

THE VOICE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 24, 2011

LET'S PAINT THE DOOR RED!

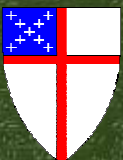
St. John's debt reduction campaign is in its final weeks – and we have been blessed by incredible participation from our congregation! Commitments totaling more than \$185,000 are allowing the church to resolve key pieces of our debt/cash flow issues. This support is helping to alleviate the pressure of some key concerns and is moving us closer to a stronger financial position.

Our pledge to connect to all members of St. John's continues with personal letters and calls going out to all who might wish to help the church prepare for a greater life of ministry and service. We hope that those who have not contributed will prayerfully consider doing all they can to help eliminate all debt by The Day of Pentecost: Sunday, June 12, 2011. If you do not have a pledge card or envelope nearby, they are available at the church.

As we near the end of the active part of the campaign, we realize that a refresher of how we got started might be in order. Because the parish had internally funded debt from the construction of our new building and borrowed to purchase our bus, cash has been severely limited in recent years. A team of parishioners began meeting in November to recommend the best path to re-establishing the financial health of St. John's. A strategic approach was crafted that encompassed progress in stewardship of resources, analysis of budgets and cash flows and elimination of debt, with Pentecost being the delivery date for each area. Eliminating debt was considered the area of greatest urgency, and church leaders committed to repay outstanding loans to ourselves and BB&T (for the bus) as quickly as possible.

Success in this campaign can already be claimed due to the breadth and depth of the support provided by church members. We hope every family will contribute to eliminating our debt. We thank those who have committed already and urge others to give prayerful consideration to supporting a return to financial stability by Pentecost Sunday, June 12. If you would like more information about the campaign, please visit the church website, www.saintjohns-charlotte.org, or contact campaign leaders Jim Fussell, jfussell@carolina.rr.com, 704-367-1319, Tim Rogers, tprogersr@bellsouth.net, 704-458-8094 or Reid Joyner, reidjoyner@gmail.com, 704-554-6359

Watch out for our progress on the Red Door Debt Reduction Campaign graphics round the church!



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PREPARE FOR SUNDAY



THIS MONTH

- The Bishop's Visitation
- The Rev'd Josh Bowron Ordination
- Cancer Care Service of Hope and Celebration
- Kanuga Kids Needs YOU!
- Party with a Purpose!

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 29, 2011

Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:7-18
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, June 5, 2011

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

The Day of Pentecost Sunday June 12, 2011

Acts 2:1-21
 or Numbers 11:24-30
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 or Acts 2:1-21
 John 20:19-23
 or John 7:37-39
 Psalm 104:25-35, 37

First Sunday after Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday Sunday June 19, 2011

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8 or
 Canticle 2 or 13
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8 Sunday June 26, 2011

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13
 or
 Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF

Rector

The Rev'd Fr. P.S. Winton

Senior Asst. to the Rector

The Rev'd Amy J. Huacani

Executive Assistant to the Rector

Ms. Kerry Johnson

Assistants to the Rector

The Rev'd Terry Harris

Senior Care

The Rev'd Deacon Russ Settles

Pastoral Care

Mr. Matt Williams

Youth Ministries

Canon Cindy Winslow

Children's Ministries

Ms. Jenny Taylor

Preschool Ministries

Ms. Cathy Harrison

Special Projects

Ms. Kathy Arthur

Parish Life

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The Rev'd Dr. Robert Cooley

Affiliated Cleric

& Psychotherapist

The Rev'd Dr. Ralph Milligan

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Ms. Jo Brock

Hospitality

Ms. Mary Catherine Coon

Cancer Care

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Ms. Susan Mason

Property Steward

Ms. Leslie Davis

Organist and Master of Choirs

Mr. Alan Reed

Master of Choirs of Bell and Chime

Mr. Chip Carter

Assistant for Music Ministries

Ms. Jane Orrell

Music Scholar in Residence

Mr. Justin Rhymer

Sextons

Mr. Vernon Young

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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704-604-2674

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday:**

7:30am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

8:45am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

11:15am Holy Eucharist Contemporary

11:15am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

*(Nursery & Childcare provided*

*Sundays, 8:30am-12:30pm)*

### **Monday:**

7am Morning Prayer

(Chapel)

### **Tuesday:**

Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing

(Chapel)

### **Wednesday:**

6pm Evening Prayer

(Chapel)

### **Friday:**

7am Morning Prayer

(Children's Chapel)

