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April Epistle

From the Rector

At our vestry retreat (March 25-27), we worked hard on two specific tasks. First, we developed an organizational structure that includes all of St. John's ministries and programs under one of five areas of ministry that each have two or three vestry members assigned to them. More information about this will be forthcoming shortly.

The other important task we undertook was to begin development of three important committees in the life of St. John's. The first of these is an ad hoc Music committee that will do its work between April and October of this year. This committee will be tasked with discerning what kinds of music and music programming we want and what we want in an organist/choirmaster to be hired in the fall. Obviously this is a large and important job, and we are seeking to have a committee that is representative and balanced in terms of musical preferences and interests: traditional/contemporary, etc., age, and involvement in the music program. If you are interested in being considered for membership on this committee, please talk to Vicki as soon as possible as the vestry

and rector will be recruiting members in the next few weeks.

We also began developing a Children's Ministries Advisory Committee and a Youth Ministries Advisory Committee. While these committees will be ongoing, we will be recruiting membership for an initial one year term. Each of these committees will be asked to advise about the ministries, help to recruit leadership and teachers, help select curricula and support those who teach and lead. Again, we want these committees to be balanced and representative (not all parents, for example). If you would like to be considered for membership on either of these committees, please talk to Vicki.

Holy Week at St. John's

Wednesday

11:45 am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12 pm Liturgy of the Day
Church open until 3 pm

Easter Day

8 and 10 am Festival Eucharist

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Senior Warden's Corner



Our vestry met in retreat last weekend at Trinity Center. Fortunately, it was not a great beach weekend, so we could concentrate on our work without pining to be outside. Thanks to Mid and Joann Wootten for leading the services back home.

Our session began with discussion of vestry norms – such things as participation by all and transparency. We talked about many things, but summarized the most important as:

1. Honest respectful participation within the vestry.
2. Transparency with the parish about decisions, needs, and finances through effective communication to empower the congregation.
3. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the vestry and rector.

Saturday, Alan Kettle, our treasurer, presented a recommendation for the simplification of our accounting ledger. This recommendation is the product of a lot of hard work by the Finance Committee going back into last year, and we thank them for it. The committee has had the proposal reviewed by our auditor, and the vestry adopted it. Products of this effort will be simpler accounting procedures and making our financial position more clear.

We discussed the fact that many of St. John's policies and procedures are either not written or not in a readily accessible location (some are only in vestry meeting minutes), and agreed that we would begin a manual to contain these. The procedure for handling memorial gifts was discussed at some length as one which needs work. We agreed that we will improve the memorial gift processing, and we will develop a policy/procedure manual. We will begin these tasks after the retreat.

A large part of our time was taken with organization of the parish. Part of this was done by naming the many ministries, organizations, and events at St. John's, and discussing which major category of worship, operations, parish life, education or community relations each best fit. Each of these categories will have one or more vestry members acting as liaisons. We highlighted three of the areas as priorities for attention, and will shortly be assembling committees to work with children's ministries, youth ministries, and music ministries.

Finally, we did have some social time to get to know one another better and to build our capability to work together well as a vestry and rector.

*Peace,
Reid Calhoun*



Left to Right: JoAnn Vaught, Alan Kettle, Elizabeth Melvin, Bill LaBarbera, Rev. Vicki Smith, Mary Margaret Godier, Matt Kessler, Tori Bennett, Carolyn Stoklas, Joy Shillingsburg, Jeannette Kettle, and Reid Calhoun

Miscellaneous News

Help Wanted! No Experience Required. We are in need of additional volunteers to help us maintain our grounds this summer. We're fortunate to have many from last year's mowing crew sign-up again this year. Still, it's a big lawn and we can always use more help. For the 2011 mowing schedule, we've created an online sign-up sheet using SignUp Genius. The process is simple and will help us to better coordinate our resources this year. If you are interested in helping to keep St. John's looking beautiful, please join us. The sign-up is protected by a password. Enter the password "greengrass" for access. To sign up, go to <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/stjohns1>. If you have difficulty signing up or have questions about joining the mowing crew, please contact Matt Kessler at jmk43677@yahoo.com.

