

# THE FORERUNNER

The Newsletter of  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
June 2014



## St. John's Day and the Willis Family Farewell

Plans are underway for our St. John's Day Celebration. There is much yet to plan, but some things are certain: St. John's Day observance and celebration will be held on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and will include a very fond Farewell to the David Willis family whose departure for a life in Scotland is eminent.

Mother Nature will help with the decision to dine indoors, outdoors or a combination of both; catered or potluck is also being discussed as well as entertainment options.

So, watch your Sunday bulletins, look for flyers about the buildings for more information, and hold the date! This will be a fine time for everyone!



Aiden Willis as he prepares to ride off into the sunset.

## The Rector's Reflections



I don't know about you, but I am sooooo ready for summer! As we prepare for the end of the school year and the program year, I want to thank all of those who made everything work so well during my absence.

Sue Harker and Dave Miller, as wardens, have filled both positions with knowledge and skill; Ron Magill has kept a good eye on the Treasury Dept.; Laurie Bailey has been a real blessing in handling the demands of parish hospitality, including the visit of the Bishop for Regional Confirmation, with calmness and serenity. Marge Warren has worked her usual magic in the office and the choir has been outstanding – as per usual – with Bill Clisham as Minister of Music and Joanne Owen as a very able assistant. Deacon Sally Maurer has also been outstanding, instituting a family dinner program, heading up our lenten study, teaching confirmation instruction, and herding clergy (no easy task!). I am sure there are others I have not mentioned here, but do appreciate their work as well.

All of this sounds like a “good-bye” but it is not – at least not yet. It is just that as I return to “normal activity”, I cannot help but be thankful for those parishioners and staff who have served St. John's so well during my recovery. You are all a real Blessing!

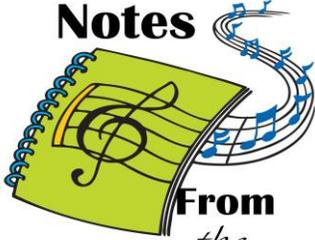
Finally, we bid farewell to the Willis family, who have been an integral part of St. John's parish life. We also bid farewell to Cassandra Moore, our soprano section leader. At least she is staying in New Jersey, so we can look forward to an occasional visit as her schedule permits.

Have a great summer, and don't forget to join us on Sunday mornings!  
Fr. Steve



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**Notes**  
From  
the  
**Minister of Music**

**UP-COMING SPECIAL MUSIC LITURGY:** On **Sunday, June 15**, the St. John's Choir will sing the *Missa Brevis in G, K.140* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart within the framework of the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist. This is one of Mozart's most unusual sacred works. It is sometimes called the "Pastoral" because of its reliance on  $\frac{3}{4}$  time signatures. It is closer in style to some of his early secular Operas than it is to his great *Requiem*. You are encouraged to come out in force, and bring as many guests as possible with you. You won't be disappointed.

The Mozart *Missa* will feature our own four paid choristers as soloists: Cassandra Moore, Soprano, Gwen Norton Alto, Nate Gable, Tenor, and Don Layton, Bass, with the full St. John's Choir, accompanied by string trio and organ. The Choir will be under the direction of Bill Clisham, Minister of Music. Joanne Owen, Minister of Music Emerita, will be the organ accompanist for the service. The guest string players are made possible by the generosity of all those who have contributed to the "Special Music Fund", a non-budgeted fund which supports guest musicians (instrumentalists or vocalists) for special events such as this.

**ST. JOHN'S CHOIR:** will continue to lead the Choral Eucharist at 10:30 AM each Sunday through June 22, 2013. Our final liturgy of the season will be a festive celebration of The Birth of St. John the Baptist. This date is the 292<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. John's Church! Our musical offerings on that day will focus on the nativity and ministry St. John the Baptist and, therefore, will have a decided "Advent" flavor.