### **Saturday:**

8:10am Holy Eucharist

(Chapel)

# WORSHIP

PICTURES FROM THE R.T. REV'D. WILLIAM O. GREGG,  
ASSISTANT BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE R.T.  
REV'D HECTOR MONTERROSA, BISHOP OF COSTA RICA  
VISITATION.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY,  
MAY 22, 2011



## Adults Confirmed:

John Edward Amon  
Hailey Hall Arthur  
David William Blalock  
Susan Ann Bramlett  
Jo Alison Brown  
Karlyn Marie Brown  
Amanda Hoyle Burri  
Samantha Jayne Carabell  
Sandra B. Carlson  
Gregory A. Close  
Karen Wagner Conlan  
Jeffrey Scott Cummins  
Jackie Griffin Dunlap  
Melanie Easter Edwards  
Deborah Summerville  
Fackrell  
Kelly Elizabeth Giftos  
Arthur Douglas Graham, III  
David Howard Hindin  
James Allen Hitt, Jr.  
Christian Horne  
Dana Ferguson Joseph  
Sherry Lee Joseph  
Stuart Whitney Lewis  
Meredith Wellman McGough  
John Christensen McIver  
Jimmy Hay wood Medlin  
Louise Roney Medlin  
James Nathaniel Miller  
Craig S. Murden  
Katherine Eleanor Petrie  
Suzanne Marie Purdy  
Gennifer Jackson Raney  
Larry A. Rogers  
Michael Boyd Rushing  
Janice Watson Stafford  
Josey Porter Waleski  
Arthur Cheek Watson  
Richard Anthony Williams

## Adults Received:

Stuart Heinrich Burri  
Janet Christine Chittick  
Jill Herring Graham  
John Francis McGinley  
David Michael Purdy  
Tillie Robertson  
Jeffrey James Schmotzer  
Michael Waleski, Jr.

## Adults Reaffirmed:

John Fredrick Chittick  
Melissa Lofton Miller

## Youth Confirmed:

Benton Wyatt Ashe  
Elizabeth Pope Ashe  
Emma Ruth Burri  
Shelby Paget Cane  
Sarah Michele Cho  
Jonathan Greer Conlan  
Benjamin A. de la Canal  
Sabina A. de la Canal  
Lindsey Janet DeMay  
Kathleen Lasater Fewell  
Catherine Victoria Fisher  
Joseph Tristram Fortenberry  
Aidan Patrick Garison  
Lauren Pardee Glaze  
Mason Allen Goodman  
Zachary Tower Hall  
Jessica Leigh Harris  
Rebecca deNormandie  
Howard  
Kathryn Ireland Murden  
Steven Ellis Patrick  
William Gregory Plumides  
Alexis Briana Rochester  
Jordan Nelson Rushing  
Robert William Rushing  
Aletta McCarthy Ryan  
Catherine Erin Sands  
George Cabell Sheild, Jr.  
Samantha Cates Shober  
Benjamin Parker Sozio  
Carson McClure Smith  
Katrina Rebecca Smith  
Robert Watson Stafford  
Katherine Blair Stoller  
Rachael Renee Taggio  
Gray Spencer Taylor  
Jackson Elliott Walker  
Catherine Clare Washington  
Alexandra Gabrielle White  
Spencer Phillip Youngblood

**Confirmands from Christ Church:**  
Morgan Morrison Hallow  
Sutton Best Jones  
Cameron Alan Pickard  
Lauren Elizabeth Sheehan

# MUSIC

## RSCM AWARDS

The Royal School of Church Music, an international, ecumenical, professional church music organization, offers examinations for awards to recognize excellence in choir members. On Sunday, May 22, Bishop Gregg presented the Dean's Award (Bronze) to Annie Smith, the Bishop's Award (Silver) to Spencer Youngblood, and the St. Cecilia Award (Gold) to Rachel Hicks. Congratulations to all three!

## PARISH HYMN SING

On Sunday, June 4, St. John's will offer an old-fashioned hymn sing at 4:00 p.m. in the nave. A covered dish supper will follow in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share and your best singing voice.



## MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR PARISH MUSICIANS!

Many thanks to the members of the Living Water Praise Band, the St. John's Bells Ensemble, the St. John's Bells, the Cherub Choir, the Treble Youth Choir, the Shepherd Choir, and St. John's Choir for all their offerings in our worship throughout the year. We appreciate all of your hard work and wish you a pleasant summer!

