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October Epistle

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Since I came to St. John's in January, I have learned a great deal about the life of this parish and your commitment to being the church that God has called you to be.

I have tremendous respect for the work you have done over the last couple of years. You faced very serious financial challenges and as a vestry and a church, you have reorganized, recommitted, and revitalized. When Reid Calhoun, Alan Kettle, and I recently met with the Diocesan Council about our Fair Share, one member of the council suggested that we could help the diocese by sharing our story with parishes facing similar struggles. Clearly, St. John's has become an example of dealing with hard challenges and coming out better on the other side.

It is very important that we continue with that good work. Unfortunately, our contributions in August were extremely low, leading to a substantial deficit for the month, and they have not noticeably increased in September. Let's work together this fall to get our financial house back in order by catching up on our commitments as best we can.

On October 16, everyone is invited to our very important stewardship presentations (after both services in the Parish Hall). We will have a chance to celebrate our accomplishments and envision what St. John's will look like in 2012 and beyond.

We've made some great and good changes over the last year—come hear about them and also hear what's in store for next year. These meetings are also your opportunity to ask questions and express your opinion, so please come and take part.

Our contributions to St. John's do so much more than simply keep the lights on and the air-conditioning running. Our contributions empower us as a church for worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, and service, within our walls and in the community.

Come on October 16 to "Remember Our Past, Support Our Present, Build Our Future."

Yours in Christ,
Vicki +

Baptisms: Our next Sunday for baptisms will be All Saints Sunday, November 6. If you or a loved one wish to be baptized at that time, please contact Vicki at 556-3656.

Rector Away: Vicki is away until October 6. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells will be our preacher and celebrant on Sunday, October 2. Because Vicki will be on vacation, there will be no mid-week service on Wednesday, October 5.

Guest Preacher on Oct. 30: Vicki will be here on Oct 30, but we will have the privilege of having the Rev. Canon Cathie Caimano as our guest preacher. Cathie is the Canon for Ministry for our area of the diocese. She served her internship here at St. John's and it will be wonderful to see her again and to hear her preach.

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Sr. Warden's Corner



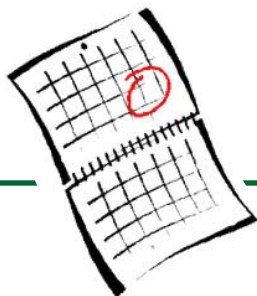
Gail and I have had a great time touring the national parks in the western mountains. One of our regrets is missing two important events in the life of St. John's. One is the thank you to Millie Nelligar and Grace Edwards for the work they have done this past year and a half to keep our music program going and contributing to our worship. Their contribution has meant a lot to our parish. The other event we've missed is the introduction of Helen Houdek as our new organist and choir director. Helen has a lot of enthusiasm for working with and expanding our music program, and I hope you will really look for a way to help her when she asks—or feel free to volunteer before she has to ask you. Building the music program was one of the areas the vestry made a priority at our retreat last spring, and the hiring of Helen is an important step in that direction.

For those who want to ask why we could not afford an organist last year but we can today, I will put forward two responses. One is that in the spring of 2010 the vestry was looking at a \$40,000 deficit for the year. We took several actions to reduce cost to help that, and the whole congregation helped by increasing our giving significantly for this year. The other is that our new organist's position is a quarter-time position, while the previous one was a half-time job, so the cost is significantly less.

My hope is that we will not be hung up on cost of Helen's position, but that we will work to help her make the music program a success, and we will continue to give what we can to make the other programs of St. John's successful.

*Peace,
Reid Calhoun*

Treasurer's Report



It has been my good fortune to report a very positive trend over the past year. The month of August took a turn that is of concern. For the month of August the income fell short of budget by \$10,000 as can be seen from the financial snapshot below. It was also the lowest monthly income in two years! Provisional numbers for September also indicate a shortfall of \$4,000.

Our hope is that this is, in part, is due to vacations and will be caught up in the coming three months so we can finish the year with a positive cash flow for the year.

