

THE VOICE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER, 2011

OUTREACH RENEWAL AT SAINT JOHN'S "Let Our Light Shine Before Others"

Our Lord, Jesus Christ said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to the whole house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-20) The faithful followers of Christ at Saint John's have spiritually and physically embraced these up-lifting words from our Lord and Savior. As a congregation, we continue to perform acts of service such as feeding the hungry, providing refreshment to the thirsty, clothing the less fortunate, and showing hospitality to strangers.

For those that have provided their time, talent, and treasure, we say Thank You, as you have indeed made a difference in the lives of many, many people in our community and surrounding areas. As we continue to multiply as a spiritual community, our outreach journey is also in need to multiply for this congregation "to let our light shine before others." From input at focus group meetings, and feedback from the leadership of Saint John's, it is apparent that now is the time to renew and refocus our outreach effort.

To renew our outreach effort, the faithful of Saint John's is now guided by this Outreach Mission Statement crafted by the Vestry earlier this year. The Outreach Mission is as follows:

"The people of Saint John's, in partnership with others, reach out to our sisters and brothers in Christ, in our community and beyond, through a broad spectrum of ministries with emphasis on the hungry, the homeless, and children and families in poverty."

The newly formed Outreach Committee has been hard at work this year build upon the strong outreach foundation already in-place at Saint John's that will enable the people of Saint John's to embrace and live this Mission Statement. The group has identified 5 building blocks for Outreach that will further reinforce this foundation and be essential to fulfilling this mission. These building blocks that will reinforce the Saint John's outreach foundation are as follows:

Outreach opportunities will be aligned with the Outreach Mission Statement

Agencies promoted for outreach activity at Saint John's will be biblically based

Agencies supported by the congregation will be categorized into three tiers with criteria

Agencies supported with time, talent, and treasure will include partnership opportunities

Outreach activities will be designed to maximize the involvement of the entire congregation



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PREPARE FOR SUNDAY



THIS MONTH

- Outreach Renewal
- Red Cross Blood Drive share a personal story
- Chili's hosts A Child's Place Day!
- ECW hosts luncheon
- Parish Workday ahead
- Meet our 2011 Vestry Nominees

Sunday, October 30, 2011 - Year A

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 Proper 26
 Joshua 3:7-17
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
 Micah 3:5-12
 Psalm 43
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, November 06, 2011 - Year A

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
 All Saints' Sunday
 Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 I John 3:1-3
 and Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 13, 2011 - Year A

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Proper 28
 Judges 4:1-7 & Psalm 123
 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 &
 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 20, 2011 - Year A

Last Sunday after Pentecost
 Christ the King
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Psalm 100
 or Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Psalm 95:1-7a
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 27, 2011 - Year B

First Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
 I Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF

Rector

The Rev'd Fr. P.S. Winton

The Rector's Associate

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:

6:50pm Compline (Parish Hall)

### Thursday:

9am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Friday:

7am Morning Prayer  
(Children's Chapel)

### Saturday:

8:10am Holy Eucharist  
(Chapel)

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE-A PERSONAL STORY

Before we know it, it is going to be that time again to donate blood and save the lives of up to 3 people. The next blood drive is December 11, 2011 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. I want to showcase our own hero and survivor Matt Newsom in the story below. I would like to do this for every blood drive so if you have been personally affected by blood donation or know anyone that has, please share their story with me. I look forward to seeing you and I hope through our stories we can increase our goal at St. John's, and help to save the lives of many people in need. Please contact me at [ehtucker@bellsouth.net](mailto:ehtucker@bellsouth.net)

*Submitted by Emily Tucker, St. John's Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer Coordinator*

### Matt's Story

It's been less than 3 years (January 2009) since I last donated blood. I have always been a big blood donor. I'll brag and tell you that the Red Cross and I lost count somewhere between 250 and 300 units of blood and platelets that I'd donated over the years. It was a quiet form of ministry for me, and I would always think about how there was somebody somewhere who really needed my donation. And I hoped that my small donation that day would make a difference in somebody's life. Little did I know that "somebody" would be me in about 8 months.