**FUTURE SINGERS & RINGERS:** If you have not sung in the St. John's Choir in recent years, or played hand-bells in the Salem Ringers, but are interested in the challenges and satisfactions of participating in one of these ensembles, please contact Minister of Music, Bill Clisham to discuss details about next season (September 2013 – June 2014): voice placement, bell position assignments, music folders, vestment, etc. **Bill Clisham** can be contacted in person following the Postlude for the 10:30 Holy Eucharist any Sunday, on his cell phone (908-472-7597), or by e-mail [wfclish@aol.com](mailto:wfclish@aol.com)

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## A PROJECT IN EL SALVADOR - CRISTOSAL



St John's 2014 Outreach Budget has made a pledge of \$2500 to a small Episcopal Foundation-Cristosal. Cristosal supports the El Salvador Episcopal Church by empowering people in extremely poor communities to determine their future. While the committee is well aware that Salem City is greatly needful of financial assistance, the Committee agreed there is reason to also reach out to places beyond our immediate geographical area. There is much to learn while we contribute to a project in another country that we know to be worthy of our help.

Through our financial contributions, Cristosal offers solutions to the problems of poverty. I have seen Cristosal at work. One community they have transformed is El Carmen. When I first went there 16 years ago to share the Eucharist; in a village little store/home; I saw barefoot children with extended stomachs from malnutrition. There was no clean water source. There was virtually no means to make a living. Over time Cristosal working with the settlement's leaders, has lifted this settlement of 24 families out of that dire level of poverty. They have built a well, they are farming and using techniques so their crops have become profitable, and they have some micro enterprises, that will make it possible to have some savings. They still strive to get children to school against many odds. School is technically free for all kids in El Salvador, but transportation is not. What do you do when there is not only no public transportation, but not even a bridge across a river to get to the school? These are the kinds of problems that keep people in poverty.

Cristosal is dedicated to finding ingenious and efficient ways to utilize charitable contributions without continuous financial support. Cristosal can accomplish things few organizations here could with a small budget. Unfortunately for Salvadorans, salaries are very low- even for professionals. And unemployment is high. Dedicated talented professionals work for Cristosal because the projects are deeply satisfying, and they feel a sense of mission. Having survived the bloody Civil War from 1980 to 1992, many of the church's members had lived outside the country in camps or in hiding during that time, and returned with "only their shirts on their backs" to again start their valiant efforts to have a life all people hope for: Enough to eat, safe place to live, education. Many settlements are still fighting for their legal rights to their land. The local Episcopal Church has been the spiritual center of some of these settlements.

I know there are needs all over the world for such projects. This happens to be one I have seen for myself, and watched results realized by the efficient planning and execution of by dedicated administration of staff of this Episcopal Project. I hope our Congregation can celebrate this opportunity to help people we have not met, but who are fellow Episcopalians with a great love of Jesus and deep gratitude for what they do have. Our contribution will make a difference. And is an opportunity to accompany them.

*Give a child a fish and she has a meal, teach a child to fish...*

THANK YOU ST JOHN'S FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THE REV C SCOTT TRULL

Member of the Board of Directors of Cristosal 2000-2009

## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH...

### My Journey to Kalaupapa, Moloka'i

While on vacation to Hawaii, I had the rare opportunity to visit the isolated northern peninsula of Moloka'i known as 'the leper colony'. Through the Protestant Chapel Program, Oscar and I joined 15 others on two, eight-seater, propeller planes that were chartered to leave Honolulu and make the short island hop to the air strip at Kalaupapa. The trip took approximately 20 minutes once we were in the air.

Our first sight of Moloka'i on a slightly overcast day, were the sheer cliffs that mark the division between 'topside' Moloka'i and this isolated flat piece of land. A quick landing on a small runway and drive right up to the 'terminal' we quickly knew we had landed in a very quiet hidden environment.

Our tour bus for the day was a repurposed school bus, our tour guide and driver, well acquainted with the life on this god-forsaken strip of land. We were loaded with questions and every one that we asked was met with "Hold on to dat question.....I will answer it as we go along". He spoke in the familiar patois of pidgin Hawaiian and had the typical Hawaiian sense of humor. He was right.....all our questions were answered over the course of the day. I wish I could pick up the phone and call him...I have many more questions since I have returned. Our first view of Kalaupapa as we drove down the single lane street; small, neatly kept houses, a church, what looked to be a medical center of some kind, a monument, some State Park Vehicles and their occupants and then we drove out into a big field along the ocean's edge to await the arrival of the mule riders coming down from topside to meet us. We met some hikers who had hiked down earlier and were waiting as well. You see, there are only two ways into Kalaupapa – hike or mule ride down the steep cliffs or small aircraft.

