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From the Rector

"I have to tell you, very few people, not the President, not the Congress, not the greater Episcopal Church, really very few people are waiting with bated breath for our [The Episcopal Church] next declaration on whatever the topic might be. We seem to continue to deceive ourselves with that delusion.

What I do believe they are waiting for is an authentic church, an authentic, living, incarnate example of Christ. The truth is people out there are not very interested in the church, but they are very interested in Jesus." -The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

I read these words recently, and they do hit home. I do think that what our community and our world needs is for faithful people to live as visibly devoted to living with compassion, walking with humility, and possessed with a vision of doing justice and loving mercy.

This is not about doing our religion in order to "be seen" so that our neighbors praise us. It is about making Jesus visible so that the hopeless, the homeless, the hungry, the poor, the dispossessed can see the love of God waking around and giving hope and sustenance.

We do this, we visibly offer hope and sustenance, by going out "there" and finding where there is trouble and chaos, and offer ourselves in loving and compassionate service. We do all in our power to persuade others to join us. We advocate for those with no voice before those with power. And we invite all people, absolutely everyone who will come, to join us in our community of worship and service to others.

Will we experience resistance? Yes, absolutely. Will we experience criticism? Yes, absolutely. Will we always have reasons and excuses not to do it? Yes, absolutely. Will we pay a price for a life of authenticity and faithfulness? Yes, absolutely.

Will we also find more of the beloved community "out there"? Yes, absolutely! Will we discover loving and open hearts? Yes, absolutely! Will we cultivate disciples ready to reach out with hope and vigorous faithfulness, and support for the mission? Yes, absolutely, thanks be to God!

The only real question that counts is, "Are you ready, and will you do it?"

May the Lord find us faithful and ready to answer the call.

Amen.

-Fr. Troy+

United Thank Offering

Through prayer and thankful giving, we reach out into the world—Every Day

How many times do we give thanks to God for the daily gifts that are given to us...

- for the rain on parched grass...
- for vine-ripened tomatoes...
- for a child's smile at summer camp...
- for healing of a sick friend...
- for God's presence in our lives...

How long is your list? Take the opportunity to express your gratitude for God's many blessings and to be a part of the mission and ministry of the church.

We hope that each parish household has a **Blue Box** as a constant presence in their homes and offices. When daily thanks is given and tangibly is placed in the Blue Box, the money becomes an outward and visible way to say "thanks!" It is a way to take our Baptismal covenant seriously ~ to love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Do you need a new Blue Box? UTO

boxes can be found in the narthex, the back of the church. Questions? Contact St. John's own **Georgie White**, Episcopal Church Province IV Representative, (770 996-9081/georgiewhite@bellsouth.net.)



What is the United Thank Offering (UTO)?

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women and children to become more aware of our blessings and to give daily thanks for them. The discipline starts by dropping coins into your UTO Blue Box every time you notice one of God's blessings. (Some folks fill a blue envelope, but toward the same purpose and with the same sense of gratitude.)

These monetary gifts are then used to help others. More than 7,000 congregations have an ingathering twice a year, in spring and fall, when the tangible blessings of each parish family are collected. They are combined to support projects worldwide for missions and ministry. *Please be saving for St. John's next UTO ingathering day this fall!*

The Presiding Bishop, The Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, calls us to a servanthood ministry founded on our thankfulness to God for the blessings that are bestowed on us daily. You can further this mission by offering thanks as part of your life in Christ while dropping a coin in the Blue Box.



History of UTO

The UTO was started in 1889 by two women, Julia Emery and Ida Soule, with the idea of building a church in Anvik, Alaska, and sending a woman missionary to Japan. The offering was \$2,188.64 and accomplished those purposes.



Through the decades, the United Thank Offering has expanded significantly with changing leadership and expectations. It is a part of our heritage and an important part of Episcopal Church history.

The women who dreamed of supporting mission work are the beginning of the story. Now, it is our time to dream and to carry on the message of thanksgiving and self-giving with grateful hearts.

How much is raised every year?

The United Thank Offering comes to between \$2.5 - \$3 million for use in both domestic and international projects.

Grants are awarded each year, for projects that strive to create greater equity in the status of women and children as well as ones that address compelling human needs and expansion of mission and ministry. Grants have been given for:

- Expansion of an AIDS interfaith network
- A missionary school in Kenya for language study and cultural orientation
- A van for an emergency food pantry that covers a vast rural area
- A women's development center in Uganda
- A home for abandoned, neglected and abused children

The list goes on and on as there are so many critical needs.