I tried to donate blood in June of 2009 but was deferred because my red count was too low. I tried again on a Saturday in late July and got the same result. I knew that couldn't be good, and I called my doctor Monday morning and got an appointment for later that day. He ordered a CBC and said he'd call with the results. But after I checked out and was leaving, the nurse came running after me and said, "The doctor needs to see you." The doctor had been concerned, ordered my blood work analyzed right away, and told me my red, white, and platelet counts were bottomed out. Not good.

The next day I saw an oncologist and 48 hours later, I was diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia (HCL). My case was right out of the textbook. I went from trying to be a blood donor to being a leukemia patient in 4 days.

HCL is diagnosed in an estimated 500 to 800 cases in the United States each year. It is called "hairy cell leukemia" because the leukemic lymphocytes have short, thin projections on their surfaces that look like hairs when examined under a microscope. Hairy cells accumulate in the bone marrow and prevent the marrow from producing enough normal blood cells. It typically hits white males between the ages of 40 and 60. Its causes are not known.

HCL was first identified in 1958 and there were no satisfactory treatments until 1984, when a drug was found to be effective in 75% of patients. In 1990 a second drug was established as the most effective treatment with a 95% rate of remission, and now I'm the 3rd person in a clinical trial at National Institutes of Health that, so far, has achieved a 100% remission rate among its patients. I underwent 8 weeks of chemo in the

fall of 2009 and now have quarterly checkups locally and an annual visit to NIH.

I was cancer free at 30 days into my treatment and continue to be cancer free today.

During my treatment I was on the receiving end of 3 units of platelets and 2 units of whole blood. Quite a humbling experience, and I felt a sense of gratitude towards the donors that is very difficult to describe.

I can't give blood anymore, but I can encourage you to consider this form of ministry and tell you first-hand the difference you can make in someone's life. Thank you.

Matt Newsom - 2011

## THE GUILD OF ST. MARGARET

The Guild is happy to share an opportunity for St. John's Chili's customers to benefit the children of A Child's Place in Charlotte, including the children we support at Billingsville Elementary School. Please cut out or print off this page of



### Chili's Cordially Invites you to A Child's Place Day!

Chili's proudly supports A Child's Place! With each flyer presented on A Child's Place Day, Chili's will donate 10% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support A Child's Place at the same time!

#### A Child's Place Day is:

**November 8, 2011**

**11 AM-11 PM**

*\*Don't have time to dine-in? We will gladly count to-go orders too!*

#### At these participating locations:

**Tyvola- 5521 Westpark Dr.**

**Whitehall Commons- 8164 S. Tryon St.**

**Blakeney- 9730 Rea Rd.**

**Pineville- 8302 Pineville-Matthews Rd.**

**Arboretum- 8136 Providence Rd.**

**Crown Point- 2521 Sardis Rd. North**

**Northlake Mall- 8325 Northlake Commons**

**UNCC- 500 University Center Blvd.**

**Rock Hill- 630 Tinsley Way**

### We look forward to seeing you!!

Give Back Night flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Only valid on the date and locations listed above. Does not apply to sales made prior to or past this date.

the Voice and take this flyer to your local Chili's on the 8th November and give the program a nice financial boost.

## ECW LUNCHEON

Please join us on Sunday, November 13th at 12:30 for lunch in rooms 204-205. Sally Brewster from Park Road Books will be speaking on being a successful independent book store owner when major book stores are closing as well as recommending books for all ages. This will be a boxed lunch from Phil's Deli. Sign up sheets are at the front desk. The cost of the luncheon is 12.00.

## PARISH WORK DAY

Please join us for another Parish Work Day, Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 8:00 till noon with lunch following. We are looking for a great turnout for our Fall Work Day. There are a lot of inside projects like light carpentry, caulking, cleaning in the Nave and floor repair but I would like to work outside as well. The weather will determine how much work we can do outside.

These sessions are always fun and it is great service as well. I would truly appreciate it if you all could come.

