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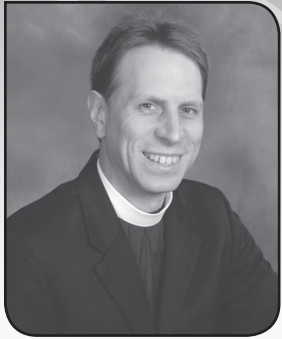
FROM

God's House

TO *Your House*

JULY/AUGUST 2014 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The summer months of July and August bring a different rhythm to life, and to church. Some folks are on vacation or get up early to take advantage of the weather

or meet family members for a picnic. At St. John's, we will take advantage of the summer lull in a few ways.

First, I will be holding adult classes between services on Sunday in the upstairs dining room from July 13-August 3. These classes are designed for people who are new to the Episcopal Church or to St. John's, and talk about how we got here and how things work in our parish. Many folks attended these classes earlier this year, but some choir members wanted to attend, some people had to miss a week, and we have some new members since then.

Second, as a short sermon series, I will be preaching through our baptismal covenant from July 13-August 10. The first few weeks will look at what we say in our creeds about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit before turning to the baptismal questions we agree to as part of our life in Christ.

Third, our young people will participate in three different programs over the next two months. Some of our senior high students will be travelling to Philadelphia for a week in July for the Episcopal Youth Event that occurs once every three years. This time of prayer, fellowship and fun allows them to deepen their faith at an important time in their lives. Our annual diocesan summer camp will be held the week of August 3rd. (Due to the late schedules of many schools this year, it will be later than its normal

Operation - Son Of God VBS • July 14 - 18th AGES 2 YRS. - GRADE 5

Registration forms are outside of the Youth and Family Minister's office. If you have questions or want more information please call Diana at 724-347-4501.

The parish office will be closed
on Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

Would you like to be a Morning Munchie baker?

If you answered YES, please contact Laura Peretic at 330-448-2050 or by email: lperetic@gmail.com

Open date for High Altar Flowers

5th Sunday in August (August 31). Please note that there is not always a 5th Sunday every year.

If you would be interested in having flowers placed on the High Altar in memory of a loved one(s), please contact Tina in the office.

Summer Camp August 3-9, 2014

Every summer for over thirty years, young people in grades 2-12 gather at Camp Nazareth, an Orthodox camp, near Mercer, PA, for a week of summer camp. The camp is staffed each year by a group of approximately 25 adults from around the diocese who are committed to providing the best camp experience possible. An average of 130 young people participate in activities that include worship, small group discussions, team building, swimming, softball, and a wide variety of other activities.

This summer camp program is one of the most positive experiences offered in our diocese. It is its own tradition here and has impacted the lives of many of our young people over the years. More and more we see those who were once campers returning to be counselors. Diocesan Summer Camp truly encompasses the best of who we are as a diocese: a community knit together by our faith and our shared experience that is Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Applications can be found on the table outside of Diana's office.

SUMMER ADULT CLASSES

Join us at 9:00am in the upstairs dining room for a series of classes with Father Adam designed especially for those who are new to the Episcopal Church or to St. John's.

July 13: The Story of the Church of England

July 20: The Story of the Episcopal Church

July 27: The Story of St. John's

August 3: How St. John's Works

early June time.) St. John's children love the opportunity to go to Camp Nazareth and join with friends throughout the Diocese. Then everyone is invited to our Vacation Bible School July 14-18. This year, VBS will be held jointly with St. Jude's and First United Methodist, using facilities at St. John's and First Methodist.

I'd also like to give you a heads-up about a year-long Bible program that we will begin on September 7. Called The Story, this study breaks the Bible down into 31 key episodes, and takes a few chapters from the scriptures that describe each episode. By reading and discussing a few chapters of scripture each week, we get to learn about the overarching story of the scriptures and to think about how our own personal story fits into that big story of God's saving love. I will lead a group through The Story between services beginning in the fall, and if there is interest we will put together study groups at other times, as well.

Finally, I want to say a word of thanks to Juan Zamora, who has done wonderful work as our sexton for the past few months. He has recently taken new full-time job, and we wish him all the best in that new endeavor. Michael will continue his fine work keeping our building clean as we look at our next steps.

Peace, *Adam*

September 2014 Newsletter Deadline:

Please have articles for the September newsletter in the parish office by Friday, August 15.

