



**The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church
is to be a loving and diverse community
celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ
by word, example, and service to others**

August 2010
Season after
Pentecost

St. John's Episcopal Church

Eagle Notes

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- August 2**
 - Rescheduled Vestry Mtg
- August 8**
 - Blessing of the Backpacks
 - 2nd Sunday Brunch
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- Looking Ahead**
- September 9**
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 - Second Sunday Brunch
- September 18**
 - *Being Dead is No Excuse*
- September 25**
 - CP Arts Festival & Parade
 - Anniversary Dinner
- September 26**
 - *Bishop Alexander's visit*

From the Rector

What a joy it is for me to see and hear all the construction going on here at St. John!

Yes, it involves lots of dust and shifting things about, but it is also only now in retrospect, that I realize how lonely our parish buildings have felt during the week with no other sounds of human activity or life. Now, with hammers, saws, and drills sounding all day, the parish buildings feel so alive! Imagine how it will feel in only a month's time when we have The Main Street Academy opening its doors to nearly 200 children and their families from our community.

What a gift to us here that we are becoming so much more intimately involved in the lives of our neighbors. What a great trust God has given to us, to open our doors and our hearts to show the love of God in such a tangible way.

As we welcome these precious children and their families into our midst, let us also open our hearts and minds to the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit moving within us and with us, creating new avenues for ministry, new and deeper relationships with our community, and new awareness of the profound bounty that God gives us every day.

In gratitude for all God's blessings, *Fr. Troy+*

A Snapshot of Bethlehem Ministries

Since the 7.2-magnitude earthquake rocked the city of Port au Prince and surrounding areas in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, **Bethlehem Ministry** has responded to the overwhelming need by transporting literally tons of life-sustaining food and supplies to those in the greatest need. In addition, they are giving shelter, food, and medical care to refugees fleeing to northern Haiti.

But that's not all! Briefly, the group runs the *Ecole St. Barthélemy* which has a Montessori kindergarten, primary school, two years of secondary school, a computer program and an adult education literacy program. They created and staff the *Clinique Espérance et Vie* health clinic. One of the newest "biomass" efforts was to set up a *Jatropha Pepinye* tree environmentally-sustainable farming program. They have also set up an embroidery project with beautiful hand-made goods to sell online; installed multiple clean drinking water wells, set up a Christmas shoebox ministry; and run a vital feeding ministry.

St. John's was delighted to host Pere Bruno from Bethlehem Ministries for a project update and a reception last month! A huge thank you goes to **Gwen & Calvin Fields** for arranging the talk and reception. Read further in the newsletter (p. 2) for an account of the event.

Bethlehem Ministry

-from Gwen Fields

On a Sunday in June of 1986, our assistant rector, Newell Anderson, invited a few people at St. John's to stay after church and meet a priest from Haiti. I'm not sure Fr. Anderson had even met him at that point (a friend had been to Cap Haitian and had brought him back to Atlanta). They were visiting churches and trying to drum up support for a mission trip. Thus began our relationship with **The Rev. Jean Monique Bruno (Pere Bruno)**.

In December of that year, ten people from St. John's and one from St. Philip's left on our first mission trip to Haiti. We were disappointed we could not get one more person to commit to go. It seemed important to be a "band of twelve." Someone pointed out that we were twelve because Jesus would be with us – that settled it. These twelve are still very involved in the work of what has now become **"Bethlehem Ministry."**

Pere Bruno spoke at St. John's on Wednesday, July 21st. There was a group of 50 people representing eight churches. He talked about how much he enjoyed coming to St. John's, saying, "It's comfy." He thanked St. John's for being one of the first churches to come on board and pointed out that we have been very instrumental in the life in North Haiti.

You can make a difference in Haiti.

St. Paul's, in Newnan, is putting together medical and school materials to bring to Bethlehem Ministries this month. Below is a list of needed items. **Donations must be brought to St. John's by August 22 for delivery.** See **Gwen Fields** with questions.

