. If you would like to donate money to cover the costs to send a package (US Priority Flat Rate box \$10.20 for a medium box and \$13.95 for a large box), please make a check out to St. John's Episcopal Church and note: service member care package.

For more information, please contact Amy McDavitt at [amcdavitt@msn.com](mailto:amcdavitt@msn.com).

# Search Committee Update

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The Search Committee is happy to let you know that we are nearing the end of our journey in finding a new Rector for St. John's Episcopal Church. The Diocese's process has been a great guide to get us where we are. While we have not missed any milestones, I think we can all say we are anxious to come to a conclusion. With a strong focus on the Parish profile, and the needs and wants of our congregation, we have identified the top candidate. We are now in the final stages of dotting the i's and crossing the t's. Barring any unforeseen surprises, we expect to present the candidate to the Vestry in the very near future.

We want to thank the parish as a whole for their involvement in the process through the town hall meetings and surveys. We also want to thank you for your continuous prayers, patience, and general good wishes throughout this time period.

I understand that there is a transition team being put together for the purpose of celebrating the fantastic job Ann has done, and welcoming our new Rector to St. John's. I would recommend that you prayerfully consider being a part of this team, or certainly getting involved in the upcoming events they plan.

- Rob Reichmeider

## Miscellaneous News

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**The e-Prayer Group:** A small but powerful group of parishioners has begun praying for the specific petitions of St. John's. If you want us to include your concerns in our prayers or if you want to join us, please contact me.

- Ann +

**A small addition to the service, a large addition to our parishioner's lives...** In recent months, we have been taking communion to two of our home-bound members,

but now we are going to ask the congregation to be part of this joyful duty. The home communion bread box and cruet will be on the altar during the prayer of consecration. Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Minister who will be taking it out to a shut-in will receive it with prayers for their ministry and the one to whom it is going. This will more closely connect these home-bound folks to the worshipping community within the church walls on Sunday.

## St. John's Preschool

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October was a busy month for St. John's Preschool. Three- and four-year-old classes began chapel, as well as the social skills program called Second Step. Both experiences emphasize and teach specific ways to be empathetic, kind, and helpful to those around us; a fitting message as the holiday season approaches.

Our first fundraisers have been very successful! Thank you to those who supported our cookie dough fundraiser. We earned approximately \$1,500, some of which will go to our tuition assistance/scholarship fund. As a result of our first Scholastic Book sale, we earned 9,000 points which we can use to buy materials for the preschool library!

Preschool families have been very generous thus far as we collect for the Back-Pack-Buddies Program and for Tri-Area ministries. We will continue to contribute to these vital community programs throughout the year.

We welcomed a new family to our one-year-old Parent/Tot Playgroup in October, and we would love to have two more families join us. Please contact Kristen Baron at 562-8619 for more information about the Playgroup or if you would like to place your child on our waiting lists for any other classes.

Happy Thanksgiving from the preschool!

- Kristen Baron



## Silent Auction

Do you have a beach house? How about a place in the mountains? Are you a gourmet cook and like to cater elegant dinners? Maybe you have Carolina, NC State, ECU or Hurricanes tickets? Perhaps you or your neighbor own a business that you would like to promote. Antiques?

St. John's will be holding a silent auction fundraising event from **November 21<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>**. All of the funds raised from this event will be used to support St. John's outreach work in our local community. We're in the process of collecting donations for



the event and need your assistance in making this a success! By donating an item, you'll be making a tax deductible contribution that will help St. John's continue to help make life better for individuals in need, right here in our community.

This is an excellent opportunity to display your creative talents, share a passion or gain exposure for your company. Donors can be listed, and your donations will be on display throughout the event. We hope you will donate an item to support the continued work of St. John's in our needy community! Contact Betsy Kessler at [betsykessler@yahoo.com](mailto:betsykessler@yahoo.com) for details.

## Episcopal Church Women

This is the ECW's busiest time of the year, so please keep the following dates in mind if you are interested in helping with any of the activities. If you would like to know more about them, please contact Carolyn Stoklas at 554-1673 or [cstoklas1@nc.rr.com](mailto:cstoklas1@nc.rr.com).



