

The Forerunner

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church
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The Rector's Reflections

"Kingdom Rock", the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), is now history, but it was a joyful time. It included upbeat music, lots of motion, good food and dedicated teachers and staff. There was also a draw-bridge and a closing "campfire" in the middle of the parish hall. The children who attended seemed to enjoy the experience, and some were even hoping to return next year. It was, and is, good to see such activity in the parish house, and to hear the noise of children, and to watch the work of the staff. We finished off the last evening with the awarding of certificates, which included a coupon for a free ice-cream cone at Hudack's. I did not get one. For the staff there was a closing dinner at Mamma Mia's.

It is hard to believe, but now we move into July. The first event is a service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, marking Independence Day, and then I suppose we will settle back into the "lazy days" of summer, and do some preparation for the fall programs.

Rosie and I are not planning a long vacation, but there may be a day-trip or two in the offing. In August there will be visits by family and a Phillies game to attend.

My hope is that you will have a restful and eventful summer, and that all of us can return to the fall season relaxed, refreshed and energized. As mentioned last month, we intend to keep to the usual service schedule of 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. As always, I hope to see you on Sunday and be sure to bring your singing voice, as the choir is on summer break!

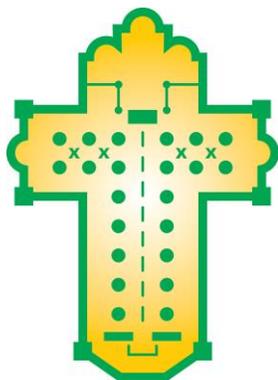
Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fr. Steve".

Fr. Steve



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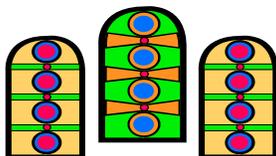


Cathedral floor plan

Traditionally, a cathedral is laid out in the shape of a cross. The lower section or nave (from Latin for "ship"), along with the transepts (the "arms" of the cross), is where the congregation sits. The choir sits on either side of the chancel. Despite our common terminology, the sanctuary (from Latin for "holy") is not the full worship space but the area right before the altar. The location of the lectern, from which Scripture is read, and pulpit, used for preaching, may vary.

(from *The Newsletter Newsletter* July 2013)

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From The Deacon's Bench:

On Sunday, June 2nd, I quietly celebrated the fact that I have been with St. John's as your deacon for a whole year. And what a year it has been! I offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your warm welcome, your support and your guidance. Most of all I am grateful for your love towards me this past year.

Every time I was interviewed during the process of becoming a deacon, I was asked 'what is your outreach ministry'. This question always baffled me because I had also been taught that the Holy Spirit would lead me to the ministry or ministries where He wanted me

So, I came to St. John's with no 'defined' ministry and a willing spirit to step out in faith wherever I was needed. Reflecting on that first year, I'm sure you would agree with me that I was where I needed to be at the right time for a number of different reasons. It has been a year of tremendous learning and growth for me. I assure you that I have been responsible for more things crunched into one year than even some very experienced deacons have encountered over much longer periods of time.

One thing that I have learned is that I will never go to any diocesan/convocation/Episcopal event without an alb and a stole, hopefully the right color. I have worn more 'get-ups' than I care to recount, including one that made me look like someone out of Star Trek with a pointed shoulder. I have served at the Bishop's side 4 times; some deacons have NEVER served as the Bishop's deacon. I have been 'roped into' numerous gigs - from preparing communion for a full church at Canon Higgons funeral to playing the organ for 600+ people at the Election Convention.

Oh, and that is just outside of St. Johns. Of course we are all aware of the past few months and the role I had to play while Father Steve was incapacitated and recuperating. I could not have done that without all of your support. Whatever I asked for, you willingly helped me out. Many

things that I worried about were ably carried out 'behind the scenes' by others. We held together and carried on, in what I understand is a hallmark of St. John's tradition.

So, the Bishop Elect asked me what my ministry is. Stumped as usual, I lamely replied, oh I'm still in a learning curve trying to define that. No, Bishop-elect Stokes, my ministry is to be a facilitator and encourager. It doesn't matter what the need is, I'm to help to see that it happens.

Here are some of the things we did together:

- 30 Backpacks to Salem Middle School
- Nets for Life
- Operation Christmas Child
- Christmas Giving Tree
- Easter Basket Project
- Card Stamping to shut ins
- May Baskets to shut ins
- Quilting (I must admit, I am so impressed and I am just in the cheering section)
- Confirmation preparation and celebration
- Baptisms
- Sunday School
- Family Fun Day (where I celebrated my 1 year anniversary with a hot dog)
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Dances
- Conjoining youth activities with St. Lukes and the 1st Presbyterian Church
- The ongoing Food Pantry
- Emergency preparation formation
- Lenten series and Stations of the Cross

I'm pretty sure I'm leaving something out....If I did I'm sorry, it was not intentional. My point is that we as a congregation are involved in outreach and mission. We are called to be a missional church. We are small but mighty. I expect even more to happen this year. I'm proud to be your Deacon and I look forward to many years with you.

