

The Voice



September 2016

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From the Rector



This month I am not going to say anything about the election. (I don't know *what* to say!) Thankfully, September brings us closer to something much more pleasant to anticipate than politics: autumn. It is probably the most loved season in our gentle mountains, and for good reason. Not only is the color welcome, but the crisp air seems to wake us up and energize us. School brings a fresh start for our young folk, full of promise and forward looking. Isn't that ironic; a time long associated with endings, with culmination of growth and the enjoyment of its fruits, is actually a time we mark for important beginnings. The church calendar is no exception; right as November ends, a new liturgical year begins.

Our parish has experienced a small uptick in activity, attendance, and membership over the summer now ending. It seems, from my perspective, that we are at some sort of threshold, about to enter new territory as a worshiping community. Perhaps energy surrounding the election of our new Bishop José is in part responsible. It is undeniable that saying so long to our Bishop Porter is bittersweet, but he is excited about moving on to new ministries. He and

Jo will continue to live in Asheville, and we will still have him near, so we aren't really losing him at all. Our new bishop will inevitably stretch us and lead us in new directions. He rides the cool autumnal breezes of change, another element to wake us up. October 1 is the day. Click [here](#) (if you are reading online) or call the office for more information if you would like to attend his service of Ordination and Consecration.

Our parish follows the pattern—several of our children move into new Sunday School classes, the EYC gains new members as they say good luck to those off to college, preparation for Thanksgiving, the Pageant, Advent, and Christmas crank up. A third of the new vestry will be elected and various other offices filled at our Annual Meeting. Once again our financial needs will be explained and pledges sought. All this will be happening largely at once. The pattern will be old, the particulars new. But somehow this year seems different. Better, fresher, and, in joyful contrast to the mood of the nation in general, hopeful!

Enjoy the season; God has blessed us with it!

Peace,
John+

What's Happening at St. John

Altar Guild—The annual Altar Guild catered brunch will be held on Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for Father John and Deacon Joyce to thank the members for their service to the church. In addition, new members will be inducted, and there will be time to discuss questions and answers.



Readers in the Wilderness meet the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Parish House Library.

September 4th book: *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda Hirshman. The relationship between Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg—Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, Western rancher's daughter and Brooklyn girl—transcends party, religion, region, and culture. Strengthened by each other's presence, these groundbreaking judges, the first and second woman to serve on the highest court in the land, have transformed the Constitution and America itself, making it a more equal place for all women.

October 7th book: *Dead Wake...The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. You know the outcome, but it is a well-written book that is difficult to put down.



Backpacks—St. John is starting its eighth year filling backpacks with food for needy children right here in Henderson County. We serve Atkinson and Upward Elementary, Flat Rock Middle, Immaculata Catholic School, and the Little Red School daycare. We pack between 150 and 200 bags each week, supplementing what MANNA Packs for Kids sends. Our start date is Friday, September 9 at 8:45 a.m. at Hubba Hubba Smokehouse, 2724 Greenville Hwy, where our own Starr Teel

continues to be a most gracious host. This does not have to be a full time commitment. We ebb and flow with the best of them. We would love to see you if you would like to join our team or if you are just curious as to what we do. We are all finished by 9:10 a.m. Don't be late! For more information, contact Debby Staton at (828) 551-2813.

Slave Memorial Cross Lighting—We hope you have had an opportunity to view the beautiful Slave Memorial Cross created by our own Nelson Motes and placed near the Greenville Hwy. Perhaps you have even offered a prayer for those who worshiped here and helped build our wonderful community. At Father John's suggestion, we recently added lighting to enhance this structure in the evening. When you drive by, take a look. You will appreciate the cross in a new light, a beacon in night's darkness.

Historic Churchyard Committee



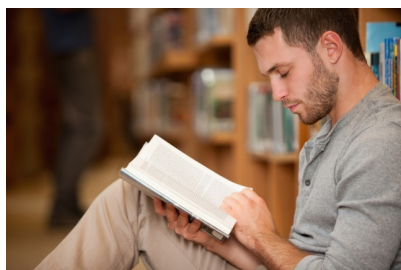
Collecting Books—A large box has now been placed in the Parish House under the coat racks where certain books, DVDs, and CDs may be donated to benefit the Outreach Program of the St. John Episcopal Church Women. Donations in good condition will be given to Books for Good, Inc. in Fletcher which is a nonprofit that sells items of this type on behalf of any IRS-recognized charity selected by a donor (www.booksforgood.net). About 75 percent to 80 percent of proceeds will go to the ECW. For info on questions you may have, including what books can and cannot be donated, contact Bettie Orr at bettieworr@gmail.com or (828) 698-2357.

