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# July Epistle

## From the Rector

These past few weeks and months have seen a lot of activity! Most of it seems to have been in the headlines, but you need to know there has been quite a bit going on quietly here at St. John's!

Right after we got the columbarium cross in place (hope you saw the pictures of it in last month's Epistle), it turned out that the aches and pains from my tick bite gotten in the doing of it were not the only thing going on for me. A remaining chest pain turned out to be the need for some stents to a coronary artery! Would you believe it was an in-and-out thing? And, no sooner than getting back, Laura Doster shared some great news – great for her but sad for us. Her old employer, when she lived in Atlanta, Randstad USA, came after her to offer a position that she could not turn down. June 25<sup>th</sup> was Laura's last day with us. And, that last week, she and I spent putting into place some things we had on the back burner, all of them to keep the office running smoothly.

So, it was awfully hard to say farewell to Laura, but it is exciting to let you know how things will continue. Debbie Lee will be working in the office to handle the financial matters of the

church. Debbie has an excellent financial background and helped us set up our bookkeeping system. She was a resource for Laura when she first came and will see to it that there is excellent support to the Finance Committee in our business matters. Debbie will be in the office once a week to oversee matters that include payroll, processing payments, and general oversight. As before, Carolyn Filo and Carolyn Stoklas assist with finances on a weekly basis also.

Besides just business, two very important aspects of the office are those of publications and help to our various ministries. We've hired our member Catherine Massey to do this. Catherine will be in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 to 3 for now. Besides her excellent work as Preschool Board Chair for the past two years, Catherine is well known by many of our newer, younger families and is a wonderful people person with exceptional skills.

So, while we may have been distracted by headlines, some exciting things have been taking place here as well. All of them have been for the good, too! Over the weeks and maybe months ahead, we'll be looking at how best to carry on the work needed in the church office, what kind of positions are needed, and the kinds of people needed to fill them. In the meantime, we can be happy and excited for Laura's wonderful opportunity and the great folks who have ably stepped in to take her place.

- Jerry Fisher

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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Hello friends in St John's: I find myself this month running out of clever things to say to you – after all it is summertime! It's not that there's not plenty rolling in my mind...family, job, budding job as professional mulch mover, and my moonlighting job as Senior Warden at St. John's. Since you probably have similar personal "opportunities" that you deal with daily ... I'll stick to St. John's .

As we approach the midway point of the year we find ourselves as a Vestry starting to think about 2010. Our mortgage refinance actually appears to have a date now....July 10. We have given DNA samples, fingerprints, and have been polygraphed several times by the banking industry ... I'm kidding but it really seems like it! Actually we have cleared up some technical concerns from mortgages in the past, so the next Vestry that deals with mortgage issues will have a much easier

time thanks to some very hard work from current Vestry Members, Jerry, and one who will be sorely missed – Financial Secretary Laura Doster. My dream is to actually attend a Vestry Meeting where church finances are given no more than 10 minutes of our meeting time and we can move on to the more important tasks of spreading and living the message of Jesus Christ in our parish and in our community. I have mentioned in the past that we really need to have several of you step up and join us in the job of guiding St. John's ... so far I'm hearing crickets. We have two 17-month terms open and in December we will have four 3-year terms that come open so we truly need your prayerful consideration of offering yourself as a Vestry Candidate at St. John's. You do have a talent and ideas that you can offer ... I can guarantee it! We have a wonderful facility, beautiful eye-catching grounds, and absolutely great people ... we just need you. It's not an age-restrictive group – young, old, short-time or long-time Parishioners –

you will all be welcomed. Many opportunities will be forthcoming in the next several months. Jump in and help us!!!!