Your regular contributions are of the utmost importance to our continuing vision for the ministries of St. John's. You could help even out our cash flow by participating in the direct debit program. On about the 15th of each month, an automatic direct deposit is made from the parishioners' bank into that of St. John's for the

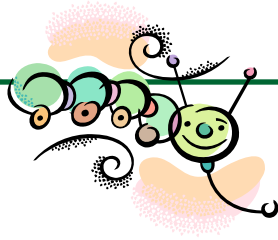
twenty members who are currently part of this program. It has lots of benefits: no more checks to write, easier to process in the office and a more even cash flow. Please consider being a part of this program. It can be changed or cancelled without question, problem or delay. See the office for a form to enroll.

Please do not hesitate to ask me any finance questions that you may have. Thank you for your support.

-Alan Kettle

	<u>August 2011</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	18,050	25,400	181,019	189,900
Expenses	32,200	26,674	189,002	188,414
Net Surplus (shortfall)	(14,150)	726	(7,983)	1,486
Mortgage Balance at end of August			463,778	

Preschool News



We have two spots open in our 1-year-old Parent/Tot Playgroup, which is held every Friday from 9:30 - 11 am. Last years' families from our very first Playgroup formed some wonderful friendships and got together over the summer. Most of the former Playgroup tots are now in our 2-year-old program and have adjusted beautifully since they got used to preschool in the low-pressure environment of the Playgroup. The cost is \$45 to register and \$45 a month. Playgroup participants receive priority registration for the following school year. Contact Kristen Baron for more information at 562-8619 or kbaron@stjohnswf.com.

Parishioners can help support the preschool by linking Harris Teeter VIC cards to our school. Simply give our school name and/or our code (#7754) to the cashier or customer service and we earn money on certain purchases. Thank you!!!!

Our First Choice cookie dough fundraiser will kick off the week of October 10th. Orders forms will be available shortly. Half of our proceeds will go into the Emily Noel Hill Preschool Fund in hopes of providing scholarships to children in the community in the near future.

Thanks to Carolyn Stoklas for delivering Back-Pack Buddy supplies that preschool families donated! We will continue to collect all year for this very worthy cause.

The Fall season provides so many learning opportunities across the curriculum for preschoolers with all of the changes occurring outdoors, and the sights, smells, and tastes of the season. Little ones have been delightfully busy with hands on activities and, of course, some Halloween fun! In September for the community helpers unit, students had visits from the fire department, a veterinarian, and a police officer. We love connecting with the community!

-Kristen Baron

Church Net Foundation

The Church Net Foundation is a coalition of 17 area churches from Rolesville, Youngsville, and Wake Forest (St. John's is one of the churches) who pool financial resources and volunteers to help people in these communities with utility bills, rent, and prescription medications. Clients come to the office on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons, interview with the volunteers, fill out an information form, and bring copies of bills or notices. There is a system of making pledges based on available funds to the agency (never to the client), mak-

ing phone calls and faxing information to the agencies and to the Church Net financial secretary, who makes out the checks. During 2010, Church Net helped 310 clients with a total of about \$51,000 in payments.

The ECW has contributed to Church Net, but we would like the congregation to get involved. There is a Church Net box set up on a table in the Narthex. If you could drop a dollar or some change in the box before or after church, that would be a big help. When we get \$50 together, we will send it to the Church Net office.



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Add your loose change to the Church Net box in the Narthex to help those in need in Wake Forest, Rolesville and Youngsville.

Stewardship Corner

When we bake, we mix ingredients and have faith it will result in a tasty cake. When we blend Stewardship elements of time, talent, and treasure we bring together the ingredients for a beautiful combination of God's gifts to us.

During the Ministry Fair, we signed up our time and talent and now we ask you to prayerfully consider the last ingredient of treasure. Our Estimates of Giving are needed to plan St. John's 2012 budget as we go forward with enhanced programs in our wonderful community of faith.

SCRIPTURE CAKE *(Look up the references in the Old Testament)*

½ cup butter or margarine	<i>Judges 5:25</i>
1 cup sugar	<i>Jeremiah 6:20</i>
3 eggs, separated	<i>Isaiah 10:14</i>
1 tablespoon honey	<i>Exodus 16:31</i>
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour	<i>1 Kings 4:22</i>
½ teaspoon salt	<i>Leviticus 2:13</i>
2 teaspoons baking powder	<i>1 Corinthians 5:6</i>
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon	<i>1 Kings 10:10</i>
¼ teaspoon each ground cloves, allspice, nutmeg	<i>1 Kings 10:10</i>
1/3 cup milk	<i>Judges 4:19</i>
½ cup chopped blanched almonds	<i>Genesis 43:11</i>
½ cup chopped dried figs	<i>1 Samuel 30:12</i>
½ cup chopped seeded raisins	<i>1 Samuel 30:12</i>