The UTO is a separate entity and not included in the National Church budget, or our diocesan budget. Because of the reduction in the budget of our National Church for World Wide Missions, it is now more important than ever for voluntary giving to augment the mission of the church.

How much of my contribution will go to meeting human needs and expanding mission and ministry?

Every cent that is collected through Blue Boxes and Blue Envelopes is given away in grants. That is possible because earned income from trust funds supports the UTO Committee and the general budget of the Episcopal Church supports the UTO office. Income from the UTO Memorial and Gift Trust Fund also supplements grants for mission.

Just think of all the wonderful things we have to be thankful for this summer! Drop a coin in your box for the daily blessings you encounter, and then think of all the grants that could be given! The women who had a dream so long ago and started this outreach gave us a challenge... and one that we should strive to answer **every day**.



Please put something extra in the plate for the Navajo Mission.

Where will your money go?

Some will go for airfare. We travel coach, of course, which these days is not quite as comfortable as a Greyhound. Some will go toward food for the missionaries (we shop at the IGA in Fort Defiance, one of two grocery stores in the southeast of a reservation the size of West Virginia).

Some will go for supplies for Vacation Bible School. Both "elderlies" and children (from three to seventeen) anticipate the three or so "crafts" we do each day of VBS. We tie the crafts to the lesson for the day. This year we will make: booklets of creation, ball caps, wooden heart frames for wood-burning, beading, puppets, friendship bracelets, and puzzles.

The lessons include the Genesis creation stories, the story of Ruth, and the story of Abraham, all of which have special resonance with traditional Navajo teaching.

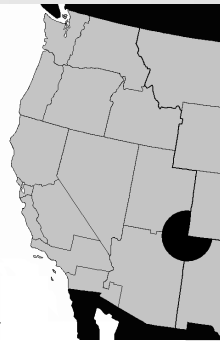
The majority will go for food for seventy or so Navajo from in and around Coal Mine, NM. They receive a nutritious snack (read: breakfast). They also receive lunch. (Many of these people are used to one meal per day; lunch is a bonus.) They also receive a take-home snack of fruit, cheese, and a granola bar. Simple hunger and resultant malnutrition are widespread in Navajoland, where unemployment runs from 45% to over 50%. Diabetes, obesity, and heart disease occur at far higher rates on the reservation than in the general population.

This is to say nothing of alcoholism, and fetal alcohol syndrome.

Navajoland Mission Trip July 9-16, 2011

—From Mike Spring (678-358-2585 / mdspring1@comcast.net).

Some of the "kids" we see belong to gangs. Both the Bloods and the Crips sell drugs on the reservation. NPR reports that there are 225 gangs with various affiliations in Navajoland. We've never had a problem; we've known these people for ten years, after all. Not well enough to keep them out of trouble completely, but well enough that they know someone from "the world" cares enough to keep a commitment to come back year after year. Although we know at least one young man who turned his back on the gangs and went to school to become a paramedic.



Right now, only our group has made and kept such a commitment and kept track of such young people. We try to send birthday cards, but many of these children do not know when their birthdays are.

Some of your money will pay for two 15-passenger vans. After we get up at five for Eucharist at six, the vans range for as much as fifty miles both morning and afternoon to pick up people; no one misses us for lack of a ride. Riding the vans is an adventure, and an education, in itself. Six kids come from this house, three from the one next door. "Next door" is three miles down this dirt road, across the cattle guard, over the arroyo, past the piñon trees, and left at the four horses.

The vans also carry communion for shut-ins; sometimes the only priest people see for an entire year is a priest traveling with us.

Please contribute. Mark your check or envelope "Navajo Mission." Can you think of a better investment?

Bethlehem Ministry

Our Music Program just keeps getting better and better!

Last month, Bethlehem Ministries celebrated the Haitian Flag Day. Flag Day celebrates Haiti's independence from France in 1803, following a slave rebellion that lasted more than a decade.

Ecole St. Barthélémy celebrated in the streets of Terrier Rouge with a parade of music and dance by the students of St. Bart's. The celebration grows bigger and better each year as our school music program expands. We are so proud of these kids!

