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May Epistle

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Since my arrival at St. John's in January, we've had lots of informal conversations about our worship services—what we do, what we don't do, what we like and what we don't like. Over the summer, these issues will be getting special focused attention as our ad hoc music advisory committee begins its work. As you may remember this representative committee of parishioners, with the input of other parish members, will discern the role we want music to play in our worship, what style(s) of music we appreciate, and what structure our music programs should have so that they best enhance our worship services. We hope this work will culminate in hiring a part-time organist choir director for the fall but we also have to be sure that we are in a financial position to do this. We'll keep you posted as the summer continues.

One of the special values of our Episcopalian worship is how very participatory it is. Our services are designed for everyone, on the altar and in the pews, to grow in faith by participating fully in all that we do. This includes

singing, sharing in the prayers, listening to the readings, and receiving communion. As with most things, the more we participate the more we get out of it. Our worship is greatly enhanced when we all participate fully. Whether you are a former opera singer or can't carry a tune in a bucket, sharing in making the "joyful noise" of our hymns and service music is important. We can all respond to the prayers with a strong "Amen" and even add our own prayers during the prayers of the people. Our participation is increased by standing, sitting, and kneeling as is appropriate and possible. Children may wiggle, or giggle, or fuss, but unless they reach "banshee pitch" please don't take them out—they, too, enrich our worship. When we gather to worship, we're a congregation, not an audience, so I invite you to join in the fun and participate fully—and by your participation, everyone's worship will be more meaningful. And if you are interested in taking on a leadership role in our worship (reading lessons and prayers, bearing the chalice, acolyting, etc.), please talk to me. We'd love to have your help.

*See you in church,
Vicki*

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Vicki and Kevin will be traveling to Turkey with a group from Wartburg Seminary on May 16 - June 6. The Rev Mid Wootten will be our guest preacher and celebrant while Vicki is away.

Senior Warden's Corner



Will you find the Lord on a lawn tractor, at a luau, or in a Bible study group? The answer is yes, if you are looking. The opportunities we have to work, play, and study together will continue to increase as we participate in them. Working, playing, studying, and worshipping together makes us stronger as individuals, and collectively will make St. John's a stronger faith community.

You will hear about these opportunities in church, in the Epistle, and from others. They are also beginning to appear on our website calendar (<http://stjohnswf.com>). The calendar does not yet appear on the home page, but it

is in the left-side menu on any of the subpages. As dates for events get confirmed and communicated to the office, they will appear on the calendar.

A number of our tasks and ministries are underway and available to those who are interested. Many of the activities we want to participate in will only happen as someone steps up to lead them. Whether it is serving at coffee hour, teaching Summer Sunday School, or leading some youth sessions, give some time and you may be surprised by how much fun the people you meet are, and by how much they make you grow.

Peace,
Reid Calhoun

From the Finance Committee

	March 2001		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	20,044	21,400	68,214	71,900
Expenses	28,497	20,329	66,371	64,617
Net Surplus (shortfall)	(8,453)	1,071	1,843	7,283
Mortgage Balance at end of March			480,260	

Results for the quarter have been distributed and posted on the notice board in the Parish House. A snapshot of the results are shown above.

Notes on the figures for the quarter:

1. We put the payroll on a twice-monthly payment schedule (mid-month and end of month). This resulted in the Rectors salaries being over budget by \$5,600, which represents the December Rector stipend for Mother Ann, which was paid in January. This was *not* budgeted for in 2011.
2. Operating Revenue is 5% over last year but \$2,600 under budget.

As noted previously, the work of the Finance Committee is to simplify the reports and to eliminate some funds' accounts. This has been completed and will be reflected

in the April numbers. Joe Paulonis and Louis Mullinger deserve thanks for their work on this project. This will make numbers much more meaningful.

As you know, we operate an **automatic payment** for regular contributions. It is a simple process and can be easily changed. It has a number of advantages:

- a. No more checks for you to write.
- b. Less checks to be handled by the counters and Financial Secretary.
- c. St. John's has a more even flow of funds. This is especially important in the summer when so many of us are away.

If you would like to take advantage of this program, please let the office know. Arienne will be happy to help.

The Finance Committee needs two additional members. If you would like to join this Ministry and help guide us financially, please let Mother Vicki or the Treasurer know. The next Financial Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 9 am.

We thank you for your continued support. You make all that we do at St John's possible.

