

# VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN



## SEPTEMBER 2011

### Sundays on the Mountain

#### Sunday, September 4

##### Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

- 8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism
- 10:30 am Healing Service, Chapel
- Lemonade Hour

#### Sunday, September 11

##### Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 11:15 am Outreach Committee Meeting, Mtg Rm
- Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

#### Sunday, September 18

##### Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
- 9:00 am Rite 13, Parish House Classroom
- Cherub Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- First Day of Sunday School
- 11:15 am Special Coffee Hour Honoring - Mother Melissa, Parish Hall

#### Sunday, September 25

##### Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
- 9:00 am Adult Formation
- Rite 13
- Cherub Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Church
- Sunday School
- 11:15 am Parish Picnic Honoring - The Rev. Susan Ironside, Parish Hall



Don't forget!  
Regular Service hours of  
8am Rite I & 10am Rite II  
begin on Sunday, September 11th

The Reverend Melissa M. Hartley

## A message from the Interim Rector

Dear People of St. John on the Mountain,

I realize that many of you who have been away all summer may be returning home now and thinking to yourselves, "Is she still here?" as we said our goodbyes back in June. Since the search for your new rector took a little longer than we had anticipated, yes, I am still here, but only for a few more weeks. As you know, the Reverend Susan Ironside will begin as the next rector of St. John on the Mountain on September 19, which means my last day will be September 18.

As I said in the June newsletter, my four years spent on the Mountain have been the longest ever served in one parish throughout my thirteen years of ordained ministry. When I came here in June 2007 as the part-time associate rector, I never dreamed of leaving as the full-time interim rector. That just goes to show God's plans truly are larger than we can imagine.

As we conclude our time together, let me thank you again for the past four years. We have shared each other's lives in both joy and sorrow. We have been in relationship as a community of faith and have been church to one another.

Goodbyes are never easy, but you can look forward to a new beginning with Mother Susan very soon. I know this will be an exciting time for St. John's, and I wish you all the best as you begin this new ministry together.

May God continue to bless you and this place.

Yours in Christ,

Melissa+

*Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through the continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



## Welcome! *The Reverend Susan Ironside*

### Rector of the Church of St. John on the Mountain

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting."*

*Psalm 118: 1*

#### A message from the Wardens

It is a time give thanks to the LORD for we have called a new Rector! She will begin her ministry with us on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This in itself is wonderful news. It has been many months, years – of transition, with its trials and tribulations, of interim status, with its insecurity. We are happy and we are relieved.

The news is even more exiting when we consider the individual we have called to be our spiritual leader and guide. The Rev. Susan Ironside will have a head start when she arrives here! She already knows much about us, and we know a good deal about her. We know that with her energetic and joyous personality she will jump right in and get things going in no time. We know that she will WOW us with her preaching and care for us with her overflowing love and pastoral concern. We know that she will also await our guidance and help in setting the direction of this new chapter in the life of our beloved Church. And we know that, when challenges arise, she will consider them seriously, listen carefully, deliberate, pray - and then, when the path to

resolution is clear, laugh. Susan will always find something to laugh about –she wears a smile that emanates from her deep faith and love of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Susan Ironside was ordained to the priesthood in June, 2010 by the Rt. Rev. George Cuncell, in the Diocese of New Jersey. It was while Susan was a parishioner here, with her husband Dr. Andrew Moore and children, Nathan and Caroline, that she began her journey to the priesthood. We supported her in her discernment process and in her entry into The General Theological Seminary in 2007. She received her Master of Divinity, cum laude, in 2010. She was the graduating class's recipient of the Bishop of Newark Preaching Prize for Preaching, and was appointed a member of the Standing Committee for Liturgy and Music Blessings Task Force for General Convention. She received her BA in Philosophy and Religion, summa cum laude, from Kean University in 2006. Prior to that she was a Registered Nurse, having qualified RN, ASN in 1995.

Mother Susan has worked in Episcopal Churches since 2003. She comes to us from St Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, NJ where she has served as Curate since her ordination. Here she shared in liturgical leadership and pastoral care responsibilities with the Rector. Before that she served as Deacon at St John the Baptist Church in Linden, NJ and as Seminarian at the Episcopal Church of St Paul in Chatham, NJ. From 2003 to 2007 she was Parish Nurse at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Summit, NJ.