You can make a secure donation toward the program at www.bethlehemministry.org or send checks payable to Bethlehem Ministry to 105 Rocky Road, Morganton, GA 30560. **Questions?** Contact **Gwen Fields** (706-353-2083/ laughers@bellsouth.org) or info@BethlehemMinistry.org.

Congratulations!

Bishop Alexander ordained **Josh Bowron** and five more people to the Sacred Order of Priests last month. St. John's has been supporting Josh with prayers and with a grant from the St. John's **Theological Education Endowment Fund** while he was in seminary. Josh has been called to assist the rector at St. John's in Charlotte, N.C. *We rejoice with you, Bowron family!*

Good news!

—From Jane Randolph,
St. John's Stewardship Committee

Through your generosity, last month St. John's filled **100** bags of groceries and personal items to be distributed to the homeless, poor, and needy. God bless each and every one of you.



July

Worship Music

Come sing the Summer Service this summer at St. John's!

Based on traditional Anglican chants composed by Parry, Goss, Stanford, and other pillars of Anglican church music, the Summer Service is a collection of short pieces that serve as hymns and service music for the 10:30 a.m. Rite II Eucharist. The pieces are short, tuneful, and easy to learn and sing.

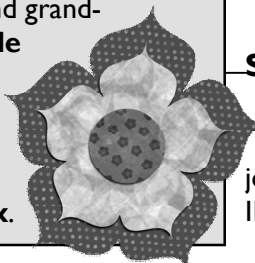
For those of you who play (or who know people who play) musical instruments, come make music with us! The Summer Service has easy-to-learn-and-play parts for any wind, string, or percussion instrument. For those of you who have always wanted to try out ringing handbells, there's plenty of opportunity for you to sing AND ring!

For more information, contact **Tom Elston** (stjohns.atl.musicians@gmail.com).

The Flowers on the Altar

Last month were given to the glory of God and in honor of our mother and grandmother, **Myrtle**

Sapp, on her birthday, with love from **Sarah & Darrell Clark.**



Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation: Bible Study Class

Join us each Wednesday for our Bible Study class. It is always an enjoyable evening spent with friends! **Meditation Group** meets afterwards at 7:15 p.m.



Thursday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

Bookends

Calling all bibliophiles! Bookends, our fun and lively book club, meets on first Thursdays.

July's book:

Unbroken,
by **Laura Hillenbrand.**

A Bit about the Book:

From Laura Hillenbrand, the bestselling author of *Seabiscuit*, comes *Unbroken*, the inspiring true story of a man who lived through a series of catastrophes almost too incredible to be believed. Hillenbrand unfurls the story of Louie Zamperini: a juvenile delinquent-turned-Olympian-turned-Army hero. During a routine mission, Louie's plane crashed, and what happened over the next three years of his life is a story that will keep you glued to the pages. You'll cheer for the man who somehow maintained his selfhood and humanity despite the monumental degradations he suffered, and you'll want to share this book with everyone you know.

-Juliet Disparte, Amazon.com Editorial Review

Sunday, July 10

2nd Sunday Brunch

Bring a dish to share, and enjoy food & fellowship after Rite II!

July Commission Meetings

Unless noted, all commission meetings are open for interested parish members to attend.

- To be announced, **Finance Committee Meeting**
- Sunday, July 17, at 12 p.m., **Liturgy Commission**
- Tuesday, July 19, 6:15 p.m., **Vestry Meeting**
- Sunday, July 16*, **Leadership Conference with Bp. Keith Whitmore** for Vestry and Commission Leaders (*closed meeting)



Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

Cinema Café: Parish Movie Night

Movie Club meets on third Fridays in the Fabulous Bott Theater!

The movie is free; light refreshments are for sale. Similar to a book club, we explore films with various Christian themes. **Leah Ruth**, GSU film major, will host pre- and post-movie discussions. Contact **Daniel Hudson** (770-595-5624) with questions.

July's Movie: *Dr. Strangelove, Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*

Stanley Kubrick's 1964 cold war classic is the ultimate satire of the nuclear age. It is a perfect spoof of political and military insanity, beginning when General Jack D. Ripper (Sterling Hayden), mounts a campaign against Communism. The Soviets counter the threat with a so-called "Doomsday Device," and the world hangs in the balance. Peter Sellers plays the U.S. President, a British military attaché, and the mad bomb-maker Dr. Strangelove; George C. Scott is outrageously frantic as General Buck Turgidson. With dialogue and images that have become a part of our cultural vocabulary, this film regularly appears on critics' all-time best lists.