Faithfully,
Deacon Sally Maurer

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR & HANDBELL HIATUS: The **St. John's Choir**, the **Junior Choristers**, and the **Salem Ringers** will take a summer break from rehearsals and service commitments during July and August. All groups have had a very successful year, though in very different ways. And all groups will resume their respective ministries of music in September ... specific dates and times to be determined and announced later. **All Singers & Ringers** should be alert for communications concerning September start up dates, first rehearsals, and other gatherings later in the Summer.

OPENINGS: Any person interested in participating in any of our choirs or handbells, or supporting our Ministry of Music through financial contributions, publicity, or music library computer data entry should contact Bill Clisham at your earliest convenience. There is a place for you. There are no "audition" requirements for volunteers. And we give free tune-ups.

THE CHOIR has led liturgies throughout the season in an exemplary fashion, including numerous "special" events, the most recent being the performance of Franz Schubert's *Mass No. 2 in G Major*, as part of the Eucharistic liturgy on Sunday, June 9, with strings and guest organist Joanne Owen. The choir did a magnificent job, living up to Father Steve's claim that St. John's has "the finest choir in two counties." During the 2012-2013 season the following persons have contributed their time and talents to make the choir the vibrant and effective liturgical and musical leadership ensemble that we have come to know and love.

Gail Boyd	Mary Anne Clisham
Jeannie Miller	DeeAnn Harris
Eileen Miller	Cassandra Moore *
Ann Neff	Virginia Sisco
Gwen Norton *	Helen Acton
Jim Acton	Glen Clisham **
Steve McMahan **	Don Layton *
Nate Gable *	George Neff
John Lapetina	Jerry Pinner **
Brittany Griffith	Christopher Thomas **

(*) indicates paid chorister/section leader (**) indicates occasional guest chorister

THE SALEM RINGERS is a rapidly growing and evolving handbell ensemble that in just a two years progressed dramatically both in musical facility and handbell ringing skills. Of the ten regular ringers in this ensemble, five had never rung handbells previously; yet they are ringing "level 3+" music, usually expected of ensembles with many years of experience. The members of this ensemble are:

Ted Bialy	Jeannie Miller
Mary Anne Clisham	Ann Neff
Glen Clisham **	Dcn Sally Maurer
Eileen Miller	Gwen Norton
Stacy Kobasa	Joanne Owen
Jennifer Robinson	Jennifer McCann **

(**) indicates guest "ringer"

THE JUNIOR CHORISTERS sang several times this past season, including at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Liturgy in 2011, then they offered their musical gifts to say "Farewell to Alleluia" as we entered the season of Lent, and they participated on Good Shepherd Sunday liturgy, singing "Feed My CONTINUES NEXT PAGE...

CONTINUATION OF MUSIC NOTES:

Lambs". This small but mighty ensemble of young voices included: (Age and changing voices will diminish their numbers even further next year, so new members are invited to join.)

Matthew Santiago
Jeannie Miller

Laurel Norton
Aiden Willis

ORGAN REPAIR: During this past month a long overdue improvement was made on the organ at St. John's. A Pedal Off-set Reservoir, that had been an original part of the organ (1937) and has been operating badly and has been un-repairable for years, has been replaced by a new reservoir. This may not have been noticeable to many, but it certainly has been to those who play the organ. If you listen closely, you will notice a more stable and slightly more powerful bass line in the organ sound since this repair. There was a considerable expense for this project, and it was made possible by the generous donations of members of this parish who have contributed to the "special organ fund", a non-budget fund that provides for emergency and other major organ repairs. The following persons were among those who contributed to this effort (Apologies in advance to anyone whose name has been omitted):

Jim & Helen Acton
Anonymous
Gail Boyd
Marion Finlaw
Curt & Sue Harker
DeeAnn Harris

Cassandra Lanning
John & Wendy Lanning
John Lanning III
Phyllis Little
Bill Mecum
Larry & Joanne Owen

In service to Christ and His Church,
Bill Clisham
Minister of Music

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

On July 7th, at the 10:30 a.m. service, we will use the format found in **the 1662 Book of Common Prayer**. It is a service that would have been used on or about the first Independence Day.