All of our musical groups are always recruiting new members. Please contact Alan Reed at 704-366-3034 or [alan@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:alan@saintjohns-charlotte.org) for information about a choir for you or your child.

## SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS

St. John's Summer Choir sings for the 10:00 a.m. service every Sunday of the summer (except July 10). We ask all interested singers, ages 8-88, to gather for rehearsal in the choir room each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the 10:00 a.m. service. No experience is necessary. There's no weekday rehearsal or long term commitment. Just come and join us on the Sundays that you are in town. All are welcome! The summer choir will sing June 12 through August 21. Please come and bring a friend. Because of the age range, the whole family can come and sing together.

## SAVE THE DATE

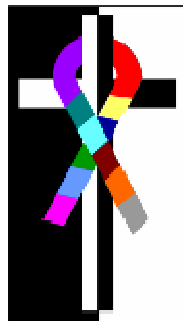
The Royal School of Church Music in America, Charlotte Training Course choir, will sing Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass for our worship on Sunday, July 10. Mark your calendars now! Mr. Geraint Bowen, Organist and Master of the Choir at Hereford Cathedral in England, will lead a choir of over 100 singers here at 10:00 a.m. and Evensong at Myers Park Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Youth and adult singers from sixteen states (and Canada!) will be participating in this choir. St. John's Music Ministry sponsors and manages this course for the eighth year.

## ORDINATION OF THE REVEREND JOSH BOWRON

The Reverend Josh Bowron, recently called Sr. Assistant to the Rector, will be Ordained into the Sacred Order of Priests by The Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, A.D. 2011, at The Church of the Nativity, in Fayetteville, Georgia. St. John's parishioners are welcomed. The Rector and members of the Vestry will be in attendance.

## CANCER CARE

A SERVICE OF HOPE AND CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY JUNE 5TH AT 5:30PM



So many of us have had our lives affected by cancer. On June 5th we will have a special service to focus on this disease and the people it affects, made possible by our Cancer Care Ministry under the guidance of Mary Catherine Coon. We will pray for a cure, pray in thanksgiving for health and remember those who finally could not escape this disease. Fr. Paul will preach a message of hope. Alan Reed will provide special music.

## KANUGA KIDS

Kanuga Kids will give a disadvantaged Charlotte child an opportunity to experience things that many of us take for granted. Help send a child to camp and you will be helping a child to have experiences and memories that will last a life time. Please make a gift to Kanuga Kids today. This makes a great thank you gift in honor of Sunday School teachers and classroom teachers alike. It is also a great way to honor Dad on Father's Day. Make checks payable to St. John's with Kanuga Kids in the memo.



## RECRUITING ACOLYTES FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

During the months of May and June we are recruiting new acolytes for the 11:15 Service in the Parish Hall. It is our desire to raise up an acolyte corps from members that routinely attend the Contemporary Service. Those members who are interested can range in age from 6 years old to adulthood. Training will be provided, and you will be scheduled monthly to serve during the service. Please contact Rick Johnson at [rick4994@gmail.com](mailto:rick4994@gmail.com) or 704-996-8469 for further information or to sign up. We look forward to having you join us in this ministry as we serve God at His altar.

# PARISH LIFE

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

June 20-24, 2011

9:00 am-12:30 pm

'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14:6

### REGISTRATION

(\$30 for full-time Volunteer's children)

Register May 16<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup>

Cost is **\$50** per child

Register June 13<sup>th</sup>-June 19<sup>th</sup>

Cost is **\$60** per child



A portion of your registration fee goes to support our Youth Mission Trips to Costa Rica. Scholarships are available on an as-needed basis.



## WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Women of St. John's, are you interested in summer reading? Beginning Thurs, June 16, a Women's Summer Book Study will meet the third Thursday of the month from 10:30 - noon in Room 312. Come join the group for one, two, or three meetings!

The book to be discussed June 16 is One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp. Books are available online at Christianbook.com, \$9.99 plus postage (hardback); Amazon.com, various prices (hardback, paperback, Kindle). Available locally at Borders by order; probably can be ordered at Christian bookstores. Not available at the public library.

The group will also meet Thurs, July 21, and Thurs, August 18; books to be determined. For more information, contact Jane Burdick, 704-545-5323, bur5700@aol.com.

