

# THE FORERUNNER

August 2019

St. John's Episcopal Church



*It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

St John's has a rich tradition of music excellence. For almost eleven years, Bill Clisham has served our parish as Minister of Music. At the end of August, Bill will retire. To say we are grateful for his ministry among us is an understatement. We give thanks to God for Bill and his calling to serve our Lord's Church with the gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit. "Next to the Word of God," says Martin Luther, "music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music." We are blessed, Bill. God bless you.

What we experience on Sunday from prelude to postlude with choral anthems in-between are countless hours of preparation and practice we do not see. It's hard to comprehend how many hours Bill has spent in his lifetime practicing, practicing, and practicing. As a young man, he had to spend long stretches of time on both the piano and organ benches until perfection, or something close to it, was achieved. And remember, organists play their instrument with both hands and feet, all four working together in splendid coordination for the outflow of melody and harmony that brings our convictions of faith even deeper into our hearts and lives. We have been blessed. God bless you, Bill.

Not only is Bill an outstanding organist, he is also our choirmaster. His combination of skill and education, along with repetitive hours of picking the right anthems and directing church choir practice, results in bringing to our congregation the softest syllables and the most inspiring walls of sound to us. Throughout his tenure, his ministry has helped us perceive the magnificent nature of God and the glory of His Grace in Christ Jesus. His unique gift to discern the talents of others and maximizing their potential, has formed the music ministry into a community – a congregation within a congregation. May God's blessings be upon you, brother. We are blessed because of you.

Bill is a man of deep faith who loves our Lord Jesus. Over and over, I have seen the tenderness of the Holy Spirit speak through him as he plays, prays and reads scripture. The intimacy Bill shares with our Lord is visible and is articulated by his passion. It will not be fully known until we are all reunited on the other side of eternity that we see the impact Bill Clisham has had on our congregation, the churches he has served in the past, and the countless lives he has enriched. Through his unique gifts and talents, Bill has furthered the

Kingdom of God and formed new disciples. Peace and love be yours, brother. God bless you.

"I truly desire," Martin Luther says, "that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy, and costly treasure given to mankind by God...We marvel when we hear music in which one voice sings a simple melody, while three, four, or five other voices play and trip lustily around the voice that sings its simple melody and adorn this simple melody wonderfully with artistic musical effects, thus reminding us of a heavenly dance." Bill, we love you and we are grateful. Without the music of the faith which you bring us, our confession of each liturgical season would be something far less meaningful than it is. For all these years and in every season and occasion with your precious gifts of sacred music, we give thanks to Almighty God for Bill Clisham.

With love and gratitude,  
**Fr. Chuck**



Beginning August 18, we will be collecting donations for our Backpack Project. Checks can be made to St. John's. Note in the memo that it is for the Backpack project. Cash should be put it in an envelope with your name and note it is for the backpacks. Deacon Sally will purchase the supplies and we will have a packing party (date to be announced)



Our new stove has arrived! We are ready to start cooking for VBS and beyond! It is a 10-burner stove with 2 ovens. Thanks to Bill Pankonian and Doug VanSant for facilitating this purchase

**David Miller  
Jr. Warden**



## The Deacon's Bench

Sometimes it is a good and Godly thing to reflect on what God is calling one to do. We all are called by God to be His people – we are adopted and redeemed through the blood of Jesus and we are reminded of that each week at the Eucharist. As God's people, we promised at our baptism that we would follow or emulate Jesus in all that we say and do.

The month before my ordination to the diaconate, I began to substitute the actual ordination service for the daily office. By doing this, not only was I completely prepared for the 'big day', the calling to the diaconate became very real and very serious. The service for the ordination of a deacon begins on page 536 of the Book of Common Prayer. For the next month I am committing to using this service again in my morning prayers instead of the daily office as a way of rejuvenating my spirit.

Perhaps some of you do not know what the unique calling of a deacon is, compared to that say of a Priest or a Bishop. There was a time in the Episcopal Church where there were virtually no deacons. Over the centuries, the roll of the deacon has been changed by the church including ordaining all priests to the transitional diaconate, which philosophically was intended to afford them an opportunity to be a deacon and learn the servant ministry prior to ordination as a priest. Unfortunately, many of them are assigned to their new church and are serving more as 'training priests' than functioning as a deacon.

When the Apostles began their full ministry as given to them by Jesus, they quickly found that they could not be all things to all people. If you turn to Acts Chapter 6, you will see why and how the Apostles raised up deacons to meet the needs of widows, orphans and the poor. There are many other examples of deacons in Acts, including women, who served the needs of the local community of believers.

In our Book of Common Prayer, on page 856, which is part of the catechism, the ministry of the deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

The Examination of the diaconal ordinand (found on page 543 of the Book of Common Prayer) reads as follows: My (brother) every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God, the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

The Bishop then asks if I believe that I am truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon. My response is 'I believe I am so called'.

