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From The Rector

Dear Friends,

Last month, I told you of the common nature of ministry. We are ALL ministers! Now that you are close to calling your next priest, let me give you the catechism description of the ministry of a priest. It is “to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the over-seeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.”

Notice that there is no mention of the priest as Superman, Lone Ranger or graduate of Hogwarts School of Magic. All the really hard stuff we do as Christians—“to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever [we] may be; and... to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world” is the ministry of the entire congregation, the LAITY!!!!

So when a priest is called to St. John’s, your work is just beginning. No Superman (or woman) will fly through the door. No Lone Ranger will show up to save the day with a pocket-full of silver

bullets. And no one will magically dispose of challenges with a flick of a wand. The rector will be a pastor, a preacher and a priest, serving and leading as each minister (that’s YOU) continues your work of ministry in the parish and beyond.

We just held an exciting Ministry Fair, encouraging all of us to join new ministry areas. It was a great for fellowship and joining but if you missed it, there is still a place for YOU! Call the office, or someone in the ministry area and give them your name. YOU are a minister of the church – find where you are called to minister this year!

When you install your new rector, the bishop will pray:

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain N., that with patience and understanding s/he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents...

Let us pray for the Search Committee and Vestry as they call the person who will join the people of St. John’s in their ministries for the years to come.

In Christ’s Love,
Ann+

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Senior Warden's Corner



Three more months; three more Sr. Warden Corners, and then the terms of service for Bob Bidwell, Tori Bennett, Alan Kettle, and me on the 2010 Vestry will be complete.

There are many more decisions in our near future, and we commit to you that this Vestry will make those decisions all in your long-term best interest. The selection of our new Rector is obviously of the greatest importance before we leave. If you are interested in offering your talents to the Vestry in one of the four upcoming 3-year openings and really want to know the facts and complexities of how St. John's runs, I ask you to prayerfully consider your decision. As a leader, the decisions you will be a part of at St John's will make a difference for years to come.

As promised in my last Sr. Warden Corner, I present another fact about the operation of St. John's that you may or may not know:

First, did you know that each year St. John's financial records and practices are audited by an independent outside auditing firm? The Diocese requires that this financial audit from all Episcopal churches to be completed in September and the findings are then submitted to the

Diocesan Financial Offices for scrutiny. We are in the process of completing the 2009 audit right now at a cost of approximately \$4,200.00. The Vestry and office staff have tried to find less expensive methods to accomplish this requirement, such as trading parishioners with a Certified Public Accountant background, but with no success. This year the 2009 audit is being conducted by Mitchell & Nemitz, PA, in Wake Forest. If you'd like to know more or ever see a copy of the St. John's Annual Audit just ask!

Second, did you know that eligibility for committal into our Columbarium is probably more open than you ever thought? The current requirements are (a) any past or present member of St. John's or any member of his/her immediate family; (b) communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church, (c) members of the Episcopal Clergy, and (d) others, for pastoral reasons subject to approval by the Rector and Columbarium Board of Trustees. The Columbarium By-Laws are currently under review and a new Columbarium Committee is being formed—maybe you have an interest?

*Yours In Christ,
Tom*

St. John's Preschool

By the time this Epistle comes out, the Preschool cookie dough fundraiser will be in full swing. Hopefully you will have had a chance to sample the delicious Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies following services one Sunday. The cookie dough is perfect to keep on hand with the holidays coming up and it makes a great gift as well. If you would like to support the preschool and order some cookie dough, please indicate your order on the sheet on the preschool bulletin board in the parish hall and place checks in the envelope (no cash please). If you would like to help sell cookie dough, see Kristen Baron in the preschool office or Catherine Massey in the church office.

The new Parent/Tot Playgroup (1-year-olds and their parents) has been even more fun than we anticipated!

Moms bring their toddlers to preschool and stay with them there from 9:30 am until 11 am. The group has enjoyed the playground together, has played and had snack together, and has enjoyed art, stories, and songs with group leader, Kristi Hill. The moms have enjoyed getting to know one another and the children are so happy enjoying this quality time with their moms. We have room for 2 more parents/tots—Dads are always welcome as well as grandparents and other caretakers. The cost is \$35 a month with a \$35 registration fee. Please call me at 562-8619 if you are interested.

Thanks to Preschool Board Chair, Mary Ellen Archer for representing the preschool so well at the Ministry Fair!

- Kristen Baron

Treasurer's Report

The Church actual cash flow year-to-date is a positive \$13,408. This does not include a \$15,000 payout to the Search Committee that has not been invoiced, in addition to a Diocesan Acceptance payment of \$1,522 whose invoice was received late and will be included in the September expenses. Taking this into account, our actual cash flow year-to-date is a negative \$3,114. The budgeted cash flow year-to-date is a negative \$21,578.