Vestry Highlights—July 21, 2016

- Fr. Alex is doing well after his third surgery. He asked that you keep him in your prayers
- The 2016 Stewardship Campaign will begin soon. More information to come.
- The new Bishop of Western North Carolina will be consecrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 1 at UNCA's Kimmel Arena.
- Construction of the new Parish House is on hold for now, but the sewer project is proceeding, since it was decided that the church needed that immediately.

Tuesday Evening Discussion Group

We have begun the second session of Tuesday Evening Gatherings. These sessions follow the format of a pre-study light repast (please bring an appetizer, salad, casserole, salad, or dessert to share) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by a 30-minute DVD and discussion of what we watched. Great books are the subject matter. We will explore six themes that every one of us has or will experience: the unconquerable human spirit; youth, old age, and all that is in between; romance and love; adventure and courage; laughter and irony; and patriotism. A great book possesses four qualities: It deals with a great theme; it is written in noble language; it speaks across the ages; and it speaks to us as individuals. The remaining books for discussion are:



September 6 "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" - T.E. Lawrence
 September 27 "1984" – George Orwell
 October 4 "All Quiet on the Western Front" - Remarque
 October 11 "On Liberty" - John S. Mill
 October 18 "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" - Gibbon
 October 25 "History of Freedom" - Lord Acton
 November 1 "Tristan and Isolde" - von Strassburg

You need not read the book before attending this session, but you may be stimulated to read it in the future. For questions, contact Mike Covell at (828) 242-6816 or mjcovello409@gmail.com.

Next Chapter Update

Since our last report, contracts and permits for the city sewer installation have been signed, and we expect work to begin within the next few weeks. This should be completed well before winter weather sets in.

With regard to the Parish Hall project, we have spoken with a number of contractors and find that many of them do not do competitive bids any more. They prefer to work with a client toward what can best be described as a "negotiated bid" where both parties work to bring the scope of a project to a mutually agreeable budget. Members of the Committee and our architects interviewed three companies on August 12: a large firm from Greenville, SC, a medium firm from Shelby, NC, and a small firm from Hendersonville, NC. After careful deliberation and due diligence, we have chosen to begin discussions with Strickland Construction of Shelby. Theirs is a fourth-generation family firm that has done church and other construction projects as close as Columbus and Tryon, and they seem eager to expand into our area. Strickland staff will take two to three weeks to examine our plans and make suggestions, and then work with us toward a "negotiated bid." If we cannot come to an agreement with them, we are free to move on to other discussions.

The Committee appreciates your continued understanding, support, and prayers. As the parish enters its annual fall Stewardship Campaign, the Committee will remain busy but not actively solicit. The annual budget has many pressing needs. However, I am convinced we can run and fly at the same time!

Robin Howe, Committee Chair



The Little Voice

Young Family Ministry

Back to School

Even though some of our children attend a traditional school year (vacation in the summer) and some are on the flex system (vacation between school quarters) most of them are in school right now. This is the time we have our Sunday School registration and update all our records. In the past we had a big swim party and picnic to mark the beginning of the year. Our children have grown and changed, however, and they have more extracurricular school activities, sports, and commitments, so this year we are going to turn it around and do something for someone else.



Like you! In fact, that will become our focus as we go into this new year: "Doing for Others."

Registration is also an important time to renew our Baptismal Vows, to recommit to raising up and nurturing our children in the Christian faith. Our lives are so rich and full with meaningful things, but it is hard to do everything. None of us can do that, and so we must choose carefully. Children learn from all kinds of experiences. In an increasingly unstable world that seems to have lost its way, we need to remember to "Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he grows old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. A strong Christian foundation is the best preparation for whatever they choose to do in life.

Our Young Family Ministry is blessed to have Father Alex, a "retired" priest who has devoted his life to young families and children. With 50 years' experience in the ministry, he brings life and wisdom to our program. We are looking forward to another wonderful year at St. John in the Wilderness.

Coffee on the Terrace

Be looking for Young Family Ministry hosting the coffee time after the 8:45 service on Sunday, September 18, weather permitting! Looking forward to seeing you then!

EYC News

As of this writing, we're preparing for an EYC campout on Sunday, August 21. We've reserved a large campsite beside the water at Orchard Lake Campground in Saluda, where we'll swim, boat, sing campfire songs, and feast on hot dogs, black bean stew, and s'mores. An enormous thank you to the parents who are making this possible by driving, chaperoning, lifeguarding, loaning us tents, and contributing everything from marshmallows to firewood.

Coming up in September: two EYC gatherings, one for middle schoolers and the other for high schoolers. Grades 6-8 will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 4 p.m. at the Dillin home to enjoy "walking tacos" and more s'mores around the fire. Grades 9-12 will meet on Sunday, September 18 at 4 p.m. at the Wheless home for the same. Everyone should come prepared to teach the group something they've learned at camp—any camp, any year, anything (song, game, quick craft, etc.). Please let Mother Paula know if you need any supplies.