In the Anglican churches favoring independence, the prayer for the King was replaced by a prayer for Congress. The vestments worn would be cassock, surplice and stole, along with

preaching tabs. We have all the vestment pieces so that is what Fr. Steve will wear on July 7th.

You will also find that the priest says most of the liturgy. There are not very many parts for either the Deacon or the congregation, and the Lord's Prayer is said twice during the service, once by the clergy only, and the second time by all. The service will be printed out in its entirety and together we will celebrate the Eucharist as our founders did in 1776. The 8 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist will be celebrated from the current Book of Common Prayer.



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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

There seems to always be things “in the works” at St. John’s. Recently the Diocese sent a representative to look over our buildings and campus. Perhaps because we do keep things in good repair, they have to look harder to find something upon which to report. In this case, it was a few minor repairs to the parking lot and walks. You will note that the walk way Parish House to the parking lot has had two sections replaced do to corner cracks that were recommended we fix. Also, we have some new downspouts on the church after some poor soul felt they needed to help themselves to the copper ones.

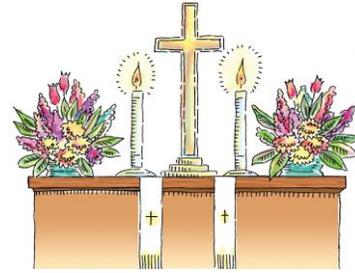
As I write this, Vacation Bible School is in full swing. It is my understanding that there are around 35+ children attending the 5:00 - 8:00 PM gathering. Celeste Willis has done another amazing job in transforming the hall within the Parish House. Thank you to everyone (there is quite a list) who has helped!

It is nice to be back into a routine and have our rector back! While Fr. Steve moves a bit slow now and again, we are delighted that he is with us. Of course, all this comes as summer settles in and the choir goes on “vacation.” How fortunate we are to have such amazing music. How much more we will appreciate the choir when they return in early September. I guess absence DOES make the heart grow fonder!

The Vestry meets after church on the second Sunday each month. While we deal with routine items, there doesn’t seem to be anything pressing. That’s a good thing, right??? By the time this newsletter goes to press, the Outreach Committee will have met and the Finance Committee too, along with a representative from our investment firm.

If anyone has items to be brought to the attention of the Vestry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ron Magill
Sr. Warden



There are still "Open Dates" in the Altar Flowers Schedule. If anyone is interested in the following dates, please contact DeeAnn Harris @ 935-3214.

July 7
July 21
October 6
November 3
December 1
December 8

Free Fun Family Events

There are two more free family events funded by the Pascale Sykes Foundation in partnership with local non-profit organizations currently scheduled. They are:

- COMPETITION LEGO BUILD - July 13, 10 am – 1pm., Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, 204 Shell Road, Carneys Point.
- MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL – July 27, 4 pm – 8 pm, Miracle for Mateo, Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs Nicholas (Lauren Miller) Bowen who were married at Greenville Country Club in Wilmington, DE. Fr.

Steve performed the ceremony in the beautiful garden setting on June 22nd. The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Daphne Miller and the groom is the son of Joseph and Ida Bowen of Pennsville.

CONGRATULATIONS also to our own Fr. Steve who has been re-elected President of the Salem evening Rotary Club.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BEVERLY IRENE HIGHTOWER

Beverly Irene Hightower, age 41, of Pilesgrove, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2013, in her home. She was born in Woodbury and was the daughter of Jimmy W. and Clare (Garrison) Hightower.



She was a 1990 graduate of Woodstown High School where she was awarded Volunteen of the Year in 1990. She accomplished a year of post-secondary school at Salem County Vo-Tech and then worked as a teacher's aide at NJ Regional Day School in Mannington for over 18 years. She was a member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ in Sewell and was a past member of the NEA, NJEA, and the SCEA. Beverly loved animals and nature, trips to Ocean City, NJ and Lancaster, PA, enjoyed going on cruises, shopping, and yard sales. Beverly expressed empathy, love, kindness, thoughtfulness and caring for others with her sweet smile.

Funeral services were held June 3rd, with burial in Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Elmer. Memorial gifts may be made to Church of Christ, 500 Pitman Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. Please visit www.htlayton.com to view the Journey of Remembrance honoring the life of Beverly and to leave a note of condolence to the family.

Ms Hightower had visited St. John's several times.

