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## Church Records

### *Deaths:*

July 28, 2011  
**Edward Ulan**

*Rest eternal grant  
unto him, O Lord*

### *Baptism:*

August 14, 2011  
Samuel August Lukasko

*Sealed by the Holy Spirt  
in Baptism and marked as  
Christ's own forever*



F R O M

*God's House*

T O *Your House*

**SEPTEMBER 2011 • NEWS • CALENDAR**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
*Worship God, Care for People;  
 Grow as Christians.*

Over the past few months, St. John's has adopted the above as our purpose statement. We prayed, met, talked, wrote, revised, prayed some more, talked some more and finally came up with not only a purpose statement, but also guiding principles and strategic directions for our parish. They all, I think, do a good job of describing who we are as a parish and what God is calling us to do. They look nice on the page, fit our history and our current congregation, and have already gotten a number of folks thinking in some creative ways.

Of course, many organizations have held meetings and written beautiful documents. Too often their beautiful binders filled with full-color photos of happy people surrounding an inspiring mission statement remain sitting on a shelf gathering dust until the next time someone wants to do an organizational vision. No change occurs; no growth is seen; much time is wasted. The only positive result is that a consultant is able to feed his family for another month. I assure you, our new St. John's Umbrella Strategy has not been created to meet such an unfruitful fate.

We as a parish have work to do.

We want our purpose statement to be roll off our tongues and be identified with us throughout the wider community. In a year, if we tell someone about St. John's, I hope that instead of saying, "Oh, don't you have a swimming pool?" they say, "Oh, that's where you worship God, care for people, and grow as Christians."

We want our guiding principles to be in our minds as we undertake our work, so that people notice the love, the hospitality, the joy, the excellence, and the presence of God in all that we do.

We want our entire congregation and many of our friends

## Your Neighbors Need You!

Please consider giving a kind hand and tender heart to others when they need it most, when they are terminally ill.

The Hospice and Palliative Care program of Sharon Regional Health System will begin a Volunteer Training series on September 13. This series of classes will run once a week for 5 weeks of Tuesday afternoon sessions. Hospice Volunteers are needed in several areas ranging from office help, companionship, running errands, minor household chores and some other special projects. All adults are welcome. There is an especially specific need for men as Volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs or attending the Volunteer Training, please call Hospice at 724-983-3878 or toll free 866-852-3960 any weekday from 8 am – 4:30 pm.

Sharon Regional Health System shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or ancestry. Furthermore, no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall solely by reason of his/her disability, be subject to discrimination or be excluded during the recruitment and selection process.

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## ECS Food Pantry News

As of August 18th I will be leaving the pantry. It has been an honor to serve and do the work God has given us to do in our pantry. The Volunteers in our pantry are the best, and I truly thank everyone for their support and assistance.

I am pleased to announce that Donna Gwyer and Judy Rice will carry on to prepare the makeup menu for our giveaways and place the food and supply orders for our pantry.

Please welcome and support Donna and Judy.

My best always,

Peace, *Bob King*

**ECS is in need of some good used card tables.**

classified

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**Career Opportunities**

**HELP WANTED**  
Sharon, PA

Episcopal Church looking for Christians to work one of the great commandments. Help needed in praying for one another. Flexible hours; no past experience needed; training provided. Work from home, car or during lunch.

**Benefits:** a sense of accomplishment each minute worked and witnessing the magnitude of God's power.

If you have any time during the week to set aside and pray for the concerns of others, we have a job for you. It is simple to do and done at your convenience.

For more information, call Randy Beck at 724-866-7859 to join the team of people that are doing intercessory prayer for our parish and beyond.

Customer

**West Hill Ministries** is looking for people who are interested in becoming Americorps Volunteers and working with West Hill. For more information, please contact Pastor Cindy Swogger at 724-347-7261.

and neighbors to join us in working on our strategic directions. I hope that within a year, every one of us would have participated in specific activities that contribute to our worship, build loving relationships, help youth and families, meet people's needs, or strengthen our communities.