With the added 10 or so mule riders, our tour began. Along the way our tour guide would tell us about the history as it unfolded of one of the worst examples of public health care you can possibly imagine.

Let me start with this. Over 8,000 people died during their exile on Kalaupapa. There are grave yards everywhere and there are grave yards that have disappeared in history. There is some documentation but much has been lost. Many lepers changed their names so as not to bring shame on their families. Only the hospital had the accurate records. The hospital burned down. I saw 4 churches on the Peninsula – St. Philomena's the oldest Roman Catholic Church with a nearby Protestant Church (no denomination listed) in Kalawao, Sacred Heart in Kalaupapa town and the Mormon Church on the outskirts of town.

In 1865, King Kamehameha V, at the advice of his Public Health Medical Director, passed a directive that all people with leprosy were to be isolated from the Hawaiian population. This tiny isolated peninsula was chosen to become the leper's colony. There were indigenous Hawaiians who used these flatlands to grow sweet potatoes and they were displaced, bought out by the Hawaiian government ending 900 years of traditional culture. By January 1866, the first groups of men, women and children were 'dropped off' near the remote village of Kalawao with minimal provisions. We were told that if people went willingly, they were put on a skiff and rowed themselves to shore while a rope pulled the skiff back. If they were unwilling to go, they were thrown overboard with 1 week's provisions and the good chance that neither would survive the rock strewn swim to shore.

It also soon became apparent that many of the lepers were too ill to farm or care for themselves, so family members and others volunteered to be kokua or helpers. Many of them chose to live with the patients, others, though isolated from the lepers, were the workers who built homes, facilities, farmed, kept cattle to eventually create the infrastructure to take care of these fragile patients. Government help didn't really begin until much later.

Among the kokua are several religious including Father Damien, who contracted leprosy himself and died on the island with his beloved patients as well as Mother Marianne Cope and Brother Joseph

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Dutton, who established orphanages, girls and boys schools as well as providing food and care to 1000 of lepers. Both lived out their very long lives on the island and died of natural causes. Father Damien is now Saint Damien, Mother Marianne is also canonized and Brother Joseph is in the 'pipeline' for beatification.

Damien was the most famous but not the first caregiver or religious worker to arrive at Kalawao. He followed Congregational ministers, Catholic priests, Mormon elders, and family and friends of patients who went voluntarily to Kalawao to help. Slowly, Kalawao became a place to live rather than a place to die, for Father Damien offered hope. He spoke the Hawaiian language. Assisted by patients, he built houses, constructed a water system, and planted trees. He also organized schools, bands and choirs. He provided medical care for the living and buried the dead. He expanded St. Philomena Catholic Church. Not a 'retiring' personality, Damien did not hesitate to badger the Hawaiian government and his church for more resources. These efforts attracted worldwide attention, resulting in a heightened awareness of the disease and the plight of its victims. During Father Damien's years at Kalawao, others came to help. In 1886 Joseph Dutton arrived and in 1888 Mother Marianne Cope from the Order of St. Francis arrived. They along with four Brothers of the Sacred Heart, who arrived in 1895, carried Damien's work into the next century.

After learning about the plight of Father Damien, Brother Joseph Dutton knew his calling was to serve this heroic man. At age 43, he gave away all of his possessions, boarded a steamship to Hawaii and arrived at Kalawao in July 1886. Without any request for recompense, he offered his help to Father Damien. For almost two years he worked side by side with Damien, helping with building projects and caring for the sick and suffering. "Every day," one biographer wrote, "he marveled more and more at the courage he saw around him – bravery, he often said, much greater than the war he had been through". He made a difference. Before Father Damien's death in 1889, Father Damien said "I can die now. Brother Joseph will take care of my

orphans." This Civil War veteran lived out the rest of his life, dying of natural causes at age 88, on Kalaupapa. He is buried in St. Philomena's graveyard a short distance from Father Damien.

