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August Epistle

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

It's time to Rock and Roll! Lots of folks have been working hard this summer to get ready for the Fall. Now that Fall is almost here, their hard work is beginning to bear fruit. Here's some of what's happening:

Sunday, August 14: Summer Sunday Hymn Sing. For our 10 am service, rather than having a sermon, we will sing hymns; some old favorites, some new soon-to-be favorites, and some just plain fun ones. Come join us—enthusiasm required, talent not so much.

Sunday, August 28: Our Annual Ministries Fair. Join us in the parish hall for a chance to learn about all the programs and organization you can participate in at St. John's. It will also be HOT DOG SUNDAY. Put it on your calendar now, it should be lots of fun and informative too.

September 11: Sunday School Begins. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will meet in the education building for their classes during the first half of the 10 am worship service. Adults are invited to gather in the education building at 9 am on September 11, 18 and 25 for "St Paul Stood Here: Turkey as Holy Land" with Kevin and Vicki Smith.

New Sunday School Curriculum: This Fall we will begin using a new downloadable curriculum. Three and four-year-olds will use *Jesus Teaches Us*, and Grades K-5 will use *Feasting on the Word*, which is lectionary based. These are very good

curricula that both teachers and children will enjoy.

Fall Worship Schedule: Starting with the first Sunday in October, our First Sunday 10 am services will include a children's homily in place of a sermon (no Sunday School for grades K-5 on those days), a simplified service, and more family-friendly music. When we get a children's choir going, they'll sing on our First Sundays.

Looking a little further ahead: **Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, Oct 2** at 10 am outside near the columbarium. Everyone is invited to bring their pets and other animals, but we do ask that for their safety and ours, all animals be leashed, in carriers, cages, etc.

We are still in need of **Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders.** Please think about serving in these roles, even if doing so has never occurred to you before. This may be the time for you to get involved. If you are willing to serve in either of these roles, please contact me and I'll give you all the details.

Our search for a quarter-time **organist/choir director** has begun. The profile, compiled from your responses to our survey questions, is included on page 4 and is on our website. Please pray that we find the right person to help develop our music ministries.

I am very excited about all these new beginnings, and I hope they are exciting for you too. There are lots of opportunities to participate, so take advantage of that and share your energy, talents, and enthusiasm with our church.

*Yours in Christ,
Vicki +*

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Sr. Warden's Corner



Let me start by mentioning a few of the things which have been getting done this Summer which may not be very exciting, but are a necessary part of keeping the Church going. Thanks to a host of people including all the Finance Committee, Jr. Warden Bill LaBarbera, and columbarium chairman Tom Baker, we were able to compile a list of deferred maintenance items and get cost estimates for nearly all of them. Thanks to all the congregation for maintaining your giving, and to a few who've made extraordinary gifts, the vestry was able to fund a few more of the priority items than our budget would allow.

Soon we will have a sump pump in the elevator shaft of the education building. You will see fresh paint on the outside of the Church and Parish Hall. The columbarium irrigation system has been repaired. Cracks and bumps in the walks and parking lot will start to disappear. Thanks to Alan Kettle for researching our copier contract opportunities. We now have a new copier and will pay less for it than the old one. Thanks to Jack Derrick, who has finally gotten our insurance policy straight after a very long and

frustrating effort. Thanks to Mitchell & Nemitz, PA, who have completed our financial audit well ahead of our deadline for it. This is the second year they have done our audit, and they have been very good to work with.

But not all of our Summer has been dull. Thanks to Mary Margaret Godier and Mother Vicki for spearheading the effort to have a Women's Bible Study, which is under way. The music committee has started the search for a part-time organist/choir director. Many of you have taught Summer Sunday School. Some have signed up to teach Sunday School and work with the EYC this Fall. More are needed.

There are many opportunities to help the parish, and I urge you to find one that suits you. As we all serve the parish, our relationship with God and with each other will grow, and excitement will build in the parish.

*Peace,
Reid Calhoun*



Treasurer's Report

What a difference our Church Family has made in our finances over the last 18 months! Thanks to your additional commitment, we have reduced the mortgage by \$82,000 from \$550,000 in December 2009 to the current level of \$468,000 (made up of \$45,000 regular mortgage payments, included in the regular budget, and \$37,000 of Capital/Building Fund contributions).

Your contributions have increased and the Vestry has controlled costs. We have repaid our equity loan (2010) and are able to catch up on some of the deferred maintenance items. We have a maintenance plan for the next 4-5 years and will not need to borrow money to complete it.

We are able to look ahead to Mother Vicki's shared vision and start to plan for the much-desired Ministry increase in the 2012 budget.

Below is a snapshot of the June numbers, which I believe you will find helpful.

If you have any questions please ask any member of your Finance Committee, Arienne or myself. Your continued support will enable this momentum to keep going. Thank you!

