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Schedule for Worship

SUNDAYS OCTOBER 5 AND 12, 2008 21ST AND 22ND SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion, library
9:00 a.m. Rite 13, twice a month, Room 226
9:30 a.m. Nursery open, Room 297
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum, Oct. 5, Our new rector will discuss the path which led her to St. John's; come get to know her better; Oct. 12, Our deacon, The Rev. Denise Giardina, a nationally-acclaimed author, will discuss "Racism and the Election"; footnotes on the Sept. 20 conference on racism for which she was a panelist, Room 109.
10:10 a.m. Parents' Fellowship, Room 208
10:10 a.m. Chapel for Older Children, Room 225
10:30 a.m. Classes for toddlers through Grade 5: Toddlers, Room 298; Godly Play, 1st to 3rd grades, Room 299; St. John's Eagles, 4th and 5th grades, Room 221.
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Hunter Hall



Upcoming Events

The next Taize prayer service will be held on Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. in the chapel.

On Oct. 19 the Evangelism and Member Incorporation Ministry Team will host a new members' brunch at noon in the Mollie Warwick Room and Room 209 on the second floor.

Mark your calendars now for an all-parish dinner on Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. This dinner will be to recognize new members and accomplishments and everyone is invited. More information will follow soon.



The Importance of Gratitude

By The Rev. Susan J. Latimer

Dear Saints of John,

While I was at the second part of a leadership training program in Arizona, and away from the media, we had hurricanes real and metaphorical in this country. I came back to headlines that were quite alarming about the state of the economy. As if there weren't enough things for us to be anxious about nowadays! I find that it is easy to get swept up in the emotion of the moment, if I am not careful.

I find that particularly in times of great anxiety, it is a great help to practice the art of gratitude. Yes, gratitude is an art – and it does take practice, at least for me. I learned this from Franklin's third grade teacher, an amazing woman who had multiple serious, chronic health problems. Every morning, she invited the young people in his class to share something for which they were grateful. We do this at home now, every night, as a part of our family prayer before we go to bed. Franklin is the one that suggested it, one Lent, and we have been doing it ever since. No matter how wonderful or difficult the day has been, there is always much to be thankful for. It helps us keep things in perspective.

God has blessed all of us with multiple blessings. If we can practice focusing on our blessings, at least once a day, we will begin to see life a bit differently. The alarming headlines will have less impact on us. Giving thanks to God for these blessings regularly also blesses us! May we all encourage each other in the art of gratitude this fall.

I am grateful for all of you at St. John's. I am grateful to be here with you in ministry. I look forward to our continuing journey together.

*In Christ,
Susan+*



The *Interchange* is the parish newsletter for the people of God called to the Christian community of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Quarrier at Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, West Virginia.

Our Mission: We reach out to the world in Christ's name in the hope that all might find a home in God's healing love.

Our Next *Interchange* Deadline

The next issue of *Interchange* will be for the weeks of October 19 and October 26. Please submit items and photographs (either digital or print) to bdearien@stjohnswv.org no later than Monday, October 6, at 2 p.m.

Anglican / Roman Catholic Evening Prayer

All parishioners and friends of St. John's are invited to attend an Anglican/Roman Catholic Evening Prayer Service at St. John's on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 5:00 p.m.

The Most Rev. Michael Bransfield, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of West Virginia, will be the celebrant, and The Right Rev. Michie Klusmeyer, Episcopal Bishop of West Virginia, will be the homilist. The Rev. Susan Latimer and Msgr. Edward Sadie of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral will be co-hosts for the service.

This ecumenical service has been held twice annually since 1992 in Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in every section West Virginia in order to give families with members in both churches an opportunity to worship together with the support of their bishops.

A second purpose of the service is to encourage the restoration of the Liturgy of the Hours, especially on Sunday evenings, to bring together Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and other Christians who seek greater unity worshipping together. The Evening Prayer service is one of several activities initiated the Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission of West Virginia.