Although Mother Susan has not yet experienced having "a church of her own," she is clearly ready to learn and to lead. We have a strong team to support and guide her. During our years of transition we have grown stronger. As one long-time parishioner put it, "We have regained our identity and our confidence."

We, the Wardens, with the Vestry and Staff, are ready to welcome and support Mother Susan in any way we can. But this is not only our job. It is your job, too. You ARE St John on the Mountain and we pray that, energized by the arrival of our new Rector, you will prepare to show your love of Jesus Christ through your service to and full participation in the life of your Church.

But first, let's talk about celebrations! Naturally, with the arrival of a new Rector, our Interim Rector, the Rev. Melissa Hartley, will leave us. We wish her well with our love and thanks. We plan to celebrate Mother Melissa's ministry with us at a special coffee hour following the 10am service on her last Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to attend that day and share your feelings.

And don't forget that we are requesting contributions towards a purse for Mother Melissa, to be presented to her at the celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute and have not done so already, please send a check to the Church office by September 12<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Use the envelope that you received in the mail or be sure to mark your check for Mother Melissa in the memo line. Thank you for recognizing Mother Melissa's many contributions to St. John on the Mountain. Let's send her onto her next calling with style!

One week later we will celebrate the arrival of Mother Susan on her first Sunday with us, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We plan to hold our Parish Picnic after the 10am service that day. Come and help us to make it a rousing and joyful welcome for our new Rector!

*"This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*

## Art Show

The 31<sup>st</sup> Mountain Art Show is just around the corner and your Committee Chairs, Tressa Baird, Mary Courtemanche, Beirne Donaldson, and Jim Hubbell, are working hard through the “dog days of summer!” The Art Show will run from October 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup> with the Preview Party on Friday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The show is a wonderful all church event that is a great way to meet other parishioners and decorate your home as well!

Once again we are looking for “Angels” who can help underwrite the costs of the show. Last year’s show brought in \$35,000 to St. John’s due, in large part, to the generous angels who underwrote different expenses. So far, we have two Angels who are covering the cost of printing the Preview Party Invitations and the *Best In Show* prize. A heart felt thanks to our first two Angels! Below is the list for other giving opportunities:

### *Additional Giving Opportunities*

Postage for Artists’ Prospectus	\$420
Program	\$670
Art Show Posters	\$100
Postage for Preview Party Invites	\$540
10 Awards of Excellence	\$250 each
Wine & Beer	\$650
Valet Parking	\$1,000 (any amount donated towards this bill is great!)
Police	\$330
3 Judges’ Honorariums	\$250 each
Flowers	\$300

Please contact our Treasurer, Kathy Christie, 908-572-7048, if you would like to join the list of Angels.

Mark your calendars now for two special events that will be occurring during the Art Show. The first is the Wine Tasting Event on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm. Our own Erna Hauveis will be creating the gourmet treats that will accompany the wine and there will be jewelry for sale. On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Brian Harlow, the organist at St. Luke’s, and Robert Deutsch will be performing an organ and cello concert which will include works by J.S. Bach, Karl Holler, and others. The concert will begin at 4pm with a reception following.

We will be stuffing the Preview Party Invitations on Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall beginning at 10am. Many hands make light work, so please join us! There will be an Art Show meeting on Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> after church in the chapel. Anyone interested in helping out with the Art Show should plan on attending. We are looking forward to a very successful show and having Mother Susan with us!

## FELLOWSHIP

### ***Special September Coffee Hours!***

#### **September is going to be a very busy month for Fellowship!**

*Coffee Hour* will begin on Sunday, September 11 after the 10am service, which will honor the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The following Sunday, September 18th, will be in honor of Mother Melissa's last service with us. On Sunday, September 25th we will celebrate Mother Susan's first Sunday with us at our *Annual Fall Kick-Off Parish Picnic!* Please join us!

#### **Mother Melissa's Last Day will be on Sunday, September 18th**

We plan to celebrate Mother Melissa's ministry with us and wish her well with our love and thanks at a special coffee hour following the 10am service. Please make every effort to attend that day.

#### **The Reverend Susan Ironside's first Sunday with us will be on Sunday, September 25th**

Please join us that day as we welcome Mother Susan. To learn more about the calling of the Reverend Susan Ironside, please visit [www.sjotm](http://www.sjotm) to read a letter from the wardens and a letter from Bishop Councill.