If at all possible, 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

Natural Church Development Team Spirituality Survey Results

Thank you to all who participated in our spirituality survey this spring. The results are below. We had 55 people take the survey. Over the next few months we will introduce some ways to help people connect with God in prayer and scripture, as well as with one another.

How often do you pray outside of Church on Sunday morning?

More than Daily	16	29%
Daily	23	42%
Multiple Times/Wk	12	22%
Weekly	2	4%
Less Often	0	0%

Do you regularly:

Read the Bible	12	22%
Pray Daily Office	1	2%
Read Forward Day by Day	10	18%
Read a Daily Devotional	13	24%
Read Advent/Lent Booklet	9	16%
Use an on-line daily office	5	9%
Read an on-line Daily devotional	1	2%
Contemplative/centering prayer	8	15%
Prayers before bed	29	53%

Do you regularly pray with anyone else outside of Sunday mornings?

Spouse	8	15%
Children	6	11%
Grandchildren	1	2%
Group from church	5	9%
Other friends	10	18%

Greetings from the Capital Campaign Committee

It's official; we are beginning our capital campaign and have chosen the title *Believe and Prepare* as the name of this spiritually inspired and financially necessary campaign. Michael Davis of Evans/Davis Consultants will be guiding us through the entire process and the Diocese and Vestry have given support and approval to proceed. In the coming months you will be invited to learn more about the items we are preparing to maintain, repair and create in our church. An event will be held in the fall in order to shift the campaign into full swing. The date and time are still 'to be determined' and everyone will be invited. The details of the campaign will be covered and we hope everyone will attend. On behalf of the campaign committee, we ask your prayers for guidance and success as we move forward with this important endeavor.

God Bless,

Donna and Angela Stamoalis
Believe and Prepare Co-Chairs

Treasurer's Report

At the June Vestry meeting I was pleased, once again, to report that our pledge income is on track for this budget year. In fact, our contributions are surpassing what had been budgeted so far this year. That is indeed good news. On behalf of the Vestry, I can say that we appreciate your steadfastness in keeping your contributions up-to-date and hope you will do so throughout this summer season. If you are unable to come to church due to vacation or health reasons, please remember that you can drop off or mail your contribution to the church office. Whether you are planning an adventurous or relaxing summer, I wish you a safe and joyful summer filled with good memories of times with family and friends.

God Bless,

Donna Stamoalis, Treasurer



From Our Youth & Family Minister Diana Moreland

Summer is here, swimming, warm weather, vacations, and so much more. With all the great stuff going on do not forget about summer camp. Camp is open to those who have just completed 2nd grade through graduating seniors. Forms are available outside my office. St. John's Sunday School students need to return their registrations to Diana by July 13th, so the parish can send in all our registrations along with payment. And have a great summer.

Youth Group/Children's Events:

July 13th: Camp registration due to St. John's for Sunday School kids

July 14th-18th: 6-8pm • VBS (St John's and First Methodist)

August 3rd-9th: Camp

August 15th: Swimming at Pymatuning State Park Jamestown, PA (Both youth groups)

September 7th: Rally day between services

September 21st: 6-8 pm • First in-house meeting of the year

Other Events:

July 25th: 20/30's group (474 Baldwin)

August 29th: 20/30's group (474 Baldwin) Family night

September 26th: 20/30's group (474 Baldwin)

Group from another church	2	4%
Family	1	2%
No one else	20	36%
Co-workers	1	2%
Anyone in general	1	2%

Do you:

Feel comfortable praying in own words?	39	71%
Prefer Formal Prayer	5	9%
Depends on situation	12	22%

Are you Interested in participating in:

Weekly Bible Study	13	24%
On-line daily devotion	8	15%
How to Pray Daily Office	7	13%
Centering Prayer Group	6	11%

Do you have an experience of God answering your prayer?

Yes	46	84%
No	3	5%

Thanks to our recent donors to Church Periodical Club in the amount of \$10.00. Don't forget the Church Periodical Club collection cans in the Narthex and lounge. Your loose change will greatly be accepted!
— *Daddy Crawford*



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31 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 10am ~ Sung Eucharist in Allen Hall 11:30am ~ Youth packing bags @ ECS	Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day	Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, September 2nd 8:30-Noon (closed for lunch) 1-4:30pm				