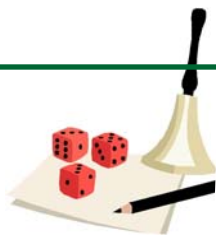
Cream butter. Add sugar gradually, beating until light. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Beat in honey. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk and beat only until smooth. Stir in nuts and fruits. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and pour into a loaf pan (9×5×3 inches), lined on the bottom with wax paper. Bake in preheated oven 350°F for 1 hour, or until done. Cool cake in the pan for 5 minutes. Turn cake out on a rack and peel off paper. Turn cake right side up to cool.

-Jeannette Kettle

October 14th is Bunco Night

Please join the women of St. John's for BUNCO on **Friday, October 14th from 7 to 10 pm**. We'll enjoy fun and fellowship, all while supporting the many ministries of St. John's Church!

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from parishioner Mary Margaret Godier, Arienne in the church office, or Kristen in the preschool office. For more info,



contact Mary Margaret at mmgodier@yahoo.com. There will be chances to win great prizes from local businesses.

Don't know how to play? Don't worry! We'll have a practice round at the beginning of the night. This is a game EVERYONE can learn in about five minutes!

Meals On Wheels

The day after Thanksgiving, members of St. John's prepare a meal for each one of about 48 Wake Forest area "Meals on Wheels"(MOW) recipients. MOW does not provide food on holidays or weekends. Without the help of St. John's, these folks would be without food from Thursday through Sunday. Help St. John's make the holiday brighter for our neighbors by volunteering to bake, donate food, assemble or deliver the meals. Sign-up

sheets will be posted in the parish hall from Nov. 2 to Nov. 20. Thank you for your help in this very important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Davenport at sdavenport77@nc.rr.com or call 919-872-3157.



Green Committee

This month, the Green Committee would like to highlight an event occurring in the area. Wake Tech Community College is hosting a showing of the film, **Carbon Nation**. This is a new feature documentary film by Peter Byck that celebrates solutions to climate change and illustrates why it's incredibly smart to be a part of the

new, low-carbon economy: it's good business, it emboldens national and energy security, and it improves health and the environment. The film will be shown Monday, October 3rd at noon, at the Northern Wake Tech Campus, Building A Room 124, 6600 Louisburg Road, Raleigh.

-Julia Mielish

St. John's Fall Festival—Sunday, October 23

The women of St. John's are sponsoring a Fall Festival, on October 23 immediately following the 10:00 service.

Don't go home to eat lunch, instead, buy some of our hot-dogs or chili. We'll also be selling numerous delicious home-baked cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and harvest breads! There will be pumpkin decorating and carving for the little ones with the supervision of the EYC under the



direction of Donna King, and there will even be a popcorn machine for the children to enjoy. When is the last time you dunked for apples? If you are lucky maybe you'll win a prize by trying your dunking skills. If you would like to place an order for a particular kind of chili, Christine Knights will have an order form at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services beginning with the first Sunday in October. Then you can pick up your chili at the Fall Festival. So join us for a fun-filled family activity day at St. John's and **Come to the Fall Festival on October 23rd!**

In Our Prayers



Tad Berube
Kathy and Joe Binns
Michelle Brame
Sam Brown
Patrick Cancro
Jay Chapman
Ann Copley
Virginia Currie
Jimmy Cushing
Mark Dunn
Murray Dunn
Frankie Epps
Betty Fuller
Marie & Hudson Hamilton
Linda Hartnett
Jack Hunt
Alice Jordan
Christina Kaye
Kenneth and Samantha
Thurber Lovelly
Susan Lee
Pat Maiocco

Joe Marsh
Shane McKewen
Mestas family
Bill Miller
Dick Monteith
Tim Mozingo
Elwood Munz
Catherine Newton
Virginia Olsen
Anthony Ottley
Nora Ottley
Mark Paige
John Paulonis
William Presson
Marisa Rosa
George Shiflett
George and Dana Telenko
Gail Thompson
Karen Tinker
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
Guy Jordan
Drew Holt, Ben Miller, Daniel Virant,
Lee & Perri Holt's nephews
Chris Jones
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