FOR THE CLINIC

- OneTouch Ultra Mini Diabetes test kits (*incl. mini reader, test strips, lancet device and lancets*) costs about \$25 on eBay
- Extra OneTouch "Blue" test strips (*at drug stores approximately \$47 for 50 but found on eBay for \$25*)
- Large bottles of Tylenol, Advil, Motrin
- Children's vitamins (*must be iron free*)
- Baby aspirin and kids' liquid fever reducers (*ibuprofen/acetaminophen*)

FOR THE SCHOOL

- any school / art supplies
- musical instruments & extra reeds

He pointed out that even supporters thought he was crazy when he talked about his vision for Haiti. Time is proving that his vision of a holistic multi-project initiative to break the cycle of poverty and ignorance in Haiti is attainable. What started in Terrier Rouge in 2002 as 30 pre-kindergarten children has, by adding a grade a year, grown into a school of 640 children. Some of the original 30 will be entering 8th grade this fall.

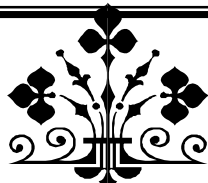


Healthcare, Environmental Restoration and Sustainable Employment

complete this holistic approach. The people of the community are involved and have a voice in creating their future. Pere Bruno is not offering a "band-aid," but an opportunity for the Haitians to make a change in their community and in their country.

Thanks to **Carl Cheely**, the entire evening is on tape and you will be able to view it soon on the St. John's website.

For more information, or to find out how you can help, please visit www.BethlehemMinistry.org, or donations can be made to Bethlehem Ministry, 105 Rocky Road, Morganton GA 30560-3886. **You can make a difference in Haiti.**



The Flowers on the Altar

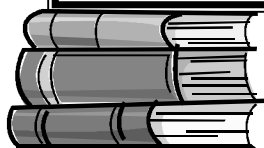
We have flowers each week—dedicating flowers is a good way to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, & other special days for loved ones. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign up by sending a check and a notation as to whom you want to honor.

Name: _____ I would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday, (date) _____

The notation in the bulletin should read: *The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in* _____

Please return this form with a \$40 check attached to the church office or mail to 3480 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337.

What's Happening?



Thursday, August 5
6:30 p.m.

Bookends

-From Jill Bowman

Have you ever thought about joining a Book Club? If the answer is yes, please consider adding your presence, comments and laughter to our new St. John's Church book club – *the Bookends*. We meet in the parlor the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

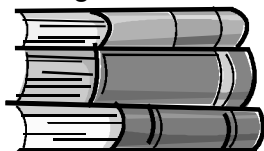
We met in July for a discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer; a book about life on the English Channel Island of Guernsey following the German invasion of WWII. What we found during the evening was that we not only enjoyed reading and talking about the book - but we had a fun time learning about each other. The Chic-Fil-A nuggets were a big hit too! Our ending time was not decided ahead of time - and at 9 we realized that we'd had a wonderful time and needed to leave.

Our August meeting will be Thursday the 5th. We'll be reading and discussing *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. Get a copy now and start reading! We will also be discussing the best way to choose our next books and setting up a schedule, so please, join us and give us your insights.

We look forward to welcoming you!
—"The Bookends"

A Bit About the Book:

In 1959, Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist, takes his four young daughters, his wife, and his mission to the Belgian Congo -- a place, he is sure, where he can save needy souls. But the seeds they plant bloom in tragic ways within this complex culture. Set against one of the most dramatic political events of the 20th century -- the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium and its devastating consequences -- here is New York Times-bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver's beautiful, heartbreaking, and



unforgettable epic that chronicles the disintegration of family and a nation.

*Go forth,
rejoice,
and
celebrate!*

-From Jane Randolph

What a glorious year for St. John's! This year, we go forth, rejoice, and celebrate 110 years of love and service to our community and to those who are the most vulnerable in our midst.

Thank you for being so generous with your time, talent, and treasure. Such is a testament to your dedication to the work of St. John's.

In September, we look forward to a very successful stewardship campaign. This campaign will enable each of us to spread the joy of this church and strengthen the parish and its missions with our gifts.

*Go forth, rejoice, and
celebrate!*

Sunday, August 8
10:30 a.m.

Annual Blessing of the Backpacks & 2nd Sunday Brunch!



You are invited to present yourself - and your backpack, lunchbox, briefcase, tool box, or purse - for a special blessing to have a safe, happy, and successful school year full of wisdom, learning, and fun. **In addition, we will be collecting school supplies for Family Life Ministries that day.** After the service, join us downstairs for the monthly 2nd Sunday brunch. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship together.