**On September 17th, from 9:00-2:30 we will have a workshop to put our umbrella strategy into action.** During this time, those who participate will move us from idea to action. By the end of the day, we expect to come up with specific plans (including who, what and when) that will make a difference to us and our community and be achievable in as little as three months. The more people who attend and are ready to work, the more we can accomplish together for the glory of God and care of God's people.

I look forward to seeing you on September 17th.

Peace, *Adam*

## SEEING THROUGH NEW EYES WORKSHOP

Moving the Umbrella Strategy from idea to action.

**WHEN:**

Saturday, September 17, 2011  
9:00 am - 2:30 pm

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**WHERE:** Allen Hall, St. John's  
Episcopal Church, Sharon

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

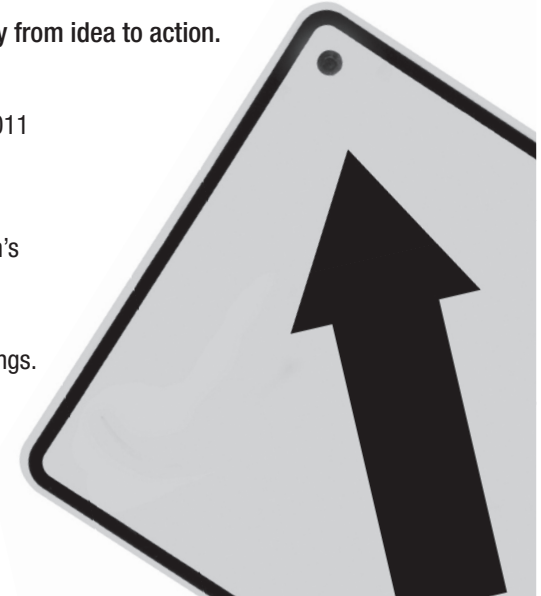
Probably some amazing things.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Yourselves, Your Love, Your  
Passion and Your Calendar

**RSVP:** None. Just show up!

**MOVING FORWARD.**



OUR **PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

## **Worship God, Care for People; Grow as Christians**

OUR **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Guiding principles are statements that shape our behaviors and guide our decisions. When something is done well, someone watching from outside should be able to see these in practice in what we do.

- We ask for God's guidance and power to do the work he has given us to do.
- We undertake activities to develop loving relationships among all people.
- We are hospitable and welcoming, inviting newcomers and strangers to join us.
- We do what we do well for the glory of God.
- We enjoy our work together and have fun doing it.
- We engage the wider community in the work we do.

OUR **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL**

Strategic Directions frame the key areas where St. John's will focus its resources and energy as we order our work together.

- Worship God in creative, passionate and beautiful ways that inspire a wide variety of people.
- Build authentic, loving relationships.
- Strengthen and transform youth and families in our congregation and wider community.
- Meet people's basic needs.
- Support and participate in efforts to revitalize the moral, spiritual, civic, economic, artistic and social life of our wider community.

members of St. John's. These will take the place of Sunday School on that day and be filled with fun and fellowship for all ages!

As always, if you are interested in helping in any area, please contact me by calling the church office or e-mailing [missy@stjohnssharon.org](mailto:missy@stjohnssharon.org). I am looking forward to a great year with you all!

With the Spirit, *Missy*

### **Buhl Memorial Service Oakwood Cemetery**

**Monday, September 5 – 9:00 a.m.** – A Memorial Service honoring Frank Henry and Julia Forker Buhl will be an official part of the Buhl Day ceremonies. The service will be conducted by Fr. Trambley in the Chapel at Oakwood Cemetery where the Buhls are buried.

### **October 2011 Newsletter**

Please have articles for the October newsletter submitted to the office by Thursday, September 15. Please e-mail all articles/events to the church or please type/print and deliver to the parish office in person. E-mail: [stjohns@stjohnssharon.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnssharon.org)

### **All You Can Eat Benefit Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Christian Associates**

See Tina during office hours for tickets.