## MENUS

|               |        |                                    |
|---------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, PM | June 1 | Wings and Ice-cream floats         |
|               | June 8 | Leftovers!                         |
| Sunday, AM    | May 29 | Biscuits to Go                     |
|               | June 5 | Omelets<br>(Last Sunday Breakfast) |

## PRIME TIMERS PICNIC

MAY 15, 2011



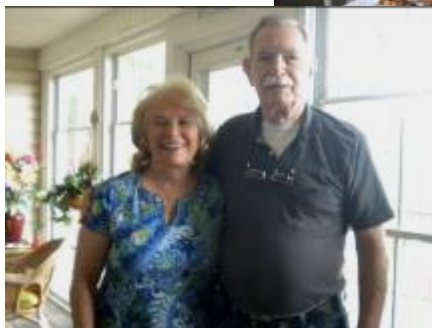
A great time was had by all at the Prime Timers BBQ, hosted by Pat Morgan and Judie Ratcliffe at Pat's Lake Norman home. Perfect weather, great food, boat

rides and wonderful conversation was enjoyed by all. The group thanked Carolyn Morris for her two years service as president of



the group and welcomed Patti Madigan as the incoming president for 2011-2012, beginning in September.

Prime Timers is for those who are in the 'prime' of their lives. The children are raised and now it's time to relax, have



fun and brag about grandchildren! We look forward to more of St. John's 'prime' members joining us in the fall.



**THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH!**  
 No not DISNEY but rather St. John's Episcopal Preschool!!! Where fun, prayer and learning come together!  
 We still have spots available for the Fall so please come and visit, we would love to show you around!!!  
 Contact: Jenny Taylor aka Minnie Mouse, Assistant to the Rector for Preschool Ministries  
[Jenny@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:Jenny@saintjohns-charlotte.org)  
 704-366-3676

ST. JOHN'S GIFT AND BOOKSTORE

The gift and bookstore is carrying some really beautiful gift and home décor items. If you have not been in there lately, it's time you did. You can buy some great teacher appreciation gifts, gifts for Baptisms and other church celebrations and books and reading materials for your effort to bring churchHome. The hours of the store are as follows:



Sunday 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Wednesdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



COMMUNICATION

THE VOICE IS GETTING LEANER AND GREENER!

In a long overdue effort to both cut costs and meet our commitment to be more environmentally responsible, we will cease the parish wide mailing of The Voice as of June, 2011. We will mail the May issue as we have been and after that:

1. We will mail to a very small number of folks who are really shut in and do not appear to get e-mail, etc.
2. We will provide a modest supply of hard copies for folks who want to pick one up on Sundays
3. We will otherwise provide The Voice electronically only.

We would like to take a moment to thank the "Holy Folders" under the leadership of Ms. Georgia Brunck. Georgia and her group have faithfully come in month after month and not only folded, tabbed, addressed and sorted all the Voice newsletters ready for mailing but they have come in time and time again to get most *all* mass publications from the church office out in a timely fashion. We appreciate your hard work and faithful hands and we are happy to bring you less of it each month!

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

This summer a group of 22 blessed people from St. John's have the opportunity to make a real difference. This group of carefully selected individuals will be traveling to a poor inner-city community in San Jose, Costa Rica to make a difference in the lives of the children of Ascension Episcopal Churches. The main goal of this mission trip is to coordinate and execute a weeklong Vacation Bible school for these poor intercity kids. This Vacation Bible School is just like that of St. John's during the summer, but slightly modified. For those not familiar with Vacation Bible School, it is a Christian day camp, with blocks of time set out for recreation, music, arts & crafts, and story time. Children are separated into classes by age and then rotate these stations, all the while learning about Jesus.

There are a couple of challenges that the team faces in coordinating VBS in San Jose as opposed to here at St. Johns. The first and most obvious is the language barrier. The national language of Costa Rica is Spanish, and few kids have even been exposed to English. The same could be said about the team members, as only a few of them speak Spanish only a little. The second challenge is that many of these kids have never even heard of Jesus, being for focused on things like getting enough to eat and staying safe. The team members have their work cut out for them this year, but are ready and willing to overcome the challenges.