Because of Father Damien's appeal, wealthy Honolulu banker Charles Bishop donated \$5,000 to establish a safe home for girls and women in Kalaupapa. The government approached Mother Marianne, who had already established herself through hospitals in the Hawaiian Island, to supervise this new home. Mother Marianne, along with Sister Leopoldina and Sister Vincentia, accepted the challenge and arrived in Kalaupapa in 1888. They ran the Bishop home, and until 1895 they managed the Home for Boys at Kalawao, founded by Father Damien for boys and young men. Mother Marianne's example – her never-failing optimism, her serenity, her caring nature, and her considerable abilities – gave strength to the other sisters. Together, through devotion and self-sacrifice, the Sisters of St. Francis rendered a remarkable service to humanity in the islands of Hawai'i. Mother Marianne never returned to her home in Syracuse. She spent the remainder of her life at Kalaupapa. She died in 1918 at the age of 80 and was buried on the grounds of the Bishop Home. After her beatification, her remains were returned to Syracuse. The Bishop house/convent remains today with two sisters in residence.

In 1873, the same year that Father Damien arrived in Kalaupapa, a Dutch scientist discovered that the cause of leprosy was a mycobacterium, a bacteria similar to tuberculosis with a tough outer layer making it difficult but not impossible to treat. Unfortunately, an effective treatment was not found until the 1940's. Now Hansen's disease, as it is now known, is treatable using a multi drug approach. The days of epidemic fears are over.

It was not until 1963 when the Hawaiian State Government voted to eliminate the isolation requirements on the residents of Moloka'i. The remaining 16 patients are free to travel wherever they would like. They are all elderly, between 70-90 years old, and 7 of them now require 24 hour care which they receive at a facility in Honolulu. The other 9 have chosen to live their lives out in

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## Continuation of **FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH...**

Kalaupapa for it has become their home. I believe we met one of them, a storekeeper at the souvenir shop we were allowed to enter.

It was sobering for me to consider that a government could send 8,000 people and their volunteer families into isolation with no resources and limited assistance. How could this happen in my own country? It took 100 years to rectify the actions taken in 1865.

More humbling for me is to consider the sacrifices of the people who lived with and cared for these poor, sick people, even unto their own death, because they loved the leper.

In Luke 5:12-16, Jesus is approached by a leper and asked for healing. The leper humbly begged Jesus to make him clean. Jesus responds by reaching out and touching the leper, replying "I do choose. Be made clean" and the man was immediately made clean. The social stigma was so great for the leper that he was considered unclean. Touching him would have also made Jesus unclean. Yet he chose to show the power of God in overcoming that which was deemed unclean. I have read that some scholars do not believe this 'leprosy' in the bible is the same leprosy of Kalaupapa. It doesn't matter. Jesus touched the man and healed him. Whatever is considered 'unclean' by society, Jesus can heal.

What is our leprosy? What is considered 'unclean' in our society? Who are we called by Jesus to touch so that they may be healed? I open my heart to hear Jesus' call – will you join me?

Dcn Sally Maurer



Fr. Damien

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day FREE FREE FREE



**WHEN:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 1-4pm

**WHERE:** Camp Crockett Park,  
Pilesgrove NJ

**WHAT:** Family centered event with many children's activities

**Sponsored by** St John's, St Luke's and the First Presbyterian Church of Salem

**Support provided by** The Family Enrichment Network of Salem County

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### Women's Ministries Breakfast

The next 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Women's Ministries Breakfast is Saturday, June 7, 2014, 9-11 a.m., in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church, at 88 Market Street. Call 856-935-2148 with any questions. Topic: "All Together" Join us for a morning of good fellowship, good food, and worthwhile teaching.



As "May The Force Be With You Day" fell on Sunday this year (May 4<sup>th</sup> of course), the Sunday School class enjoyed having a Star Wars theme for a lesson.