As you can see, the church has improved greatly upon what was budgeted and perceived to be a significant shortfall to this point as the year began. The Vestry has done a superb job forming committees to handle fundraising and the Search Committee, among others, has done a great job controlling their spending under trying circumstances. However, the greatest difference has been you, the congregation, with your giving on Sundays and your timely donations. Without you, this would not have been possible. It will still be a challenge to break even for the year and there could always be unforeseen circumstances that could spell trouble in balancing the budget; however, at this point I can be nothing but hopeful that this will not occur. Thanks so much for your support.

- Jeff Bierline, Treasurer

CASH FLOW TO DATE - AUGUST 2010

Church	Cash In	August	YTD
	Actual	\$26,520	\$202,755
	Budget	\$25,825	\$176,650
	Cash Out		
	Actual	\$20,516	\$189,347
	Budget	\$32,061	\$198,228

Christian Education

We've had a great start to the new Church School year with many happy and enthusiastic children. We are pleased to have 19 returning teachers and warmly welcome 9 new ones. Teachers are in the classroom and ready to greet your children by 9:50 each Sunday and will accompany the children back to sit with their families in church for Communion. Greeters will be on hand the first several weeks to help you find your way to the correct class.

The Pre-K 3's and 4's meet in room 231 in the upper level of the education building with two co-teachers. Teaching this year are **Dave Roberts, Elizabeth Ball, Amy McDavitt, Brooke Dickhart, Elizabeth Baugh, Rachel Pottern, and Mary Ellen and Glenn Archer.**

The Kindergarten and First Grade class meets in the Godly Play room in the lower level of the education building with two co-teachers. Teaching this year are **Dorie Allen, Betsy Kessler, Catherine Massey, Julie Telenko, Ann Holmes, Tammy Warriner, Mary Margaret Godier, and Sandra Rhodes.**

The Primary Class (2nd and 3rd grades) meets in the lower level of the education building. Teaching this year are **Kari Delahunty, Sloan Flowers, Jane Stever, Dawn**

Vohwinkel, and assistant Kristen Bierline.

The Intermediate Class (4th and 5th grades) meets in room 230 in the upper level of the education building. Teaching this year are **Kenille Baumgardner, Lauren Iwig, Christina Kastendike, and Karen Wilson.**

In the Middle (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) meets in the Jr. EYC lounge. Teaching this year are: **Dave Bennett, Denes and Leah Kovacs, and Tracy Telenko.** This year our Middle School students will get Out of the Middle on the last Sunday of each month to participate in the full church service with their families.

Please join me in thanking this dedicated group of volunteers. I'd love to add a few more assistants to the Primary and Intermediate classes as well as one more teacher to the Middle School class. Please let me know if I can answer questions to help you determine if this might be a good fit for you. Our Christian Formation Ministry is a very rewarding experience and wonderful way to get to know you youngest members.

- Ann Holmes

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Stewardship Corner

Television, newspapers, and the internet are full of bad news—high unemployment, budget deficits, and climate change; if we are not careful, the bad news can overwhelm us. I ask myself, “Where is the good news?” The good news is here in Wake Forest at the vibrant community of St. John’s and with the message we hear every week.

A couple of years ago, when Alan and I first attended St. John’s, things appeared to be running well with all of the church’s needs covered. The perception was that the finances were in good shape. There seemed to be no great necessity to volunteer. When Jerry left and Alan and I started to get involved, we realized what we should have known all along—here is always a way to play a bigger part and there are many opportunities to get involved by giving our time and talents.

We first took a serious interest in stewardship at our previous parish, which was in a similar position to St. John’s current one. We were between rectors, we were not able to pay our expenses and maintain our programs, and not everyone was fully involved. We were blessed to have Bill Wrenn come and help us develop a Stewardship Program. One of the things that grabbed our attention was his asking us to examine the proportion of our income

(either gross or after tax) that we were giving to charitable causes in general and Holy Trinity in particular. It was not a pleasant surprise for many of us! He then asked us to set a goal (tithing would be nice!) and to plan to get there in steps. For example, if we were giving 2%, try increasing in half or full percentages each year until we reached our goal.

Together with 75% of the congregation, Alan and I followed the plan and the church achieved great things! We were able to pay our bills and increase our outreach. In addition to growing financial stewardship, the parish increased donations of time and talents, helping Holy Trinity fulfill its goals.

