

**Dated Material.  
Deliver by  
Saturday  
June 9**

Nonprofit  
Organization  
Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 1163  
Charleston, WV

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

**Challenge**  
by Beth Marquart

As a heterosexual woman I have many advantages, including coming of age during the era of Affirmative Action and the passage of other Civil Rights laws which allowed me to advance (pretty much) equally with my male counterparts, safely participate in the religion of my choice and be protected in all my Scott/German glory.

I have a nephew who isn't quite so fortunate. Not because of a backlash of affirmative action or his Scott/German/Italian lineage, but because he is a gay man living in a state where his rights are not protected simply because he is gay, just like here, in West Virginia.

The Episcopal Church affirmed the consecration of Gene Robinson during the 2003 General Convention and in two more recent actions (our response to the Windsor Report and the House of Bishops response to the demands of the meeting held in Tanzania), has affirmed the right of gays to have a seat at the table as members of our church family.

One of the findings of the recent AWe are Family@ meetings is our perception that we are about social justice and outreach, primarily because we house Manna Meal and have a diverse membership. Perhaps it is time for us, the Saints of John, to extend ourselves and our celebration of that diversity by acting locally, and thinking at least as globally as the worldwide Episcopal Church, by joining SAGA, its members and supporters, in the Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The parade gathers at Haddad Park at 12:30pm and ends at Davis Park, the corner of Capitol and Washington. Wear red shoes if you have them and carry any color-of-the-rainbow umbrella to protect yourself from the sun. My heterosexual (spayed) dog, Gracie, will be there, sporting her rainbow kerchief; perhaps your dog could join us, too - or your cat, goldfish, whatever -- since we are celebrating diversity and wouldn't want to be accused of exclusivity!

Now, here is the deal: The Spokes for Folks team and Thursday afternoon Education for Ministry (EfM) group wish to issue a challenge to all other committees, ministry teams, educational forums, groups, worshippers including the Vestry and the Search Committee - of St. John=s to join SAGA this year by sending at least 2 representatives to the Gay Pride Parade to represent our inclusive spirit and support. And that's 2 independent people; no double dipping as a rep of more than one team if you can help it! Let=s show ourselves for who we are: the Saints of John who welcome and embrace diversity. I think if Jesus were physically among us he'd be there, too and so, as his people perhaps we could be his representatives. He was pretty much for the inclusion of diverse people, don't you think?

The Rev. David R. Hackett  
interim rector  
The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster  
associate rector  
Brenda Vanderford  
organist/choirmaster  
David Morton  
assisting organist/choirmaster  
Brenda Dearien  
parish administrator  
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 >09  
Page Hamrick >09  
Diane Hendricks >08  
Dan McDonald >10  
David Vick >10  
Ann Morris >08  
David Ramkey  
Assistant Treasurer  
David Ramkey/Becky Burns  
finance  
Wanda Dettinger/Rose Smith  
evangelism/new member  
Beth Marquart  
Donna Hamra/Mary Fitzgerald  
outreach  
Bob Cochran/Dan McDonald  
Bob Swartz  
Nathan Amett  
children-s Christian formation  
Sara Walker  
youth Christian formation  
Dianna  
Marianne  
Phyllis Atwood  
Pastoral care  
Bob Swartz/Bob Miller  
Carter Blundon  
Beth Lloyd  
Martha Cole  
Ann Sarcobor  
Thim Stroob  
intentional editor

**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.

June 1, 2007, Vol. 47, No. 11

## Sundays June 10, 17 and 24, 2007 Second, Third and Fourth Sundays After Pentecost

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion, library**  
**10:30 a.m. Chapel for Older Children, Room 225**  
**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir**  
**11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Hunter Hall**

**June 10 - Sunda Sunday**

(Adult Forum and Sunday School classes will resume in September)

**Clergy On Call:** During the week both of your clergy are available to you for pastoral care. Please call the church to talk to either priest. Both try to take Fridays as their day off but on weekends, in a *true* emergency, you may contact as follows: June 8-9, The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster; June 15-16 and June 22-23, The Rev. David R. Hackett

**Interchange Deadlines:** The next issue of Interchange will be for the weeks of July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Items may be submitted to [julkemp@suddenlin.net](mailto:julkemp@suddenlin.net) or [bdearien@stjohnswv.org](mailto:bdearien@stjohnswv.org) by Tuesday, June 19, 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  
Please address correspondence to: 1105 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301-2493  
Telephone:304/346-0359 Facsimile: 304/342-2810 Website: [www.stjohnswv.org](http://www.stjohnswv.org)

**Higgins Ordination:** The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia, will ordain the Rev. Kent Higgins to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, June 16, at 11 a.m. in St. Timothy=s in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Your prayers and presence are requested. St. John=s will present an ordination gift to Kent. If you would like to contribute, please contact the church office, 346-0359.