-Alan Kettle

Miscellaneous News

Care Group: Looking for a new ministry opportunity at St. John's? Please consider joining St. John's Care Group! It's a great way to support and care for our congregation! Contact Catherine Massey or Sloan Walkup (sewalkup@gmail.com) for more information and opportunities. Thanks to all who continue to provide their time and support to care for those in need at St John's. Your help is greatly appreciated!!
-Sloan Walkup

Calling All Green Thumbs: Many thanks to all who donated so generously for memorials and dedications at Easter time! Some flowers and perennials have already been planted, so thanks for that great help! Anyone who would like to exercise their green thumbs with the remainder of the planting, please contact Julie Arthur at 556-4785. It can be really lovely out there in the late afternoon
-Julie Arthur

Lay Eucharistic Minister Meeting on May 8: Are you interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Minister who takes communion to those in their homes, nursing homes, etc? If so please join us at 9 am on Sunday, May 8 to learn how to do this and apply for the necessary license from the diocese to perform this ministry. Please let the office know if you plan to attend (556-3656).

Communion Preparation Class on May 14: This class is for children ages 4 to 8 who are interested in learning more about communion (what it is, why we do it and how we do it). Children who already take communion and those who wish to begin taking communion are both welcome in this class. We will meet on Saturday May 14 from 10 to 11 am. Please let the office know

(556-3656) if your child will be attending. Since this could be a large group, it would be appreciated if some parents could stay to help supervise the children.

Next Baptism Date: Our next baptism Sunday will be June 12, the feast of Pentecost. If you or your child wish to be baptized that day, please contact the office to complete the necessary paperwork and plan on meeting on Saturday, June 11 at 10 am for a brief time of education and preparation.

Notice about our Wednesday Eucharists: We will continue to gather at 11:45 am through Wednesday May 11. For the summer, we will gather on the second Wednesday of the month to share communion: June 8, July 13, and August 10.

New Bible Study Begins May 15: On Sunday, May 15, at 9 am in the basement of the Education Building, I propose to begin a new 40-minute class that will run for two months of Sundays and focus on the New Testament and the early Church. The last class I called "Things I Wish I Had Known When I Started Reading the Bible." I have already solicited from members of that last class some topics for the new class. They are so varied that I can only call the new class, "Some of the Things I Wish I Had Known When I Started Reading the Bible." Along with answering questions submitted by the class, I want to emphasize the cultural background out of which grew the New Testament, for a perhaps obvious reason: The cultural difference between us and them is exactly the source of difficulty in our understanding the text.

-Gene Montague

Nets for Life

World Malaria Day, April 25, is just a beginning for St. John's to remember that in sub-Saharan Africa a child dies from malaria **every 60 seconds**. Our diocese is helping by trying to provide malaria nets for families.

In our local sporting goods stores, a net for multiple people costs \$30-\$40. Through Nets for Life, you can buy a net to protect 3 people for just \$12.

Donation envelopes are in the pews, but you can donate in a fun way, too. Participate in the **"Bread and Chocolate" fair on May 15 in the Parish Hall**. Make (theme-appropriate) items to be sold for this Nets for Life fundraiser. Buy breads and chocolate items at the fair, after each service. Every penny will go to Nets for Life.

Questions? Call Carol Paulonis (562-1362).

Stewardship Corner

- A Delicious Dinner
- Sex
- Tithing

These are three of life's great pleasures, I have discovered. I will be glad to expound on the first two pleasures in private conversations, but for this article, I will confine my remarks to the third pleasure—tithing. A *tithe* is giving away at least 10% of your income. In my case, most of the funds go to the parish. Tithing did not come easily, or automatically, for me. Many years ago when I was serving on the Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina, a resolution came before the Executive Council:

Members of the Executive Council will tithe, or work toward tithing.

I argued vociferously AGAINST the resolution:

- It was not fair to expect clergy to tithe because we were “poorly paid.” (My fantasy was that clergy should be paid on the same scale as doctors, lawyers, and dentists, and other “professionals” with equivalent education, skills, and experience.)

- The tithe is the only scripture Episcopalians take “literally.” (*Genesis 14:19-20*)

In spite of my most cogent arguments to the contrary, the resolution passed the Executive Council.

I realized I had only two honorable options: I could resign from the Executive Council, or I could start tithing. I decided to try tithing. And I never looked back.

Soon I realized that tithing was not a burden but a benefit to me. It freed me from my financial anxiety. It gave me a genuine stake in the church. It helped me envision greater possibilities for ministry.

Years later, I was delighted to learn that Jo Ann was also a tither. Holding tithing in common was a foundation of our love for each other.

Tithing may not be for everyone. But through the years I have observed that even a handful of tithers in a parish can free the church from financial stress, open options for ministry in the community and world, and bless the tithers with one of life's great pleasures.