In Sunday School we've begun making personal Coats of Arms depicting our identities and relationships with God, family, and community. As



always, we learn about Church history and our Episcopal traditions as we create and interact. Our EYC is a lively, energetic, and spontaneous group, and a lot of fun to work with!

September Flower Memorials



September 4:

In loving memory of Bettie Friedell Watford

By: Charles and Bettie Orr

September 11:

In loving memory of Denver W. Warnock

By: Mrs. Warnock-Johnson

September 18:

In loving memory of Sarah I'On Lowndes Davis, Alice Davis Burke, and James O. Burke

By: Henry Burke and family

September 25:

In loving memory of Janet Chaudruc

By: Her family

AND

In loving memory of Ruth O'Brien Smith

By: Joan Brendel and Jack Smith

Pilgrimage: Continuing Education for the Soul

Of course, I made that definition up. But it seems to capture what we are about to do once again. A group of roughly 16 to 22 members of St. John will explore our Anglican Roots in England next spring. On this two-week pilgrimage we will visit and worship, laugh, and grow as we visit some of the most significant sites associated with the development of our Anglican tradition. We depart the Monday after Easter, April 17, and arrive home Monday, May 1. Many of our fellow pilgrims are repeat participants; that is how meaningful and how enjoyable it is. If you would like more information or to register, now is the time to act. Our deposit goal is **Saturday, October 1**. See or call me or Deacon Joyce—we would love to have you with us.

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September Birthdays

2 Cindy Shannon
2 John Barker
3 Willa Allen
3 John Mellott
3 Lynn Savage
3 Alyson Gooch
4 Dick Zecher
6 Wayne Kanipe
6 Harlan Frymire
6 Hilton Swing
7 Sally Hughes
7 Marion Keenan
7 Susan Shealy
8 Cato Pods
8 Anne Beers
9 Jack Mitchell
9 Louisa Wardlaw
11 Hunter Boeh

12 Charles Green
12 Starr Teel
14 Malcolm McCormick
14 Janet Roethle
14 Brendan Henson
15 Helen Aschenbrener
15 Debby Staton
17 Julia Cox
17 Charlie Bowers
18 Melody Shepherd
19 Gayle McHaffie
19 Louisa Conroy
19 Sarah Semelroth
19 Kate Johnson
20 Margaret Somerville
21 Terry Enslen
21 Ann Oliver
21 Linda Sokalski

23 Marjorie Neff
23 Jodi Sundeen
24 Al Beers
24 Carol Rector
24 Marie Hyder
25 John Flowers
25 Paige Prichard
27 Cynthia Easterling
27 Kara Mack
28 Elaine Harris
28 Anna Piacentini
29 Pat Patty
29 Hamrick Perry
30 Art Swygard
30 Camille Camp
30 Judy Petersen



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 AA/Early Birds 10:00 ECW Team	2 7:30 AA/Early Birds 10:00 Readers ITW 10:15 The Bridge/LPL	3 7:30 AA/Early Birds
4 8:45 Eucharist 9:30 Men's Breakfast 11:00 Eucharist	5 Office Closed 7:30 AA/Early Birds 6:45 pm AA/Newcomers	6 7:30 AA/Early Birds 10:00 Voices for Youth 3:30 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Summer Enrichment Class	7 7:30 AA/Early Birds 10:30 Healing Service 7:00 pm Choir	8 7:30 AA/Early Birds 7:00 pm Vestry	9 7:30 AA/Early Birds 8:45 Backpack grp. 10:00 Audit Committee	10 7:30 AA/Early Birds
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The Rev. Joyce Beschta,
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Deadline for the
October *Voice* is
Friday, September 16th.
Email items for *The Voice* to
your editor, Leslie Stott, at
saintjohniw@gmail.com or
deliver them to the church
office.

Parish Register



Transfers In

Sonja Neely
Martha Milcarek
Sharon Johnston
Elizabeth Johnston

Baptisms

Josephine Elisabeth Saltz
Nicole Alexandra Iosue

Death

Percy Hillier



Men's Breakfast

September 4, 2016

9:30 to 10:30 AM

Parish Hall between the services

Eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, grits, gravy, tomatoes,
fruit cups, juice, and coffee

Plus **Pancakes**

All of this for \$6/person or \$12/family



EYC Campout at Orchard Lake Campground



Vaya con Dios, Julieta! Welcome Martha Lucia!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sundays

8:45 am

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

Sunday School for
Adults and for Youth

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)
or Morning Prayer (2nd and 4th Sundays)

Wednesdays

10:30 am

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall

Our Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us
in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving
love, and to serve the world in His name.