



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

Dear Friends,

Holy Moly! There is lots of change in the air this summer. My son is heading to college soon. I honestly don't know how that happened so fast. I fluctuate between delight and dread. It's an odd mix of excitement and anxiety—of saying goodbye to some parts of our life together, and welcoming a new chapter of our life together.

At the end of June, we said farewell to Billy Webster, our Pastoral Associate. And a few weeks ago, we said goodbye to our treasured friends Katie and Jim Porter, as they headed to Maine to move into their new home. We watched them pull out of our parking lot after having celebrated with us, blinking back tears, delighted for them and dreading their absence.

Rick Morgan, our dear organist, will be moving to Savannah at the end of the summer. Like my son, he will be packing his things in boxes and heading to a new home in a new city, where a new community of faith will be enriched by his many musical talents and his steadfast leadership. I am happy for Mr. Morgan, yet I am sad for us, because we will miss him.

In September we will welcome Christopher Jennings as our new organist, who will unpack his stuff and move into the music office. He will teach us new things and share his gifts with us. Mr. Jennings is marvelously talented and lots of fun, and I can't wait for you to meet him!

All of this coming and going could seem overwhelming, but we have weathered change before, and in all times and in all seasons we have found that Jesus sticks around, and holds all things together, and will hold us together. Jesus will hold the Porters in Maine, Rick Morgan in Savannah, and college kids in dorms everywhere.

But, honestly, it's only the first week of August. There are still glorious weeks of summer stretched out before us. So before we start thinking too much about September, let's head back to the pool or the beach, read a few more trashy novels, eat some ice cream, and let the cicadas sing us to sleep at night.

Happy summer!

Love,

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

Sunday, September 11th

- Worship at the Ross Farm Garden with St Mark's, Basking Ridge; followed by Parish picnic

Sunday, September 18th

Regular Sunday Service Schedule Resumes

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and childcare

Sunday, September 18th

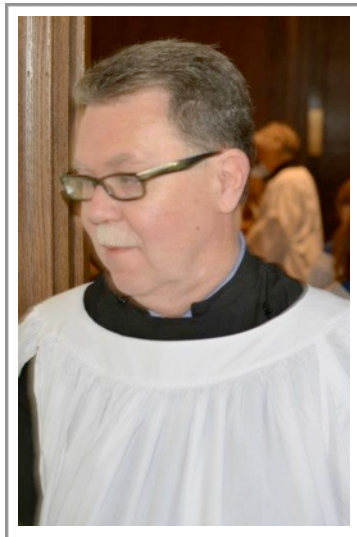
- First Day of Sunday School



Summer Sunday Service Schedule

through September 4th

9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with music and childcare

RICK MORGAN

Rick Morgan's final Sunday will be August 28th. As of the first week of September, he will be relocating to Savannah, Georgia, assuming the position of Organist and Director at a beautiful Roman Catholic Church in historic downtown – Church of the Sacred Heart.

Please join us for worship on August 28th when we will honor Rick for his service and dedication to our community during a festive coffee hour.

KATIE & JIM PORTER

We honored long time parishioners Jim and Katie Porter on Sunday, July 24th. The Porters have moved to Maine and while we miss them, we wish them well as they start their next chapter.



MEET CHRISTOPHER JENNINGS
SJOTM Organist / Choir Master

Hailed as displaying “rock-solid technique, interpretative flair, and a gift for registering the instrument for maximum tonal effect,” Christopher Jennings brings the music of the pipe organ to a variety of audiences, promoting its role in the classical music scene and beyond. As a teacher, he brings his experience and enthusiasm for marrying healthy playing technique with expressive musicality. In his work with choirs of children, youth and adults of all ages, he engages singers in producing a beautiful, exciting vocal blend with his own passion for choral repertoire from the Tudor period to the present day.

A featured artist in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, Christopher has also collaborated with the New York Repertory Orchestra and the Salomé Chamber Orchestra and has performed at such unique venues as the East Texas Organ Festival in Kilgore, TX Cadet Chapel, West Point Military Academy, Methuen Music Hall in Methuen, MA, and Constitution Hall, Washington D.C. He appeared on the television program Jeopardy as a “clue,” playing the famed E.M. Skinner organ at Woolsey Hall.

Christopher continues to collaborate with other instrumental and choral ensembles throughout the New York City Metro area and performs duo-organ concerts with Brian Harlow. He has appeared on American Public Media’s Pipedreams and has released several organ solo albums, available on iTunes.



Christopher has held positions at St. James’ Church Madison Ave, New York City, St. James’s Church, West Hartford, CT, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stamford, CT, and Trinity Church on-the-Green, New Haven, CT. Christopher holds the Master of Music Degree from Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music and the Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University. He has recently completed a certificate in Well-Coordinated Injury-Preventive Keyboard Technique at Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, studying with the world-renowned pianist Barbara Lister-Sink.

Christopher lives in West Orange, NJ with his husband, Brian Harlow, and their two cats, Ginger and Peppercorn. In his free time he enjoys cooking, reading, and practicing yoga.

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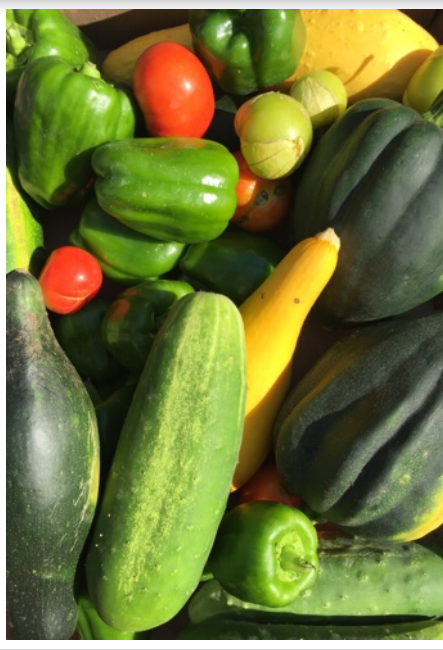
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PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call 908-766-2282 or email the Parish Office office@sjotm.org.