-excerpted from Jeff Shannon, Amazon.com Editorial Review

Sunday, July 17, at 6 p.m.,

Gay Men's Fellowship Group

meets in the Parlor. Join us!

Sunday, July 24

4th Sunday Celebration Brunch

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. service; light brunch will be provided.

Sunday, July 31

Songs of Praise Sunday

Many thanks go to **Mike Spring** for leading our

Congratulations!

Meredith Katherine Manders,

Will Manders' great-niece,

was born on Sunday, May 29th,
weighing in at 4 lbs. 12 oz.

She is the first Manders born to the
family in 20 years!

Welcome to the world, Meredith!

Every baptized person is called to continue the ministry of Jesus in the world through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of his Word to all people. **Education for Ministry**, affectionately known as **EfM**, is a program designed to enable us better to identify and carry out this personal ministry in the world.

EfM is a four-year education-at-a-distance program which originated at the University of the South School of Theology. It covers the basics of a theological education in Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students sign up one year at a time, and receive a certificate and 18 continuing education units for

Ministry Study Program

Possible at St. John's:



their work. The course outline and materials are provided by the university, and there are no exams or papers.

The seminar group is the nucleus of EfM. A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor meeting weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. Through study, prayer, and reflection, groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom.

We are looking for interested participants to join St. John's new EfM group! For more information, or to express an interest in joining this year, please contact **Rosey Dunn** (404-213-4693 / roseydunnjr@bellsouth.net).

Prayer List

Please remember the names on this list for use in your daily prayers

Members

Jay Neely	Charles Cunningham
Joy Lopez	Helen Scarbrough
Julia Paris	Philip Maniscalco
Hank Frese	Barbarine Thorpe
Jackie Berlin	Dorothy Houston
Don Standen	Martha McLeod
Lucille Alston	Bena Sue Livsey
Howard Wise	Ray Townsend
Bob Holloman	Creston Portis

Family & Friends

The Rennie's son, Michael Hogue-Rennie, serving us in Afghanistan, and friends, Janice & Alexis

Polly Hopkins' mother, Nancy,
Paul Brady's friend, Pastor Pearl

The McLeods' family, Virginia
Pat Armer's sister, Leslie

Cheryl Williams; friends, Rose, Ken,
Sherry, and their tenants
Calvin & Gwen Fields' family, Beverly,
Gene, and Imogene

Fr. Troy's friend, Eva

Joanne Lindsey's sister, Pat
Bill Sims

Beverly Gordy's brother, *Wendell Harris (*M.E. King sadly reports to us that Wendell has been diagnosed with throat cancer, like Beverly, and can be reached at 5010 Dogwood Lane, Buford, GA 30518 / 770-605-6765)

Those who have died

Louisita Caroline Patrick

Daniel Agnew Dreisbach

Donn Blosser's cousin, Rodger Kronk

Roy "Perry" Burke

Those who died in war;
from preventable diseases;
or from malnutrition last week.

Please call the church office or Pastoral Care Committee to add or change names. Names are removed after three weeks.

Joy Lopez and the family of the late Louisita

Holy Humor

-from Gerry O'Connor

Children are much smarter than they look or you can imagine. Read the story below to verify my statement.

Once a boy went to a shop with his mother. The shopkeeper looked at the small cute child, showed him a bottle with sweets, and said, 'Dear child, you can take some sweets...but the child did not. The shopkeeper was surprised! Such a small child and why is he not taking the sweets from the bottle?

Again he said to take the sweets. The mother also heard that and said, "Son, take the sweets." Yet he did not take them.

Finally, the shopkeeper himself took the sweets and gave them to the child. The child was happy to get two hands full of sweets!

When they returned home, Mother asked the child, "Why did you not take the sweets when the shopkeeper gave you permission to take them?"

Can you guess the response?

"Mom! My hands are very small and if I take the sweets I can only take a few. But you see what uncle gave with his big hands...look how many more I got!"

Moral: When we take we may get little, but when God gives, HE gives us more beyond our expectations, more than what we can hold....so God bless our children!

Diocesan News:

Listening Sessions Scheduled

*-Excerpted from Nan Ross, Diocese of Atlanta
For complete details, visit www.episcopalatlanta.org.*

The Committee for Nominations for the 10th Bishop of Atlanta has scheduled several listening sessions around the diocese in order to gather material for a written profile that describes the diocese to applicants.