- **Sunday, Nov. 7: Joy of Christmas Team meeting** after 10:00 service in the Educational Building.
- **Sunday, Nov. 14: ECW Meeting** after 10:00 service in the Educational Building.
- **Monday, Nov. 22: Set up for Bake Sale.** Baked goods can be delivered to the church between 4 and 8 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall for people that would like to contribute baked goods. All proceeds go towards the Joy of Christmas program.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 23: Bake Sale** in Parish Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- **Friday, Nov. 26: Meals on Wheels.** There will be sheets in the parish hall for people to sign-up to help with cooking, assembling the meals, and delivery.

- Carolyn Stoklas

## Christian Education

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Ann Burts asked me to write a “little article” for the Epistle on the class I’ve been teaching for a month now to some 50 people at nine o’clock every Sunday except the last Sunday in the month. I called the class “Things I wish I had known before I started reading the Bible” to give us some flexibility.

The purpose of the course is fundamentally to clear away the underbrush in that marvelous book so that we can see what it is really about—what the major themes are. One way to clarify those themes is to use a historical-cultural approach in order to reveal the original meaning of the texts and not be dazzled and therefore misled by the rhetorical trappings that a first-century audience would have taken for granted—such as miracles and healing stories.

In addition, this approach shows us the reasons behind the Bible’s habit of telling the same story in

different, seemingly contradictory ways, as in the conflicting creation stories, the different stories of Noah’s flood, the different accounts of who killed Goliath—and the four different stories that outline the career of Jesus of Nazareth, the stories that we call the four canonical gospels. (There were actually 50 different gospels extant in the first three centuries of the church.)

For me, the wonderful thing about the historical-cultural approach is that I don’t have to set limits to the topics we talk about in the class. Ask a question and we will attempt to apply this approach to it and produce an answer. I can’t tell you how gratifying it has been to see the quality of questions that members of the class have asked so far. There are few sights on God’s green earth as refreshing as seeing people actually thinking.

- Gene Montague

## Bunco Fundraiser

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On October 1<sup>st</sup>, more than 40 St. John’s women gathered for fun, fellowship and to play BUNCO! All ages of women from the church, preschool, and the community were represented. We all had so much fun getting to know each other, playing Bunco, and eating delicious food!



Most of the attendees were “new” Bunco players—and any of them will tell you—the game is VERY easy to learn! In addition to having a great time, we raised over \$400 for the many ministries of St. John’s church!

The event was so well-received that the committee has decided to try it once a quarter. So, stay tuned for our next Bunco night... sometime in January.



## Young Families Dinner on December 5th

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Thank you to all for October's wonderful Young Families Dinner turnout! The adults all had a wonderful time getting to know each other better, and the children has so much fun playing together!

The next Young Families Dinner will be on Sunday afternoon, December 5, from 4 to 6 pm. Please join us for some delicious Italian food and wonderful fellowship! Contact Brooke Dickhart at [brookedickhart@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedickhart@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Children's Christian Formation

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The children have settled well into the routine of Church School. I am delighted to see so many returning each week and would love to be able to offer an extra set of hands to some of our wonderful teachers. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting a teacher in the classroom. The commitment level is normally about 8 or 9 Sundays per school year, but we have flexibility for all who have the desire to help if that is not realistic for you.

Stewardship is not just for grown-ups. The children will be discussing ways in which they also can be good stewards of their gifts. We extend our thanks to the Stewardship Committee for assisting us with this important discussion.

We soon enter Advent. We will be talking and learning about this special season of preparation. The parish

will provide a time to make a family Advent Wreath, so please bring your child if possible. Did you know that Advent is the beginning of a new church year? We have a *Circle of the Church Year* wall hanging in the classroom to help visually illustrate this. Any of our K/1 children would be delighted to show you, just ask!

We are thankful to Amy McDavitt who has kindly agreed to coordinate our Pageant again this year. This simple, but lovely event will take place on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. More details will be sent home with your child or e-mailed to you, so please be sure that your child's teacher has a current registration form with legible e-mail address. Thank you for all of your support as we work together for the Children of St. John's.