-Alan Kettle

	<u>June 2011</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	24,080	22,700	139,235	143,400
Expenses	20,449	20,136	132,995	137,712
Net Surplus (shortfall)	3,631	2,564	6,240	5,688
Mortgage Balance at end of June			468,467	

Stewardship Corner



I have a confession to make: I'm somewhat of a latecomer to the Church. What's worse – at least some of my past resistance had to do with what I'll call “pass the plate syndrome.” My family and I would sporadically attend various churches over the years, and there was at least a small part of me that felt obligated (not necessarily in a positive way) to drop cash in the offering plate as it came by. As bad as that sounds, I have to admit that this was a root cause of my initial reluctance to commit to any church on a regular basis.

We started attending St. John's several years ago and quickly found ourselves coming more and more often. It was a great way to get in touch with our faith, to expose our children to the Episcopal traditions that were part of our upbringing, and to expand our social network. Still, it took us a little while to really “commit” to St. John's in any meaningful way. Then one day, I came across a stewardship pamphlet listing the many ways that one could become involved at St. John's. Among those activities, I found a definition of *stewardship* that was entirely new to me: giving of one's time and talents, not just one's treasures.

Armed with that newly discovered understanding of stewardship, my family and I have found more and

more ways to contribute our time and talents to St. John's. Personally, I have assisted with the middle-school church class and am currently signed up as a reader, a member of the finance committee, and as part of the lawn care brigade. If you ask me, that last activity really defines the concept of stewardship. At home, yard work is a chore; at St. John's, it is a joyful experience and a source of personal pride.

Selecting these various activities has allowed me to create an intensely personal experience within the broader context of our church community. It has made me realize that I have more time and talents to contribute than I may have once thought.

Finally, committing our time and talents has had another interesting effect: My aversion to “pass the plate syndrome” has passed. Becoming more involved with St. John's has given us a deeper understanding of what is needed to operate the church – not just in terms of dollars and cents but also the intangibles that make our church home such a special place. While I feel good knowing that we are providing a portion of that necessary financial support, it feels even better to know that we are acting in ways that directly support the mission and ministries of St. John's.

-David Bennett

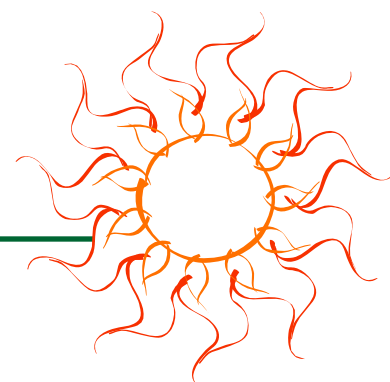
Highlights of July Vestry Meeting

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the vestry approved the following repair expenditures:

- Paint exterior of the church - \$7,000
- Resolve basement water problem - \$2,500
- Fix leaks and ceiling in parish hall - \$500
- Fix rector's office ceiling and door - \$200
- Purchase replacement shed - \$3,800
- Purchase replacement finance computer - \$1,300
- Repair damaged concrete walkway - \$3,120

The vestry received updates on the organist/choir director search, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and the preschool. The preschool budget for 2011-2012 was approved.

The counter schedule for the next few months was completed, and we had a preliminary discussion about the 2012 budget.



Parish Music Profile



This profile was compiled by the Parish Music Committee using information gathered in our music surveys of the congregation.

We are looking for an organist/choir director who will lead our music program in ways that enrich our worship and create community with our choirs and musicians.

St. John's appreciates a variety of music and most often uses the 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing. We hope to have our music program include a rich mix of styles, including traditional, gospel, Taize and contemporary.

While open to using additional classical instruments, we generally prefer that our hymns have organ or piano accompaniment.

The opportunity to participate in congregational singing is very important to us. We are open to learning new hymns and music but we want to learn them so that we can sing along.

We hope to establish a children's choir and while we do not expect the organist/choir director to lead it, we do expect he/she to be supportive and encouraging of that ministry.

This is a one-quarter time, year-round position. The organist/choir director is expected to plan the music in consultation with the rector, lead choir rehearsal once per week, and play for the 10 am service each Sunday.

The organist/choir director is expected to plan and play for special services such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. He/she is also expected to play for funerals and will receive additional compensation for that.

The organist/choir director is also expected to play for weddings in the parish. He/she will have oversight over music selections and any soloists or additional musicians and will receive additional compensation for the wedding and rehearsal, as well as any additional rehearsals required by extra musicians.

-Parish Music Committee

Migrant Ministry

The children are here for just a few months while their moms work out in the hot sun picking peppers. They live most of the year in Florida but make their way north with short stops in Georgia or South Carolina before they come to Granville County.

For about 15 years, my goal has been to make these migratory children feel like all the other children who start a new school year with new pencils and backpacks, a fresh box of crayons or a brand new composition book.