As always, regrets are not necessary. I know you all give all you can. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

*Yours in Christ, Jim Riddle, Junior Warden*

## SIGMA

The November Sigma meeting will be held @ the home of Merrill & Judy Gowdy on Saturday, November 12th @ 6:30 PM. The address is 2241 Thornridge Road, Charlotte, NC 28226. Please RSVP to (704) 366-7732 & leave a message.

## BABY SHOWERS!



Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower honoring Fr. Josh & Brittany Bowron and Fr. Michael & Molly Pipkin

on Wednesday, November 9th 6-7pm in room 204/205.

Both families are expecting baby girls, the Bowrons in November and the Pipkins in December!

They are registered at Bye Bye Baby.

If you are unable to attend but would like to give a gift, please leave it with Kerry Johnson in the church office.

Questions? Call Nancy Joyner (704-542-9390) or Brenda Monteith (704-554-6359).

Full name of Nominee:

**Janet Hoffman Brown**



Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? No Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 15

Profession: Homemaker/Part-time Accounting and Administrative work

Briefly summarize your ministry:

at St. John's: Currently serving as Church Treasurer, Member of the Finance Committee, Altar Guild, Volunteer Receptionist, and Choir Member. Previous activities have included the Debt Reduction Committee, Vacation Bible School, church offering poster, Guild of the Christ Child, and Bible Study. I am a CPA, although I've been inactive since leaving full-time employment to raise my daughter, Jessie.

in the community (include civic, business & professional organizations):

Currently working as the Administrator for Teen Cotillion of Charlotte. Previously held Treasurer positions for Charlotte City Ballet Company and Sharon Elementary School.

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

I'm well organized and good with details and financial matters. My years working in Public Accounting and in Internal Audit gave me experience in becoming acquainted with people and situations quickly, in order to best serve them. I'm terrified of public speaking, but never hesitate to speak up when I believe offering my opinion is worthwhile.

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

St. John's has given our family so much, that I am compelled to give back. I have endeavored to do that through many different activities. Over the last few years, I have served as Treasurer and I have enjoyed that position. As Treasurer, I attend monthly meetings of both the Finance Committee and the Vestry. I've seen how the members of the Vestry transform their love for God and for the people of St. John's into action. I want to help to shape the future of our church.



Full name of Nominee:

**Robert Farnham, MD**

Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? Yes Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 31 1/2

Profession: Retired pathologist

Briefly summarize your ministry:

at St. John's: Chair: Liturgical committee, Outreach Committee; Confirmation Instructor for Bible,

# 2011 VESTRY NOMINEES

Vestry six years, Senior Warden two years, Choir 18 years, Ill member visitor. EFM graduate. Diocesan Convention delegate six years.

in the community (include civic, business & professional organizations):

Director, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Presbyterian Hospital; Member of: College of American Pathologists, American Society of Clinical Pathologists, United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, American Medical Association, Mecklenburg County Medical Society, and American Association for Clinical Chemistry

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

Amiable, patient, more or less funny depending on how you take it. I try to be kind in all organization efforts, although I ask forgiveness from any with whom I failed. I have either directed or sometimes misled groups of size 2 to 300 over the years and am still alive. I have healthcare industry knowledge and skills. I have no agenda and think the parish is doing very well in both personality and works.

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

St. John's has been our very dear church home for the last 31 years. I recently retired and again feel able to give the time needed for Vestry and assigned tasks.



Full name of Nominee:  
**Jim Golz**

Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? No Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 7

Profession: Director of Client Happiness at FileVault

Briefly summarize your ministry:

at St. John's: Usher team, Outreach Committee, Volunteer Coordinator - Step into Africa, Room in the Inn and Family Promise Overnight Host, Shepherds Choir, Lay Servers Coordinator

at other churches: Usher team, Outreach Committee, Building Projects, Jr. High Youth Leader

in the community (include civic, business & professional organizations):

Board Member - ARMA (records management industry association), Member - BareMetal Data (business continuity industry group)

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

Skills: Team player with experience in managing group dynamics, basic budgeting and balance sheet familiarity, comfortable reaching out to others, and creative problem solving.