*We all have a gift (a force if you will) that God has given us, and we learned how to use the force to glorify God. May the Force be with all of you!*

*Laurie Bailey*

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### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tyler Patrick VanSant, USAF

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## CONGRATS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, St. John's hosted the Woodbury Convocation's confirmation service. The following members of St. John's were confirmed by Bishop Stokes:

Avery Dunfree  
Aiden Willis  
David B. Willis  
Jamie Lee Davis  
Jeremy Davis

THANK-YOU! goes out to all who helped arrange, set up and clean up the lovely reception which followed in the parish house.



### Happy Birthday

06/04 Francine Peterson  
06/08 Ida Brennan  
06/10 Christopher Willis  
06/10 Nathan Willis  
06/11 David Miller  
06/11 Erin Gralley  
06/13 Pasha Chard  
06/14 Elva Paras  
06/17 Virginia Sisco  
06/25 Sue Harker  
06/28 Austin Schwarz  
06/29 Hollis Irvine III  
06/29 Peggy Fittabile  
06/30 DeeAnn Harris

### Happy Anniversary

06/11 Deacon Sally and Oscar Maurer  
06/18 George and Ann Neff  
06/22 Lauren and Nicholas Bowen  
06/26 Irv and Pasha Chard  
06/30 John III and Jen Laning



Dear Friends Everywhere:

This is just an abbreviated note as Aunt Rosie is in a hurry to get this newsletter to you and I am still settling down from the scare of my life! Let me tell you about it.

I was out patrolling the grounds in the stone garden, when I came face-to-face with a huge, gigantic, hairy creature! I was very sure it was not a cat as I have seen cats before and this was not one of that species. I was terrified, really deep down scared. I tried to think, I tried to be brave, but I could not. I also could not move to run away. Fortunately it ran away first. I finally composed myself enough to scurry back to your good Fr. Steve's office and gradually told him the tale. He seemed to think the creature was a ground hog...I looked it up: *"The groundhog, also known as a woodchuck, whistle-pig, or land-beaver in some areas, is a rodent of the family Sciuridae, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots."* Wikipedia

A squirrel! Unbelievable! There was absolutely no "family" resemblance whatsoever! But now that I am calm once again, I must tell you that the memory of that immense, paralyzing, feeling of fear will always stay with me. I pray you will never have to experience it.

Your good Fr. Steve said that a President named FDR once said that "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fr. Steve also said that maybe repeating the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm would help me get through fearful times. Oh great, another thing for me to memorize!!!

Peace,  
Joel Churchmouse (Ruth says hi too)

## +Christian Symbol+



### Noah's Ark

The image of an ark, or boat, often shown with pairs of animals, recalls the story of Noah and the "Great Flood" in Genesis 6-8. The floodwaters represent God's judgment on sin, while the ark reminds us of God's gracious power to save and redeem. Christians see in this account a foreshadowing of Jesus baptism into the life he brings: "And baptism, which [God's rescue of Noah and his family] prefigured, now saves you ..." (1 Peter 3:21, NRSV)

(from *The Newsletter Newsletter* June 2014)

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***FROM THE EDITOR:*** *Do you wish to change the way you receive The Forerunner? Simply leave a message with the church office and it will be rerouted with the next issue. You can also check it out at St. John's website: [www.stjohnssalemnj.org](http://www.stjohnssalemnj.org).*

*St. John's is also now on FACEBOOK. /rc*

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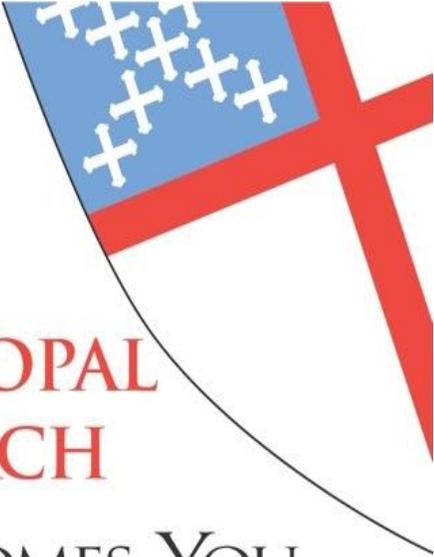
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**THE  
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CHURCH**  
WELCOMES YOU

## 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
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church.

### Wednesday:

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chapel



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