We achieved all of this by making conscious choices... can I eat out one less time per month? Can I reduce my travel or communications expenses? Can I reduce my entertainment costs? We all have our own personal priorities and there is no single answer for everyone, but we certainly won’t have answers until we ask the questions! Please take a look at your proportional giving and examine your choices to ensure that you are doing all you can and that your decisions are in line with your priorities. It is between you and God.

- Jeannette Kettle

Trial Balloons...Some Flew...Some Fizzled...

The “trial balloon” station at the Ministry Fair was very helpful. Some ideas found members—especially an email group to include folk in the parish in need in people’s daily prayers—an updated version of the “Prayer Chain” idea



and an Environmental Stewardship, “Green” Committee. If you’d like to join either of these too, just give us a call in the office.

Some trial balloons did not, as they say, “get traction”—most notably the Bible Study and Prayer Group floated for Wednesday mornings before the 11:45 Eucharist. So, we will not attempt this now.

Some trial balloons did not form committees, but got positive comments or interest. Let’s keep pondering if a Health Ministry is right for St. John’s at this time.

And finally, a new parishioner wondered if we have any interest in something like a “Rite 13” liturgy that celebrates a young teen’s growing adulthood? If you have interest in working toward such a concept with the Middle School youth, please give us a call.

Art in the Narthex

Many thanks to Jane Cheek for contributing this month's art for our viewing pleasure. Please contact the office if you are interested in sharing your gifts with us.



Hello—my name is . . .

We're renewing our commitment to wearing our nametags! To assist us in this, our nametags are meeting us at the front door. Many thanks to Bob Stoklas for making this happen. Please remember to wear your nametag. We hope to have a new Rector soon, and he/she will need our help in remembering us all!

Miscellaneous News

Join Us for Worship on Wednesdays! A small but faithful group gathers for Holy Eucharist at 11:45 on Wednesday. Why 11:45? So parents of our preschoolers can join us. We conclude by 12:10 so there is plenty of time to pick up children at 12:15. All are welcome to take advantage of this brief time of peace and refreshment!

Care Group: I would like to extend a thank you to Betsy Kessler and Catherine Massey for their help with the Care Group table during the ministry fair. If you were unable to attend the fair but are interested in joining the or learning more about the Care Group, please contact me at 556-1657 or at sewalkup@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for a Care Group dinner on Thursday **September 30th** at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Sloan if you plan to attend. - *Sloan Walkup*

St John's Fall Landscape & Lunch: Join us on Saturday, **November 6th** from 9 am to 12 noon for a morning of sprucing up our beautiful grounds followed

by a potluck lunch. Bring the whole family! A sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall or you can contact the Church office. - *Matt Kessler*

Young Families Dinner: Calling all young families! The next Young Families Dinner will be on Sunday afternoon, **October 24**, from 4 to 6 pm. Please join us for some chili and some Halloween fun! It's a great time to gather—let the children play while we get to know each other better! Contact Brooke Dickhart at brookedickhart@yahoo.com for more information.

ECW: It is that time again, it is chili time! I know the weather is still warm, but you know cooler weather is coming. What better way to warm up than with some homemade chili? You can pick from beef, turkey, or vegetable chili. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall to place your order. Proceeds from the chili sales help us purchase food for the families participating in our Joy of Christmas program.

In Our Prayers



Sam Brown
Patrick Cancro
Carl Caudill, Jane Cheek's brother
Gene Chalk
Miriam Chandler
Ginny Christie
Dawn and Heather Christie
Ruth Dancy, Mollie Rivers' daughter
Tania Entz
Sully Feligno
Susan Gilliam
Anna Gorniak
Erin Graber
Colleen Hinton
Nelda Huffstetler
Jack Hunt
Ronald Jonker
Christine Kaye
Helen Kovacs
Pat Maiocco
Dayatra Matthews
Shirley McHose
Shane McKewen
Mestas family
Maria Milam
Mimi, Tori Bennett's mother
Lisa Montague, Gene Montague's daughter
Dick Monteith
Tim Mozingo
Ben Munz

Elwood Munz
David Newkirk
Virginia Olsen
Anthony Ottley
Nora Ottley
St. John's Search Committee
George Shiflett
Harriet Stuckey, Perri Holt's sister
Alma Lee Tabor
Jim Turnage
Kent Willis
Linda Wolfgang, Dave McPherson's cousin

Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

Thomas, son of Tom & Darden Baker
John, son of Pinky & David Cooke
Derek Dinkins, cousin of Daniel Cheek
Drew Holt, Ben Miller and Daniel Virant,
nephews of Lee & Perri Holt
Frank Kelly, grandson of Carol Smith
Michael, son of Bill & Bonnie LaBarbera
Michael Klump, brother of Kathy Binns
Sean Lynch, friend of Pinky & David Cooke
Ryan McDavitt
Steven