Seven years later, on reflection of my ordination vows, I still believe I am so called. It has been a full and rich time here at St John's. I have given freely and fully of myself to this congregation and the needs of this community of which we are a part. I have seen a huge growth in the work that St John's does to take care of those in need in this community. I am grateful to the faithful congregation of St John's who respond immediately to the needs that I bring to them. Together, we have been following the mandate to be Christ's hands to this world.



### Outreach Projects St John's Episcopal Church 2019

Here is a list of the projects, and those who lead them, St. John's sponsors yearly, under the direction of Deacon Sally and the Outreach Committee. Besides these specific activities, St. John's also makes monetary donations to various community groups. If you want more information, or have a suggestion for a new ministry, please contact Deacon Sally

#### Ongoing:

**Food Pantry** – every Tuesday **Bill & Peg Pankonian**  
**Quilters** – every Tuesday, except Summer **Gail Boyd**

#### Seasonal:

Jan: Scarves and Mittens	<b>Deacon Sally</b>
Feb: Delivery of quilts & animals to RMD House	<b>Gail Boyd</b>
March: UTO	<b>Clergy/ECW</b>
April: Easter Egg Hunt	<b>Harkers</b>
May:	
June: Birthday Bags	<b>Amy Vanderveer</b>
July: VBS Food Collection Project Restore (house boys)	<b>Eileen Miller</b> <b>Deacon Sally</b>
Aug: VBS Backpack Project	<b>Fr. Chuck</b> <b>Deacon Sally</b>
Sep:	
Oct: Operation Christmas Child Trunk or Treat	<b>Laurie Bailey</b> <b>Deacon Sally</b>
Nov: OCC Ingathering Participation in Ministerium	<b>Laurie Bailey</b> <b>Deacon Sally</b>
Dec: Secret Santa Shoppe Christmas giving (has varied)	<b>Deacon Sally</b>



We also open our Parish Hall to community groups, such as Father Time, AA, NA, Interagency Council, Children's Inter-Agency Council and Youth Services Council, to name a few.



"After this manner therefore pray ye:  
 Our Father which art in heaven,  
 Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done in earth, as it is  
 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our debts, as we  
 forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
 temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen" -  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ in St. Matthew's Gospel, VI: IX-XIII

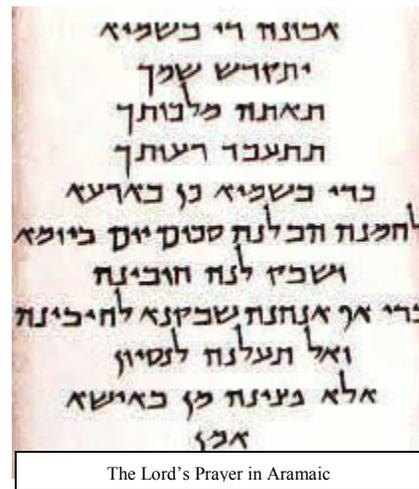
This Month we will travel in spirit together due South from the Balkans to the very heart of the holy land, on the Northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Gennesaret, on the Southern slopes of the Korazim Plateau, for it was there that Our Lord Jesus taught His Disciples & us by extension, how to pray. That area, called the Mount of Beatitudes, is where the Sermon on The Mount was delivered. This prayer of prayers, prayed day by day by more people around the world than any other prayer, and around which our Vacation Bible School is centered for this year, is itself a repository of Divine Grace to all who will embrace it and pray it daily.

The Our Father contains a summation of Our Lord's teaching concerning the Godhead, Eternity, Charity, the processes of Sin and Salvation, human duty to the Divine Majesty and the place of The Church in the world. The Eucharist is present in the words of The Our Father or Lord's prayer, commonly called The Pater Noster after its Latin opening words (Matthew 6: 9-13 & Luke 11: 1-13). When Our Lord refers to Our Daily Bread the sustenance of life, it correlates to his dissertation during the temptation (ref: St. Matthew Chp. 4), "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This we relate to God's speaking the world into existence out of nothingness "Let There Be Light" (ref: "Light" in St. John 1: 3& 4), and Our Lord's own words on the cross "It Is Finished."

