

THE VOICE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2011

**STAY AWAKE!
IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!
DO SOMETHING!**

~ Fr. Paul

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ~ Matthew 25:40

Here at St. John's we are blessed with so many opportunities to *do something* and "stuff the stocking"!

Don't waste God's money on junk this year.

In this issue we give you easy answers to the question: "What should I get for...?"

- Episcopal Relief and Development
Buy a *NetforLife*® or ten!

St. John's is close to fulfilling our goal of purchasing one net per member in good standing. Save 3 lives with one mosquito net. At \$12 a net this makes a great teacher gift. Honor our Sunday School teachers with this gift of thanks.

- Room in the Inn needs your
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE!

Please contact the RIT leads ASAP and offer your time, supplies, cooking and laundry skills.

- Support Our Troops Holiday Hero Wreath in Tilson Hall!
Make the day of a service woman or man with a letter or package for Christmas.

- Christmas Shop for A Child's Place

The children of A Child's Place at Billingsville Elementary will fill your hearts with joy as they shop for their parents and loved ones. Donate items, your time and especially some well needed hugs to these precious children.

- "For His Majesty" CD

Best gift ever! The CD "For His Majesty" includes the Living Water Praise Band, St. John's Ringers, the Treble Youth Choir, the Shepherd Choir, and St. John's Choir.

See pages 3 & 4 for details



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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PREPARE FOR SUNDAY



THIS MONTH

- Stocking Stuffers
- ECW Luncheon
- Christmas Shop at Billingsville Elementary
- Changes in the Voice
- Holiday Hero Wreath is back
- For His Majesty CD on sale

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Luke 1:46b-55
Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011
2 Samuel 7:1-11
16 Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I
December 24 & 25, 2011
Christmas Eve & Day
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Nativity of the Lord - Proper II
December 24 & 25, 2011
Christmas Eve & Day
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Nativity of the Lord - Proper III
December 24 & 25, 2011
Christmas Eve & Day
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
John 1:1-14

CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF

Rector
The Rev'd Fr. P.S. Winton

Vicar
The Rev'd Fr. Michael Pipkin

Senior Asst. to the Rector
The Rev'd Fr. Josh Bowron

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

Ms. Jillianne Booth
Asst. Youth Ministries

Canon Cindy Winslow
Children's Ministries

Ms. Jenny Taylor
Preschool Ministries

Ms. Cathy Harrison
Special Projects

The Rev'd Dr. Robert Cooley
Theologian in Residence

The Rev'd Dr. Ralph Milligan
Affiliated Cleric & Psychotherapist

Pastoral Assistants to the Rector
Ms. Jo Brock
Hospitality

Ms. Mary Catherine Coon
Cancer Care

Ms. Susan Mason
Parish Steward

Ms. Leslie Davis
Property Steward

Mr. Alan Reed
Organist and Master of Choirs

Mr. Justin Rhymer
Assistant Choir Master

Mr. Chip Carter
Master of Choirs of Bell and Chime

Mr. Vernon Young
Sexton

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

7:30am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
8:45am Holy Eucharist Contemporary  
(Parish Hall)  
8:45am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
11:15am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
6:20pm Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall)

### Monday:

7am Morning Prayer  
(Chapel)

### Tuesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing  
(Chapel)

### Wednesday:

9am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Thursday:

9am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Friday:

7am Morning Prayer  
(Children's Chapel)

### Saturday:

9am Holy Eucharist  
(Chapel)

# PERFECT STOCKING STUFFERS

## ERD *NETSFORLIFE*®

The Christmas season is fast approaching. With it will come the need to make decisions regarding appropriate stocking stuffers. We would like to simplify your life by suggesting the perfect stocking stuffer: a gift card indicating you have donated, on behalf of the recipient, a malaria net as part of the *NetsforLife* initiative. For a donation of \$12 or more, St. Johns will give you a little gift card you can place in the stocking indicating you have donated a life-saving, insecticide-treated net in that person's honor. Not only will you have solved your stocking stuffer dilemma but even more significantly you will have made a positive difference in the lives of "the least of these." When you consider that each net potentially saves three lives, is there any doubt that your stocking stuffer will have had a major, loving impact? Please make your checks payable to St. John's and put "*NetsforLife*" in the comments section.

## ROOM IN THE INN

Room in the Inn begins Thursday, December 1, 2011. St. John's will provide overnight lodging, dinner, breakfast and a bag lunch for 12 guests each Thursday from December 1, 2011 to March 29, 2012. We will serve 216 guests and need your help. We have had many of you sign up to help but still have the following needs. Please contact the individual lead for dates and opportunities available:

Food: Dale Hall [dalehallop@aol.com](mailto:dalehallop@aol.com) 704.641.4871  
Fruit, PBJ Sandwiches, Meat & Cheese Sandwiches, Dinner for 15 plus families providing dinner.

