



The Forerunner

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Pastor's Ponderings

"Let your light so shine...."

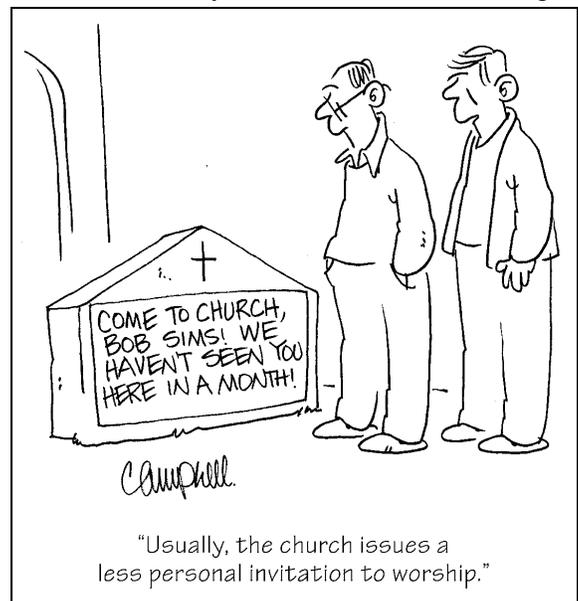
I am sitting in the office on a Monday evening. In the parish hall there is the sound of children, under the watchful eyes of some caring teens and adults, while their parents gather in the library to learn about building strong families. For the next few Mondays, both the parents, children and caregivers will find a safe haven as they play and learn. There are some cries and questions, to be sure, but I expect that even those will vanish as folks become more familiar with the nooks and crannies of the parish house.

One of the questions often asked by folks examining whether congregations are "relevant" is whether it would make any difference to the community if the church were no longer present. In the case of St. John's, I would say an emphatic "Yes!" I sometimes worry about our lack of numbers on Sunday mornings and I find myself wishing I had a magic word or wand that would change things. But, during the week, we are a beehive of activity. Real people meet here. Real needs are ministered to. It is a slow process, this search for solutions to problems, but it takes place just the same. I suppose there are many other venues for meetings, but this, as one of the moms reminded a rather rambunctious child, ".,,this is a church!." And so we are. And we are reaching souls, and sharing our faith in a very real and concrete way - even if it is not on Sunday mornings.

Imagine how different our community would be if this were just another dark corner. Thanks be to God it is not. And thanks to you for supporting the ministries of the weekday. We will continue to work on Sundays. I just thought you should know.

Blessings,

Steve



Pumpkin people



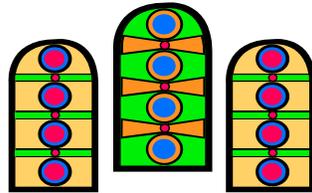
How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see.

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, NRSV).

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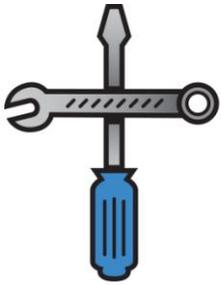


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CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Quite a bit of work has been going on around our church buildings lately. Due to a broken water pipe in the kitchen, Serve-Pro was called to “make it like it never happened...”. They did not quite meet that goal, leaving the floor a bit of a mess, but the water was cleared away and our thanks to those who helped with the clean-up. Our church roof has also been undergoing some work. Did you see the “stairway to heaven” a few weeks back when the workmen left their ladders on the roof? They were back during the week to finish the job and took our “stairway” with them. They also did work on the chapel roof. Plaster in both the chapel and the church sacristy needed attending to, due to some water damage, and got some loving care from our own Warren Bye. Nice Job Warren!

If you notice something that needs fixing please let our Junior Warden, Virginia Sisco, know about it.

YOUTH EVENT

St. John’s will be hosting a gathering of youth and parents on October 14th at 7 p.m. We are seeking to form a county-wide Episcopal Youth Group. For information, please contact Deacon Sally Maurer at cell: 856-297-2385, or email to slarrabee@comcast.net



HOUSE FOR RENT

Need to move? Know someone who needs to rent a home? Call Norma Sweeney – she has a nine room house on Riviera in Pennsville for rent and available November 1st.

Training for Eucharistic, Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, and Lectors October 20

Leaders: The Reverend Jane Brady, Grace Church, Pemberton, New Jersey; The Reverend Steven Carroll, St. John’s Church, Salem, New Jersey; Melissa Semmes-Thorne

The revised Manual for the Licensing of Lay Ministries in the Diocese of New Jersey requires that training opportunities be made available throughout the diocese for those persons called to the lay ministries of the church. The new manual reflects the changes in the National Canons. Training will be offered for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors.

The morning session of the Licensed Ministries Seminar will be devoted to a workshop entitled Reading Aloud Effectively. It is designed to give Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers tools and techniques to help them read scripture aloud more effectively, assisting in the congregation’s understanding of the text. A coaching session will be included. Sponsored by the Committee on the Priesthood.