The Aramaic Language, also called Syriac, or sometimes Syrian (n.b.: The modern day Syrian Arabic Republic, ruled by the Alawite Muslim Al Assad family since 1970 has modern Arabic as their National Language) is a language or group of languages within the Semitic subfamily of the Afro-Asiatic family. Aramaic is part of the Northwest Semitic group, which also includes the Canaanite languages, which include Hebrew and Phoenician. Despite being mostly extinct, Aramaic is still a liturgical language of some branches of Christianity, & to a lesser extent it's a written and spoken language for Christians and some Jews. Aramaic is spoken by the Assyrians of Iraq, northeastern Syria, southeastern Turkey and northwest Iran, with descended immigrant communities in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and southern Russia. According to a book in our Parish Library; "It is generally agreed that Aramaic was the common language of Israel in the first century AD. Jesus and his disciples spoke the Galilean dialect, which was distinguished from that of Jerusalem (Matt. 26:73)" [ source: Myers, Allen C., ed. (1987). "Aramaic". The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Alban Books Limited. Pg. 72]. I have been told by several sources that Aramaic is the oldest continuously spoken language on our earth. It is also widely agreed that Our Lord spoke Koine Greek which was the dialect of the first Gospels and Epistles. It is a miracle in itself that this language was the first world language. Thanks to the

conquests of Alexander the Great, the whole world was by the time of Christ speaking Greek. This was the perfect circumstance for the divine miracle of The Holy Incarnation.

A series of 4th Century B.C. Aramaic documents on leather were discovered in Afghanistan with an Oxford paper subsequently published indicating that they shed light on the Achaemenid administration of Bactria [ source: Naveh, Joseph; Shaked, Shaul (2006). Ancient Aramaic Documents from Bactria Studies in the Khalili Collection. Oxford: Khalili Collections.] One of my favorite film adaptations of The Life of Christ, although all are imperfect, is the 2004 film The Passion of the Christ, by Mel Gibson. He used Aramaic for much of its dialogue, specially reconstructed by a Jesuit Scholar; William Fulco, S.J. Using approximate words (first-century Aramaic) where he could but where these were no longer known, he used the Aramaic of Daniel, fourth-century Syriac and Hebrew for his work [source: Darling, Cary (25 February 2004). "What's up with Aramaic?". Miami Herald]. To this day the Syriac Jacobite Church and several others use Aramaic in their liturgies. My prayer for you and especially for every child in our Vacation Bible School this summer, is that



you would be drawn closer to Our Lord, through the praying of this prayer, which He taught us, day by day, Amen.

I wish to extend to each of you and to your families, my fond regards and best wishes for a happy and fun-filled remainder of the summer. May it be full of family time, backyard-barbecues, enjoyment of some of our area's natural beauty, rest and relaxation.

"Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomine tuo da gloriam",  
 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to thy name be the glory." PS 115:1



**We pray for those who serve in our military, especially:**

- Lance Corporal Jessica Armstrong, USMC
- Major Ryan Bailey, US Army
- PFC Justin Francisco, US Army
- Lt. Col. Peter Larrabee, USAF
- Senior Master Sgt. David John Milne, USAF
- Captain Tyler Patrick VanSant, USAF
- Captain Joseph Flescher III, USAF
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Marlene (Fletcher) Myers, USAF Academy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael McCormick, US Army

Soldiers and Families of New Jersey's Own 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, presently on mission in the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

# The Perfect Feet

by Emma Bailey

His feet were like mine,  
 They were browned by the wearying persistence of the sun,  
 But His spirit was alive and joyous.  
 They were caked with dust from others' shoes,  
 That they had shaken onto His,  
 But His heart was as clean as snow.  
 They bore marks and scars of pains and griefs,  
 But His heart was flawless through and through.  
 Though trials and tribulations did come his way,  
 Jesus never gave in to the devil.  
 He continued to be holy and did no sins,  
 So that He could pay the price for ours.  
 How precious are those feet of His,  
 That look just like mine.  
 He really, truly understands.



	8/3	Warren Bye
	8/3	Ryan C. W. Bailey
	8/5	Bill Clisham
	8/5	Danielle Khairzada
	8/7	Philip Correll
8/10	Lauren Miller Bowen	
8/14	Joanne Owen	
8/23	Julie Frieze	
8/29	Mary Anne Clisham	

	8/28	Diane and Ron Wohrab
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**SAVE THE DATE:** VBS will be held Monday, August 12- Friday, August 16. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with activities beginning at 6:00 pm.

Our Theme this year is the Lord's Prayer. Children attending will learn the prayer along with other Bible verses.

### Supplies Needed

As has been out practice for the last few years, we are asking for the congregations help in providing dinner and snacks for VBS. If you can provide any of the following items, please let Eileen know ([ecmiller114@gmail.com](mailto:ecmiller114@gmail.com)). You can also fill out the form that will be found in the bulletin during July or contact the church office. You can donate as little or as much as you want of the items. The amounts listed are what we need for 50 students/volunteers. Thank you for your continuing support of this important ministry.