GOD'S GIVING GARDEN

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO GROWING A TON OF FOOD! Lettuce, herbs and beans (started from seed by our Sunday School children), have already been delivered to area food pantries. SJOTM is responsible for tending the garden August 6 - 12th, and August 27 - September 3rd. If you are around these weeks and can help, please sign up on SJOTM website or contact Sally Hespe at sallyhespe@aol.com or (908) 875-1518. The garden is located at Ross Farm, 135 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge. Feel free to drop by anytime to check it out and do some weeding or harvesting. There is a garden "To Do" list posted inside on an easel. God's Giving Garden are the six plots located in the rear.



Over 40 pounds of produce delivered to food pantries week of July 17th



Purple beans started by our Sunday School children

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, July 29th

Friday, August 26th

600 Cleveland Avenue, Plainfield, NJ



Chef D from the Grace Soup Kitchen visited the church in June to thank Graham Argent-Belcher and all the volunteers from St John on the Mountain that feed the hungry at the soup kitchen in Plainfield, NJ.

Grace Soup Kitchen serves 1,000 hot nutritious meals the last five days of each month to the hungry of Plainfield. St. John on the Mountain parishioners help on the last Friday of each month. Join us one Friday as we prepare and serve lunch. The next day scheduled for St. John on the Mountain to serve is Friday, August 26th from 10 am – 1 pm. To sign-up email Graham Argent-Belcher at gabelcher@msn.com.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP REPORT

During the week of June 27th -July 1st, 29 children caught the wave of God's amazing love at "Surf Shack" camp here at SJOTM. Children heard Bible stories; created beautiful artwork including tie dye shirts; completed science experiments including watching toothpaste explode; played games; and even cooled off with some outdoor water fun!

Thank you to our youth and adult volunteers, including *Liam Baird, Tony Berardesco, Josh Berg, Sophie Bosie, Hailey Bosworth, Ava DeMarco, Juliana DeMarco, Charlotte Diemar, Tessa Etergino, Keeley Farley, Meredith Hespe, Sally Hespe, Cameron Jelinek, Tim Jelinek, Craig Johnston, Jack Mandracchia, Sammy Morris, Thatcher Neville, Greta Pew, Sean Robinson, Zach Rosenthal, Melissa Sharron, Gabby Sullivan, Grace Sullivan, Lily Thoms, and Billy Webster.*



**Best Wishes as you celebrate your
birthday in July and August**

*Emma Lukacsko, Meghan Lukacsko,
Reagan Panik, Owen Keegan, Jack Panik,
Summer Lichtenfeld, Jack Morais, Liam Baird,
James McKeon, Jack Rutz, Connor McKeon,
Audrey Panik, Gianna Galesi,
Tucker Daggett, and Shannon Keegan*



**Mark Your Calendar for the first
day of Sunday School
Sunday, September 18th**



Summer Office Hours
through September 7th
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 1 pm

BILLY WEBSTER

A fond farewell to our Pastoral Assistant, Billy Webster. Billy has left our St John's community in order to spend more time with his two young sons. Our confirmation class will especially miss his enthusiasm. We are grateful for all that Billy has contributed to our church and wish him all the best in the future.

BE THE MATCH

The Episcopal Church of St. John on the Mountain hosted a Be the Match! event in honor of Shea Lukacsko, to add to the number of people enrolled in the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. Potential donors came and had a simple swab of the cheek to collect cells for analysis. For more info on the National Marrow Program, visit bethematch.org.

**ST. JOHN'S
NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

After 18 years as teacher at SJNS we said farewell to Mrs. Denise Hawkins in June. Denise was our beloved teacher of the 4+ class. Our 4+ class moms Kathy Tober and Nicole Mattos assembled memory books for Mrs. Hawkins, comprised of pictures and letters from past and present students and their families. Denise was celebrated with a retirement luncheon, attended by SJNS past and present staff members. We will miss Mrs. Hawkins, but know that she will be back occasionally to substitute if she's available!

St. John's Nursery School is closed for the summer. There are still limited openings for fall classes. Anyone interested in scheduling a tour of our nursery school, or requesting more information, please contact the director, Jeanne Williams at jwilliams@sjotm.org.

COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Save the Date Fall Fundraiser October 22nd

**LEMONADE HOUR**

Hosts are needed for *Lemonade Hour*, which immediately follows the 9:30 am service. It's easy; all you need to bring is a small treat as the lemonade is provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of Parish Hall. Weather permitting, Lemonade Hour will take place outside in the front courtyard.

Missing Umbrella

A bright blue and white paneled umbrella with a wooden handle was borrowed from the church doorway on Sunday July 31st. It has sentimental value. If you have it, please return it to the parish office or church narthex.

**Best Wishes as you
celebrate your birthday in
July and August**

Wendy Argent-Belcher, Doris Aufschläger,
Chip Baird, Sally Chubb, Tabby Cochran,
Walter Elliott, Sue Ely, Kathy Falcon,
Steve Forbes, Binx Lee, Vicky McGlynn,
Michael Mitchell, Pat Moody, Barbara Mushalko,
Joan Powell, Jack Snyder, and Trish Sullivan

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August 7th The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
8:45 am Parish Choir rehearsal
9:00 am Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Church
10:30 am Lemonade Hour, Courtyard

SJOTM is handicap accessible



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