When	Saturday, October 20 Lectors: 9 am to noon Eucharistic ministers and visitors: 1 pm to 3 pm
Cost	Free, lunch provided
Where	St John's Church 76 Market Street, Salem, NJ 856 935-1798
Deadline	By Monday, October 15
Registration	Register online or email spaige@newjersey.anglican.org . Or fax registration form to 609 394-9546, mail form, or phone Sarah Paige, 609 394-5281, ext. 10.
Contact	The Reverend Steven Carroll, 856 935-1798 or fathersteve@comcast.net

MUSIC NOTES:

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

**If you love great music as prayer and praise to Almighty God,
If you think great music is a worth-while out-reach to the community,
If you want to see great music continue to flourish and grow at St. John's,
If you are willing to support special music programs of St. John's Church (i.e. Evensongs, Organ
Recitals, Guest Instrumentalists, Concert Series, etc.) personally and/or financially,**

Become one of the
**FRIENDS OF MUSIC
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SALEM, NJ**

**Sign up in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour,
or see Bill Clisham**

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR (High School – Adults)

Our Choir Retreat was a great success, even though the venue had to be changed at the last minute because Bill Clisham's home electronic organ refused to cooperate. There was lots of fun, food, and music making. The choir's first Choral Eucharist of the 2012-2013 season was Sunday, September 23 ... warm-up rehearsal at 9:00 AM, followed by the Liturgy at 10:30. It certainly was good to have the choir back, leading the liturgy.

SPECIAL HANDBELL LITURGY

Our fabulous handbell ensemble resumed regular rehearsals on Tuesday, September 18, in spite of wind and rain and power outages. What a hardy crew! They are scheduled to perform an "All Handbells Liturgy" on Sunday, October 21, including Prelude, Offertory, Postlude and Hymns. It will be exciting and different. You won't want to miss it.

THE JUNIOR CHORISTERS (Grades 3-8)

The Junior Choristers began regular rehearsals in the Chapel on Sunday, September 30, 2012, (12:00 - 12:40 PM), following the 10:30 Eucharist. We hope to be able to lead an "All Junior Choristers" liturgy on November 11... Anthem, hymns, liturgical music ... all of it by the Junior Choristers alone!

INTERESTED NEW PARTICIPANTS:

If you did not participate last season, but are interested in joining any of these ensembles, please contact Bill Clisham at your earliest convenience. Auditions are not required, but a "get-acquainted meeting" is necessary for placement and planning purposes. See the back of the service bulletin for contact information, or come to the organ console and introduce yourself following the Organ Postlude.



TUNES FROM THE CRYPT" FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

Mark your Calendars!! You won't want to miss the third annual "Tunes from the Crypt" program at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2012 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 76 Market Street, Salem NJ. Prepare for a bone-chilling 45 minutes of ghoulish, slightly sinister music, performed by **Joanne Owen**, St. John's Minister of Music, Emerita, on the mighty pipe organ, "King of Instruments." **Dr. Jim Turk** will return to provide spooky comments.

The program this year will feature, of course, "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor" by J.S. Bach, "Funeral March for a Marionette" by Charles Gounod, "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from the *Peer Gynt Suite* by Edvard Grieg and the "Toccatina" from *Suite Gothique* by Leon Boëllmann. Presented by the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Salem County Arts Alliance/Fox Tale Arts, the recital launches the fourth season of "Music Around the County," which has become increasingly popular here in Salem County and beyond.

As in past years, "Tunes from the Crypt" precedes the Annual Walking Ghost Tour of Historic Market Street in Salem, which begins at 7 p.m. **Recital admission is free.**

Ghost Tour Tickets at \$5 may be reserved at Royal Port Antiques, 13 Market Street, Salem. For additional info, call 856-339-0400.

A poster for a "Jumble Sale" at St. John's Episcopal Church. The text is framed by a border of red and orange autumn leaves. The text reads: "St. John's Episcopal Church Market & Grant Street, Salem", "Jumble Sale" in large red letters, "Saturday, October 13, 2012", "Raindate: Saturday, October 20, 2012", "8:00 am-2:00 pm", "Space Available: \$10", "Bring your own table", "Crafters, yard sale items", "Food for sale, FREE kids activities", "For more information, call 856-935-1798", and "To benefit programs of the ECW".

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CHURCH DINNER Saturday, October 27th

Ron Magill will be heading up a team of gentleman who will be serving dinner to all members of St. John's on Saturday evening, October 27th, at 6 p.m. There will be no charge or tickets for this gathering, just a time for good fellowship and good eats. It is also a "thank-you" to all the ladies who have over the years supported St. John's with their time and talents and food! So, thank you and pass the potatoes! See you there!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

2nd Lt. Tyler Patrick VanSant, USAF
 PFC Cassaundra Carroll, US Marines
 Captain Ryan Bailey, US Army
 Senior Master Sergeant David John Milne, USAF
 Nick DeMascio, US Army.
 Major Peter Larrabee, USAF

WELCOME HOME!