Wednesdays in August 6 p.m.

Adult Spiritual Formation: Bible Study & \$5 Dinner

Join us for a delicious \$5 meal and lively discussion class with friends, always an enjoyable evening.

**Thursdays,
August 12, 19, 26**

Lemon, Lime, & Orange Sherbet

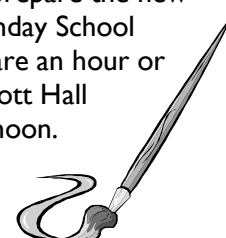
Parish-wide Ice Cream Socials & Choir Rehearsals

Sundays, August 15, 22, 29
Sherbet Singing Sundays



Saturdays, August 14, 21, & 28
Sunday School Workdays

Come lend a hand to prepare the new classrooms for our Sunday School children! If you can spare an hour or two, please come to Bott Hall anytime between 9 & noon. Many hands make light work!



Wednesday, August 18
Eagle Notes submissions due

Send in good news or needs, thoughts, thanks, and prayers!

Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, August 8 at
the 10:30 a.m. service

& teachers, and want to make sure they begin this next school year with as many blessings as possible.

ALL parishioners — students, teachers, parents and others — are invited to present themselves **and their backpacks, lunchboxes, tote bags, fanny packs, brief cases, tool boxes, or purses** for a special blessing to have a safe, happy, and successful school year full of wisdom, learning, and fun!

We will head into the school year with the assurance that God is with us, that our studies and work matter, and that our parish family support us! After all, the first day of school (or a new job) can be a scary experience for students of all ages. Leaving home, going to a new school, changing grade levels, meeting new classmates, facing new challenges, and generally heading into the unknown are all significant stressors....but there's no better time for us to acknowledge and encourage each other! The annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* is our way of reminding people that our parish family shares in what each of us is doing, and that God is with us in our daily lives.

God is with us always...
even in our
backpacks!



Outreach:

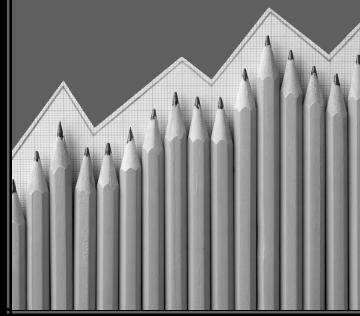
Family Life Ministries

During the annual *Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday*, we will be collecting new school and lunch supplies for the local children in our midst who are not able to get the necessary items from home. We would like to bless a big pile of supplies that day, so don't forget your gift! Purchase what you can or send in money specially marked for *Blessing of the Backpacks*.

What do the kids need?

Paper
Book bags
Notebooks
Pencil boxes
Lunch boxes
Pens & pencils
Glue & erasers
Folders & binders
Prepackaged lunch items, such as cheese & crackers snack packs, canned fruit with pop-top lids, or any single serving-sized meals

Thank you, St. John 's!



Children's Christian— Formation

by Martha Spring

Many thanks to the volunteers who packed and moved the atria in May and June! It is a miracle that at St. John's this coming year we will have trained Catechists (teachers) in all three **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels: Polly Hopkins**-Level I lead Catechist; **Angela Barringer**-Level II lead Catechist; **Martha Spring**-lead Catechist-Level III. Teaching assistants will be scheduled on a rotating basis. There will be a "training" session (1-hour meeting) required for all assistants. Assistants must have the required **Safeguarding God's Children** abuse training certificate.

We ask for lots of prayer and willing hands as we enter this transitional period in our growth! Please keep the image of the Children of Israel leaving Egypt before you. The study of Moses and the journey to the Promised Land is a major work of the Level III (9-12 yr) child; how appropriate to hold this image now. Each day we rise to follow the Cloud of Smoke and at night we settle with the Pillar of Fire. Our sacred spaces (the atria or classrooms) will be tents made to move. And we are moving! We are building the Kingdom of God with our children. It is easy to long for the past and the known. We are called to look to the future Kingdom and make it real day by day. Ponder, too, the image of new wine skin for new wine. Speaking personally, I have never been this excited about what is possible at St. John's as I am right now. I have also never needed to trust that all will be well since at this writing not much of the next year's plans are known! "This ain't easy." And yet we are so grateful to have this place and these children to shepherd. Thanks be to God!