A quick observation and I'll say see you next month ... As Darden and I worked on the Columbarium this past July 4th long weekend it was hot so we took many water breaks on the bench under the Birch Trees by the fountain. We noticed that as a facility and grounds, St John's has much to offer as life moves on chronologically speaking . We have a great preschool, we have the church itself, and we have the very unique Columbarium for the end of our lives here. People may come in, some may pull away from God for a while for different reasons and – like me – may come back, dive in, and realize that our St. John's Church Home is always there ready to accept us back in

I tell you again: Give some of yourself and you will get much back

*Yours in Christ,  
Tom*

## August Ministry Meetings

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It's time to be getting ready for the fall and the beginning of another church year. I'd like to meet with all, and a Sunday seems like it will be the most convenient for everyone. So, whether you are an Acolyte or an Usher, let's plan on meeting briefly after church in the church. We'll quickly review

what is expected, any problems you are running into, and most importantly look at a new way of managing your schedule of assignments.

Please mark your calendar for either **Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>** or the **9<sup>th</sup>**, your choice. If either of these dates does not work for you, give me a

phone call.

We're adding some new acolytes, and we'd like to include you or your child. The usual starting age is that of third graders. There will be training on each Sunday after church, July 12, 19, and 26.

*Thanks in advance,  
Jerry*

## Christian Education

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Summer Sundays are underway and we have had a great turnout of children so far. It is also wonderful to see so many different adults take this opportunity to get to better know our youngsters by leading a session!

There are still a few openings if you'd like to sign up to team teach. I can provide a lesson plan for you to follow, or you are welcome to

plan your own lesson around something that is close to your heart. The last Summer Sunday session will be August 30. We'll take off September 6, and then the regular church school year will begin September 13.

Please let me know if you are interested in teaching this fall. If you are just beginning to think about this ministry and have questions, please let me know. I would love to tell you

more about teaching at St. John's and answer any questions you have! I'm also excited to let you know that plans are underway to have a middle school class. We have an enthusiastic group of students and look forward to working with them!

Ann Holmes  
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[thatann@gmail.com](mailto:thatann@gmail.com)

## St. John's Financial Administrator

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The Vestry is looking to for a Church Financial Administrator and, because of confidentiality, the preference is for a non-member. Here are some important aspects of the job that are from our job description.

### **Purpose of the Position:**

To help manage the church office with emphasis on accounting and finance, the secretarial work, church records, general supplies, and equipment of the church related to financial matters;

To work both alone and with others on various church publications; and,

To serve as a helpful and welcome point of contact for others to the church.

### **Qualifications Required**

**Education:** Minimum of High School Diploma or equivalent with formal training in accounting systems.

**Experience:** Managing complex accounting systems, payroll, receipts and disbursements; familiarity with computers, word processing, data bases, and spreadsheet software (especially Microsoft Suite and other applications), and publication techniques

**Abilities:** Prepare and publish financial reports in an accurate and timely manner, coordinate with vendors, communicate with members, perform other administrative tasks as needed, and work both independently and under direction maintaining a professional demeanor and confidentiality.

Those who are interested in the position are asked to send a letter of interest and résumé before July 26, 2009 to [financial.administrator@stjohnswf.com](mailto:financial.administrator@stjohnswf.com).

## St. John's Holiday Harvest

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This summer, several preschool parents have been busy planning a fun event for the community in October: our 1st Annual St. John's Holiday Harvest. We have a website that we're continually updating: [www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com](http://www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com) Please check it out if you get a chance. We're looking for ways to get more of the church involved and

the ECW has graciously offered to have a bake sale and sell their delicious chili there. Other church groups, please think of ways you would like to be involved.

If you have a special talent and would like to be a vendor, we still have some spots open. The vendor application can be found on the Holiday Harvest website.

If you are interested in helping out with the event (and we will need help!) would like to advertise, or donate items for the event, please contact either Brooke Dickhart at [brookedickhart@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedickhart@yahoo.com) or Mary Ellen Archer at [mearcher@nc.rr.com](mailto:mearcher@nc.rr.com).



*St. John's  
Holiday Harvest*

Friday, Oct. 23rd  
4:30 pm – 7pm  
Saturday, Oct. 24th  
9 am – 4 pm

Come join us for fabulous shopping and fun  
for the whole family!

