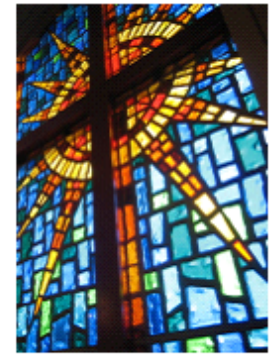


The Church Mouse

A newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church
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July – August 2010



FROM THE RECTOR

A friend of mine, a priest in another diocese, shared this with me recently. He only remembers that he found it years ago in the little daily meditation booklet FORWARD DAY BY DAY:

At a very early age I realized that I had to accept who and what I was, warts and all. Some things can be polished and changed, but others cannot.

When I was ordained a priest I realized I had to accept who I was. I could not be my father, and I could not be the priest who had helped to guide, shape, and form me through the years. I could only be myself.

When I became rector of a parish I had to accept who I was. I could not become the paragon of virtue each member wanted me to be. I was who I was, with God's help, no more, no less.

When I was married I realized that I had to accept who I was. How wonderful that my husband loves me as I am, and I can be myself.

Daily I still have to accept that I am who I am, and that by the Grace of God alone, I can be myself and still be used by God for his purposes.

Accepting who we are and celebrating all the ways God loves us, blesses us and uses us in this world is at the heart of our spiritual journeys. Journey on!

Jeanne+

Important Dates

July 5
Micah's Circle Book Group
July 11
Vestry Meets
July 18
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July 23-25
Bele Chere
(No Gardens & Grills)
August 1
Blessing of the Backpacks
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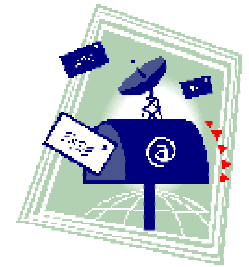
Church Office Hours

Mondays
9:00A — 5:00P

You've got MAIL (e-mail that is!!)

St. John's sends out weekly announcements via email. If you have access to the internet, please be sure we have your current e-mail address so that we can include you in these electronic news updates. You can email us (rector_stjohns@bellsouth.net) or call the office (298-3553).

We are also working to make it possible for you to receive the newsletter online. The newsletter is currently posted on our website: www.stjohnsasheville.org



Belle Chere: Save the dates: July 23-25

Once again St. John's will have a beverage booth at the downtown Asheville festival Belle Chere. This is an important fundraiser for the parish and also a wonderful way to get to know others in the parish. You'll work hard but have a lot of fun in the process. The dates of the festival are July 23-25. Larry Thompson, Margaret King and Neil Monroe are our chairs this year. Soon there will be a sign up sheet on the parish bulletin board. This year, because our booth will serve beer, you must be at least 21 years old to volunteer at the booth. No exceptions. Save these dates on your calendar!



How would you like to be...

...an usher...or maybe a lector (one of the people who reads the scripture readings)...
or a chalice minister...or an acolyte... or a communion bread baker...or

We will offer training for all these different ministries within the church in the next few months. If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please speak with Jeanne or Tim or send an email (rector_stjohns@bellsouth.net).

Thank you to our ALTAR GUILD TEAMS (always room for more!)

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Barber Melton	Betty Hayes	Leslie Anderson	Bob Carver	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe
Judy Melton	Peggy Irving	Stacy Anderson	John Griffith		
Janice Priest	Roberta Rhodes	Tom Eshelman			
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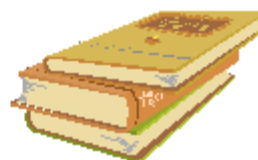
St. John's Summer Sunday Evenings

+ MICAH'S CIRCLE

St. John's Book Group

First Sunday of the Month
6:30-8:00 p.m.

"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



~MICAH 6:8 NRSV

This group will gather monthly to discuss a book that members of the group have read and to discuss how to "live" the message of the book and of Micah.