Please mark your calendars for the August work days to help prepare the new Atria: Saturdays August 14, 21, & 28. We will be making material and organizing floor plans 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact **Martha Spring** if you can help with the work days or if you would like to become a teaching assistant (678-662-7361/marthaspring@comcast.net).

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



**August
Birthdays:**

- 2 Becky Rivas
- Steve Thompson
- 4 Jason Terrell
- 5 Jane Graham
- 7 Charles Ukegbu
- 8 Theresa Morah
- 10 Larry Sanchez
- 11 Joan Hair
- 12 Debbie Reeves
- 15 Bill Hill
- 16 Chichi Ukegbu
- Meg & John Councilman
- 17 Jason Brown
- Ann Alston
- Neva Frese
- 18 Martha Cheely
- 19 Jane Foster
- 25 Harold Bott
- Loretta Buchanan
- 26 Emma Thompson
- 27 Nathan Spring
- David Houser
- 30 Martha McLeod

August 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 am— Holy Eucharist (HE) Rite I 10:30- Rite II Healing Prayers/Anointing Verger's meeting after services	6:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting 8 pm- AA (Bott Hall)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. College Park Stitching Group	6 p.m.— Bible Study & \$5 dinner	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (HE) Rite I 6:30 p.m. - Bookends 8 pm— AA (Bott Hall)		
<i>Don't forget to bring nonperishables & donations the first Sunday of every month for Family Life Ministries!</i>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8 am— Holy Eucharist (HE) Rite I 10:30- Rite II Blessing of the Backpacks Second Sunday Brunch	8 pm- AA	9:15 am— Morning Prayer	6 p.m.— Bible Study & \$5 dinner	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 7 pm.—LEMON Sherbet Choir Practice/Social 8 pm— AA		Sunday School Work Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II LEMON Sherbet Parish Choir Sings	8 pm- AA	9:15 am— Morning Prayer	<i>Eagle's</i> Notes submissions due 6 p.m.— Bible Study & \$5 dinner	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 7 pm.—LIME Sherbet Choir Practice/Social 8 pm— AA		Sunday School Work Day 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II LIME Sherbet Choir Sings Bethlehem Ministries Donations Delivered	The Main Street Academy: School Starts! 8 pm- AA	9:15 am— Morning Prayer	6 p.m.— Bible Study & \$5 dinner	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 7 pm.— ORANGE Sherbet Choir Practice/Social 8 pm— AA		Sunday School Work Day
29	30	31				
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II ORANGE Sherbet Parish Choir Sings	8 pm- AA	9:15 am— Morning Prayer				

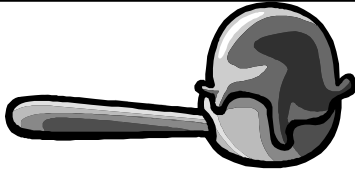
Lay Ministries Schedule

August Coffee Hour: Will YOU Volunteer one Sunday?