St. John's Episcopal Church & Preschool  
830 Durham Rd., Wake Forest  
[www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com](http://www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com)

# Calendar

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| July 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12        | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19        | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26        | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| August 2009 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 2           | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16          | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| Notes   |  |
|---|--|
| AA, M., W., & F., 7:30 - 9 pm<br>Al-Anon, Fri., 8 pm                |  |
| Baptisms:   | 7/19 Colin Finukin<br>7/26 Henry Roberts |
| Acolyte Training, 7/12, 19, and 26<br>after the ten o'clock service |  |
| Girl Scout Troop 1539 7/13, 2-4 pm                                  |  |
| Ministry Meetings, August 2 and 9<br>after the ten o'clock services |  |
| Monteith Family Gathering, 8/8, 4-7                                 |  |
| T.O.P.S., every Mon., 9-11am,                                       |  |
| Vestry Meeting, 7 pm, 7/21, 8/18                                    |  |

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## St. John's Care Group

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Please let me know if you know of someone who may need some assistance from our Care Group.  
Thanks to those who have helped with the Care Group. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.

Sloan Walkup

# In Our Prayers



## *Our Friends:*

|                    |                   |                      |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Caeden             | Jim Duke          | The McDonald Family  | Tom Schwab              |
| Greg Antos         | Laura Faulkner    | Phyllis & Pete       | Clark Shelton           |
| Katie Bell         | Lynn Furtrell and | Mickschutz           | Felecia Stephens        |
| Lille Boyte        | family            | Maria Milam          | Lois Shirley            |
| Claudia Brugaletta | Laura Glendy      | Laura McMillen       | Vann Taylor             |
| Tommy Byrne, Jr.   | Dee Gillespie     | Eva Martinez Paharik | Faye Tessiner           |
| Eden Carroll       | Eric Hansen       | Kendel Panciera      | Amanda V.               |
| Pat Cawley         | Don Jones         | Gary Pike            | Rosie Weiss             |
| Nancy Coats        | Barbara Kearns    | Lena Reilly          | Rosie Wiliss and family |
| Diane Davis        | Conner Landis     | Mary Robinson        | Louise Young            |
| Jackie Diaz-Cid    | Anna Lee Long     | Marisa Rosa          |                         |

## *Our Parishioners and their Families:*

|                             |                           |                           |                              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alfie Adams                 | Virginia Currie           | Kathryn Martin-           | Hudson Nowell, Shawn         |
| Amy Bailey                  | Frankie Eppes             | Meurer, Mary              | <b>and Craig's nephew,</b>   |
| Tiffany Bell                | Magen Ferland, Emily      | <b>Martin's son,</b>      | Joe Powell                   |
| <b>Mimi, Tori Bennett's</b> | <b>Duplessis' friend</b>  | daughter and son-in-      | Robert Hart Raynor,          |
| mother                      | Sarah Fort                | law                       | <b>Milly Nelligar's</b>      |
| Nancy Blackman, Jean        | Brenda Gainey, Milly      | Shirley McHose            | cousin                       |
| <b>McCamy's cousin</b>      | <b>Nelligar's sister</b>  | Tom Miller, Elena         | Shirley Reese, Dave          |
| Nancy, Karen Bell's         | Bernadette Girard, Glen   | <b>Harp's father</b>      | <b>McPherson's cousin</b>    |
| mother                      | <b>Archer's</b>           | recovering from           | Janie Rodgers, Cindy         |
| Bob and Kathy Binns         | Grandmother               | surgery                   | <b>Hall's cousin</b>         |
| Jay Chapman, Carol          | Alton Hare                | Barbara and Gene          | Silvia Travaglioni,          |
| <b>Smith's father</b>       | Dot Hinton                | Montague                  | <b>Laura Santos' sister-</b> |
| Wayne and Nancy             | Shera Hinton, Al          | Lisa Montague             | in-law                       |
| Clausen                     | <b>Hinton's daughter-</b> | Robertson                 | Nellie Trawick, Cindy        |
| R.V. Cate, Jackie & Amy     | in-law                    | <b>Gene and Barbara's</b> | <b>Hall's grandmother</b>    |
| <b>Bailey's brother-in-</b> | Tom Holt, Lee Holt's      | daughter                  | Linda Wolfgang, Dave         |
| law                         | father                    | Dick Monteith             | <b>McPherson's cousin</b>    |
| Ruth Dancy, Mollie          | Lucilee Ledford, Juanita  | Regina Morris, friend of  | Emily Wooten, Mid's          |
| <b>River's daughter</b>     | <b>Styles' mother</b>     | The Hall Family           | mother                       |
| Patrick Cubberly, Patty     | The Rev. Burton           | Susan Neeley              |                              |
| and Rob                     | <b>Linscott, John's</b>   | Liz Newberry, Sallie      |                              |
| <b>Reichmeider's</b>        | father                    | <b>Newberry's</b>         |                              |
| nephew                      | Jay Martin, Adam and      | daughter-in-law           |                              |