Listening groups will allow the committee to learn what three separate groups of Episcopalians – laypeople, priests and deacons – have to say about their diocese, according to Terry Franzén, communication chair for the nominating committee. The committee will seek discussion and responses to some general questions including:

- What is going well in the diocese?
- What are the challenges?
- What are the characteristics you seek in our next bishop?
- How do you see the spiritual nature of the diocese changing?
- What kind of diocese do we need to become?

"The committee hopes that you will be able to attend a listening session," Franzén said. "If you are unable to attend a session, you will have the opportunity to respond to the questions in writing. Look for more information on that process in the coming days."

The committee is working on material that can be used in parish publicity. They are also preparing a website that will be accessible soon.

July Laity Only Listening Groups:

- *Sunday, July 10 – 4 p.m.:* Holy Trinity, Decatur or Christ Church, Macon
- *Thursday, July 14 – 7 p.m.:* Trinity, Columbus or Emmanuel, Athens
- *Sunday, July 17 – 4 p.m.:* St. Anne's, Atlanta or Transfiguration, Rome.

Why I come to St. John's

-by Cheryl Williams

Recently in Wednesday Bible Class, we were going over 1 Peter 3:13-22. In verse 17, Peter says, "It is better to suffer for doing good if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil." I said I don't believe suffering is the will of God.

Fr. Troy emphasized, as he always does, that suffering does not mean that God doesn't love us. He went on to say that perhaps Peter is referring to the view that some have that everything we experience, including suffering, is part of God's plan for us.

I then exclaimed, "I may be a Presbyterian, but I am not a Calvinist!"

As many of you know, I am a member of Central Presbyterian Church, and that on many Sundays, I leave St. John's after 8 o'clock mass to attend 11 o'clock service at Central afterwards.

If I'm a Presbyterian, why do I come to St. John's?

First, let me say if I wasn't already a member of Central, I probably would join St. John's, but you can't be a member of two churches. Some churches will let you be an associate member if you are a member some place else, but St. John's doesn't have associate memberships.

I have come to St. John's animal blessings with my greyhounds for many years, but almost two years ago, I started attending Sunday services as well as weekly activities like Wednesday night Bible study, Tuesday and Thursday prayer, and Eucharist service on Thursday.

Most importantly, I have come to believe that there is a real presence of God at the Holy Eucharist, and I like to attend Holy Eucharist services every week.

The other important reason I came to St. John's is that I have come to appreciate Fr. Troy's preaching and teaching.

Fr. Troy is always helping me to see scripture in a way I never did before, and it is a real blessing and help to my relationship with God, with myself, and with others.

For example, recently in Bible class, the Gospel we studied that week was John 14:1-14. The passage begins with, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Fr. Troy pointed out that this verse says that part of the responsibility for keeping our hearts from being troubled is ours. The verse says "Do not let" - referring to something each of us has control of.

The ultimate decision is ours. Do we turn our troubles over to God, or do we try to handle them ourselves or do we try to induce others to take care of our troubles for us?

Fr. Troy has also helped me see things in new ways in my personal life. I have been able to deal with my feelings better and to change my behavior, thanks to his counseling.

I've written before how learning meditation from Fr. Troy helped me go through a PET scan without drugs although I am extremely claustrophobic. Meditation also helps me deal with my feelings and helps me live a calmer life.

Fr. Troy's teaching and preaching are really inspiring to me.

Many of you may have noted me taking notes at Wednesday night class or on a Sunday during the sermon. I want to remember what he says so I write it down.

However, there is one thing he said once that I did not write down at the time, but I do remember. He said it during a discussion we were having on pacifism. What he said was, "The only absolute I am sure of is that God loves us." At the time it sounded like wisdom to me and it still does. I intend to keep listening, and I hope everyone else at St. John's will, too.

The Independence of South Sudan

Last Sunday, June 26, was World Refugee Day;
July message from Episcopal News Service

On July 9, South Sudan will celebrate its birth as a new African nation, separate from northern Sudan. Earlier this year, a referendum took place in South Sudan, and over 90% of its people voted to secede from the north.

Although the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005 had allowed for several years of relative peace between the war-torn north, which is largely Muslim, and the south, which is largely Christian, as the independence of South Sudan approaches, violence has again erupted.

