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## CROSS-EXAMINATION

**AYThis Transitory Life Y@**  
By David Hackett, Interim Rector

Kay and I thank you for your warm welcome to your midst on Sunday, March 4. There=s a wonderful spirit that is evident in Athe Saints of John@ which is the outward and visible sign of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice to be a part of this Community of Faith.

Transition is characteristic of our existence. From birth in this life, to new birth in Christ, to our eternal life when we pray that we will go Afrom strength to strength in the life of perfect service@Ywe are always on a journey, a pilgrimage. If you are alive, you are changing both physically and spiritually. The journey toward the future during the interim period can be an extraordinarily dynamic period in the life of this Community of Faith called St. John=s. We will explore together what God is calling you to do and be as you seek to engage in mission and ministry.

This prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake helps me in my perspective of this time of transition.

*Disturb us, Lord when  
We are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.*

Peace and joy,

**David L**

*Disturb us, Lord to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.*

*We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*

The Rev. David R. Hackett  
interim rector  
The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster  
associate rector  
Brenda Vanderford  
organist/choirmaster  
David Morton  
assisting organist/choirmaster  
Brenda Deary  
parish director  
Katherine Giltinan  
Christian Formation  
Bob Westmoreland  
verger  
James Wilson  
custodian  
vestry  
Greg Clarke >08  
priest=s warden  
Michelle Walker >08  
people=s warden  
Becky Burns >09  
treasurer  
Ellen Archibald >09  
Cynthia Barrett >10  
Joe Bolvard >09  
Cheryl Clements >10  
Peggy Hammick >09  
Diane Hendricks >08  
Dan McDonald >10  
David Vick >08  
Ann Morris >08  
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Assistant Treasurer  
David Ranky/Becky Burns  
finance  
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evangelism/new member  
Peggy Hammick  
parish life  
Donna Hamra  
outreach  
Bob Cochran/Dan McDonald  
stewardship  
Bob Swartz  
production  
Natasha Barnett  
children=s Christian Formation  
Kasev Russell/Kin Reese/  
youth Christian Formation  
Diane Hendricks  
administration  
Ann Hester  
administration  
Phyllis Atwood  
Ben Oweas  
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Bob Swartz/Bob Miller  
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# Saint John=s Interchange

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

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## Sundays March 18 and 25, 2007 Fourth and Fifth Sundays in Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion**, library  
**9:30 a.m. Adult Forum: March 18**, Parishioner Sally Richardson, Executive Director of the Institute for Health Policy Research and Associate Vice President for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University, will discuss AProblems of the Uninsured in West Virginia@; **March 25**, Come share your ideas about St. John=s future with representatives of the vestry in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final AWe are Family@ gathering, Room 109
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery Open** B Babies to 2 years old, Room 297  
**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 to Grade 5**; Toddlers, Room 298; Godly Play, 4 to 8 years old, Room 299; St. John=s Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades, Room 221
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**, with choir  
**11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour**, Hunter Hall  
**11:45 a.m. Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood**, Room 208

**Interchange Deadlines:** The next issue of Interchange will be for the weeks of April 1 and 8. Items may be submitted to [julkemp@suddenlink.net](mailto:julkemp@suddenlink.net) (note change of address) or [bdearien@stjohnswv.org](mailto:bdearien@stjohnswv.org) by Tuesday, March 20, at 4 p.m.

*St. John=s Mission Statement:  
We reach out to the world in Christ=s name  
in the hope that all might find a home in God=s healing love.*

Established 1837 Present building consecrated 1901 A Jubilee Center since 1985  
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**Intensive Day of Prayer:** Contemplative Outreach of Charleston will present the annual United in Prayer Day entitled **Transformative Listening: Whose Voice Are We Listening To?** on March 17 at St. John's. The day will include video recordings from the Contemplative Outreach annual conference held in St. Louis last September: Abbot Joseph Boyle explores the implications of contemplative listening in **The Dimensions of Listening**; Fr. Thomas Keating discusses **The Consequences of Listening** and two monks join Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler, president of Contemplative Outreach International, in a discussion on these topics. Also included will be two periods of centering prayer and small group discussions. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Mollie Warwick Room. Bring your own brown bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Cost is \$5 with scholarships available. Registration can be made with Diana Masso, staff therapist at Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center, by e-mail at [dmasso@kpcc.com](mailto:dmasso@kpcc.com), phone 346-9689, or fax 345-4601.

**Join An Outgoing Group:** The Outreach Committee invites anyone interested in learning more about outreach, St. John's style, to a social in the Mollie Warwick room after church on March 18. Light refreshments will be provided as the committee members share highlights of its contributions to our community and discuss opportunities for 2007. Please stop by and see if you want to be part of this dynamic group.