The Anglican/Roman Catholic Evening Prayer will not be unfamiliar to anyone who has attended a St. John's Evensong. The order of worship is quite similar, and much of the music will be familiar. There are some variations in the canticles and responses, incense is used, and a homily is included.

Several members of the St. Ambrose Choir are joining with the Sacred Heart choir under the direction of Dick Walker. Acolytes from both churches are participating in the service, and several greeters from St. John's will welcome people to the service. Following the service, Sacred Heart will provide a reception in one of their facilities.



The Right Rev. Michie Klusmeyer, Episcopal Bishop of West Virginia

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Sunday School Classes Resume with Many New Volunteers

By Kathie Giltinan,
Christian Formation Coordinator

Kick-Off Sunday was Sept. 21 and Sandra Barkey and Sandy Morris greeted arrivals, while Becky Burns helped get registration cards completed. Barbara Walker was a hostess in the Godly Play room. Betty Jo Lloyd took pictures. Diana Canfield met her Rite 13 group. Tricia Poe and Lia Palmer were on hand to welcome new parents. Kathy Wood and Julia Beury were in the Eagles class. Thank you everyone.



Dominique Tyson

St. John's Soaring Eagles is the official name for the 4th and 5th grade Sunday school class at our church. More than 15 children are on the class roll for this fall to explore Bible stories and learn Christian basics. But attendance last year averaged just four to five children each Sunday. We hope that will increase this year. The weekly lessons engage our Eagles with music and art from all over the world while their teachers help them to make personal connections. In the past the group has helped with Manna Meal and assisted younger children.

Julia Beury, Mary Coburn, and Kathy Wood are the teachers who will be helping our Eagles get off the ground this fall. In November Fran Simone will join the team. With this large and able group of teachers, the responsibilities should rest lightly on everyone. Last

year, Margaret Lieberman was the solo teacher for most of the year!

In addition to the Eagles' volunteer teachers, Becky Burns has offered to help with teacher preparation and support while Karen Glazier and Sandra Barkey will help with specific projects.

Down the hall from the Eagles is a mainstay of Sunday school at St. John's -- the Godly Play classroom. Parishioners have been mighty generous to Godly Play, both as teachers and in equipping our room. Story sets can cost more than \$100 each. In addition there are Montessori-based materials, such as the bright felt wall hanging that helps children learn about the church year.

There are 16 first, second and third graders on that class roll for this fall. To teach them, Godly Play has a talented group of volunteers returning this year. Welcome back to Bren Pomponio, Susan Ferguson, Barbara Walker and Susannah Vitaglione, Juanita Cook, Wanda Dettinger and Jo Blackwood. In addition we'll be welcoming some new Godly Play volunteers; Lia Palmer, Tricia Poe and Joe Mullins.

Toddlers in Sunday school sing and play with Anita Janeschek and Judy Skiles. And, they are gently introduced to Godly Play through specially designed lessons. There are a dozen pre-K and Kindergarten children expected this fall. Asley Orr has offered to help these youngest students.

Thank you Saints of John for being so generous with your time and talent and for bringing your children to Sunday school. Your willingness to get involved is really the determining factor in the quality of our children's Christian Formation.



Adam Ferguson

Maddy Blackwood

Photos on Sunday School pages are by Betty Jo Lloyd, and are courtesy of Kathie Giltinan

A Church Is
By Harold Lambert

A church is not an edifice
 With steeple high and bright,
 Or windows stained so artfully
 To glorify the light
 That comes from outside in the day
 And inside in the night.

The place that I have just described
 May house a church, it's true,
 And give a setting for the things
 That churches ought to do -
 Cantatas, services and such
 And bring the light anew.

The things that really make a church
 Are behind all the faces that we
 see
 On Sunday morning, rain or shine,
 Arresting God's divinity.

(Printed in the Interchange, June 9, 1985)

Mr. Lambert, father of Jo Blackwood, died on New Year's Day, 1985. The Burial Office was read at St. John's on January 5th. This poem was read at Mr. Lambert's Church, Elk Hills Presbyterian, October 14th, 1984.

Apostles Build 2008

Fundraising Report as of September 3

How Do We Measure UP?