Coffee Hour: Please consider signing up to prepare coffee and lemonade for after the 10 am service. Your efforts will help provide a welcome feel and fellowship. If you would like to bring a snack to share, it would be appreciated! Directions for making coffee and all the supplies are clearly marked in the kitchen. To sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/coffee38>. You will be sent an email reminder 3 days prior to your service.

Nursery Help Needed. Are you missing your grandchildren? Get your baby fix on Sunday mornings! Nicole Woolard, our Nursery staff member, is in need of

an extra set of hands on Sunday mornings. Follow the link on SignUp Genius to volunteer for Sunday mornings: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/stjohns3>.

Project Linus: A group of people who knit, crochet, quilt, or sew have begun meeting at St. John's to make baby blankets and throws for charities. *Project Linus* gives them to babies and children who are hospitalized or homeless, and The Hospice of Wake County offers them to terminally ill adults. Families are very happy about the comfort these have given their loved one in crisis.

We have enjoyed being together and working on this project and will be meeting twice in April: Tuesday, April 5th and Tuesday, April 29th, both days from 10 am until noon. There is plenty of space in the fellowship room, so please consider joining us! If you'd like more information, you can contact Carol Paulonis (562-1362) or Holly Hunt (453-2077).

Easter Memorials and Dedications: For the last two years, donations made as memorials or dedications for Easter have been used to buy flowers and perennials to decorate the church. The perennials have then been planted in the Columbarium. The Flower Guild invites you to use one of the envelopes, available in the pews, if you would like to help by making a donation for Easter. Many thanks!

-The Flower Guild

Christian Education

We are grateful to Grace Edwards who will spend a short time with the children during church school on April 3 and April 10 to learn the refrain of *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. The children will then surround us with song during the processional on Palm Sunday, April 17.

Please note that we do not have Church School on Easter Sunday, April 24, so that all can share in worship. There will be a joyful egg hunt after the 10:00 service for all the young children. Please consider donating plastic

eggs and individually wrapped, nut-free candies for our hunt. We ask the children to search for five eggs and then turn their attention to all of their comrades and make sure that each has procured five. We encourage the children to make offers of assistance in hunting or sharing if anyone is found to have less than five. After all have five eggs in their bag or basket, the remaining eggs are fair game and can be joyfully gathered. Many children enjoy bringing an Easter basket for the hunt, but colorful bags will also be provided.

-Ann Holmes

Stewardship Corner

Four years ago, my wife Jane and I were searching for a home. We bought a house here in Wake Forest and had a few friends in the area, but we had no sense of community and no feeling that this was a place where we belonged. Then we came to St. John's. From the accessibility of the worship service to the friendliness of the congregation to coffee and fellowship after the service, everything just felt right. After a few more services, we knew we had found a place we could call our own. I will always be grateful to the wonderful people of St. John's for welcoming us so wholeheartedly. Coming to services here and becoming involved in church activities with other parishioners is what made Wake Forest our home instead of just the place we lived.

Now that Jane and I have a child on the way, the importance of preserving St. John's for future generations has become more apparent than ever to us. I want my



child to grow up in the same caring environment that the kids I have gotten to know through EYC have had. Because St. John's opened its doors for me, I feel strongly about doing everything in my power to make sure those doors stay open for others. I am grateful for what this church has given me, and I feel an obligation to make sure the same gifts are there for others to enjoy. That cannot happen unless our church is on a firm footing.

A firm footing means more than financial sustainability, although that is a very important part of what our church needs from us. Our church needs us to give our time and talents as well, to do God's work ourselves and to make sure St. John's can continue to do God's work in the future. From mowing the grounds to Meals on Wheels, it takes a lot of work for this community to survive and thrive. That work is our call, and when we answer the call, that is stewardship. We can answer the call by giving our time to God's work and by giving financial support so that the work can be done now and in the future. The most important thing is that we answer and ensure that St. John's remains a welcoming community of God's workers now and in the future.

-Daniel Cheek

Treasurer's Report

2011 has started quite well. Year-to-date Operating Income is \$2,330 under budget and expense is \$6,414 less than budgeted. This results in a surplus of \$10,296 against a budgeted surplus of \$6,212. This is an improvement of \$12,674 over the same period last year. The Vestry continues to keep a tight rein on expenses as we have large expenses budgeted for a little later in the year.