PFC Gage Mason, 82nd Airborne, US Army, has returned home from Afghanistan!
 Thank you for your service!



There will be a Blessing of the Animals liturgy outside the parish house following both services on **Sunday, October 7th**. All pets must be leashed or in carriers so as to prevent injury to all concerned. So bring your pet and your camera and enjoy the day!

HANDBELL LITURGY



The Salem Ringers are scheduled to perform an “All Handbells Liturgy” on **October 21st**, including Prelude, Offertory, Postlude and Hymns. It will be exciting and different. You won’t want to miss it!



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

Happy Birthday

10/01	Betty Chrustowski
10/01	Gayle Irvine
10/05	Aden Dunfee
10/10	Trudy Glaspey Koston
10/13	Colin Stiles
10/14	Gwen Hasheian Norton
10/14	Wendy Laning
10/15	Doug VanSant, Sr.
10/18	Nate Gable
10/19	Cynthia Stiles
10/24	Gail Boyd
10/25	John Ensslen
10/26	Elizabeth Acton Irvine
10/26	Ann Neff
10/28	Jim Acton
10/28	Theresa VanSant
10/29	Lauren Frieze
10/31	Christiana Sparks Battiatto

Happy Anniversary

10/16	Richard and Julie Frieze
10/28	Jim and Elva Paras

Do we have YOUR birthday/anniversary? Please phone the church office and keep our records up-to-date.

WEAR YOUR COSTUME TO CHURCH

All Members, but especially the children, are invited to try out their Halloween Costume on Sunday, October 28, and wear them to church. Fr. Steve said he is planning to come dressed as a priest. What’s your outfit this year?



Dear Friends at St. John's and Beyond:

October is a wonderful time of year – at least I think so. It is a lot cooler and more comfortable for me temperature-wise at least and I just love running in the crunchy leaves! The brilliant colors of the leaves, before they become crunchy, amaze me too. Colors are important things. The colors around us really do affect our moods and mind-sets. My box of crayons has only 8 colors, but I found I can combine



some to make different shades. Fr. Steve said that if I am very good perhaps Santa Claus would bring me a really big box of crayons with zillions of colors and maybe a sharpener on the box too...so I am wondering just how good is "very good?"

I learned that different colors can represent different things in different settings. For example, in traffic lights red means "stop", yellow is "be careful" and green is for "go". Fr. Steve told me that in the church year, the stole he wears and the altar hangings change color too. Green is for "ordinary time", white is for weddings and baptisms, red is for Pentecost, purple is for Lent and for funerals and sometimes for

Advent, and blue can be for Advent too. In your human world it is said that warm colors, like red and orange, stimulate and spur you to action, while cool colors, like blue and green, are calming and relaxing.

I am what you humans call a "field mouse" and have brown fur. There is a little white fur in there too but basically I am brown. My friend Ruth, in the Stone Garden, and her whole family are a sort of gray color. I asked Fr. Steve to look on his computer and see if he could find what brown stands for. He had a few minutes and so he did. Brown, it seems, symbolizes earth, order and convention. Brown is the color of the earth and is associated with the material side of life. Yep, that's me – I am a "material mouse!" and I cannot wait to get that super-sized box of crayons with the sharpener on the side!!

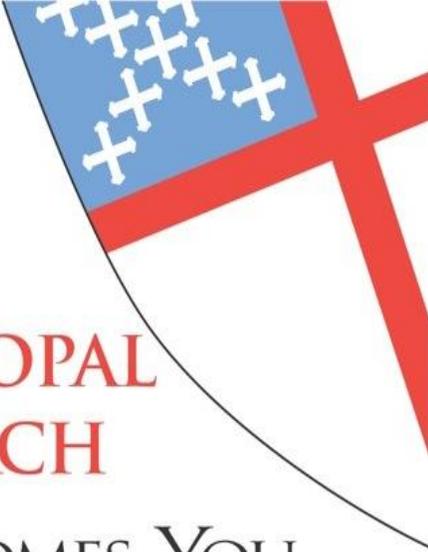
Fr. Steve also told me that your human bodies come in colors too but that God made your souls all the same – maybe he did not have a very big box of crayons either!

Until next month I remain your friend,
Joel Churchmouse





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6-8:30 pm SODAT	2 8:30-3 pm IAC 9-noon-Quilters 5-6 pm Yoga 6:30-7:45 pm Handbell choir rehearsal 8 pm NA	3 Noon- HE & Healing Chapel 12:30 -2 YSC 5-7 pm FSO 8 pm AA Fr. Steve -Trenton	4 5-6 pm Yoga 6-11 pm Bones BBQ (Kitchen)	5	6 11-12:30 pm Young People's Confirmation Class
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WELCOMES YOU

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Worship Schedule**

Sunday:

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in the Chapel
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Christian Formation for children and Adults
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church.

Wednesday:

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chapel



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