Bed Set-Up: Susan Ralston-McCormick  
[sr-m@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sr-m@carolina.rr.com) 704.277.4803

Laundry - Sheets and Towels: Lucy Rogers  
[lucyrogers@bellsouth.net](mailto:lucyrogers@bellsouth.net) 704.807.9598

Overnight Hosts: Byron Grimm  
[bgrimm3000@gmail.com](mailto:bgrimm3000@gmail.com) 704.609.1271

Supplies: Rudene Marlow  
[rudenemarlow@hotmail.com](mailto:rudenemarlow@hotmail.com) 704.364.4468  
White socks, Sweatshirts & pants, Travel size toothbrushes, toothpaste & deodorant, all new hotel size toiletries

Please contact the coordinator listed for your interest or our St. John's Room in the Inn Coordinator Judy Russo  
[judyrusso@hotmail.com](mailto:judyrusso@hotmail.com) 704.650.0432.

## ECW DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Advent: Walking and Waiting in the Dark, Dec 8 at 11:30 am. Come join ECW and Fr. Josh for a talk on Advent: the season of the church prior to Christmastide with a colorful past and meaning, it offers a special time of expectation as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord. Not to be missed! Lunch catered from Arthur's Southpark \$10. See selection and sign up at the Receptionist Desk.

## CHRISTMAS SHOP FOR A CHILD'S PLACE

The Guild of St. Margaret's is collecting gift items for a Christ-

mas Shop for A Child's Place homeless children at Billingsville Elementary to shop for their parents or guardians. We will be collecting items such as perfume, lotion, jewelry, notepads, picture frames, sunglasses, nail polish, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be at both rear entrances to the church from 11/13-12/4.

The actual shopping event at Billingsville will be on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 9am. Please try to arrive early to help set up. We need lots of volunteers, so we hope to see you there! For information please contact Stephanie Green, [green@carolina.rr.com](mailto:green@carolina.rr.com).

## CHANGES AT THE VOICE

It is no secret that wonderful improvements in communication at St. John's have been taking place these last several months and the Voice is no exception. We will be going to a quarterly magazine style publication to keep up with all the wonderful ministries and life at St. John's, meanwhile we will condense the weekly eblasts into a mailed publication monthly for our mail recipients so no one feels out of touch.

## OCTOBER 2011, TREASURER'S REPORT

*Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer*

### General:

Total expenses exceeded income by \$15,497 for October. Year to date expenses exceeded income by \$47,619. The Operating cash balance at October 31 was a negative \$46,121.

To alleviate this severe cash shortage, please keep your pledge payments current. If we are able to stay within budget for the next two months, we will end 2011 in the black.

### Income:

October pledge income was \$17,780 above budget. Non-pledge income was \$1,373 under budget for October.

### Expenses:

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

### Liabilities:

The remaining liability is the loan payable to the Permanent Designated Fund, with a balance of \$30,327.

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

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### OPERATING FUND

#### October 2011

|                  | CURRENT<br>MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME     | 114,631                    | 1,064,564                 | 1,282,474        |
| TOTAL EXPENSES   | 130,128                    | 1,112,183                 | 1,360,881        |
| EXCESS/(DEFICIT) | <u>(15,497)</u>            | <u>(47,619)</u>           | <u>(78,407)</u>  |

## HOLIDAY HERO WREATH

Stars are not only in the sky... they are in Tilson Hall at St. John's! Stop in and take a look at the annual Support Our Troops Outreach (SOTO) "Holiday Hero Wreath". As the weeks go on, you will see a change in the wreath – going from "stars" to red hearts. All you have to do is to take a star. Each star has a serviceman's name and address and on the backside it will say "package" or "letter/card". For those out of the US we suggest you consider sending them a package and all other of our troops please remember them with a card or letter. Instructions for mailing of packages can be found on the table by the wreath. The mailing of letters only takes one US postage stamp – regardless if the serviceman is in the US or overseas. Also, a reminder that Bernard David's birthday is December 16<sup>th</sup>. The EYC of St. John's, with Matt Williams direction, packed up seventeen prior-



ity boxes.....all were blessed by Fr. Paul, Fr. Michael and Fr. Josh during the 11:15 service in the Nave on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. This was a great start to remembering our troops over the Holidays!

David Hodges was instrumental in helping supply items for the boxes, so a big "thank you" to David!

If you know of someone in the military and would like them added to St. John's Outreach – please fill out the form in the basket on the table in Tilson Hall or in the red folder by the reception desk. If you have questions regarding SOTO projects, please contact Susan Bramlett at [704-542-0211](tel:704-542-0211).



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## FOR HIS MAJESTY CD

The CD "For His Majesty" includes the Living Water Praise Band, St. John's Ringers, the Treble Youth Choir, the Shepherd Choir, and St. John's Choir. Twenty-seven tracks offer almost 80 minutes of music. Proceeds go toward paying off the debt. The perfect gift for

someone who has everything, CDs are only \$15, with volume discounts for those who buy more than five. Contact Alan Reed at 704-366-3034 or [alan@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:alan@saintjohns-charlotte.org) for more information.