On May 21, troops from Khartoum in northern Sudan attacked the oil-rich town of Abyei, located on the border of Sudan and South Sudan. Tens of thousands of civilians have had to flee their homes as the Sudanese army set fire to the town.

Although an agreement was reached on June 13 between South Sudan and the north to demilitarize the Abyei region and to deploy Ethiopian peacekeeping troops in the area, and for the northern army to withdraw entirely from Abyei by July 9, continued violence is expected.

Now more than ever, it is important to "study, act, and pray," as Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori urged Episcopalians to do before the Sudanese referendum earlier this year.

In response to the recent resurgence of violence, Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, wrote the following on June 14:



A UN food compound in Abyei being looted on May 24, 2011, handout photo by Reuters

"We appeal to the international community, particularly the signatories of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, to unite and do everything in their power to intervene quickly and to stop the fighting and the killing of innocent people, and to protect those residents of Southern Kordofan and Abyei who are Christian and African and, as a result, are suffering persecution. Genocide is highly likely without international mediation."

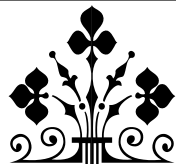
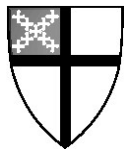
The Episcopal Church of Sudan is based in the southern capital of Juba, and with more than 4 million members, is one of South Sudan's largest civil-society institutions. The Episcopal Church of Sudan has lived through years of violence, war, and subjugation by the northern government; now South Sudan's secession presents its own challenges. Of particular concern are Sudanese Episcopalians who are based in the north and will presumably remain citizens of a new Sudan that no longer claims the Christian south as citizens. Protecting the rights of these northern Christians will be of paramount importance now that the South is seceding. Similarly, steps to protect the rights of Muslims and others who belong to minority religions in the south will be vital.

Lining up for the referendum vote in Juba, January 9, 2011, photo by ENS



To learn more about Sudan, please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/sudan.

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The Flowers on the Altar for July

We have flowers on the altar 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.

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Troy C. Beecham, Rector
Lee Barthelette, Parish Administrator
Thomas Elston, Director of Music
Cecelia Michaels, Chief Accounting Officer

John Brady & Dennis Luck, Sextons
Dennis & Verlyn Luck, Yamiley Gilbert, Nursery
Bruce Braxton, Verger; Phillip Maniscalco, Sacristan
Keith Huffstetter, Rite I Organist

Schedule of Services & Classes

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
Sundays, 8 a.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Morning Prayer** (Parlor)
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.
- **2nd & 4th Sundays**
Parish Brunches
- **Wednesday Evening Classes**
Bible Study Class, 6 p.m.;
Meditation Group, 7:15 p.m.,
- **First Thursdays**
Bookends Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
- **Third Fridays**
Movie Night, 7 p.m.

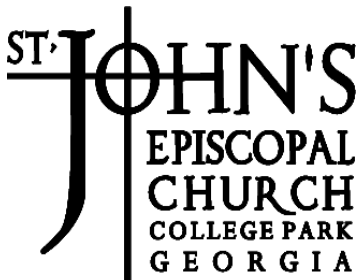
2011 Vestry

David Houser, Sr. Warden
Kei Breedlove, Jr. Warden
Roosevelt Dunn
Carl Franzman
Frank Harrell
Lisa Henderson
Jane Holloman
Will Manders
Ed Pierce

A Prayer for Our Nation, on July 4

Lord God Almighty,
you have made
all the peoples
of the earth
for your glory,
to serve you
in freedom
and in peace:
Give to the people
of our country
a zeal for justice
and the strength
of forbearance,
that we may use
our liberty in
accordance with
your gracious will;
through Jesus Christ
our God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Book of Common Prayer,
p. 258



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July Birthdays:

- 2 **Karen Walters**
- 5 **Jane Walters**
- 8 **Joe Crea; Stephanie McKinnell**
- 9 **Don Standen**
- 13 **Evelyn Collins**
- 16 **Donn Blosser, Shannon Housel**
- 17 **Mark Robertson**
- 18 **Jonathan Reed**
- 19 **Cheryl Gregory**
- 20 **Ernie Radaker**
- 21 **Carter Mull**
- 23 **Randy Ransom**
- 24 **Jeanette Fox, Janet Standen**

Please call the church office to add a birthday!

July 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Don't forget to bring your nonperishable groceries, household goods, and other donations for
Family Life Ministries!