**\$7.00 per Adult • \$3.50 per child (12 & under)**

**Saturday, September 17 • 3:30 – 7:00 pm**

#### **Central Christian Church**

218 Meadowbrook Road - Hermitage • 724-347-1703

**Volunteers are also needed:** To Pre-cook spaghetti at Central Christian on Sept. 16 • Coolers are needed; cakes for the dessert table; set-up & clean-up; bus tables; monitor beverage, salad, bread & dessert tables. If you can help out in some way, please contact Ellie Pope at 330-448-1179 or 330-501-7704.



Dear St. John's family,

Some new things will be taking place at St. John's during this upcoming program year, but plenty old favorites will be returning; some with a new twist. It is going to be an exciting year indeed!

Sunday School will kick off on September 11th at 9:00am. We have a great group of teachers preparing for a fun and faith-filled year with our children and youth. But, here is the twist, because we are no longer using the Journey to Adulthood curriculum for the youth each Sunday School class has been named for an animal in the bible: Bees, Grasshoppers, Sheep, Eagles, and Lions. Classes are available for students in preschool through 12th grade, and registration forms are available on the website and in the Youth & Family Office.

Youth Group will also meet on September 11th for a trip to the Cool Springs Corn Maze! This will be a great day for students in 7th – 12th grade to join us, meet the members, and have some fun. Here is the twist: Youth Group will be meeting most Sundays, unless an event falls on a Saturday. We will worship together, study scripture together, and have fun together!

It is also my hope that Children's Chapel will be underway by the end of September, and it will have a new location! It will soon be located in the Christian Education/Financial Secretary Office. Children's Chapel will be held during the 10:00am services for children three-years-old through Kindergarten. Children will return to the sanctuary at the peace to join their family for communion.

New this year: for families with students in 6th grade and under we will be having a monthly Movie Night here at the church. More information will become available. Also keep an eye out for Intergenerational Events to be held three times a year for all

## Enticing Program featured at 1st ECW Meeting

Monday, September 19 ~ 7pm

**Diane Miller of Miller's Lakeside Earth Oils** will teach us about essential oils, with emphasis on those used during Christ's lifetime. Familiar biblical references are found for these oils, such as Myrrh, Frankincense, and Nard.

Essential Oils are potent plant essences, which have been steam distilled or cold pressed from flowers, fruit, bark and roots. The art of using essential oils is known as aromatherapy. This healing art has been used for thousands of years and is common practice today in the UK, France and Australia.

Diane Miller, workshop teacher has a certification in Aromatherapy. She was educated by George Cox, a nationally certified teacher and the Ohio Director for the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy.

Be sure to **invite a guest** for this interesting presentation. **RSVP** to Dorothy O'Stafy @ 724-347-7174 by Friday, September 16.

### FALL RUMMAGE SALE Time to Clean Out those Closets!

The Rummage Sale will be held for two days:

**Friday, October 14th, from 9am to 4pm**  
**Saturday, October 15th, from 9am to NOON**

Proceeds of the sale will go to support the ECS Food Pantry.

Donations may be placed in the downstairs hallway outside of the Sewing Room. Please do not wait till the last moment to bring in your donations. Plan to come help set it up, beginning after church on Sunday, October 9th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2011</h1>						
				1 10 am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am-12:30 pm - ECS Food Pantry	2	3 5:30pm - Wedding Rehearsal
4 12 <sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  8am- Rite I 10am-Rite II 2pm - Tiffany Titus Wedding	5 Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day	6 7pm-ECW Steering Committee  7pm-Healing & Prayer Ministry	7 7:30pm-Choir Rehearsal	8 10 am - Holy Eucharist	9	10
11 13 <sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8am-Rite I 9am-Christian Ed. 10am-Rite II Youth Group Cool Springs Corn Maze	12 7pm-Vestry	13	14 7:30pm-Choir Rehearsal	15 10 am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am-12:30 pm - ECS Food Pantry	16	17
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