So, now we need your help! Mark your calendars the evening of June 4th for an event you won't want to miss! The Costa Rica mission trip team is hosting a Party With A Purpose, where you will be taken into the safari scene for dinner, music, and a silent auction to raise money for the trip. You can buy tickets from anyone from the team: Ben Burkhart, Doug Burkhart, Liz Crenshaw, Courtney Cummins, Emma Davis, Pablo DeLaCanal, Ashley Fisher, Mason Fisher, Carson Hedberg, Caleb Hege, Annie Hindin, Rebecca Hunt, Carly Murden, Charlie Riddle, Allison Sellers, HP Shaw, Samantha Taylor, Madeline Therrell, Matt Williams, Noah Williams, Cindy Winslow, or Maggie Winslow, Wednesdays and Sundays at the church for \$15. Come have a great Saturday evening and help make this year's mission trip happen! We can't wait to see you there!



## THE OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

### Vestry Election – Unexpired Term

It is our delight to report that the Vestry has elected Mr. Tom Washington to the Vestry of St. John's. You may recall that Tom was nominated and stood for election in November of 2010.

Tom brings a passion, faithfully lived out for his church, and a wonderful professional background to the Vestry. Tom will complete the unexpired term of Kurt Kottkamp, who resigned from the Vestry. Tom will be eligible to stand for election in November. His service on the Vestry begins immediately.

Please keep Tom in your prayers as he embraces this new ministry and extend your best wishes as you have the opportunity.



*Tom, Catherine and daughter Claire Washington, Confirmation Sunday*

## DIOCESE



Late last month (April 25<sup>th</sup>) we observed World Malaria Day. Most of us were so busy with our everyday activities that we probably overlooked these tragic facts:

- 250 million is the annual number of cases of malaria infection around the world

- 90 percent of all malaria deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa

Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria

Each \$12 contribution to *NetsforLife*® makes possible the purchase of one insecticide-treated net. When you consider that each net potentially saves three lives, basic math suggests this is far and away the most bang for the buck we can achieve.

St. John's has been challenged by the diocese to raise funds sufficient to buy one net for every communicant in good standing (including confirmed youth but not children). To meet the challenge we need to purchase 1,685 nets, which will save more than 5,000 lives. To date the St. John's family has generously purchased about 1,000 nets, so we are well along towards our goal.

There are many legitimate demands on our checkbooks these days. Each has its merits, but consider that by making a \$12 contribution to *NetsforLife*® you will not only be potentially saving three lives from suffering and death, you will also be serving to change behavior and instill in families and their communities a "net culture" to help end this terrible disease. Please make your checks payable to St. John's and write "NetsforLife" in the comments section.

In addition to writing a check for *NetsforLife*®, we'll have other opportunities through the year to purchase mosquito

nets for sub-Saharan Africa as a parish. Income from Wednesday night dinners has been tithed to Outreach since last September, and the tithe through 2011 has been designated for *NetsforLife*®. And as we did last summer, donations supporting Lemonade on the Lawn, beginning in a few weeks, will be used to purchase nets.

Whether we write a check for *NetsforLife*® or attend a Wednesday night dinner or generously donate for a cup of lemonade, we will be seeking to help the neediest of our brothers and sisters and thereby living St. John's mission statement, "To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ,"

## STEWARDSHIP

### APRIL 2011, TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer

#### **General:**

Total income exceeded expenses by \$4,644 for the month of April. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$31,438. The annual budget has been recast and was approved at the April vestry meeting. As a result, some line items had a large adjustment made to the budget for the month of April, particularly in cases where the full budget had already been spent. The Operating cash balance at April 30 was \$32,269. Please remember to keep your pledge payments current.

#### **Income:**

April pledge income was \$27,708 above budget while non-pledge income was \$4,325 above budget.

#### **Expenses:**

For the month of April, compensation, staff expense, office support, worship, education, and activities were under budget; building and grounds and parish support, were over budget.

#### **Liabilities:**

In April, the bus loan was paid off thanks to generous donations to the Debt Reduction Campaign.

*Please see the full Treasurer's report on the website.*

### **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

#### **OPERATING FUND**

|                  | <b>April 2011</b> |                |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                  | <b>CURRENT</b>    | <b>YEAR</b>    |                 |
|                  | <b>MONTH</b>      | <b>TO DATE</b> | <b>ANNUAL</b>   |
|                  | <b>ACTUAL</b>     | <b>ACTUAL</b>  | <b>BUDGET</b>   |
| TOTAL INCOME     | 124,925           | 470,477        | 1,282,474       |
| TOTAL EXPENSES   | 120,281           | 439,039        | 1,360,881       |
| EXCESS/(DEFICIT) | <u>4,644</u>      | <u>31,438</u>  | <u>(78,407)</u> |



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