### Dinner:

- Vegetable trays 10 (2 per day)
- 10 Jars applesauce
- 8 oz water bottles-5 cases (48 per case)
- Juice Boxes- 50/day
- Chicken drumsticks 18-20 lbs.    Ground Beef 8 lbs
- Ground Chicken 8 lbs.                      Meatballs 12 lbs
- Hot Dogs 12 lbs.                              Hot Dog Buns 12 pkgs
- Frozen Broccoli (10 lbs.) or Fresh Broccoli (16 lbs.)
- Corn 10 cans or Frozen 16 lbs.
- Carrots 10 cans or Frozen 16 lbs.
- Frozen Peas 16 lbs
- Macaroni 6 lbs.
- Milk 2 gal                                      Shredded Cheese 10 lbs.
- Hard Taco Shells 50                      Soft taco shells/tortillas 50
- Lettuce 3 heads                              Onions 2 lb. Bag
- Salsa 4 jars

### Snacks: (enough for 50 students)

- Grapes                      Watermelon                      Cheese
- Crackers (Ritz type)                      Ice Cream Sandwiches
- Cookies

### Breakfast Bags: (sent home with kids daily)

- 8 oz shelf stable (UHT) milk 150                      apples
- Oranges                      raisins (snack size boxes)
- Brown lunch bags
- Juice boxes

### Thanks to all who have donated money or items

Also, if anyone drinks Voss Water, and you don't reuse the empty bottles, please bring them to church-we can use them for VBS crafts.



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<b>4</b> 8 am Rite I Chapel 10:30 am Rite II Birthday Sunday NO ECW Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:00 – 7:30 Father Time	<b>6</b> 9:00 am-Noon IAC 12-2 pm Food Pantry 8 pm NA	<b>7</b> 10:30 am-3 pm CIACC/YSC/IAC 10:30 am Bible Study 12 Noon Holy Eucharist 8 pm AA	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Potluck Supper followed by Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8 am Rite I Chapel 10:30 am Rite II Church Sandwich Sunday <b>SET UP FOR VBS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12-2 pm Food Pantry	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 12 Noon Holy Eucharist	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>Office Hours</b> Monday: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4 pm (Fr Chuck) 12 pm-3 pm (Office)				CIACC-Children's Inter-Agency Council YSC-Youth Services Council IAC-Inter-Agency Council NA-Narcotics Anonymous AA-Alcoholics Anonymous MAC-Music Around the County SCC-Salem Community College		



# Activity Page

## WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



### What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

### What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



## GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

Brush these daily

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Do this to your shoes

\_\_\_  \_

This rises in the east

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Cold breakfast food

\_ \_ \_ \_

Hot breakfast food

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Talk to God

\_ \_ \_

Morning meal

\_\_\_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_

Extend your limbs

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Fruit drink

\_\_\_  \_ \_

Waffle machine

\_\_\_

Eat these scrambled or fried

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Because of the LORD's great love...     
           never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions

**From the Editor:** Do you want to change how 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 out St. John's website: [www.stjohnssalemnj.org](http://www.stjohnssalemnj.org). The most recent Sunday Bulletin is on the website, as well as current and past issues of the Forerunner and special announcements. St. John's is also on Facebook (St. John's Salem)

Deadline for articles for the September Forerunner is **August 25**. This is your publication-what do you want to see included? Family news, articles, information, articles, recipes, book or movie reviews, or anything you think would be of interest to our church family. Items can be emailed to [ecmiller114@gmail.com](mailto:ecmiller114@gmail.com).

**Special request: We are always looking for family news, articles, stories, poems, recipes, and other items of interest. Email them to me or leave them in the office.**

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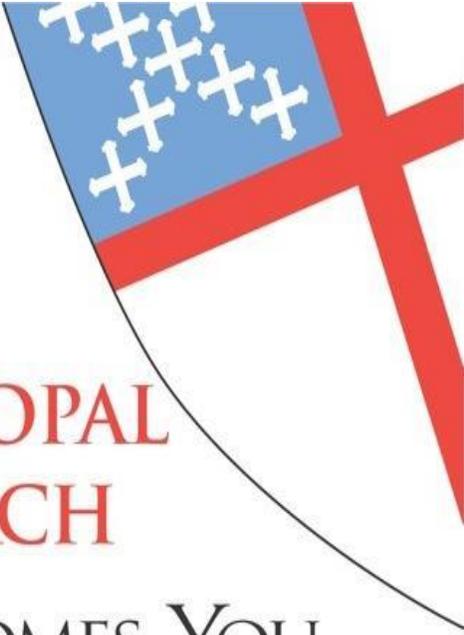
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CHURCH**  
WELCOMES YOU

## ***Schedule of Services***

### **Every Sunday**

8 AM—Holy Eucharist Rite 1 in the Chapel  
9:15 AM-Christian Formation  
10:30 AM---Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church  
followed by Fellowship Hour

### **Every Wednesday**

10:30 AM Bible Study in the Parish Hall  
Noon---Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### **Every Thursday**

6:30 PM Bible Study in the Parish Hall with Potluck  
Dinner



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