September Coffee Hour: Andy Korta

Date	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29	September 5
	<i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
The Lessons Appointed for use	Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
Altar Guild	Team 1 Ruth Crook, Will Manders, Philip Maniscalco	Team 2 Denise McLeod, Jane Foster	Team 3 Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark	Team 4 Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	Team 1 Ruth Crook, Will Manders, Philip Maniscalco	Team 2 Denise McLeod, Jane Foster
Eucharistic Visitor	Donn Blosser	Bruce Braxton	Jane Holloman/ Ray Townsend	Linda Vinal	Donn Blosser	Bruce Braxton
8:00 a.m. Rite I Service						
Verger	Mark Robertson	Bruce Braxton	Mark Robertson	Bruce Braxton	Mark Robertson	Bruce Braxton
Gospel	Daniel Dice	David Wagner	David Wagner	Jameson Chamlee	David Wagner	Jameson Chamlee
Chalice	David Wagner	Jane Randolph	Bruce Braxton	Mark Robertson	Daniel Dice	David Wagner
Reader	Nee Odoi	Daniel Dice	Jane Randolph	Nee Odoi	Bruce Braxton	Mark Robertson
10:30 a.m. Rite II Service						
Verger	David McLeod	Martha McLeod	David McLeod	Martha McLeod	David McLeod	Martha McLeod
Cross	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady
Torch 1	Julia Cheely	Denise McLeod	Kei Breedlove	Caroline McCollum	Denise McLeod	Huck McCollum
Torch 2	Denise McLeod	Brogan Korta	Brogan Korta	Huck McCollum	Philip Maniscalco	Sean Cheely
Gospel	Huck McCollum	Kei Breedlove	Denise McLeod	Robbin Iddins	Sean Cheely	Brogan Korta
Chalice 1	Daniel Dice	Philip Maniscalco	Robbin Iddins	David	Martha McLeod	Kei Breedlove
Chalice 2	Gwen Fields	Robbin Iddins	Philip Maniscalco	Carl Cheely	Jane Graham	Denise McLeod
Reader	Philip Maniscalco	Robert Hopkins	Martha McLeod	Denise McLeod	Kei Breedlove	David
Usher/Greeters	Linda Vinal, Creston Portis, Bill Hill	Shannon Korta, Grayson Korta, Donn Blosser	Don Standen, Polly & Robert Hopkins	Gwen & Calvin Fields, Heidi Chandonia	Carl & Lisa Franzman, Jason Brown	Carolyn & Ed Pierce, Frank Harrell
Vestry-in-Charge	Will Manders	Andy Korta	Janet Standen	Kei Breedlove	Carl Cheely	Paul Brady

Note to readers: use Revised Common Lectionary texts, year C. Please arrive early and allow time to check the bulletin against lectern.



Second Annual Sherbet Socials & Singing Sundays

Come one, come all!

You and your household are cordially invited to a fun-time choir rehearsal and ice cream social this month!

Here's the scoop...

We've divided the entire parish into three choirs (**lemon sherbet, lime sherbet, and orange sherbet**). Each choir will sing hymns and an offertory anthem in church one Sunday in August.

What's involved?

1. Come to one short choir rehearsal on a Thursday evening;
2. Eat ice cream (or nondairy alternative) and have fun socializing after rehearsal is over;
3. Sing that next Sunday.....no further commitment is required!

Here's the schedule:

Choir:	Rehearsal Date:	Sunday To Sing:
Lemon Sherbet Choir	Thursday, August 12 th	Sunday, August 15 th
Orange Sherbet Choir	Thursday, August 19 th	Sunday, August 22 nd
Lime Sherbet Choir	Thursday, August 26 th	Sunday, August 29 th
Rainbow Sherbet Choir	Thursday, September 9 th	Sunday, September 12 th

**I Sing,
You Sing,
We All Sing
for
Ice**



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO AN ICE
CREAM
SINGING
SOCIAL**

**IN THE ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHOIR ROOM**

How are the choirs divided?

You can tell the choir you're in by checking the hand-colored ice cream cone in the middle of this page:

Yellow indicates that you're in the **Lemon Sherbet Choir**.

Lime Green indicates that you're in the **Lime Sherbet Choir**.

Orange indicates that you're in the **Orange Sherbet Choir**.

If you receive the *Eagle Notes* via **web/e-mail only**, please consider yourself part of the **Lemon Sherbet** choir.

If you can't come to the rehearsal and service for your assigned choir, you are welcome to come another week. Everyone is actually invited to as many rehearsals as he/she would like to attend! You can also bring friends, relatives, neighbors, or others.

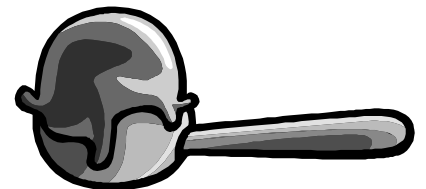
EVERYONE is also invited to sing on Rainbow Sherbet Sunday (rehearsal September 9th for Sunday, September 12th).

How large is each choir?

We've made sure that each choir is large...so large, in fact, that you'll be surprised (and feel safe) at how many people you'll be singing with. **All ages are welcome!**

My advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy the ice cream while it's on your plate.