St. John's parishioners have been a part of my job/ministry for a number of years. I hope you'll keep helping the migratory children in Franklin and Granville counties who are here in August but who return to Florida after the harvest is over. It's quite simple – you bring

school supplies to church and I, in turn, distribute them to those children who need them so desperately.

So, as you go school shopping with your own children as they begin a new school year, I hope you'll consider adding a couple of basic items to your shopping cart and bring them to church. The children will appreciate it.

Thanks in advance!

*-Laura Santos
Migrant Education Specialist, Granville County Schools*



Preschool News

The preschool halls and several classrooms have had fresh coats of paint this summer and the building is looking bright, cheerful and just about ready for 75 little ones to come bustling on in!

The **Parents Open House** for families of enrolled students will be held the evening of August 31st. **Meet the Teacher** for students and parents is the morning of September 1st and the **first day of school** will be September 6th. Specific times and more information was sent home to families in the mail.

There are spots open in our Parent/Tot Playgroup for 1-year-olds and their parents, but they are filling up fast! We are accepting children onto the waiting lists for all other classes.

If you are interested, please call (919-562-8619) or email (kbaron@stjohnswf.com). More information can also be found on the website: www.stjohnswf.net.

*-Kristen Baron
St. John's Preschool Director*

Nets for Life

Our great-great-grandmother had a Brown Bobby Maker. It is a very old electric donut maker that is now in our family. There is a story in our family that she used it to make Brown Bobby donuts to sell to local restaurants to help make money for her family when times were hard. We decided it would be a good idea to see if we could use it to make donuts to sell to earn money for Nets for Life.

First we made some posters and sent out an email to our neighbors to tell them we were going to sell donuts the next morning. While we were still carrying out the card tables and posters, a man came by and bought a dozen. We sold them for 50 cents each, but a lot of people gave us extra donations when we told them more about Nets for Life.

Even though it was really hot we stuck it out for four hours and it was worth it. We raised \$97.65! We were very proud and happy to know that we raised

enough money to buy 8 nets! Each net is big enough for 3 or 4 people to sleep under, so we have helped prevent malaria for at least 24 people.

*-Sophie Holmes and
Amelia Hardin*



Green Committee



When Kroger, my regular grocery store, closed down, I began looking for another place to shop. There being a number of choices, I was particularly interested in other food stores' organic food selection and their items that use recycled content (i.e., napkins, paper towels, and toilet paper).

In checking other grocery stores in this area, I found that Lowes, Food Lion, and Harris Teeter all have a line

of recycled paper products. Harris Teeter also had tissues and paper plates. I was surprised to find that CVS drug store has a line of paper products 100% recycled as well as paper plates. Target did not have any "green" products. If you know of other places or things that use recycled products, please let me know and we will post these on the bulletin board.

-Kenille Baumgardner

In Our Prayers



Kathy and Joe Binns
Michelle Brame
Brenda Brown
Sam Brown
Doreen Campion
Patrick Cancro
Doug Crowe
Isabel Crowe
Virginia Currie
Jimmy Cushing
Mark Dunn
Murray Dunn
Frankie Epps
Betty Fuller
Marie & Hudson Hamilton
Sandra Hayes
Stella Howe
Nelda Huffstetler
Jack Hunt
Christina Kaye
Kenneth and Samantha
Susan Lee
Pat Maiocco
Gail and Ken Marsh
Joe Marsh

Speed Massenburg
Shane McKewen
Mestas family
Maria Milam
Bill Miller
Abigayle Claire Monteith
Dick Monteith
Tim Mozingo
Elwood Munz
Catherine Newton
Virginia Olsen
Anthony Ottley
Nora Ottley
Mark Paige
John Paulonis
Brendan Pearce
William Presson
Marisa Rosa
George Shiflett
George and Dana Telenko
Karen Tiner
Ken Wayne
Linda Wolfgang
Rochelle Zaino

Our Men / Women in Armed Services:

Amanda Altman, Vicki Smith's cousin
Thomas, Tom & Darden Baker's son
Brian Clark
John, Pinky & David Cooke's son
Michele Cooke
Derek Dinkins, Daniel Cheek's cousin
Drew Holt, **Ben Miller**, **Daniel Virant**,
 Lee & Perri Holt's nephews
Chris Jones
Guy Jordan
Charles Kelly
Frank Kelly, Carol Smith's grandson
Michael, Bill & Bonnie LaBarbera's son
Michael Klump, Kathy Binns' brother
Sean Lynch, Pinky & David Cooke's friend
Ryan McDavitt
Steven
Phillip Tinker
Kyle Weinel

Those who have died:

