



VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Bob Courtemanche & Hilary Thomas Dorer
A message from the Wardens

By the grace of God, we have called a new Rector for St John on the Mountain. We, are pleased to announce that the Reverend Susan Ironside will be the next Rector of St John on the Mountain. We are extremely happy with the choice.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Mother Susan has WOWED us, just as our choice has WOWED our Bishop! As he says in his letter, we are *“more than confident that our Lord is the true author of this call.”*

Many of us know Mother Susan from her years here as a parishioner, Rite 13 teacher, mother of Nathan and Caroline and wife of Dr. Andrew Moore. She is still that joyful and loving person....but we have discovered a new Susan. Mother Susan has seen fewer years since her ordination than other candidates we considered, but we were most impressed when she came to the Mountain to lead Evening Prayer and preach for the Discernment Committee and Vestry. She did this with her usual flair....we always knew she could preach! But it was the discussion at dinner after that wowed us all. Everyone there expressed joy and wonderment at the depth and openness of the interchange, and admiration for Mother Susan’s maturity, leadership, skill, knowledge, and sincerity.

Mother Susan will start her work here on Monday, September 19th and she will preside at our Eucharist for the first time at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 25th. Mother Melissa’s final Sunday here will be September 18th and we will celebrate her ministry with us after the 10 a.m. service. More details about these next steps in the process will be available on the website (www.sjotm.org), in future *This Week on the Mountain* emails, and in the September issue of *Views*. Thanks be to God!

Now please read Bishop Councill’s letter to us:

THE BISHOP’S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Wow!” “Wow!” was my first reaction when I learned that the Vestry of St. John on the Mountain had elected the Rev. Susan Ironside to become your next Rector. Days later, as I write to send you my congratulations and assure you of my prayers, I’m still saying, “Wow!”

I am tempted to say that Susan needs no introduction. After all, she and her family are well known to your parish. You helped in the discernment of her call to ordination. You nurtured her and supported her as she undertook her seminary education and formation as a priest and pastoral leader. You rejoiced with her on her ordination and upheld her in prayer as she began her ordained ministry at St. Paul’s in Westfield.

Still, an introduction of Susan as your new Rector is in order. While you have some shared history with her, this will be a new ministry for Susan and for all of you. She is not the same person that she was at the beginning of her journey toward ordination. Neither is SJOTM the same parish. She is not coming to turn the clock back to a more comfortable time (as if that were possible). She is, rather, the leader your leaders have chosen to shepherd you through the changes and challenges of being the Church today as we love and follow Jesus together.

It is unusual for a former parishioner to become the Rector of her sponsoring parish. I believe, however, that God is unusually gracious and that your leaders are unusually wise and that Susan is unusually discerning. I am more than confident that our Lord is the true author of this call. By His grace, the parish will flourish under the leadership of Mother Ironside.

I look forward to seeing you at the celebration of this new ministry and the institution of Susan Ironside as your Rector. May God’s grace continue to work among you so that we may continue to behold His hand at work in SJOTM and say, “Wow!”

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+George

WORSHIP NEWS

September 11th Service

The tenth anniversary of Sept 11th falls on a Sunday this year, and we will mark this occasion and remember those who died on that day during both of our worship services (8am and 10am). If you would like to include the name(s) of a friend or family member to be read during these services, please submit those names to the office by Wednesday, September 7th.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

Grace Soup Kitchen

We will work at Grace's Soup Kitchen on Friday, August 26th at 10:00am. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near Parish Hall.

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity

RVHFH is looking for a member of St John to be a *Church Relations* person for them. This position requires about 2-4 hours a month. The prime duties are to provide education, leadership and encouragement at the congregational level for a partnership with RVHFH. They would recruit volunteers within St. John for Build Days and other programs and act as the information conduit for various programs and opportunities to help RVHFH. If you are interested please contact Fenn Putman at 973-543-7017 or fennironia@earthlink.net. For more information please contact Judy Pfister, RVHFH Church Relations at 908-938-9964 or jmpfister@comcast.net.



ALTAR GUILD

The Episcopal Church flag was adopted by the General Convention in 1940. The red cross represents the cross of St. George, patron saint of England, to reflect descent from the Church of England and our membership in the Anglican Communion. The nine white crosslets on the blue field represent the nine original dioceses of the Episcopal Church in America in 1789 - Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and South Carolina. They are arranged in the X shape to commemorate the fact that Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop, was consecrated in Aberdeen, Scotland on November 14, 1784.

Source of data - The Episcopal Handbook Morehouse Publishing and episcopalchurch.org



PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

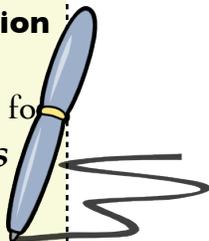
July 3	9:30 am	39
July 10	9:30 am	58
July 17	9:30 am	66
July 24	9:30 am	67
July 31	9:30 am	45

WEBSITE ACTIVITY
PAST 30 DAYS 428



Updated Contact Information

For the next 5 months
Please note new street address for
Marilyn & Eddie Rogers
910 Constitution Drive
Apt. 617
Durham, NC 27705



Best Wishes to those kids celebrating a birthday in the month of August

Kevin Vernimb, Liam Baird, Camille Chatwin, Connor, McKeon, and Shannon Keegan

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

New Director of Children's Ministries

We welcome Lynn Mitchell to the St. John on the Mountain staff as the new Director of Children's Ministries. Lynn will begin her work with us on August 1 leading the Pre-K through 5th grade children and overseeing the Sunday School teachers. We are so fortunate to have Lynn in this role! She will be taking over for Patti Lippman who recently "retired" from this position, but will continue as Parish Administrator. Please welcome Lynn as she begins this new ministry.

Prior to working as the Director, Lynn was a middle school Language Arts teacher in New Providence for ten years. She is a member of the *National Association of Episcopal Christian Education Directors*. Lynn and her husband, Michael, began attending St. John on the Mountain in 2005 and were married here six years ago this month. They have two daughters who were both baptized here. Lynn is looking forward to working with the children at St. John this year!



FELLOWSHIP

St. John's Night Saturday, June 25th

The Salovaaras once again generously welcomed parish families and friends to their lovely pond for St John Night complete with the Ray/Morash tasty pig roast and the famous Salovaara giant evening bonfire. Mother Melissa and the choir led a beautiful evening prayer as the sun began to dip into the trees, and then all enjoyed a wide array of delicious salads and hot-off the spit pulled pork, with Asian-Ginger sauce, while the kids fished and paddled the canoe.

Thanks to Beth & Mikael for providing the unbeatable venue, to the (strong!) Salovaara boys for chair and table set-up/clean-up, to our all-day pig roasters Joe and Dan, and to everyone who pitched in to clean-up before the fireflies lit up the woods.

As always, it was a special evening of fun, fellowship and s'more making.



Birthday Wishes Go Out to the Following Parishioners Who Were born in August:

Their birthstone is Sardonyx which denotes married happiness, their flower is the gladioli and their colors are orange and red.

Pete Ackerman, Wendy Argent-Belcher,
Chip Baird, Peter Courtemanche,
Walter Elliott, Sue Ely, Liz Ewing,
Kathy Falcon, Binx Lee,
Joan Powell, Fenn Putman,
and Trish Sullivan

Happy Birthday to all!

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AUGUST 2011

Sundays on the Mountain

Sunday, August 7

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, August 14

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, August 21

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, August 28

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour



Summer Sunday service
9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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