July 5 - *Jesus Freak: Feeding Healing Raising the Dead* by Sara Miles

(Note: this is a Monday evening so we don't conflict with those celebrating July 4th)

Pretty platitudes and trite church signs are not going to work for former atheist Miles (*Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*). A late convert to Christianity, Miles writes of meeting a living Jesus who has torn apart her world. No longer will she be just a journalist and author; she will be a vessel, a breathing body of Christ, living out his teachings and doing "greater deeds" than his. Miles directs the Food Pantry at the St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, where she seeks to die to herself and live unto others. This book is not another formulaic book on Christianity; it is alive with ideals of radical inclusion, and Miles's "come and see," "go and do" attitude reigns. Jesus is real and resurrected here and needs followers to feed, heal, forgive, love, and be raised from a living death. This book is a clarion call to readers to go and do to all around them as Jesus did. Sympathetic readers will find it a passionate, verb-filled spur to action that is both enjoyable to read and inspiring.

We will discuss hunger issues in our own community as part of this book discussion.

August 1 - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

This optimistic, uplifting novel is set during the civil rights movement in Jackson, Mississippi, where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan, just home from college in 1962, and, anxious to become a writer, is advised to hone her chops by "writing about what disturbs you" and she takes that advice to heart.

We will discuss the issue of racism and the REPAIRING THE BREACH initiative in our Diocese as part of this discussion.

+ THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE MAYBERRY...

Second Sunday of the Month
6:30-8:00 p.m.

No Andy in July; August 8; September 12

Gather once a month for another episode of *The Andy Griffith show*, a piece of pie, a glass of iced tea and the opportunity to discuss biblical themes and how God appears to us in our everyday world as seen through people of Mayberry.



+ ST. JOHN'S FILM CLUB

Third Sunday of the month
6:30-8:30 p.m.

We'll gather on the 3rd Sunday of the month to watch a film (with complimentary popcorn) and then discuss.

July 18— *Four Little Girls*

Director Spike Lee uses this feature-length documentary to tell the story of the 1963 bombing of an Alabama African-American church -

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Summary of Discussion of the Vestry, May 2, 2010

The vestry reviewed the Guidelines for Effective and Honest Communication to reinforce its message.

Jack Rhodes distributed the financial report, including the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement. The income and expense statement showed a negative balance of \$291.19. Although the deficit will be eliminated, it shows that St. John's currently has no cash cushion. More positively, the General Fund shows almost full pledging at this point. Plate collections are over the projected YTD amount. The plate income includes last year's pledges being paid now. The reason the budget is in the negative is because utilities (mostly gas for heating) were higher than expected. Repairs and maintenance are over budget because of absolute necessities. Fundraising efforts are running behind.

St. John's must have an audit this year. Apparently St. John's can probably do it in house if the auditors are neither on the vestry and do not regularly handle money.

The Senior Warden reported on Fundraising events. The Razzle Dazzle Raffle must raise \$8,000 this year. Good prizes are needed. The fundraising committee will consider different options for this year's raffle, including allowing people to buy tickets for a particular prize, then have a winner drawn from among those tickets. Larry Thompson is overall chair of Bele Chere. Margaret King, Neil Monroe and Dwayne Stutzman will assist him to recruit volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be posted. An application has been sent for the Civic Center concession but nothing has come from that yet.

Stewardship planning must begin soon. Committee members will contact members of the congregation who do not respond to the pledge invitation.

Vestry members whose terms end this year are Phil Monroe, Roberta Rhodes, and Robert Jones. Departing vestry members will form the nominating committee. Former vestry members who have been off for a year are eligible to be elected again.

Leslie Anderson gave an update on the building physical improvements. Chris Rhodes and Dwayne Stutzman put up the four exterior doors. Chris put in the windows in the four doors in the parish house. The lock hardware has been purchased and the locksmith met with Leslie on Good Friday. A master plan for distribution of the keys must be created before the locksmith can proceed.

The work to repair the soffits and fascia boards is stalled by a concern about insurance. None of the contractors contacted by Leslie Anderson and Chris Rhodes can meet all the Church Insurance requirements. Jeanne praised Leslie for a great job who is frustrated at the requirements imposed on contractors.