Interests: Worship & Liturgy, Education, and Building/Facilities. Abilities: Space planning, strategic planning, written communications and consensus building.

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

We take (receive) so much from St. John's as a family - spiritual growth, historical education and perspective, worship, fellowship, youth programs, women's and men's group activities - that an opportunity to serve this faith community is welcome indeed. The energy here is contagious and I will consider it a true honor if elected to lend leadership as we move forward.



Full name of Nominee:  
**Truxton Bancroft Pratt, III**

Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? No Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 10

Profession: Information Technology

Briefly summarize your ministry:  
at St. John's: Something's Brewing Facilitator (2008 & 2009), Cub Scout Pack 116 Den Leader (2007-2010) and Cubmaster (2011-Present), Family Promise Volunteer since 2009

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

10 years experience in Finance

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

We have been blessed as member of St. Johns. Being on the vestry will provide me with an opportunity to give back to the community through the service of stewardship. I view it as an opportunity to listen to our members and help drive the conversation for our future.

Full name of Nominee:  
**Jeffery Currie Pruitt**

Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? No Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 12 years

Profession: Corporate Real Estate Executive (CBRE, Inc.)

Briefly summarize your ministry:

at St. John's: Volunteer helper: room at the Inn, Family Promise, 40-Hour Famine; Leader - Tilson Hall Renovation Due Diligence (2007); Vestry Real Estate Task Force (2009)

at other churches:



in the community (include civic, business & professional organizations):

US Green Building Council – Charlotte Chapter (LEED Accredited Professional); South Atlantic Conference NCAA Division II Football Official

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

Strategic Planning, Fiscal Management; Vendor/Supplier oversight; Sourcing/Procurement; Facilities Project Management; Residential and Commercial Construction

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

I would like to serve on the Vestry as a way to give back to a church that has given me so much. As a real estate leader for CBRE, I have supervised complex construction programs and projects for large corporations, providing me experience with managing budgets, formulating and implementing work strategies, optimizing processes and developing communication plans. I believe the best contribution I can make to our church is to provide leadership and guidance based on this business experience as well as my experience as a member of our congregation. I am very excited about the strategic path our clergy and Vestry are formulating and would be honored to participate in the development of our church's future.

Full name of Nominee:

**Thomas Boyd Washington, III**



Have you served as a vestry person at St. John's? Yes Elsewhere? No

Years of active participation at St. John's: 6+

Profession: Director of Project & Construction Management at Carolinas HealthCare System

Briefly summarize your ministry:

at St. John's: I have served as: (1) interim member of the vestry for the past 4 months to complete a 6 month term (2) Acolyte Director for the past year (3) Acolyte at 7:30 services for the past 2-1/2 years (4) Room at the Inn and Family Promise host a few times over the past 3 years (5) Finance Committee member for the past 9 months

at other churches:

I have served as: (1) Acolyte (2) choir member (3) set-up for services assistant

in the community (include civic, business & professional organizations):

Member of ASHE (hospital engineers); past president of 2 different HOA's

Special skills, interests and abilities you would bring to the Vestry:

organization, good team member, integrity, willingness to do most any task

In 50 words or less, why would you like to serve on the Vestry?

Continue to grow my faith; Give my time, talent, and treasure to assist St. John's and the people we serve; Assist this vestry in the further development of the strategic plan for our parish; Help make the tough decisions we must make to keep our church solvent; Serve our Lord!

## OUTREACH RENEWAL continued from front page

The Outreach Committee has also refined the process that agencies or parishioner can use to request the time, talent, or treasure of the Saint John's congregation. These five key building blocks mentioned above are a part of the outreach application, along with other detailed information from the requestor.

The committee has also defined a follow-up questionnaire for the organization to complete in order to communicate back to the congregation the impact of its effort and the difference this effort made in the community.