Helen Kovacs, Bill Kovacs' mother

August Birthdays



01	Alfie Adams	09	Kelly Tomlinson	18	Charles Barham, IV	25	Denes Kovacs
02	Caddy Landis		Michael Warriner		Josie Curran		Gerald Pottern
	Mike Warriner	10	Sue Vester		Mike Kirkland	26	Connor Hicks
04	Daniel Brittingham	12	Jane Lee		Don Myers		Kody Hicks
	Paul Farrell		Max Manley		Ryan Smallwood		Kate Scott
	Ashley Ferris	13	Frankie Epps	20	Jase Brown	27	Alison Moore
	Kenan Ferris	14	Charles Kasterdike		Kristen Kramer	28	Ted Keith, Jr.
	Nathaniel Johnson		Elizabeth Kessler		Louis Mullinger		Molly Northrup
05	Christopher Hicks		Julianna Renfrow	21	Cathy Barham	29	Janet Monteith
	Heather Roberts		Carolyn Stoklas	22	Ann Holmes		Carol Smith
06	Mary Harper Allen	15	Kitty Kovacs	23	Matthew Daw	30	Robert George
	Rebecca Houston		Andrew Lee	24	Vicki Smith		
	Crystal Nelligar						

August Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
07-Aug	8:00	John McDuffie	Katharine Ferguson	Zack Ross		Jean Lepppek	Melanie Murphy	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Vicki Smith
								Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	
	10:00	Sydney Osborne	Carol Smith	Carole Friedman		Bob Nelligar		Romans 10:5-15	
		Maddy Flowers	Lisa Hunt	Jim Davenport		Alan Kettle		Matthew 14:22-33	
	Jack Osborne	Chris Walkup							
14-Aug	8:00	Shane Morse	Cathy Plaut	Katharine Ferguson		Mike Morse	Shirley McHose	Genesis 45:1-15	Vicki Smith
								Psalm 133	
	10:00	Trevor Telenko	Kevin Smith	Harold Davis		Jim and Sharon		Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	
		Abby Telenko	Troy Thomas	Kenille Baumgardner		Davenport		Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28	
	Sophie Holmes	Donna King							
21-Aug	8:00	Jack Kessler	Zack Ross	Tom Baker	Jean Lepppek	Jean Lepppek	Christine Knights	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Vicki Smith
								Psalm 124	
	10:00	Hayley Walkup	Kevin Smith	Kevin Smith	Catherine Massey	Harold Davis		Romans 12:1-8	
		Lauren Walkup	Rob Massey	Catherine Massey		Al Hinton		Matthew 16:13-20	
	Creighton Ball	Laura Santos							
28-Aug	8:00	Jack Presson	Louis Mullinger			Alton Hare	Don Myers	Exodus 3:1-15	Vicki Smith
								Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	
	10:00	Jonathan Farrell	David Bennett	Christine Knights	Dorie Allen	Michael McDuffie		Romans 12:9-21	
		Jayne Bennett	Dave Roberts	Dewey Jordan		Bill LaBarbera		Matthew 16:21-28	
	Jaxon Farrell	John Rich							

ChurchNet Letter to Member Churches

Pastors of ChurchNet Foundation member churches,

The ChurchNet Foundation thanks the member churches for the funds and volunteers that have made the past six years a great success. We look forward, with your help, to many more years of service to the needy of Wake Forest, Rolesville, and Youngsville. We have grown from 7 to 17 churches. If we do not have a volunteer from your church, please help us find a member who has a compassionate heart and can be free on Tuesday mornings and/or Thursday afternoons. This person can call Mary at 562-1822 to discuss responsibilities. We ask your cooperation in the following:

1. Please help your own church members as much as possible yourselves. We ask clients to go to their own churches first, if applicable. We also refer to social service agencies.
2. Please ask those who come to you for assistance who live in Wake County to go to the Human Services office on E. Holding Ave. before coming to ChurchNet. This is at the request of Human Services. If they

cannot help, they will send the clients on to us.

3. Please remember that we accept clients ONLY from Wake Forest, Rolesville, and Youngsville, because member churches are in these three communities. Don't send clients from other areas.

ChurchNet is trying to make the best use of the funds that you have entrusted to us. There is much need in this area and we cannot wipe out poverty. But, we can do something and hopefully help some people gain independence and a better sense of self-worth.

The Bible reminds us to serve "the least of these" but often it is the volunteer and the giver who reap the blessings of service in God's name. May you continue to be a blessing and to be blessed!

Mary Hitchcock, Chair
The ChurchNet Foundation

For information on how to help ChurchNet, please contact Carolyn Stoklas (cstoklas1@nc.rr.com) for more information.



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From the Parish Register



Died - *That they may go from strength to strength.*

Helen Kovacs mother of Bill Kovacs, on June 24

Transfers - *Give them courage, patience, vision and strength in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.*

Ginger and Fritz Morrison to Washington Cathedral, Washington DC

Sarah Holt Bron to First Presbyterian, Wilmington, NC