A lot of work was accomplished on the May 18 workday. Jeanne offered to give a donation in honor of her new granddaughter for plants to be put in the newly-cleared front beds.

The plaque hanging on the wall of the Memorial Garden is full and an additional plaque must be obtained. Jack Rhodes placed rock around the nandina behind the fence of the Memorial Garden.

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Diocesan Youth News

Youth Roundtable Meeting

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For future meeting dates and locations please contact Osondu McPeters.

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Grades 9-2, Starts in Wilmington, NC and ends in Greensboro, NC (access flyer and application at www.diocesewnc.org)

Acolyte Festival

Saturday, August 14, Ascension, Hickory, NC

9:30am - 4:30pm

All Acolytes and Friends

Cost- \$15/per person

Registration deadline- Friday, August, 6

Splash

Sunday, August 22, 2010, Camp Rockmont, Black Mountain 1:00-5:00pm

Grades 6-12

Cost- \$15/per person

Registration deadline- Friday, August, 13

MidBEGINNINGdle

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Grades 6-8

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From the Senior Warden, Roberta Rhodes:

Last week I attended a conference, along with Leslie Anderson, entitled "Leadership Marks for Creating & Growing Vital Congregations." It gave us the opportunity to hear wonderfully inspiring speakers. It was also a time to step back and take a look at life at St. John's. In doing so it became very clear to me we are doing so many of the things the "experts" were recommending. Our worship services are vibrant and touch the hearts of the worshippers. We are becoming more and more in tune with our mission or purpose. Many of our parishioners are involved in various ministries and are constantly stepping up to the plate to do whatever is needed in the parish. Always, there is more to do and ways to participate in the life of the congregation but how reassuring it is to know we are certainly on the right track. If you have visited St. John's, we would love having you as part our church family. Or if you have just been taking a break from church we look forward to seeing you again soon. Come, grow with us and join in spreading God's kingdom.

Parish Summer Cookout
Saturday, August 7



St. John's Summer Sunday Evenings (continued)



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an event that took the lives of four young girls and became a pivotal moment in the civil rights struggle. Lee's film examines the crime and its perpetrators as well as the four young victims (as described by friends and families). It also includes interviews with noted civil rights activists and journalists.

August 15-- The Soloist

This true-life drama tells the poignant tale of Los Angeles newspaper reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey, Jr.) who discovers brilliant street musician Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx) and the unique friendship that transforms both their lives. In helping his new friend deal with his demons, Steve ends up battling with his

own. Joe Wright directs this inspiring drama based on the bestselling book by the real Steve Lopez.

**✦ GARDENS AND A PICNIC
BAG SUPPER**
Fourth Sunday
5:00-7:30 p.m.



We'll do a little grounds maintenance for the first hour or so and then share a meal together. Bring a picnic bag supper of your own and after working, we'll eat together, enjoy some conversation and then close with Celtic Evening Prayer. We are skipping the month of July because of Belle Chere but will gather to weed and mulch and green and sup on August 22.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



July 1 Anne Warren
 July 2 Anne Bryant
 July 3 Jamie Mulvey
 Susan Fisher
 July 7 Alex Fisher
 July 14 Michael Kinlaw
 July 15 Pat Leckey
 July 23 Marianne Reinert
 July 25 Mark Monroe
 July 28 Adi Donahue

August 1 Irene Benson
 August 3 Brigitta Reinert
 August 8 Lee Monroe
 August 12 Dianne Artus
 August 16 Jean Brewer
 August 22 Jo Ann Bernardo
 August 23 Paul Templon

Happy Anniversary to...



August 7: Walter and Anne Bryant
 August 7: Charles and Jo Ann Bernardo
 August 30: Alan and Penelope Carscaddon
 August 31: Billy and Jenny Doehla



Rose bushes in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Penelope Tupelo Angeley by Jeanne Finan and Tom Eshelman.