Those Who Have Died:

Dr. Thomas Holt, father of Lee Holt

October Birthdays



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

October Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalicians	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Lessons	Sermon
05-Oct	8:00	Hayley Walkup Creighton Ball Jack Kessler	Cathy Plaut	Bob Bidwell				Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Ann Burts
	10:00	Trevor Daw Emma Daw Henry Allen	Jim Davenport Harold Davis Carole Friedman	Elizabeth McDuffie Jim Davenport	Alfie Adams	Michael McDuffie Dave McPherson	Melanie Murphy Elizabeth McDuffie and Pattie Reichmeider	Luke 17:5-10	
10-Oct	8:00	Jack Presson Jayne Bennett Olivia Massey	Katharine Ferguson	Bob Bidwell				Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Ann Burts
	10:00	Jack Kessler Anna Armstrong Jaxon Farrell	Al Hinton Mayla Gilliam Lisa Hunt	Harold Davis Carole Friedman	Bill and Miriam Houtz	Roger Melvin Bob Nelligar	Louise Howard Sharon Davenport and Sid Reynolds	Luke 17:11-19	
17-Oct	8:00	John McDuffie Jayne Bennett Hayley Walkup	Jan Williams	Bob Bidwell				Genesis 32:12-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Ann Burts
	10:00	Sean Leech Hunter Kramer Abby Telenko	Donna King Rob Massey Al Reynolds	Tom Baker Kenille Baumgardner	Lynn and Bob Bartholomew	John Rich Dave Roberts	Julie Arthur Melanie Murphy and Miriam Houtz	Luke 18:1-8	
24-Oct	8:00	Sydney Osborne Henry Allen Jack Osborne Johnathan Farrell	Louis Mullinger	Bob Bidwell				Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Ann Burts
	10:00	Jaxon Farrell Meredith Massey	John Rich David Roberts Laura Santos	Carol Paulonis Jim Davenport	Jenny Brewer	Frank Toney, Jr. David Williams, Jr.	Pinky Cooke Arline McCullough and Denise Munz	Luke 18:9-14	
31-Oct	8:00	Trevor Daw Emma Daw Shane Morse	Cathy Plaut	Bob Bidwell				Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Gene Montague
	10:00	Philip Paige Creighton Ball Hayley Walkup	Carol Smith Daniel Cheek Reid Calhoun	Harold Davis Elizabeth McDuffie	Reid and Gail Calhoun	Bill Batton Al Hinton	Shirley McHose Linda Hayes and Kelly Osborne	Luke 19:1-10	

Calendar: check out St. John's interactive calendar online at www.stjohnswf.com. Click on **Contacts**, then in the menu on the left, click on **Calendar**.

Search Committee Update

Phone interviews have been completed, and three candidates will be visiting Wake Forest. We expect these visits to be completed by the end of October. We are thrilled with the current applicants, and ask for your prayers as we narrow down the selection of our next rector. - Rob Reichmeider



*Heavenly Father,
Guide the congregation, Vestry and Search Committee of St. John's through the process of choosing our next Rector. Help the Search Committee understand our congregation's needs, wants and dreams and your purpose for our church family. Grant us the collective wisdom to find a leader to inspire us to walk in your way, a preacher to teach your word, a pastor to nourish the spiritual needs of your Rock, and a shepherd to nurture our stewardship of our many gifts. Grant us grace to complete the task ahead. All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



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From the Parish Register



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

Julianna Jackson Renfrow, daughter of Spencer and Gena Renfrow on September 26.

Died - *That they may go from strength to strength.*

Dr. Thomas Holt, father of Lee Holt, on September 5.

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

Chris, Amanda and McKinley Schoden to St. Paul's, Beaufort, NC

Christine and Russ Knights, from St. Anselm's, Shoreham, NY

Carol Clise from Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Newton, NC

Jack, Chandler and Matthew Presson from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC

Jay, Heather, Bailey and Bryce Seemann from Hope Lutheran, Wake Forest, NC

Durward Powell and Lee J. Copperfield from Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, NC

Alton Hare from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, NC

Don Myers from St. James, Goshen, NY

Dave Roberts from St. Mark Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, VA

Chris Walkup from Christ Episcopal, St. Joseph, MO

Sloan Walkup and Maddie Flowers from Raleigh Moravian, Raleigh, NC

Many thanks to Jo Ann Wooten for her hard work in helping us update our Parish Register—more to follow!