-Thornton Wilder



Parish Life

Our Sympathy

To **The Hollomans**, on the death of their brother-in-law, **Francis Meekins**;

To **Will Manders**, on the death of his family, **Clyde "Duckie" Hill**, and his friend, **Marshall Cooper**;

To **Jane Foster**, on the death of her friend, **Jackie Orad**;

To Cheryl Williams, on the death of her friend, **Allen Pieper**;

And to the family of **Louise Stroberg**, a former St. John's parishioner.

We sorrow and grieve with those who mourn but rejoice that ones we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord.

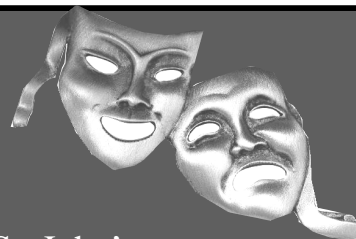
Prayer List

Members

Julia Paris	Jane Foster
Joy Lopez	Hank Frese
June Moore	The Livseys
Laura Vance	Howard Wise
Harriet Foster	Caroline Patrick
Martha McLeod	Barbarine Thorpe

Family & Friends

Cheryl Gregory's friend, Melissa, serving in Afghanistan
 Debbie Reeves' sister, Kelly
 Sue Johnson's family, Jay and Jared
 Georgie White's brother, John
 The Barringers' family, Bill & Jennifer
 Jill Bowman's friend, Meredith
 Mendie Nord's friends, Holly & Janice
 Joy Lopez' sister, Marcia
 The Springs' friends, Luke, and Kim
 Paul Brady's friend, Johnny
 Joanne Lindsey's granddaughter, Jenna
 Fr. Troy's friend, Erik
 Cindy Coleman's friend, Sharon
 Robbin Iddins' family, Pauline and Bob
 Cheryl Williams' brother, Matt, and friends, Jean Ellen & Stacey
 Marian Tillman's great-grandson, Gabriel
 Linda Vinal's friends, Becky, Leslie, & Mike
 Tom & Mary Hughes friend, Janey



St. John's

Drama Guild

presents:

"Being Dead Is No Excuse"

By Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hayes,
 adapted for Readers' Theatre by Philip Maniscalco, music directed by Tom Elston

In this deliciously entertaining slice of Southern Life (and death), inveterate hostess Gayden Metcalfe explains everything you need to know to host an authentic Southern Funeral, such as: Can you be properly buried without Tomato Aspice? Who prepares the tastier fare, the Episcopal Ladies or the Methodist Ladies? And what do you do when the family gets three sheets to the wind?

Many thanks to our wonderful dramatic readers, **Paul Brady, David McLeod, Marie Knight, Betsy Daniel, Jackie Berlin, and Kei Breedlove!** *Behind-the-scenes volunteers are still needed!* Rehearsals will be ongoing through the month of August. For more information, please call **Philip Maniscalco**. (770-969-6424/philipmaniscalco@bellsouth.net)

S.O.S.=

Speeders

On Saturday!

SPEED
LIMIT
55

Calling all 55-ers and over:

Speeders will meet the 2nd Saturday of the month in September

Mark your calendars for September 11

Communion in Church at 10:30 a.m.

Program and Lunch in Bott Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Great food, great friends, great entertainment!

Another year of dynamic speakers and programs for

The flowers on the altar

last month were given to the glory of God and

- in thanksgiving for our grandsons, Troy and Jamison,
- and in thanksgiving for our daughter-in-law, Karen, with love from Bob and Jane Holloman
- in loving memory of my son, James, on his birthday, with love from Jackie Berlin.
- in thanksgiving for the life of Bill Johnson, on his birthday, with lots of love from Sue Johnson and family.
- and in thanksgiving for my brothers, Jim & Joe Crea, and Don Gordon and John King, with love from M. E. King.

Congratulations!

Mary & Thomas Hughes
Celebrated their 39th
anniversary July 10!

Many blessings to you both!

Parish Poetry

Poem by Shri

Rabindranath Tagore

-Submitted by Gerry O'Conner

Go not to the temple to put
flowers upon the feet of God,
First fill your own house with
the fragrance of love...

Go not to the temple to light
candles before the altar of God,
First remove the darkness of sin
from your heart...

Go not to the temple to bow
down your head in prayer,
First learn to bow in humility
before your fellowmen...