## *Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:*

|                         |                        |                       |                   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas, Tom and         | Drew Holt and Ben      | Michael Klump, Kathy  | Olsen,            |
| Darden Baker's son      | Miller, Lee and Perri  | <b>Binns' brother</b> | Ryan McDavitt     |
| John, son of Pinky &    | <b>Holt's nephews</b>  | Megan Leone,          | Zachary McBee,    |
| David Cooke             | Matt Jeanerett, Greg   | Sean Lynch, friend of | Thomas McDonald,  |
| Eric Fancher,           | and Sonia Ingram's     | Pinky and David       | friend of Kristen |
| <b>Jessica Graber's</b> | nephew                 | Cooke,                | Davis             |
| brother                 | Frank Kelly, Frank and | Kevin and Chad        | Kyle Weinel       |
| Steven, Carolyn Filo's  | Carol Smith's          | Marshall,             |                   |
| son                     | grandson               | friends of Virginia   |                   |

# August Ministry Assignments

| Calendar | Acolytes     | Readers | Chalice         | Greeters        | Ushers              | Flower Guild                 | Altar Guild     | Lessons                                  | Sermon                   |              |
|----------|--------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2-Aug    | 9 Pentecost  | 8:00    | Bob Bidwell     | Bob Bidwell     | Bob Bidwell         |                              | Don Myers       | Elizabeth McDuffie and Patti Reichmeider | Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15      | Jerry Fisher |
|          |              | 10:00   | John McDuffie   | Sally Fisher    | Eleas Ottley        | Harold Davis                 |                 | Harold Davis                             | Psalm 78:23-29           |              |
|          |              |         | Jack Presson    |                 |                     |                              |                 | Linwood Harp                             | Ephesians 4:1-16         |              |
|          |              |         | Meredith Massey |                 |                     |                              |                 |  | John 6:24-35             |              |
| 9-Aug    | 10 Pentecost | 8:00    | Bob Bidwell     | Jodi LaFreniere | Bob Bidwell         |                              | Patty Ray       | Kenille Baumgardner and Karen Demanovich | 1 Kings 19:4-8           | Jerry Fisher |
|          |              | 10:00   | Trevor Telenko  | Carole Friedman | Kenille Baumgardner | Vivian Jones                 |                 | Al Hinton                                | Psalm 34:1-8             |              |
|          |              |         | Hayley Walkup   |                 |                     |                              |                 | Tim Matchunis                            | Ephesians 4:25-5:2       |              |
|          |              |         | Jack Kessler    |                 |                     |                              |                 |  | John 6:35, 41-51         |              |
| 16-Aug   | 11 Pentecost | 8:00    | Bob Bidwell     | Elwood Munz     | Bob Bidwell         |                              | Shirley Matheny | Vivian Jones and Melanie Murphy          | 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  | Jerry Fisher |
|          |              | 10:00   | Sean Leech      | Elena Harp      | Jenny Brewer        | Louis Mullinger              |                 | Durward Matheny                          | Psalm 111                |              |
|          |              |         | Trevor Daw      |                 |                     |                              |                 | Michael McDuffie                         | Ephesians 5:15-20        |              |
|          |              |         | Abby Telenko    |                 |                     |                              |                 |  | John 6:51-58             |              |
| 23-Aug   | 12 Pentecost | 8:00    | Conner Williams | Jan Williams    | Bob Bidwell         |                              | Pinky Cooke     | Arline McCullough and Denise Munz        | Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18    | Jerry Fisher |
|          |              | 10:00   | John McDuffie   | Al Hinton       | Jim Davenport       | Elwood and Helen Munz        |                 | Dave McPherson                           | Psalm 34:15-22           |              |
|          |              |         | Hunter Kramer   |                 |                     |                              |                 | Roger Melvin                             | Ephesians 6:10-20        |              |
|          |              |         | Philip Paige    |                 |                     |                              |                 |  | John 6:56-69             |              |
| 30-Aug   | 13 Pentecost | 8:00    | Bob Bidwell     | Bob Bidwell     | Bob Bidwell         |                              | Shirley McHose  | Alfie Adams and Jenny Brewer             | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6     | Jerry Fisher |
|          |              | 10:00   | Trevor Telenko  | Ellen Holst     | Harold Davis        | John Rich and Melanie Murphy |                 | Louis Mullinger                          | Psalm 15                 |              |
|          |              |         | Sidney Osborne  | Megan Holst     |                     |                              |                 | Bob Nelligar                             | James 1:17-27            |              |
|          |              |         | Abby Telenko    |                 |                     |                              |                 |  | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |              |