(Submitted by John Ensslen)



- 07/01 Adali Rivera
- 07/01 Judy Kimber
- 07/07 Patrick Irvine
- 07/08 Oscar Maurer
- 07/10 Ron Magill
- 07/10 Sal DeGrotto
- 07/11 Brandy Kates
- 07/15 Sharon Moore
- 07/23 Dale Harris
- 07/25 Ray Stiles
- 07/25 Joe Kimber
- 07/25 Ron Wohlrab
- 07/27 Rev. Sally Maurer, Deacon
- 07/31 Kevin Kates



- 07/03 Elizabeth and Andrew Irvine
- 07/10 DeeAnn and Dale Harris
- 07/10 Joanne and Larry Owen
- 07/12 Jennifer and Earle Robinson
- 07/15 Celeste and David Willis
- 07/21 Francine and Joseph Peterson, Sr.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Captain Ryan Bailey, US Army
- Lance Corporal Cassandra Carroll, US Marines
- Nick DeMascio, US Army.
- Major Peter Larrabee, USAF
- Senior Master Sergeant David John Milne, USAF
- Lt. Col. Gwyn Parris-Atwell, USAF
- 2nd Lt. Tyler Patrick VanSant, USAF



Dear Friends at St. John's and Beyond:

I have learned so very much in this past month that my little brain is about ready to burst!

Your good Father Steve has scheduled several meetings with me and with Ms Ruth, to discuss our plans to marry. Last month, he brought up some topics that Ruth and I were to discuss together and who could have known that Ruth would have such a different vision of our life together than I have! I thought that since we both seem to like a lot of the same things, that we would also agree on everything else -Wrong! Fr. Steve also pointed out that in talking with him I only said "my" and never "our". I was not aware that I did that but, as Fr. Steve pointed out to me, which socks I wear each day is an example of a "my-type" decision but where we live, which church we attend and how many children we have are more "our-type" decisions and I have to consider Ruth's point of view.

This concept really hit me when I just mentioned in passing that I would like our living room to be painted blue. Ruth did not. She saw it in beige! Now I ask you is there a more boring color than beige?! Ruth went on to explain her reasoning - something about having neutral walls and colors brought in by the décor. My reason was just that I like blue. This quickly became very personal to Ruth and the color of a room in a house we do not even have yet became quite an issue between us!

I guess this consideration of a loved one's tastes, feelings, and opinions takes some time to develop and I promised to work on it. Fr. Steve said that it was very important to remember to

include Ruth in my thinking as well as in my life and for her to do the same - to include me in her thinking too.

Fr. Steve also said that in the next few weeks we would be talking about the 4-C's:

1. Commitment: We choose to share our life and will take public vows committing ourselves to each other.
2. Celebration: We will celebrate our wedding ceremony and future anniversaries, and birthdays and celebrate just being happy!
3. Compassion: To be there for each other - in good times and especially in bad or sad times - to really care about and for one another
4. Christ/Church: If Christ is part of our daily life, our faith will strengthen our relationship.

So you can see that what started out as a simple idea to get married has become quite an education and it is not over yet! At least Ruth and I agreed on a time frame - sometime in September 2014...however setting a specific date and hour may take a few more discussions!

Your slightly enlightened friend,
Joel Churchmouse





Note: Church Office Hours during the summer may vary. Please call ahead to be sure someone will be there.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 IAC 5-6 Yoga 8 pm- NA CANADA DAY	3 9-12 n - CIACC Noon: H.E. & Healing -Chapel 8 pm AA	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 8 a.m. H.E. Rite I 10:30 a.m. H.E. 1662 BCP Fellowship Hour	8	9 5-6 Yoga 8 pm- NA	10 Noon: H.E. & Healing -Chapel 8 pm AA	11 5-6 Yoga 5:30-7:30 pm Salem City Schools Parents Info Dinner	12	13
14 8 a.m. H.E. Rite I 10:30 a.m. H.E. Rite II Fellowship Hour VESTRY MTG	15	16 5-6 Yoga 8 pm- NA	17 All Day- MHSC Senior Circle Noon: H.E. & Healing -Chapel 8 pm AA	18 5-6 Yoga	19	20
21 8 a.m. H.E. Rite I 10:30 a.m. H.E. Rite II Fellowship Hour	22	23 5-6 Yoga 8 pm- NA	24 Noon: H.E. & Healing -Chapel 8 pm AA	25 5-6 Yoga	26	27
28 8 a.m. H.E. Rite I 10:30 a.m. H.E. Rite II Fellowship Hour	29	30 5-6 Yoga 8 pm- NA	31 Noon: H.E. & Healing -Chapel 8 pm AA	<p>Notes: CIACC: Children’s Inter-Agency Council YSC: Youth Services Commission FSO: Family Support Organization AA: Alcoholics Anonymous NA: Narcotics Anonymous IAC – Interagency Council</p>		



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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. Sunday School for children begins again in the Fall.
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church.

Wednesday:

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chapel



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