**Birthdays Galore:** Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating birthdays during the next three weeks: June 4, James Sizemore; June 5, Dee Morris; June 6, Mary Boyd and Andrew Swing; June 7, Kris Morris; June 8, Joyce Rockwell; June 10, Alison Wilson; June 11, Sandra Barkey, Kimberly Johnson, Margaret Lindsey and Shirley Studivon; June 12, Barry Bowe, John Canfield, Janet Robertson and Paul Wilson; June 14, Ray Shackelford; June 17, June Halloran; June 18, Will Revercomb and Rosemary Smith; June 19, Bonnie Bailey, Martha Cole, Mary Fitzgerald, Maggie Latimer and Benjamin Snyder; June 20, Wayne Gorrell; June 21, Susannah Vitaglione; June 22, Kate Bird, Steve Chiosini Jr., and Joe Crow; June 23, Steve Revercomb, and June 24, Nathan Arnett and Page Hamrick.

**Women's Retreat Oct. 2-7, 2007.** We're taking reservations for our fourth annual pilgrimage to St. Helena's Convent in Vales Gate, N.Y. We'll arrive Tuesday evening, practice silence Wednesday B Friday; spend Saturday in New York City and travel back on Sunday. Our retreat will be based in the work of Sufi mystic poets. Some of us will travel by car and there is a conveniently located airport for those who prefer to fly. **Reservations and a \$50 deposit need to be in by July 1;** thereafter reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Questions may be referred to Karen Glazier or Beth Marquart.

**Way to Serve Your Church:** There is a great need for ushers, especially on the second and third Sundays of the month. Please contact Bob Swartz at 343-4812 if you can help in this capacity.

**Organ Recital:** On Wednesday evening, June 20, at 7:30 pm, nationally renown recitalist Lorenz Maycher will give an organ concert on our 1927 E.M. Skinner organ. This recital has been in the planning since last summer. We are very fortunate to have Lorentz come to St. John=s. He has been a featured artist at several national Organ Historical Society conventions, and has always received highest praise for his magnificent playing and superb technique. Lorentz specialized in playing historic symphonic organs, especially those built by E.M. Skinner, as well as instruments built by the successor Aeolian-Skinner. Another of Maycher=s important contributions is championing the organ compositions of Leo Sowerby, of which Lorenz will play two on his program for us. A reception will follow his recital. Donations of desserts would be enormously appreciated. While we will not have a full high tea as we do following our Evensong service, we do want to have a nice reception for which St. John=s has become justifiably famous! Spread the word! And be sure to mark you calendars! This is a perfect closing for West Virginia Day, and a grand prelude to Charleston=s AFestiveALL@: which begins the next day. This recital is being sponsored in large part by the Kanawha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and by additional gracious contributors.

**Episcopal Church 101: A Survey:** During the summer when the Adult Forum is not meeting, the clergy of the parish are offering an opportunity for adult education which will serve as a "refresher" for long-time members of St. John's and an introduction to the Episcopal Church for newcomers. We will gather in room 109 at 9:30 am for 10 weeks to discuss the beliefs and practices of this branch of the Church. The dates and topics are as follows:

June 17	Introduction and Overview of the course
June 24	The Human Condition: a Christian understanding
July 1	The Holy Scriptures
July 8	Holy Baptism
July 15	Holy Eucharist (followed by an Instructed Eucharist @ 10:30am)
July 22	The Episcopal Church: Catholic and Reformed
July 29	The Book of Common Prayer
Aug. 5	Issues before the Church today
Aug. 12	The Mission and Ministry of St. John's Church
Aug. 19	Summary Session

**A meeting of the Religious Archive Conference,** will be held in room 209, Saturday, June 23 at 9:30 am. Anyone interested in Religious Archives/History are welcome.

**WIFFF** will not be meeting again until September, however, those who wish to bring a bag lunch before the knitters meet on June 14 are welcome to do so at noon. We will meet in room 208.

From the Archives: Did you know?

In June the Episcopal Church prepares to celebrate 400 years of Angelican/Episcopal History at Williamsburg, VA.

June is also a significant month for St. John=s. On June 8, 1887, Mr. Alex T. Laidley wrote AThe old church built in 1834 at the northwest corner of Virginia and McFarland Street has been sold.@ During the Civil War it was commandeered by the Union Army for use as quartermaster depot. On Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, the purchaser took possession of the old house of God, dismantled its furniture, etc. A consecrated temple is desecrated to the use of a stable.@ The building was enlarged and served for many years as a livery stable.

Source: A History of St. John=s Episcopal Church. Joseph C. Jefferds, Jr., page 19.

**Altar Flowers:** There is an open date for Altar Flowers on June 10. If you would like to give flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please call the church office at 346-0359.