#### **Annual Fall Kick-Off Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 25th**


Help us to celebrate Mother Susan's first day with us, at our Annual Fall Kick-Off Parish Picnic, immediately following the 10:00am service.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Watch in the mail for the 2011-12 Coffee Hour Host schedule. In an effort to involve all families, coffee hour will be assigned to each family one time between the months of September 2011 and June 2012. If you can't make the Sunday that you're assigned, we kindly ask that you swap with another family. Preparations are minimal and implementation is easy.

We all love Coffee Hour and this vital part of Fellowship. By having everyone involved, we can all be a positive force for St. John's!

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinators, Sue Catlett and Susan Kennedy.



### **September Birthday Wishes Go Out to the Following Parishioners:**

*Their birthstone is a ruby, which denotes a contented mind, their flower is the Larkspur, and their colors are green and russet.*

Kathy Christie, Beirne Donaldson,  
Mike Ewing, Sue Giordano, Jeff Hooper,  
Sue Kennedy, Allison Lukacsko,  
Scott Lukacsko, Keith Melchionni,  
Jane Mercer, Dan Morash, Rachel Mullen,  
Margaret Ann Warlick, & Paul Zanardi

*Happy Birthday to all!*



### Knitting Needles & Thread

The Knitting Needles & Thread group will start up on Thursday, September 15, at 10:30 am

Please join us in the meeting room in the Parish House. All are welcome!

We will continue to work on knitted and crocheted prayer shawls for parishioners, friends, and the cancer unit at Morristown Hospital, baptismal blankets, scarves and hats for the Seafarer's Institute, counted cross stitch Christmas ornaments, baby hats, and any other projects that look like fun! Personal projects are always welcome, and we encourage "Show and Tell." Baker Vandever showed us a stunning needlepoint bell pull that she had made years ago, telling the story of her family in pictures she designed and stitched. So special!

We love to eat, love to chat, and love to craft. We encourage you to come even if you don't know how to stitch, because we'll be eating and chatting also!

Immediately following the September 15 gathering, the Ladies Lunch will be held in the church's Parish Hall. If you can attend, bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

### Buildings & Grounds Improvements



Thank you to Paul Zanardi for painting the shed



Newly-paved nursery school driveway

### Ladies' Luncheon

Ladies' Lunch Kicks Off Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

The monthly gathering of the ladies of St. John's begins again on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at noon. Bring your sandwich, and drinks and dessert will be provided. On the third Thursday of every month, women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join in this traditional fellowship event. We usually gather at someone's home or occasionally at a restaurant for lunch and conversation. Bring your own salad or sandwich, drinks and dessert are provided by the hostess. Please feel free to drop in any time. We typically have 10-20 people attend with a mix of all ages! Watch the church calendar for dates and locations. If you would like to host a lunch, please contact Sue Catlett (908-955-7109).

### Mission Outreach News

#### September Mission Outreach Meeting

The next next MOC meeting will take place on Sunday, September 11th immediately following the 10am service. Please let us know of any organizations or local charities that are in need of money or volunteers, or better yet, come to the meeting. If interested please contact Sally Hespe or Fenn Putman.

#### Grace Soup Kitchen

We will work at Grace's Soup Kitchen on Friday, September 30th at 10am. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near Parish Hall.

#### Fruit Cup Collection

We have pledged to collect 200 small containers of non-perishable fruit, for at-risk children, for the Social Action Food Packing Projects, which will take place on Sunday, September 11th. Please bring donations to the box marked "Fruit Cups" located in the narthex before Thursday, September 8th.

**HELP  
WANTED**

## MUSIC NEWS

### Wanted: Organist & Choirmaster!

With the Rev. Susan Ironside's blessing, we are starting the search for our new organist and choirmaster. We have produced a Music Profile, which will be on the website as soon as it has been approved by the Vestry. The Committee is drafting an advertisement to be placed on the American Guild of Organists and other relevant websites.