- Ann Holmes

# Parish Life

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Since childhood I have had many jobs in my life—newspaper carrier, grocery store clerk, advertising sales, etc.—but I would never have guessed that the most fulfilling job I have held is my current one as Parish Life Administrator. In the eighteen months I have been in the front office, I have discovered that this little ol' church is a busy place! I am constantly amazed at how much work done by you all goes on behind the scenes and how when asked, you all GIVE.

St. John's has received so much from its parishioners! We ask for a refrigerator for our Youth and one shows up. We ask for painters for the Education Building and lo, they appear; our grounds are looking better than ever before because of YOU. Daily I am reminded of your generosity and confidence in this place. St. John's parish is so blessed—we are growing in numbers and in **faith**. Open your hearts to the changes coming—great things are ahead!

Speaking of great things, here are some upcoming events you don't want to miss:

- **Saturday, Nov. 6th: St. John's Fall Landscape and Lunch from 9 am to noon.** Help us spruce up our beautiful grounds followed by a potluck lunch. Bring the whole family!
- **Sunday, Nov. 7th: All Saints Day and Hot Dog Sunday.** Join us for our "regular" 1st Sunday of the month after the 10 am service for a simple

meal of a hot dog and fixin's. Side dishes are provided by you. Donation is \$1.00 a dog and the fellowship is priceless! It will also be Stewardship Ingathering Sunday.

*PS: Remember to set your clocks back, Daylight Savings Time ends today!*

- **Sunday, Nov. 28th: 1st Sunday of Advent.** Join us after the 10 o'clock service for **Advent wreath making**. We'll have all the supplies, but *please remember to bring greenery*. Look soon for a signup sheet, as there will be a small charge for the wreath materials. Enjoy cider, cookies and music and of course, fellowship!

## Holiday Service Schedules

- **Thanksgiving Day:** 10 am Holy Eucharist
- **Christmas Eve:** 4 pm, Festal Family Eucharist with pageant, 10:30 pm Music for Christmas, 11 pm Festal Eucharist of the Incarnation
- **Christmas Day:** 10 am, Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday, December 26th:** 8 am Holy Eucharist, 10 am Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist

Remember, all of our events are posted on St John's Google calendar, which includes important dates, information and the contact person. You can view the calendar on our website. Please let the office know if you have any additions you'd like to make!

- Catherine Massey

## First Communion Preparation

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While all baptized persons, of any age, may receive communion, several parents have inquired about some coaching for their children before they begin to receive. Please contact the office and we'll find a time to meet, either as a small group or individually. Perhaps your child would like to receive communion for the first time at Christmas?



# In Our Prayers



**Sam Brown**  
**Patrick Cancro**  
**Carl Caudill**, Jane Cheek's brother  
**Gene Chalk**  
**Dawn and Heather Christie**  
**Ginny Christie**  
**Virginia Currie**  
**Ruth Dancy**, Mollie Rivers' daughter  
**Tania Entz**  
**Frankie Epps**  
**Stephen Felligno**  
**Anna Gorniak**  
**Marie and Hudson Hamilton**  
**Al Hinton**  
**Colleen Hinton**  
**Nelda Huffstetler**  
**Jack Hunt**  
**Christina Kaye**  
**Helen Kovacs**  
**Pat Maiocco**  
**Dayatra Matthews**  
**Shirley McHose**  
**Shane McKewen**  
**Mestas family**  
**Maria Milam**  
**Mimi**, Tori Bennett's mother  
**Lisa Montague**, Gene Montague's daughter  
**Dick Monteith**

**Tim Mozingo**  
**Elwood Munz**  
**David Newkirk**  
**Virginia Olsen**  
**Nora Ottley**  
**Anthony Ottley**  
**St. John's Search Committee**  
**George Shiflett**  
**Harriet Stuckey**, Perri Holt's sister  
**Alma Lee Tabor**  
**Rusty Thomas**  
**Jim Turnage**  
**Cooper Ulrich**  
**Kent Willis**  
**Linda Wolfgang**, Dave McPherson's cousin

## Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

**Thomas**, son of Tom & Darden Baker  
**John**, son of Pinky & David Cooke  
**Derek Dinkins**, cousin of Daniel Cheek  
**Drew Holt**, **Ben Miller**, **Daniel Virant**, nephews of Lee & Perri Holt  
**Frank Kelly**, grandson of Carol Smith  
**Michael Klump**, brother of Kathy Binns  
**Michael**, son of Bill & Bonnie LaBarbera  
**Sean Lynch**, friend of Pinky & David Cooke  
**Ryan McDavitt**  
**Stephen**