October Birthdays



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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jack Presson | 10 Winn Godier | | |
| 2 Mary Catherine Rich | Melanie Murphy | 19 Tyler Hylton | 26 Belinda Anastasi |
| 3 Madelyn Flowers | 10 Virginia Olsen | Courtney Leone | Bob Nelligar |
| 4 Tracy Telenko | Stacey Privette | 20 Amanda Stelzenmuller | Spencer Paige |
| 5 Steve Holmes | 11 Colin McCullough | 22 Thomas Baker IV | Chris Walkup |
| Austin King | Madeline Trainor | Jeff Dickhart | 27 Dennis Ludlow |
| Paige Moore | Dawn Vohwinkel | Matt Gross | Gene Montague |
| Noah Ripele | 12 Alice Jordan | Olivia Massey | 28 Greg Ingram |
| 7 George Moore | 15 Charlton Holt | Rob Reichmeider | 29 Helen Munz |
| Shane Houston | William Kovacs | 23 Dallen Bierline | 30 Kari Delahunty |
| 8 Josie Dickhart | Adriann Snavely | 24 Trevor Daw | Adam King |
| 9 Tom Presson | 16 Clara Root | 25 Kathryn Chapman | 31 David Edwards |
| Dustin Snavely | 18 Spencer King | Larry Demanovich | Margaret Larson |
| | | Bryan Kramer | |
| | | Carol Paulonis | |
| | | Graham Renfrow | |

October Ministry Assignments

Date		Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
Oct 2	8:00		Eleas Ottley	Tom Baker		Lous Mullinger		Karen D.	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9	Jo Bailey Wells
	10:00	Emma Daw Maddy Flowers Sophie Holmes	Harold Davis Jim Davenport	Kenille B. Sheryl Friedrichs	Angela Armstrong Arline McCullough	Alan Kettle Roger Melvin	Shirley Matheny	Kenille B. Christine K.	Exodus 20:12-20 Psalm 19 Phillipians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	
Oct 9	8:00	Jack Presson	Katherine Ferguson	Catherine Massey		Louis Mullinger		Miriam Houtz	Exodus 32:1-4	Vicki Smith
	10:00	Julia McCormick Anna Armstrong Daniel Brittingham	John Rich Kari Delahunty Laura McCormick-Cl	Elizabeth McDuffie Christine Knights	Don Champion Gail Champion	Jim Davenport Sharon Davenport	Melanie Murphy	Melanie Murphy Alfie Adams	Psalm 106 :1-6, 19-23 Phillipians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-4	
Oct 16	8:00		Louis Mullinger	Bob Bidwell		Larry D.		Jenny Brewer	Exodus 33:12-23	Vicki Smith
	10:00		Kitty Kovacs Laura Santos Lisa Hunt	Carole Friedman Dewey Jordan	Dorie Allen Gail Calhoun	Harold Davis Al Hinton	Shirley McHose	Sharon Davenport	Psalm 99 I Thess. 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	
Oct 23	8:00		Bob Bidwell	Zack Ross		Louis Mullinger		Eliz McDuffie	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Vicki Smith
	10:00		Mairiam Houtz Rob Massey Joe Paulonis	Roby Massey Kevin Smith	Harold Davis Patti Davis	Michael McDuff Bill LaBarbera	Sharon Davenport	Eliz Melvin Kristen Bierline	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 I Thess. 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-36	
Oct 30	8:00		Zack Ross	Katharine Ferguson		Mike Morse		Arline McCullough	Joshua 3:7-17	Cathie Caimano
	10:00		Troy Thomas Al Hinton Carol Smith	Harold Davis Carol Paulonis	Jennifer Clark John Rich	John Rich Carol Friedman	Christine Knights	Denise Muntz Carol Paulonis	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 I Thess. 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	

Episcopal Youth Community

The EYC had a great time at the CROP Walk and ate some good pizza at Milton's afterwards. Plan on joining us at the St. John's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23rd.

We'll be helping the younger kids decorate pumpkins and generally having fun! See you there!





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*Please consider helping us conserve our resources.
Contact the church office to receive the Epistle electronically.*



Support Our Cub Scout Pack

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 239 is selling popcorn for their annual fundraiser; please sign up in the parish hall to support scouting by buying popcorn, or donating popcorn to our troops. Popcorn will be delivered a week or so before Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to Spencer Paige for becoming an Eagle Scout!

