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# October Epistle

## Pre Process Priest

**Love and Marriage:** On October 24th, our youngest daughter Mindy will be married in Wilmington, NC. We are very fond of Brian, her husband-to-be, so we look forward to celebrating their marriage with them. (The date of the marriage conflicts with St. John's *Holiday Harvest*, so we regret missing the *Harvest* festivities.)

Every marriage has four elements:

- (1) The love and commitment of the couple to each other. The wedding is the public rehearsal of that love and commitment.
- (2) The implications for the whole of society - two families now become "relatives" and "kin." Future generations may spring from the marriage.
- (3) The legal aspects of the ceremony are certified. Marriage is a binding contract, regulated by the State.
- (4) God's blessing is the reason the church is involved in marriage. The

divine "glue" holds marriages together.

Two very challenging questions surface about marriage: Why do some marriages die prematurely, ending in divorce? Can the church share the sacrament of marriage with gay and lesbian persons? The church does not have complete answers to either of these difficult questions, but we are moving closer to being able to respond with less emotion, and more love.

There is a parallel to be drawn between marriage and the relationship between rector and parish. The analogy is not exact, so it should *not* be pressed too tightly. Yet, there is a certain mutuality between rector and parish which may remind us of the best marriages. This includes "sticking with each other" through "thick and thin." At our best, clergy and parishioners celebrate each other's gifts, while forgiving each other's flaws and shortcomings. A solid humor, joy, and trust are evident between priest and people, which resembles the best of marriages. Pray that when St. John's is ready, we may be blessed with the rector of our, and God's, choosing.

While we are praying, please pray for Mindy and Brian's marriage on October 24th.

- Mid Wootten

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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*Happy October and Fall to all at St. John's:*

As the Vestry has committed, we are "over-communicating" to you all the progress we are making as we move towards finding our new Rector. I have to tell you, we are moving quite steadily and I'm very pleased at this point. By the time you read this we will have held four 2+ hour meetings this month alone. Our goal is by Friday, October 2 we will have interviewed and agreed on the selection of an Interim Priest to lead us through the Search Process that will take some months to complete.

With that said, I'm sure you are asking "how long is 'some months'?" No way to tell, but I think that we will not be disappointed if we say at least 12 months give or take **but that is not a guarantee**. I am aware of searches taking over 18 months. Remember that this is extremely important to us all; to our children and to the future of St. John's, so the process and decision will be made with due process and care. Your Vestry is a very "git 'er dun" Vestry. I will leave it at that.

Aside from the search, St. John's continues to require all of our attention to the normal day-to-day operations required to live and spread God's love and word to all ... I mean life goes on. The more I am involved the more I see exactly how many of you are also involved, so I am comfortable that we will grow closer during this interim time.

- \* From Helen Munz's weekly calls reminding us of our upcoming Sunday Serving duties of Ushering, Acolyte, Reading, and Chalice ( I always save her messages for a week on my answering machine because they make me smile after a busy day);
- \* to the Altar and Flower Guild members that I see on Saturdays beautifying the church;
- \* to the EYC and our youth programs;
- \* to our Sunday School teachers;
- \* to the ECW;
- \* to Catherine and Debbie in our Financial and Administrative offices;
- \* to John White, our quiet Sextant who many of us never see;
- \* to Kristen Baron and our wonderful preschool;

- \* to the folks that sign up for Sunday after Service Coffee Hour;
- \* to the Girl Scouts and the 6 or 7 other community groups that meet at St. John's during the week;
- \* to the Lake Logan Retreat Ladies (I've asked, but they refuse to let me come);
- \* to the wonderful phone tree that springs to life for births, marriages, sicknesses, and even death ... and that's just scratching the surface so you see what I mean. St. John's is a living breathing testament to how Christ is alive and working through us to perform so much good and to touch so many lives. So you see that we move on with the work at hand.

Now for my hook.....we will be needing four new Vestry Members for 3-year terms come December and quite possibly an additional single 1-year term for 2010. The departing Vestry Members, Rob Reichmeider, Abby Presson, Jack Derrick, and Carol Paulonis, will be reaching out to some of you as is their responsibility, but I'd say to you if you have an interest, please reach out to the Vestry as well. We need to replace talent and energy with talent and energy so that we can maintain our current pace. Please look around, there is plenty to do so join us!