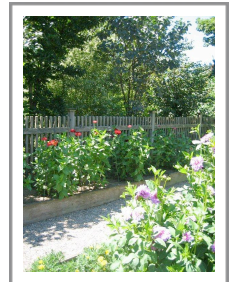
We are also "beating the bushes" to find qualified candidates. You can help. If you know an excellent musician who could fulfill our needs, please let Patti Lippman in the parish office, or a member of the committee know. They will be approached by a member of the Search Committee. Perhaps you have family and friends at other churches, or connections with Schools of Music? It is likely that it is through this network and by word of mouth that the person we are looking for will be found.

We are grateful to all the members of the Music Profile Committee for their contributions: Beau Atwater, Jeanne Chapin, Kathy Christie, Betty Heitmann, Sue Ely, Debbie Hennel, Rich McGlynn, Kelsey McKeon, David Powell, and Hilary Thomas Dorer. We expect that a number of them will continue as members of the Search Committee.



## ALTAR GUILD

Our thanks to Katie Porter for providing garden flowers for the altar arrangements again this summer. The Porters garden plantings have also enhanced our Art Shows and receptions over the years. We all appreciate their generosity.



### *A Message from Katie & Jim Porter*

*The last few years have been challenging for our Parish. An incredible team has guided us through these difficult times. As our Interim Rector, Mother Melissa has steered us through our transition with thoughtful care and prepared us to welcome a new rector. While your departure is bittersweet for us, Melissa, we wish you God Speed in the completion of your doctorate and in your next parish appointment.*

*Our lay transition team of wardens, vestry, profile and discernment committees has worked tirelessly, diligently and prayerfully to plan and search for our next rector. We need to show them our gratitude and appreciation. Our congregation has so much to be thankful for in their dedication to St. John's. Our heartfelt thanks and admiration especially go to Peter Mercer, Bob Courtemanche, and Hilary Thomas Dorer.*

*We are so proud of the growth and strength our congregation has exhibited in these past years. Now a new transition begins: let us all show our love for our church as we move into a new era at St. John's.*

*Welcome back, Mother Susan. We have known you as a parishioner, parent and postulant. What a joy it will be to embrace you in your new role as our rector and our spiritual leader!*

*God's Peace be with us all,  
Katie and Jim Porter*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

### Welcome Back!

**September 18<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Sunday School and Rite 13!**

We are looking forward to another great year with your kids.

#### Classroom Times and Locations

<b>Rite 13 (Grades 7/8)</b> at 9:00am	Upstairs Classroom Parish House
<b>Pre-K/Kdg</b> at 10:00am	Classroom #4
<b>Grades 1/2/3</b> at 10:00am	Classroom #3
<b>Grades 4/5/6</b> at 10:00am	Upstairs Classroom Parish House
<b>Babysitting</b>	Classroom #2

#### Best Wishes to:

Catherine Zanardi, Allison Lukacsko, Scott Lukacsko, Brynn McKeon, Jack Gibson,  
Alexander Christie, Caroline Snyder, Maxwell Melchionni, and Connor Feeley

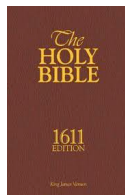
**as you celebrate your birthday this month!**



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Youth Group Pool Party & BBQ

The Youth Group will be kicking off the year with a pool party & BBQ at the Morash home on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet right after church until 2:00 pm. We will be collecting school and office supplies for Kids Corp, which has been helping children in Newark since 1971 with after-school and summer academic programs, environmental science camp and a free health clinic. So when you're out buying school supplies, throw in an extra notebook, back pack, or pack of pencils to donate to Kids Corp. Hope to see you on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Kindly RSVP to Diane Morash at [dkmorash@nac.net](mailto:dkmorash@nac.net).



#### OF INTEREST

The King James Bible Celebrates its 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
in a Unique Exhibit at the Museum of Biblical Art

At the Museum of Biblical Art an exhibit "On Eagle's Wings" celebrates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible first published in 1611. The exhibit features more than 50 rare Bibles from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries and covers the early history of the bible in English and of this iconic translation championed by King James 1. Through October 16, 2011 Broadway at 61<sup>st</sup> Street NYC.

## PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 7 9:30 am 42  
August 14 9:30 am 42  
August 21 9:30 am 52  
August 28 9:30 am n/a (*Hurricane Irene*)

#### WEBSITE ACTIVITY

PAST 30 DAYS 427



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## Prayer List

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call or email the Parish Office.

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