**Our Church in Transition:** As we begin the search process for a new rector, the vestry is seeking input from all parishioners to share thoughts and opinions on the right priest for St. John's. Only one of three meetings remains in the **We Are Family** gatherings when you can offer your ideas about St. John's future. This will be during the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 25, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in Room 109. A parish dinner will be held on April 29.

**Birthday People:** Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating birthdays during the next two weeks: March 11, the Rev. David Hackett; March 12, Melinda DiCarlo and Rosie Pfeiffer; March 14, Gabbi Lewis; March 15, Catherine Blackwood, Lisabeth Caudill, Joe Mullins and Vickie Sheppard; March 16, Sarah Jarvis, John Leef, Dan McDonald, Jackson Newsome and Charles Rose; March 18, Polly Diller and JoAnna Latimer; March 19, Anna Megyesi; March 20, Ann Garcelon and Leah McDonald; March 21, Lucile Blanchard and Pat Stevens; March 22, Evalyn Anderson, Matthew Blackwood, Robert Kidd, Sandra Kidd and Barbara Knight; March 23, Emily Birkhead and Arden Ruttan; and March 25, Judith Teel.

**Archivists= Conference:** Janet Morris, St. John's resident archivist, is the mastermind behind the Greater Kanawha Valley Conference for Religious Archivists scheduled for Saturday, March 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Fred Armstrong, Director of Archives and History of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, will conduct a tour of the state archives and Pam LeRose, Grants Director for the West Virginia Humanities Council, will talk about successful grant writing, oral histories and confidentiality issues. A panel of religious archivists will discuss lessons learned the hard way and there will be time to compare notes and network with other archivists. This conference is free of charge, in part due to a mini-grant from the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. Conference brochures are available on the visitors' table. All are welcome to attend; please register with the church office by March 19.

**CLERGY ON CALL :** During the week your both of your clergy are available to you for pastoral care. Please call the church to talk to either priest. The clergy try to take Fridays as their day off. On weekends in a *true* emergency the Clergy On Call: **March 16-17: Liddy Hoster, 925-3675; March 23-24: David Hackett, 347-0986; March 30-31: Liddy Hoster, 925-3675.**

**In Memoriam:** We are sad to note the passing of Michael Peltz, brother of parishioner Mary Coburn, on Feb. 20, Elisabeth Dudley Yewell Johnson, mother of parishioner John Johnson on March 1 and parishioner Glen Wilson on March 4. May light perpetual shine upon them.

**Pew Bibles:** If you would like to have a copy of the New Revised Standard Bible in your church pew, you can make it happen. At parishioners' request, we will be ordering these Bibles from Oxford Press at the cost of \$12 per Bible. If you would like to help with this project, please make a check payable to St. John's and write "pew Bibles" on the memo line. Also, please indicate in whose honor or memory you are making your donation.

**Easter Flowers:** Easter arrives a little earlier this year on April 8 and we are making plans for our traditional spring flower ministry. If you would like to offer flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the attached form and either place it in the alms plate or mail it to the church office.

**Lenten Series:** St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 36 Norwood Road, is offering a series on **The Crucified Christ in Holy Week: Comparing the Passion Gospel Narratives.** Programs are held on Wednesday nights with a light supper at 6 p.m. and teaching and discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information on the series call 343-3837.

### Our Mother Church

A visit to St. John's website, [www.stjohnswv.org](http://www.stjohnswv.org), imparts many interesting facts about our church, including a condensed version of its history:

About 1827, the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop of Virginia, traveled across the mountains into what is now West Virginia. He wrote, **When I first visited Kanawha County, there were only two communicants in our church, Mrs. Alexander Quarrier and Mrs. Joseph Lovell. There was no Episcopal Church and the idea of building one seemed preposterous. Some two or three ladies, however, determined upon a trial, their husbands, fathers and brothers making sport of it. They used their tongues, their hands, their pens, and raised in one year about a hundred dollars, which afforded amusement to the gentlemen. After many years of patient perseverance, and accumulation of a very large sum, the first St. John's Episcopal Church, a brick building on the northwest corner of Virginia and McFarland streets, was built and consecrated in 1839. After its use by the Union Army during the Civil War, the building was repaired and refurbished. In 1888, the congregation moved into its present structure. The adjacent parish house was completed in 1928. The buildings have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. St. John's has served as a mother church in the Kanawha Valley. St. Luke's on Charleston's West Side was started by St. John's as a mission in 1873. St. James in North Charleston was started as a mission of St. John's in 1896 as was St. Matthews in South Hills in 1893. In 1942 a number of families from St. John's joined with others to form All Saints Church in South Charleston, and in 1956, St. John's formed the Church of the Good Shepherd in Kanawha City.**

## ***EASTER FLOWERS***

If you would like to give Easter Flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for someone please fill out this form and drop in the Alms Basin or mail it Brenda Dearien, St. John=s Episcopal Church, 1105 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301, by ***Wednesday, April 4.*** The cost is \$25.

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