As someone sent to me this week after an intense Vestry Meeting that lasted from 6:30 to 10:30 pm:

Patience and Peace

- Tom Baker

### **Last Minute Addition to the Sr. Warden's Corner**

It's 10:00 am Friday October 2, 2009. The Vestry has reached an agreement with our Interim Rector to carry us through the Search Process. She is the **Rev. Ann Burts** from Annapolis, Maryland. There will be updates at the 8 and 10 services and ongoing. She is very familiar with St. John's and Wake Forest as she has children and grandchildren in the area. Full Bio to come. She will start November 2. On with the search!

- Tom

## Preschool News

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The preschool had a great turnout for the annual **Family Picnic**. We really enjoy having present student's siblings who have moved on return for the picnic so we can marvel at how they've grown. Below is a photo of current student Olivia Campion and her big sister Ellie who graduated from preschool last May. Even the future St John's students in the stroller brigade had a good time as did Sydney Byrum and her mom.

We are really excited about the **Holiday Harvest** coming up on **October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to working with other ministries of the church as well as welcoming community members to visit our wonderful church and preschool. The Holiday Harvest committee has contributed an enormous amount of time and effort to coordinate this special weekend.



If you would like to help, please contact Brooke Dickhart at [brookedickhart@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedickhart@yahoo.com), Mary Ellen Archer at [maryellenarcher@yahoo.com](mailto:maryellenarcher@yahoo.com), or Tara Henderson at [tara@mysticchaos.com](mailto:tara@mysticchaos.com).

- Kristen Baron



## Miscellaneous News

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**Jr. EYC:** Wondering about the latest happenings with the Jr. EYC? Check out their blog at <http://stjohnsjreyc.blogspot.com/>.

**Wednesday Eucharist:** Our Wednesday Holy Eucharist will NOT be celebrated on Oct 7th or 14th, as the clergy will be out of town. Wednesday Eucharist will resume at the noon hour on Oct 21st.

**Care Group:** 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

## Holiday Harvest - Oct 23 (4:30 pm- 7 pm) Oct 24 (9 am -4 pm)

We are in our final stages of preparation for our **1st Annual St. John's Holiday Harvest**. We have a great website that will be listing all the events so please check it out - [www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com](http://www.stjohnsholidayharvest.com).

Friday night will be a family night, with pizza from Mellow Mushroom, music, fun, fellowship, and lots of vendors offering a wide array of items.

Saturday, we will be having children's games, inflatables, a costume parade, ECW's wonderful bake sale and chili sale, and of course our vendors!

If you have a special talent and would like to be a vendor, we still have a few 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 Brooke Dickhart at [brookedickhart@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedickhart@yahoo.com).



### COSTUME PARADE!

**Calling all Ghosts, Princesses, Superheroes, Pirates, Ballerinas, and Cowboys.** As part of our Holiday Harvest celebration, we will be having a fun costume parade for the children. Please meet **Saturday, morning, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30** in the lower-level parking lot of the church. The parade will start promptly at 11 am.



## ECW / Church Net

**ECW:** the ECW is looking for some new faces, we are a very busy group of ladies and we could use some help. **Our next meeting will be on October 10th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.**

The St. John's Preschool's **Holiday Harvest Festival is October 23rd and 24th.** We need bakers for the bake sale and chili makers for the chili sale on October 24th.

Please join us for a chili or hot dog luncheon on Oct. 24th from 11:30-1:00 in the Parish Hall. We will be serving a bowl of chili, salad, bread or corn muffin and drink for \$6.00, or a hot dog, chips and drink for \$2.00.

The **ECW Annual Meeting** will be on Nov. 5-6 at The Good Shepherd's Church in downtown Raleigh. All

Episcopal church women are invited to come. Our ECW is collecting cans of food to put in a grab bag. The theme this year is "Hunger In Our Own Backyard."

**Church Net:** We explained what Church Net is in last month's Epistle and how much they need funds. We would like to put a box in the Narthex, and ask everyone to put in a dollar or any change that you may have before you come into church. We would like to do this every Sunday. Please help if you can. It is a wonderful organization that does a lot of good. I attended a Church Net meeting this past week and they only have enough funds to help out 37 more people until more funds become available.

- Carolyn Stoklas

# Christian Education

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We are settling into our Church School year and enjoying getting to know one another and sharing our faith. If you do not recall filling out a 2009-2010 Church School registration form, please check with your child's teacher. You can also clip or print the one below, fill it out, and place it in my mailbox in the Parish Hall. Registering you child each year helps us with planning and enables us to communicate with you and send reminders as events arise.