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 am— Holy Eucharist (HE) Rite I 10:30—HE Rite II Healing Prayers	Independence Day <i>(office closed)</i> 8 p.m. AA (Bott Hall)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 10 a.m.— College Park Stitching Group	6 p.m.— Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Meditation Group	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 6:30 p.m.— Bookends 8 pm— AA		Navajoland Mission Trip Begins
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8 am— HE Rite I 10:30—HE Rite II 2nd Sunday Brunch	8 p.m. AA (Bott Hall)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer	6 p.m.— Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Meditation Group	9:15 a.m.— Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 8 pm— AA	7 p.m.— Parish Movie Night	
<i>Navajoland Mission Trip — Please keep our travelers in your prayers</i>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8 am— HE Rite I 10:30—HE Rite II Liturgy Comm 6 p.m.— Gay Men's Fellowship Group	8 p.m. AA (Bott Hall)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6:15 p.m.— Vestry Meeting	6 p.m.— Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Meditation Group	9:15 a.m.— Morn Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 8 pm— AA		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8 am— HE Rite I 10:30—HE Rite II 4th Sunday Celebration Brunch	8 p.m. AA (Bott Hall)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer	6 p.m.— Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Meditation Group	9:15 a.m.— Morn Prayer 10:30 a.m.— HE Rite I 8 pm— AA		
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8 am— HE Rite I 10:30—HE Rite II Songs of Praise Sunday						

Lay Ministries Schedule

July Coffee Hour: Ed Pierce

August Coffee Hour: *David Houser*

July Altar Bread: Carolyn Pierce

August Altar Bread: *Lisa Franzman*

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	August 7
RCL Year A	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
The Lessons Appointed for use	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a;	Genesis 25:19-34 or Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Genesis 28:10-19a or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Genesis 29:15-28 45b or 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Genesis 32:22-31; or Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 or 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
Altar Guild	Team 1 Will Manders, Phillip Maniscalco, Ruth Crook	Team 2 Jane Foster	Team 3 Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark	Team 4 Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	Team 1 Will Manders, Phillip Maniscalco, Ruth Crook	Team 2 Jane Foster
8:00 a.m. Rite I Service						
Verger		Bruce Braxton		Bruce Braxton		Bruce Braxton
Acolyte	David Wagner	Nee Odoi	David Wagner	Nee Odoi	David Wagner	Nee Odoi
Chalice	Rosey Dunn	Bruce Braxton	Nee Odoi	Bruce Braxton	Rosey Dunn	Bruce Braxton
Reader	Jane Walters	Jane Randolph	Jill Bowman	Nee Odoi	Donna Dunn	Jane Walters
10:30 a.m. Rite II Service						
Verger	Bruce Braxton		Bruce Braxton		Bruce Braxton	
Cross	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady	John Brady
Acolyte I	Daniel Dice	Jane Graham	Kei Breedlove	Daniel Dice	Jane Graham	Kei Breedlove
Acolyte II		Sean & Julia Cheely	Daniel Dice	Sean & Julia Cheely	Kei Breedlove	Daniel Dice
Chalice I	Daniel Dice	Carl Cheely	Kei Breedlove	Daniel Dice	Jane Graham	Kei Breedlove
Chalice 2 (if necessary)	Bruce Braxton	Jane Graham	Bruce Braxton	Carl Cheely	Bruce Braxton	Daniel Dice
Gospel Book	Michael Proscia	Robert Hopkins	TBD	Michael Proscia	TBD	Jane Graham
Reader	Michael Proscia	Robert Hopkins	Donna Dunn	Michael Proscia	Lisa Henderson	Jane Graham
Usher/Greeters	Reuben Bostic, Georgie White, Marie Knight	Tisha & Cierra Abbott, Pat Hyman	Donna Dunn, Heidi Chandonia, Marie Knight	Lisa Franzman, Polly & Robert Hopkins	Michael Henderson, Polly & Robert Hopkins	Carolyn Pierce, Reuben Bostic, Georgie White,
Vestry-in-Charge	Frank Harrell	Kei Breedlove	Rosey Dunn	Carl Franzman	Lisa Henderson	Ed Pierce

*If you can not serve on the day scheduled or find a replacement, please call Verger **Bruce Braxton** (678-571-8833); or that day's Vestry-in-Charge. When serving, please arrive in the vesting room **15 minutes prior** to the beginning of the service. **Thank you!***

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