Monthly cash flow figures are posted on the notice board, together with the Balance Sheet. As a part of these reports, we include the full cash budget for the year in detail. We will continue this practice into the future.

The Finance Committee continues in its objective to produce a more accurate picture of the current financial state of the Parish. Joe Paulonis and Louis Mullinger

have been instrumental in leading an effort to correct and revise the Balance Sheet to eliminate a number of accounts that were either not used or used incorrectly. We are hopeful that the realigned Balance Sheet will be available for the end of April. Jack Derrick continues to examine our insurance coverage and is in the process of obtaining an up-to-date valuation for the property. He is working to have Church Insurance come visit us in the near future to finalize this.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let either myself or a committee member know. We would be pleased to help.

Thank you all for the great support that you continue to give.

-Alan Kettle

St. John's Preschool

The preschool has been humming with spring activities! Children are exploring plants, pond life, insects and so many other science-based themes that this time of year lends itself to. We celebrated National Literacy month by having many parent guest readers share books with the classes, as well as participating in the National "Book It" Program. We are looking forward to our Easter celebrations, both in chapel and in our classrooms.



2010 Preschool Summer Camp



Students recently had their spring photos taken by Portrait Makers; parents are very pleased with how they turned out and it has been a great fundraiser for the preschool. Another special fundraiser is coming up, so please save the date! On May 1st from 4–6 pm we will have a mommy/son pirate-themed scavenger hunt complete with pizza and sundaes! Any boy under age 7 and their mom or other special lady can attend; ticket sales will begin shortly.

We currently have a spot in our 4-year-old Monday through Thursday class. For next year, we have room in our 1-year-old Parent/Tot Playgroup, and we're accepting children on our waiting lists for all other classes.

Registration for Summer Camp is underway! Preschool students and children from the community who are rising 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds are welcome. We are offering the following sessions and classes:

Session 1: June 6–16

Mon/Wed/Thurs 3's: \$125

Mon-Thurs 4's/5's: \$165

Mon-Fri 4's/5's: \$205

Session 2: June 20–June 30

Mon/Wed/Thurs 3's: \$125

Mon-Thurs 4's/5's: \$165

Session 3: July 18–July 28

Mon/Wed/Thurs 3's: \$125

Mon-Thurs 4's/5's: \$165

Mon-Fri 4's/5's: \$205

There is a one-time registration fee of \$30, and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. The application can be found on our website: www.stjohnswf.net. Call Kristen at 562-8619 or email at kbaron@stjohnswf.com.

-Kristen Baron

Episcopal Youth Community

Daniel and I will be out of town on the weekend of April 2nd for a baby shower in our hometown. That means no EYC on that weekend ... unless someone wants to fill in for us. Is there anyone out there who read the March *Epistle* and is just waiting for the chance to help out with EYC? If so, please let Daniel and I know and we can post to the blog for you and help you get the tools you need to

lead EYC on those weeks that we will be unavailable.

Also, as my due date is quickly approaching, the days of EYC led by Daniel and I are numbered. Starting May 1st, we will be on "maternity leave" from EYC and will not be back until the fall. If you are looking for the right ministry to spend time with, please come check out EYC!

-Jane Cheek

In Our Prayers



Kathy and Joe Binns
Brenda Brown
Sam Brown
Patrick Cancro
Gene Chalk
Virginia Currie
Jimmy Cushing
Jeff Dickhart
Murray Dunn
Frankie Epps
Stephen Felligno
Berry Fuller
Marie & Hudson Hamilton
Jack Hunt
Christina Kaye
Helen Kovacs
Jeremy Lineman
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
Maria Rosa
George Shiflett
Harriet Stuckey,
Perri Holt's sister
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
Guy Jordan
Charles Kelley
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

April Birthdays



01 Chloe Hellier Dot Hinton	09 John McDuffie	15 Patrick Styles	21 Lisa Hunt
02 Nathan Barham	10 Matthew Fisher	16 Tori Bennet Tony Graber	23 Patti Davis Vivian Jones
03 Ashley Reynolds	11 Becky Dunn Savannah Haught	17 Mike Allen	25 Conner Williams
04 Ellie Campion	Durward Matheny Denise Munz	19 John Barham	26 Matthew Curran
05 Jack Manley Julia Mielish	13 Matthew Long	20 Reid Calhoun Perri Holt	28 Sue Blake Trey Brame III Jean Root
06 Justin Bethea	14 Jacob Holt Julia McCormick-Clark	Joanie Ray David Wilkerson	30 Emma Renfrow
08 Will Barham Madeleine King	David Paff Melanie Paff Patty Reichmeider		

April Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
3-Apr	8:00 Jonathan Farrell Jaxon Farrell Sydney Wright 10:00 Hayley Walkup Maddy Flowers Lauren Walkup	Louis Mulligner Carol Smith Christine Knights Kitty Kovacs	Bob Bidwell Harold Davis Elizabeth McDuffie			Larry Demanovich Jim and Sharon Davenport Flower Guild	Sharon Davenport Linda Hayes Kelly Osborne	1 Samuel 16:1-3 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Vicki Smith
10-Apr	8:00 Jack Presson Shane Morse 10:00 Jack Kessler Conner Hicks Kody Hicks	Bob Bidwell Rob Massey Carole Friedman Al Hinton	Zack Ross Carol Paulonis Kenille Baumgardner		Louis Mullinger Mary Martin Miriam Houtz Shannon Correia Al Hinton	Flower Guild	Karen Demanovich Kenille Baumgardner Christine Knights	Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Gene Montague
17-Apr	8:00 Sean Leech Julia McCormick Stephanie Thomas 10:00 John McDuffie Meredith Massey Olivia Massey	Cathy Plaut Mayla Gilliam Laura Santos Troy Thomas	Bob Bidwell Carol Friedman Jim Davenport	Louis Mullinger Laura Santos Catherine Massey	Mike Morse Michael McDuffie John Rich	Flower Guild	Melanie Murphy Miriam Houtz Patti Reichmeider	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54	Vicki Smith
21-Apr	7pm Sydney Osborne Jack Osborne	Joe Paulonis	Carol Paulonis			Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-17 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Vicki Smith
22-Apr	12noon	Bob Bidwell			Alan Kettle	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42	Vicki Smith
24-Apr	8:00 Phillip Paige Shane Morse Daniel Brittingham 10:00 Trevor Telenko Abby Telenko Sophie Holmes	Louis Mullinger John Rich David Bennett Joe Paulonis	Bob Bidwell Catherine Massey Tom Baker Kevin Smith	Jean Leppek Gail Calhoun Lynn Bartholomeux	Jean Leppek Dave Roberts Bill Labarbera Dave McPherson Alan Kettle	Flower Guild	Jenny Brewer and Carole Friedman Bonnie LaBarbera Alfie Adams	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:102, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	Vicki Smith

Spring is Here—Can the Pollen be Far Behind?

The Green Committee is offering a great opportunity to keep your cars clean and raise money for St. John's, while you to take a tax deduction of \$7.47 for each wash. By using Autobell Car Wash you protect the environment from harmful waste water. You will be saving water which is crucial, especially during the summer months.

Auto Bell has 51 locations, the nearest is on Capital Blvd. just north of Durant Road. A full service car wash

costs \$14.95 and for each one that we sell St. John's keeps \$7.47! The coupons have no expiration date.

Coupons are now available from a member of the Green Committee: Kenille Baumgardner, Daniel Cheek, Jane Cheek, Jeannette Kettle, Gail Marsh, Julia Mielish, Joe Paulonis, Laura Santos, and Russell Smith.





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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.*

Riley Lauria Clark, daughter of Jennifer and John Clark on March 22nd

Abram Crosby Baker, grandson of Mid and JoAnn Wootten on February 22nd

Baptized - *Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.*

Benjamin and McAllister Snavely, Noah and Daniel Rippel, and Nathaniel Smith on March 6th

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

Zackary Donald Ross

Confirmed, Received, Renewal on March 20th

Christopher Michael Catalano, Daniel Cheek, William Jaxon Farrell, Linda Pruett Hayes, Michelle Elizabeth McIlwain, Sydney Love Osborne, Delaney Elise Thibodeau, Madeline Speirs Trainor, Rebecca Dunn, Paul G Farrell, Joseph Francis Paulonis, Zachary Ross, Margaret Lynne Weaver, Sloan Elizabeth Walkup, and Carole Friedman