Recently, using the tiered approach and each level's corresponding criteria, the next step for the Outreach Committee has been to identify the primary Tier 1 agencies that encompass these building blocks. These agencies are not new to the Saint John's faithful and going forward our intent will be to continue our current efforts, and as we work in partnership with them, to expand further our spirit filled activities.

These agencies were recently invited to Saint John's to speak with the committee and share their mission, their upcoming needs and required resources, plus additional opportunities for Saint John's. Saint John's is very blessed to have these organizations right here in the Charlotte area that needs our generous help and assistance. The Tier 1 outreach agencies were a part of the recent Ministry Fair, and the congregation will be hearing about more in the weeks and months to come. They include:

- ***Family Housing (Family Promise)***
- ***Loaves and Fishes***
- ***The Men's Shelter***
- ***Crisis Assistance***
- ***Room in the Inn***
- ***A Child's Place***

Many, many thanks to all those that have been involved with the ministries of these agencies, and we look forward to your continued support as we further expand our involvement with these organizations.

With the congregation expanding our support of these agencies, we still want to prayerfully encourage the faithful of Saint John's to continue with the many other forms of the much needed outreach within our congregation. For, these recipients of your outreach will continue to enable people to "see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

If you want to learn more about this renewed outreach focus, or serve on the Outreach Committee, please contact Jack

Conlan, Outreach Chairperson, at [jackconlan@hotmail.com](mailto:jackconlan@hotmail.com).

these.” Please make your checks payable to St. John’s and put “NetsforLife” in the comments section.

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

WOW!

We are almost there! Thanks to the generosity of our members, we are close to being a debt-free parish. After taking outstanding pledges into account, we need to collect only \$7,235 more to eliminate all debt. Thank you, St. John’s!

SEPTEMBER 2011, TREASURER’S REPORT

Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer

**General:**

Total expenses exceeded income by \$40,175 for September. Year to date expenses exceeded income by \$32,122. The Operating cash balance at September 30 was a negative \$30,093. To alleviate this severe cash shortage, please keep your pledge payments current.

**Income:**

September pledge income was \$14,467 under budget. Non-pledge income was \$1,269 above budget for September.

**Expenses:**

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

**Liabilities:**

The remaining liability is the loan payable to the Permanent Designated Fund, with a balance of \$50,853 at the end of September.

**ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**OPERATING FUND**

**September 2011**

|                      | CURRENT<br>MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME         | 70,585                     | 949,933                   | 1,282,474        |
| TOTAL EXPENSES       | 110,760                    | 982,055                   | 1,360,881        |
| EXCESS/<br>(DEFICIT) | <u>(40,175)</u>            | <u>(32,122)</u>           | <u>(78,407)</u>  |

**Family Housing**  
(formerly known as Family Promise)  
**Loaves and Fishes**  
**The Men’s Shelter**  
**Crisis Assistance**  
**Room in the Inn**

Partnership  
Opportunity

Maximizes  
involvement

Biblically  
Based

Aligned with  
Vision

Tiered level  
with criteria

Tier 1 Outreach Agencies

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT  
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In the year 2,000, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were established to reduce, by the year 2015, the number of people who live in extreme poverty. Developed by the international community including leaders from 191 countries, the eight goals were endorsed by development institutions and religious bodies. The goals have served to foster cooperation and promote joint efforts.

The eight goals are listed below: (Detailed information regarding each of the goals together with their related challenges and targets may be found on ERD’s web site [www.erd.org](http://www.erd.org).)

- I. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- II. Achieve universal primary education
- III. Promote gender equality and empower women
- IV. Reduce child mortality
- V. Improve maternal health
- VI. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- VII. Ensure environmental sustainability
- VIII. Develop a global partnership for development

We bring these important goals to your attention to underscore the broad scope of ERD’s efforts. All of the third world initiatives in which ERD is involved touch one or more of these eight goals. When you write even a small check – for example to support the *NetsforLife* program – you are helping with the Millennium Development Goals and are making a significant positive difference in the lives of “the least of



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**Deadline for the next *Voice***  
**Tuesday, November 15 , 2011**  
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