Our classes this year are as follows:

- \* **Jr. and Sr. Pre-K** (3 or 4 years by August 30th),  
*Upper Level of Education Bldg, Room 231*  
Co-teachers Amy McDavitt, Sandra Rhodes, Rachel Pottern, Linda Hayes, Kelly Osborne, Mary Ellen Archer, and Brooke Dickhart lead our youngest learners with simple Bible stories, crafts, and movement. *Let the Children Come* is a colorful curriculum with puppets and historical backgrounds that help make the stories come alive.
- \* **K and 1st Grade**, *Lower Level Godly Play Room*  
Co-teachers Catherine Massey, Dorie Allen, Betsy Kessler, Julie Telenko, Dawn Vohwinkel, Ann

Holmes, and Dave Roberts guide this group into wondering with *Godly Play*, a unique Montessori-type curriculum.

- \* **2nd and 3rd Grade**, *Lower Level Music Room*  
Teachers Cathy Plaut, Sloan Walkup, Jane Stever, and Elizabeth Baugh blend two lectionary based curricula, *Living the Good News* and *Sermons4kids* to explore the readings that are also presented in church each Sunday.
- \* **4th and 5th Grade**, *Upper Level Room 230*  
Teachers Mike Morse, Kenille Prosser, Mynn Paige, and Joy Shillingsburg help the children dig deeper into learning about our church and begin to consider things from alternate perspectives with the unit based *Episcopal Children's Curriculum* and lectionary based *Living the Good News*.
- \* **5th - 8th Grade**, *Lower Level Jr. EYC lounge*  
Leaders Denes and Leah Kovacs, and Dave Bennett meet with these young people to facilitate some good discussions based upon the book *My Faith, My Life* by Jenifer Gamber.

- Ann Holmes

**St. John's Episcopal Church 2009-2010 Church School Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs or Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

# In Our Prayers



## Our Parishioners and Their Families:

Mimi, Tori Bennett's mother  
**Kristen McPherson Bierline**  
 Ruth Dancy, Mollie River's daughter  
**Dot Hinton**  
 Alice Jenkins, Jenny Brewer's sister  
 The Rev. Burton Linscott, John's father  
**Barbara & Gene Montague**  
**Dick Monteith**  
**Tim Monzingo**  
 Lisa M. Robertson, Gene & Barbara's daughter  
**Sloan Walkup**  
 Linda Wolfgang, Dave McPherson's cousin

Those Who Have Died:  
**Milliette Reese Hare**

## Our Friends:

**Patrick Canero**  
**Lynn Furtell**  
**Judy Gulas**  
**Anna Gorniak**  
**Eric Hansen**  
**Betty Hardaway**  
**Don Jones**

**Pat Maiocco**  
**Maria Milam**  
**McDonald family**  
**Laura McMillian**  
**Lois Shirley**  
**Suri**

## Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

**Thomas**, son of Tom & Darden Baker  
**John**, son of Pinky & David Cooke  
**Drew Holt and Ben Miller**, nephews of Lee & Perri Holt  
**Frank Kelly**, grandson of Frank & Carol Smith  
**Michael Klump**, brother of Kathy Binns  
**Michael**, son of Bill and Bonnie LaBarbera  
**Megan Leone**  
**Sean Lynch**, friend of Pinky & David Cooke  
**Chad Marshall**, friend of Virginia Olsen  
**Ryan McDavitt**

# Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalice	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
04-Oct	18 Pentecost	8:00	Bob Bidwell	Elwood Munz	Bob Bidwell				Job 1:1; 2:1-10 / Ps 26
		10:00	Haley Walkup	David Roberts	Harold Davis	Jim and Sharon	Harold Davis	Julie Arthur	or Genesis 2:18-24 / Ps 8
			Philip Paige	Laura Santos		Davenport	Jack Derrick		Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
			Jack Kessler						Mark 10:2-16
11-Oct	19 Pentecost	8:00	Conner Williams	Jan Williams	Bob Bidwell				Job 23:1-9, 16-17 / Ps 22:1-15
		10:00	Sean Leech	Carol Smith	Carole Friedman	Vivan Jones	Bob Nelligar	Shirley Matheny	or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
			Trevor Daw	Sharon Spangler		Louis Mullinger	Al Hinton		Hebrews 4:12-16
			Meredith Massey						Mark 10:17-31
18-Oct	20 Pentecost	8:00	Bob Bidwell	Emily Baker	Bob Bidwell				Job 38:1-7, (34-41) / Ps 104:1-9, 25, 37c
		10:00	John McDuffie	Kenille Baumgardner	Durward Matheny	Elwood and	Tim Matchunis	Patty Ray	or Isaiah 53:4-12, Ps 91:9-16
			Hunter Kramer	Jim Davenport		Heien Munz	Durward Matheny		Hebrews 5:1-10
			Abby Telenko						Mark 10:35-45
25-Oct	21 Pentecost	8:00	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell				Job 42:1-6, 10-17 / Ps 34:1-8, (19-22)
		10:00	Trevor Telenko	Harold Davis	Kenille Baumgardner	John Rich and	Michael McDuffie	Sharon Davenport	or Jeremiah 31:7-9 / Ps 126
			Sidney Osborne	Carole Friedman		Melanie Murphy	Dave McPherson	Davenport	Hebrews 7:23-28
			Jack Osborne					Kenille Baumgardner	Mark 10:46-52
01-Nov	22 Pentecost	8:00	Bob Bidwell	Elwood Munz	Bob Bidwell				Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
		10:00	Haley Walkup	Mayla Gilliam	Jenny Brewer	Ed and Sid	Roger Melvin	Shirley McHose	or Isaiah 25:6-9 / Ps 24
			Philip Paige	Al Hinton		Reynolds	Louis Mullinger		Revelation 21:1-6a
			Jayne Bennett						John 11:32-44

## Call for Delegates!

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I am excited to announce the 194th Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina will be held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem from Friday, January 22, 2010 through Saturday, January 23, 2010. Based on our strengths as a congregation, we have the honor of providing four lay delegates to participate in this convention.

As one of last year's delegates, I found the convention a great experience in several dimensions:

- \* To gain a better understanding of how our Diocese operates;

- \* To hear wonderful sermons and messages from the leaders in our Diocese;
- \* To network with other lay delegates and understand how various challenges can be universal; and
- \* To spend time and develop bonds with St. John's and other lay delegates.

As I mentioned, we have four available slots, and I would love to hear from folks who are interested. Please contact me via email at [rob.reichmeider@ni.com](mailto:rob.reichmeider@ni.com) or call me at 919-819-2786.

- Rob Reichmeider,  
Junior Warden

## St. John's Women's Retreat

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The St. John's Women's Retreat is scheduled for **February 25-28, 2010** at Lake Logan Episcopal Center. Lake Logan is a beautiful lakeside sanctuary that is perfect for our retreat. To see pictures of the facility, visit [www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org).

Our retreat leader this year is Dr. Deirdre Good, professor of New Testament at The General Theological Seminary in New York City. Her teaching specializes in the Synoptic Gospels, Christian Origins, Non-canonical writings and biblical languages (Greek and Coptic).

Dr. Good has published several books including *Jesus the Meek King*, *Jesus' Family Values*, and *Reconstructing the Tradition of Sophia in Gnostic Literature*. While she is an American citizen, she grew up in Kenya where her parents were missionaries. Dr. Good was educated at St. Andrew's University, Union Theological Seminary (New York), and received her Th.D. at Harvard University Divinity School.

Please contact Elizabeth Melvin at 556-3760 or [etmelvin@mindspring.com](mailto:etmelvin@mindspring.com) for further information.

- Elizabeth Melvin

## October Birthdays



2	Mary Catherine Rich	15	Charlton Holt	24	Trevor Daw	27	Sally Fisher
3	Madelyn Flowers		William Kovacs	25	Larry Demanovich		Dennis Ludlow
4	Tracy Telenko	16	Clara Root		Ellen Holst		Gene Montague
5	Steve Holmes	19	Tyler Hylton		Carol Paulonis	28	Greg Ingram
8	Josie Dickhart	22	Thomas Baker IV		Graham Renfrow	29	Helen Munz
10	Elizabeth Godier		Jeff Dickhart	26	Belinda Anastasi	31	David Edwards
	Melanie Murphy		Olivia Massey		Bob Nelligar		Margaret Larson
	Virginia Olsen		Rob Reichmeider		Spencer Paige		Zach Willey
	Stacey Privette	23	Dallen Bierline		Chris Walkup		
11	Dawn Vohwinkel						



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## From the Parish Register

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

**Carleigh Marleen Bethea**, daughter of Sherry and Jason Bethea on August 9<sup>th</sup>