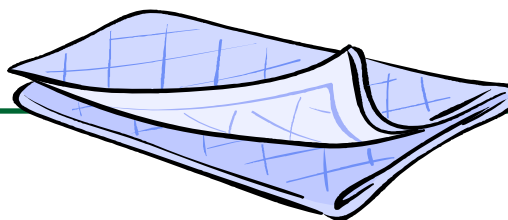
-Middleton Wootten

Blankets for Those in Need

We'll keep you “in stitches” if you join us to make small, simple blankets for charity. Needle workers of all kinds: knit, crochet, sew, quilt—even if you embroider or want to cut and fringe fleece—we welcome your company. You can make a baby or child's blanket for kids in need, a lap blanket for adult patients with Hospice of Wake County or, if you wish, something for an ill parishioner.

Please come for any or all of these get-togethers at St. John's. Dates are as follows:

- May 3 at 9:45 am (due to a schedule conflict, we'll meet in the smaller room off the SE corner of the Parish Hall; a paid flower-arranging class will be in the Parish Hall at the same time).



- May 17 and 31, at 10 am in the Parish Hall itself. All mornings will end at noon, in time for Preschool dismissal.

Bring the tools you need and yarn or fabric (for roughly a 40" square product). We do have some fabric for quilters, from donations. We also keep an ironing board at the church. Please bring a friend or neighbor, we'd love to have this worthwhile activity be open to community participation! Questions? Call Carol (562-1362) or Holly (453-2077). We'll keep you “in stitches.”

St. John's Preschool

Enjoy going out to eat? The Lemon Tree Cafe in downtown Wake Forest is hosting a "Spirit Day" for St. John's Preschool. If you dine in or pick up lunch to go on Monday, May 9, just mention our preschool and the owners will donate 10% of their sales back to the preschool. For more information, call the Lemon Tree at 521-5806.



For the 2011-2012 school year, the preschool has openings in the Parent/Tot Playgroup and is accepting children onto the waiting lists for all other classes. Please call or e-mail Kristen Baron at kbaron@stjohnswf.com or 562-8619 if you are interested. Information is on the website—www.stjohnswf.net.

We can hardly believe that another school year is coming to an end! St. John's Church can be very proud of how their preschool ministers to the 78 children and families at the school. The Vestry, Preschool Board, church staff, parents, and teachers have gone above and beyond all year to provide the most well-rounded comprehensive early childhood program for our students. It is truly a gift from God to be able to play a part in the physical, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual growth and development of our little ones. Together we have nurtured families through job loss, deaths of loved ones, serious illnesses, having to move children to specialized programs for developmental issues, parenting difficulties, and so much more. I am so proud of the work we do and thankful to everyone involved.

You are invited to attend our Moving On/Graduation Ceremony for our 4-year-old classes on Thursday, May 19 at 11 am in the sanctuary. It is a bittersweet day as we say goodbye and wish our graduates well as they move on to the next step of their education. There will be singing and a slide show followed by light refreshments. Have a wonderful summer!

-Kristen Baron

Green Committee Car Wash



HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! Don't forget to buy your **car wash tickets**. They make great gifts for Mother's Day, babysitters, teachers, etc.

Last year we made over \$4,000. So far this year we are 50% below of this target. The profit will pay to install six upgraded programmable thermostats in the Church and Preschool buildings and will result in annual savings

on our utility bills. The remaining balance left over will be used to pay down the mortgage.

The fundraiser ends this month. Tickets have no expiration date so buy all you need now! Contact Jeannette Kettle at 919-606-7967.

Thanks for your help!

-The Green Committee

In Our Prayers



Lynn Bartholomew
Kathy and Joe Binns
Brenda Brown
Sam Brown
Patrick Cancro
Gene Chalk
Doug Crowe
Isabel Crowe
Virginia Currie
Jimmy Cushing
Mark Dunn
Murray Dunn
Frankie Epps
Stephen Felligno
Berry Fuller
Marie & Hudson Hamilton
Sandra Hayes
Nelda Huffstetler
Jack Hunt
Christina Kaye
Helen Kovacs
Susan Lee
Pat Maiocco

Gail and Ken Marsh
Joe Marsh
Shane McKewen
Mestas family
Maria Milam
Abigayle Claire Monteith
Dick Monteith
Tim Mozingo
Elwood Munz
Catherine Newton
Virginia Olsen
Anthony Ottley
Nora Ottley
Mark Paige
John Paulonis
Maria Rosa
George Shiflett
George and Dana Telenko
Karen Tiner
Linda Wolfgang,
Dave McPherson's cousin
Rochelle Zaino

Our Men / Women in Armed Services:

Amanda Altman, Vicki Smith's cousin
Thomas, Tom & Darden Baker's son
John, Pinky & David Cooke's son
Michele Cook
Derek Dinkins, Daniel Cheek's cousin
Drew Holt, Ben Miller, Daniel Virant,
Lee & Perri Holt's nephews
Chris Jones
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:

Joe Trull, Jane Hill's father

May Birthdays



02 Leah Busse Ballard Earley	10 Jeff Barham John Blake Andrew Delahunty	16 Evan Graber Laura Santos Susan Wilkerson	23 Peggy Scott Daniel Saltys
03 Ellen Arthur David Cooke Tom Lauria Lee Perry IV	11 Miriam Houtz Elizabeth McDuffie Frank Sullivan	17 Allison Darch Jean McCamy	24 John Root III
04 Danielle McHose Stacey Wilder	12 Carole Friedman	19 Robert Bartholomew Milly Nelligar	25 Diana Baran Jeannette Kettle
05 Christine Knights	15 David Bennett Lauren Demanovich	21 Karen Demanovich	26 Sarah Briley
06 Catherine Turner	Mary Jane Larsen Shane Morse	22 Spencer Hill Trevor Telenko	27 Benjamin Brittingham
08 Siobhan Davis Greg Williams	Delaney Thibodeau	23 Grace Carrington Edwards	28 Rob Massey Chandler Presson
			29 Brooke Dickhart

May Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
01-May Easter 2	8:00 John McDuffie Meredith Massey Creighton Ball	Zack Ross	Bob Bidwell	Leej Copperfield	Leej Copperfield Mary Martin	Patty Ray	Carole Friedman, Bonnie LaBarbera	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Vicki Smith
	10:00 Trevor Daw Emma Daw Sophie Holmes	Christine Knights Lisa Hunt Al Hinton	Harold Davis Elizabeth McDuffie	Gail Calhoun	Bill Batton Tim Matchunis				
08-May Easter 3, Mother's Day	8:00 Sydney Osborne Jack Osborne	Bob Bidwell	Zack Ross	Jean Leppek	Alton Hare	Louise Howard	Karen Demanovich, Kenille Baumgardner and Christine Knights	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Vicki Smith
	10:00 Sean Leech Jayne Bennett Sydney Wright	Jim Davenport Carol Smith Kitty Kovacs	Carol Paulonis Tom Baker	Dorie Allen	Bob Nelligar Roger Melvin				
15-May Easter 4	8:00 Jack Kessler Shane Morse	Cathy Plaut	Bob Bidwell	Louis Mullinger	Larry Demanovich	Julie Arthur	Miriam Houtz, Melanie Murphy	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Vicki Smith
	10:00 Hayley Walkup Anna Armstrong Henry Allen	Joe Paulonis Anna Armstrong Chris Walkup	Catherine Massey Kenille Baumgardner	Miriam Houtz Bill Houtz	Alan Kettle Harold Davis				
22-May Easter 5	8:00 Trevor Telenko Sophie Holmes	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell		Mary Martin	Shirley McHose	Jenny Brewer and Sharon Davenport	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Mid Wootten
	10:00 Jonathan Farrell Jaxon Farrell Anna Armstrong	Harold Davis Kari Delahunty Miriam Houtz	Ken Christie Jim Davenport	Laura Santos Angel Armstrong	Jim and Sharon Davenport				
29-May Easter 6	8:00 Sean Leech Stephanie Thomas	Louis Mullinger	Katharine Ferguson	Leej Copperfield	Louis Mullinger	Melanie Murphy	Elizabeth McDuffie, Elizabeth Melvin and Kristen Bierline	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Mid Wootten
	10:00 Sydney Osborne Jack Osborne Henry Allen	Laura Santos Carole Friedman Christine Knights	Carole Friedman Harold Davis	Gail Calhoun Reid Calhoun	John Rich Michael McDuffie				

Aloha

**St. John's
Luau on the Lawn**

Saturday June 11th, 2011
4:30 - 7:30pm
BBQ Pork & Chicken
Games & Music

Tickets and Details Coming Soon!

Bring lawn chairs and wear your best luau attire.



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From the Parish Register

Born - *Bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable.*



Abram Daniel Cheek, son of Daniel and Jane Cheek, on April 1st.

Sunday School Picnic—May 15



Please join us in honoring all of this year's Sunday School teachers, as well as the Christian Education Coordinator, Ann Holmes, for another great year! Ann and her teachers have volunteered countless hours of their time to teach the St. John's children, so

let's celebrate them and their ministry with a picnic after church on May 15. St. John's will provide the burgers and dogs, everyone else please bring a side to share!