- Aldersgate United Methodist \$1,349
- Bream Presbyterian \$4,200
- Christ Church United Methodist \$5,000
- United Methodist So. Charleston \$2,600
- First Presbyterian So. Charleston \$2,444
- Kanawha United Presbyterian \$4,200
- St. John's Episcopal \$5,000
- Trinity Lutheran \$287
- United Disciples of Christ \$4,200

Total to Date: \$29,280

**Please Consider Adding Your Gift By
 September 30th**

If you would like further information on the build.

What is the United Thank Offering?

The United Thank Offering, which will be received Oct. 12, is still a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude. The discipline begins at home by placing coins in the "Blue Box." Every coin is used to support grants for mission and ministry.



Every year, the total offering is between \$2.5 and \$3 million, all of which is used for projects at home and abroad. In 2001, UTO awarded close to \$3.2 million in grants. The challenge is that grant requests total between \$5 million to \$7 million. Many deserving and important ministries cannot be recognized. What Episcopalians are doing for others is exciting and must be encouraged to continue. Pray daily for more "Thankful Coins" and "Thankful Hearts."

Belize Next Topic for WIFFF Luncheon

Tim Bradford will deliver a program on the mission trip to Belize in Central America two years ago for Women in Faith, Fun and Fellowship on Oct. 9.

A luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Molly Warwick Room and Room 209, followed by the program and a short business meeting. A \$5 donation will be appreciated and reservations may be made with Brenda Dearien, 346-0359.

The Shawl Ministry will follow in Room 209.

Don't Forget to Bring Your Pet

A St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in St. John's church garden. The entire community is invited to bring their favorite feathered and furry friends as The Rev. Susan Latimer officiates.

Literature will be on hand and people are encouraged to bring a donation of pet food, kitty litter, treats and other items to be sent to the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association Animal Shelter.

If you are concerned about how your pet may react to so many other animals nearby, consider bringing instead their favorite toy or food dish to be blessed.

For more information contact Michelle Walker, 550-2680.

Evangelism Meetings Open

The Evangelism and Member Incorporation Ministry Team meets the first Sunday of each month after church in room 109. Our next meeting will be Oct. 5 at noon. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Covenant House Could Use Your Help

Needs of the various programs of Covenant House are as follows: At the Drop-In Center, toothpaste, toothbrushes and spray deodorants; Homeless Outreach, chair, dresser, bookshelf and household items; Food Pantry, pasta, soups, cereal and canned tuna; Community Housing, trash bags; Clothing Closet, winter clothes, coats, hats and gloves; and the AIDS Program, towels (new or gently used).

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The Daily Office

by *Beth Marquart, Vestry Member*

Five days a week in our church, Morning Prayer is read by a few, dedicated individuals. People like me occasionally show up to add another voice to the Psalm, prayers and responses as their schedules allow, but prayers are regularly lifted on behalf of our community by those few who find solace in opening their day with this celebration of God in their lives.

My personal favorite of the Daily Office, as Morning, Noonday and Evening Prayer and Compline are collectively known, is Evening Prayer. It has been read twice a week in our church (Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.) for several years and for a long time we had volunteers reading on Monday and Wednesday evenings, too.

For many years I've made a practice of one of the daily offices, or Compline, daily in the privacy of my home. Recently my work schedule changed and I've been able to return to reading the office corporately at St. John's. There is nothing quite like it -- the sun throws the colors from the windows in the chapel across the pews and the shadows grow east to west across the church as the service progresses. This physical manifestation of the dying day becomes breathtaking as we recite the Phos hileron, "*O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds*" and move through readings and prayers ending with *Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine...."*

This reminder of my place in God's world brings me peace and a welcome measure of humility and I am at peace and better able to transition to the less hectic evening time in the knowledge and safety of God's love. If you find yourself downtown at around 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday and have 20 or so minutes to spare, stop in and read the office with us. If not, prayers will continue to be lifted on your behalf - on behalf of every Saint of John - week in and week out. Thanks be to God!