# November Birthdays

02	Cathy Brittingham	08	Sharon Barham	13	Kelli Hicks	23	Jessica Gruber
	Jennifer Bell	09	Simon Daw Jr.	14	Mollie Rivers		Alan Kettle
	Jay Hinton	10	Patrick Barham		Kenille Baumgardner	24	Linda Hayes
03	Tina Hayes		Anthony Gruber		Alison Kovacs	25	Dan Houston Jr.
	Lauren Walkup	11	John Rich	16	Emily Baker	26	Nate Haught
04	Spencer Renfrow		Sonia Ingram		Tyler Bennett		Hayley Walkup
	Julie Telenko		Michelle McIlwain	19	Eleas Ottley	27	Kelly Hylton
05	Bill Kovacs	12	Katie Griesedieck	20	Matthew Griesedieck		Bailey Seemann
06	Frank Toney Jr.		David Hare	21	Kirstin Moore	28	Matt Munz
07	Emily Hill		Philip Paige		Royce Powell	29	Bill LaBarbera
	Gail Marsh		Linda Score	22	Leej Cooperfield	30	Bill Osborne
	Mildred Wilkinson	13	Amanda Fisher		Cathy Plaut		

# November Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicists	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
07-Nov All Saints Day	8:00 Hunter Kramer Anna Armstrong Philip Paige	Katharine Ferguson Bob Bidwell		Jean Leppek Lynn and Bob	Louis Mullinger Jon and Karen	Sharon Davenport	Jenny Brewer Carole Friedman	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Ann Burts
14-Nov	8:00 Jack Kessler Jaxon Farrell Jack Osborne	Jan Williams Carole Friedman	Catherine Massey	Leej Copperfield	Sully Felligno	Christine Knights	Elizabeth McDuffie and Elizabeth Melvin	Isaiah: 65:17-25 Canticle 9 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Ann Burts
21-Nov	8:00 Phillip Paige Creighton Ball Meredith Massey	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell		Morse and Plaut	Melanie Murphy	Karen Demanovich and Kenille Baumgardner	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Ann Burts
28-Nov	8:00 Sean Leech Shane Morse Jack Presson	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell	Jean Leppek	Alton Hare	Dagmar Derrick	Sharon Davenport and Carol Paulonis	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	Gene Montague
05-Dec	8:00 TBA TBA TBA	Louis Mullinger	Bob Bidwell	Leej Copperfield	Mary Martin	Flower Guild	Miriam Houtz and Melanie Murphy	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Ann Burts
	10:00 John McDuffie Anna Armstrong Abby Telenko	Donna King Kari Delahunt Christina Kastendike	Harold Davis Elizabeth McDuffie	Angel Armstrong Laura Santos	Michael McDuffie Dave McPherson				
	10:00 TBA TBA TBA	Donna King Al Hinton Harold Davis	Kenille Baumgardner Catherine Massey	Jennifer Clark Jenny Brewer	Kristen and Jeff Bierline				

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## Search Committee Prayer



*Heavenly Father,  
Guide the congregation, Vestry and Search Committee of St. John's  
through the process of choosing our next Rector.*

*Help the Search Committee understand our congregation's needs,  
wants and dreams and your purpose for our church family.*

*Grant us the collective wisdom to find a leader  
to inspire us to walk in your way,  
a preacher to teach your word,  
a pastor to nourish the spiritual needs of your Rock,  
and a shepherd to nurture our stewardship of our many gifts.*

*Grant us grace to complete the task ahead.  
All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.*



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## From the Parish Register

**Transfers** - *Give them courage, patience, vision and strength in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.*



**David, Tori, Jayne and Tyler Bennett** from St. James's Episcopal, Marietta, GA

**Jane Caudill Cheek and Daniel Wesley Cheek** from St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, NC

**Robert Y. George** from St. John's Episcopal, Wilmington, NC

**Margaret Poindexter** from Church of the Good Shepherd, Covington, GA