Go not to temple to pray on
bended knees,
First bend down to lift someone
who is downtrodden...

Go not to temple to ask for for-
giveness for your sins,
First forgive from your heart
those who have sinned against
you...

*Buy One,
Bring One:*

Current 'Needs Please!' List:

- Toilet Paper, Trash bags

*Thank you to everyone in the parish
family who donated paper & trash
bags last month!*

Stained Glass Windows and more...

My name is **Bill Hill**, and I support St. John's with my prayers, my presence and my pledge. I personally would love to see our church keep up with the times by becoming more visitor friendly. Accomplishing this, in my opinion, could include the following actions: A good sound system where every word can be heard, carpet on the sanctuary floors (this would help with the acoustics), and, finally, cushions on all the pews (bottoms not backs). Maybe, with all that comfort, we might learn something too.

Ray and I would be willing to help raise the necessary funds with a few fund drives, along with other members who share our hopes for the church.. Who knows, the future of St. John's may very well depend on these and other ideas to encourage visitors to become members (and members we miss, to return).

The above suggestions could be phased in, but a welcome improvement would be carpet by Christmas. Please let us have your input as soon as possible. This article was shown to Fr. Troy and he gave permission to publish it in the Eagle Notes. Thank you.

With love in Christ,
Bill Hill &

Meditation *-from Cheryl Williams*

Many of us have listened incredulously as Fr. Troy described going to the dentist without the use of novocaine. He told us that instead, he meditated to distract himself from the pain and annoyance that can be brought on by a dentist.

I remembered that when my doctors at Grady asked me to have another PET scan. I am extremely claustrophobic. The scanning machine for a PET scan doesn't fit as tightly as an MRI, but it's still inches from your face and upper body. The drug the doctor gave me to calm my nerves the last time did not work.

I asked Fr. Troy to teach me to meditate, and he did. I'm still a beginner, but it was really helpful to me when I got the latest PET scan. I was able to calm myself down enough to complete the scan by meditating before and during it. The technician was even surprised because he was there when I had my first panicked PET scan!

When Fr. Troy taught me meditation techniques, he mentioned the possibility of teaching a class on it. He asked me to see if anyone else might be interested in attending. After my successful experience with remaining calm, even with a PET scan machine just inches from my face for 20 minutes, I would definitely recommend meditation to anyone. If Fr. Troy teaches a class on it, I plan to attend and hope you will too.

Anyone else who would be interested in learning more should tell me, Fr. Troy, or Lee, and then class dates can be scheduled.



-Submitted by Linda Vinal

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Schedule of Services

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. & Thursday 10:30 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- **Morning Prayer (Parlor)**
 Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday Evening Programs**
 6 –8 p.m.—Bible Study
- **Taizé Service**
 1st Sundays of the month at 7 p.m.

St. John's Vestry

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Janet Standen	

**August 6, 2010:
*The Transfiguration***

O God,
 We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
 the months of ministry transfigured
 to a beam of light,
 the light of the world,
 your light.
 May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see
 Moses and Elijah,
 your word restoring us, showing us
 the way,
 telling a story,
 your story, his story, our story.
 May your word speak to us.

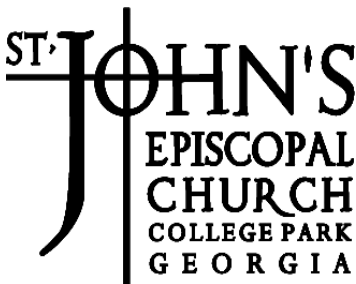
We open our eyes and we see mist,
 the cloud of your presence
 which assures us of all we do not
 know
 and that we do not need to fear that.
 Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see
 Peter's constructions,
 his best plans, our best plans,
 our missing the point,
 our missing the way.
 Forgive our foolishness and sin

We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
 not casting us off,
 but leading us down, leading us out -
 to ministry, to people.
 Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear your
 voice,
 "This is my beloved Son, listen to
 him!"
 And we give you thanks.
 - Amen

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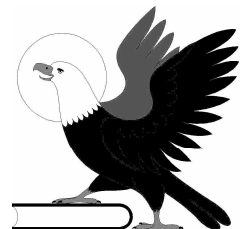


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