If you have a conflict, please arrange a trade and let the church office know of the swap so the bulletin change can be made.

**Ministry Members** - Do remember to put on your calendar the dates of either August 2nd or 9th to meet after church in the church. Fall start-up is coming soon, and this is a chance to review our work for that time.

Also, we will talk about an automated way of managing assignments. If you have a chance, you might look at it ahead of time. You can find it at [www.MinistrySchedulerPro.com](http://www.MinistrySchedulerPro.com). There are levels to it, one of which allows people to log onto their account, arrange for trades by email, or just adjust their preferences for times and days.

Also, if anyone is interested in learning more or signing up for acolyting, reading, administering the cup, ushering, or working with the flower and altar guilds, feel free to come or be in touch. And, parents of youngsters who have spoken of their interest in acolyting, reading, or other roles are welcome to come, too.



## July Birthdays

|                        |                     |                         |                       |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01- Hunter Kramer      | 06- Elwood Munz     | 18- Andrew Dickhart     | 27- Drew Hylton       |
| 01- Kelly Osborne      | 07- Henry Allen     | 18- Anne Fisher         | 28- John Kessler      |
| 02- Cindy Hall         | 10- Read Kessler    | 18- Jennifer Marshall   | 28- Lowell LaFreniere |
| 02- Marc Lownes        | 10- Bill McHose     | 22- Kristen Davis       | 28- Barbara Montague  |
| 03- Bob Bidwell        | 12- Karen Matchunis | 23- Elisabeth Vohwinkel | 28- Mark Paige        |
| 03- Alex Reichmeider   | 14- Mike Husinko II | 25- Mark Marotta        | 31- Bethany Collins   |
| 04- Jenny Brewer       | 15- Bill Batton     | 26- Nancy Clausen       | 31- James Cooke       |
| 04- Mynn Paige         | 15- Lauren Gould    | 26- Patty Ray           | 31- Evan Holst        |
| 04- Andy Wilkinson III | 15- Carrie Russell  | 27- Tom Baker III       | 31- Larkin Pahl       |
| 05- Shirley Matheny    | 16- Mike Dearstyne  | 27- Marilyn Crawford    |                       |



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## 2009 Graduates



Congratulations to our High School graduates this year. May they always be blessed with an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all His works.

- ◆ **Patrick Barham**
- ◆ **Paul Holmes**
- ◆ **Jacob Holt**
- ◆ **Patrick Ingram**
- ◆ **Kristen Kramer**
- ◆ **Vann McDuffie**
- ◆ **Lindsey Stever**
- ◆ **Drew Wilkinson**