For those we love but see no longer.... Give rest, O Christ, to the saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.



COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

July John Griffin and Bob Carver
 August Anne Kinlaw



ECW Meeting

There will be no meetings in July or August. We will resume meeting in September. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Jane Blodgett
 Michael Bryan Boyd
 Lawrence Gardner Pressley
 Clarence O. Kittleson
 Anna Pope Buchanan
 William K. Bartlett
 Norma Bartlett Miller
 Daniel Sean Donnelly
 Grace Evelyn Bartlett
 Frances Blackwell Alexander
 Bertha DeBruhl Pressley
 Virginia Pressley

RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX IN LATE JULY FOR NEWS ABOUT THE 2010 RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE EXCITEMENT!



DON'T FORGET — GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM THE 2009 RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2010.

Thanks so much...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **United Thank Offering** — Thank you to **Linda Clontz** for agreeing to chair our **Razzle Dazzle Raffle** event — Thank you to all who contributed to the **Diocesan Seminarian Fund** — Thank you to all who made our celebration of the **Feast of Pentecost** so joyful—and RED! — Thank you to **Robin Holt** for taking care of the garbage detail for the church — Thank you to **Lewis Blodgett** who continues to be responsible for recycling at St. John's — Thank you to **Betty Hayes** and **Rachel Dillard** for making **RagDolls2Love** for children who need a special friend to hug — Thanks to all the members of the **Clean Team** who keep St. John's looking so clean and so welcoming.

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July 2010 — Calendar and Service Ministry Schedule

				1	2	3 5P Holy Eucharist
4 11A Holy Eucharist	5 8:30A Celtic Morning Prayer 6:30P <i>Micah's Circle</i>	6	7	8	9	10 5P Holy Eucharist
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Sunday Service Ministries					
	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	
Vestry Person of the Day	Leslie Anderson	Bob Carver	Margaret King	Pat Lecky	
Ushers	Bob Carver Michael Carver	Sharon Rhodes Tyler Rhodes	Pat Lecky Marte Wilder	Sharon Rhodes Sheila Donahue	
Chalice Ministers	A-Robert Jones B-Tim Jones	A-John Griffin B-Tim Jones	A-Bob Carver B-Tim Jones	A-Susan Fisher B-Tim Jones	
Acolytes	C-Tyler Rhodes T-Hunter Kinlaw T-Michael Rhodes	C-Tim Rhodes	C-Chris Rhodes	C-Tyler Rhodes T-Hunter Kinlaw T-Adi Donahue	
Lectors	OT-Betty Hayes NT-Janice Priest	OT-Roberta Rhodes NT-Marte Wilder	OT-Stacy Anderson NT-Margaret King	OT-Tom Eshelman NT-Jack Rhodes	
Prayers of the People	Stacy Anderson	Janice Priest	Betty Hayes	Pat Lecky	
Counter	Dwayne Stutzman	Margaret King	Janice Priest	Chris Rhodes	
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	
Saturday Service Ministries					
	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Vestry Person of the Day	Phil Monroe	Robert Jones	Phil Monroe	Robert Jones	Phil Monroe
Ushers	Allen Thomas	Allen Thomas	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe	Allen Thomas
Chalice Ministers	Neil Monroe	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe
Prayers of the People	Tim Jones	Neil Monroe	Robert Jones	Tom Eshelman	Robert Jones
Altar Guild	Team 6	Team 5	Team 6	Team 5	Team 6
Clean Team Ministries					
July 5-10	July 12-17	July 19-24	July 26-31	August 2-7	
Dwayne Stutzman	Robert Jones	Carver/Griffin	Robin Holt	Tim Rhodes	

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Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Saturday Service Ministries					
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Ushers	Neil Monroe	Allen Thomas	Phil Monroe	Robert Jones	
Chalice Ministers	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe	Robert Jones	Neil Monroe	
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Dwayne Stutzman	Tim Rhodes	Dwayne Stutzman	Robert Jones	Carver/Griffin	Robin Holt