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FROM
God's House
TO *Your House*



1LT Justin Lindsay (USA) and Chaplain, Capt Mark Juchter (USAF).

Mark (Ch Juchter, Fr. Mark, ...) has been stationed at Fort Hood in Texas since July of 2014. He is one of two Air Force Chaplains studying at the Army Family Life Chaplain Training Center (FLCTC) at Hood. He and the current class of chaplains will graduate in December of 2015 with an MS in Marriage and Family Therapy and extensive training in trauma therapy provided by the FLCTC. Justin (1LT Lindsay, aka - Sochor) arrived at Fort Hood in early 2015, where he serves in the plans and operations department of the 49th Transportation Battalion. Members of St. John's connected Mark and Justin via Facebook, and they finally met up at the FLCTC for a St. John's reunion. Both report that it was very good to catch up after all the years and to share stories of their respective journeys. We discovered that we live less than 10 blocks from each other. One mile, same neighborhood.

Alas, it would seem that Fr. Mark failed to reach Justin during his formative years at St. John's, leading to the unfortunate choice of the Army over the Air Force. Fortunately both have promising careers and look forward to continuing to serve God and country.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

**THE RUMMAGE SALE WILL
BE HELD FOR THREE DAYS:**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
FROM 9AM TO 4PM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
FROM 9AM TO 4PM**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
FROM 9AM TO 2PM**

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

Be sure to set aside good wearable items for the Rummage Sale as you change your closet over to fall attire. Plan to help with the set-up beginning after church on Sunday, October 5th...it is like a treasure hunt going through all those goodie bags!

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. Deadline to bring in items is October 2nd.*

Taize Service

We all can struggle to connect with God...just normal, every-day stuff that keeps our minds and bodies "busy". Yet, God is still available to us, we just don't take the time to be with God. Even during Sunday services, we get thinking about the day and things we need to do. It is normal, we all can get caught-up in the world and lose a bit of focus.

So Taize is this wonderful experience to allow yourself to open up to God and profoundly feel that presence. The service is about an hour long and is structured around music that is very easy for anyone to sing. You don't need any musical background - just be present and experience God in a profound way (what other way can we experience God for that matter).

Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

All are welcome - bring a friend

Light refreshments to follow in the lounge

Recently, I traveled to New York City with my confirmation class on a mission trip. This was my first time visiting New York City, where we saw a lot of the city. We visited Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Coney Island. In these parts of the city, we worked at various community outreach

locations, like a community garden, and Salvation Army in Brooklyn, and POTS kitchen in the Bronx, and we prayed for the borough's residents. This trip helped me to feel grateful for what I have, and to feel for those who are less fortunate. I especially felt this in POTS, where I met whole families who came back for seconds and thirds on the meal we were serving. This made me think about what they went through on a day-to-day basis, where they were living, what the parents did for a living, and how they faced poverty. — *Max Baron*

It was an amazing experience to go to New York and get to help those in need. It was a great group of people, which made the trip that much better. — *Julia Trambley*



From the Senior Warden

“May the God who gives steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,” Romans 15:5

Harmony was certainly present during VBS this past July. Songs, stories and a number of science experiments brought kids and adults from St. John's, our Methodist neighbors and St. Jude's together to learn about the science of God's creation.

September always indicates a restart. The choir will be back to enhance our Sunday worship. (All are welcome to join by the way and you get preferred seating at all services). On September 5th sanctuary servers will be attending the Scrappers Game. Please join us if you are able. It is the beginning of a new year of Sunday School with something for everyone. Confirmation will be in Grove City on September 19 with several of our young people being confirmed. Bishop Rowe will then be making his annual visit to St. John's on Sunday, September 20.

I am sure we will have challenges while Fr. Adam is on sabbatical but I am also confident that God's promises will be fulfilled as we work together in harmony. We have been blessed with an amazing staff at St. John's, any of which will help you with a concern or guide you to someone who can be of assistance. Thank you for the honor of being your Senior Warden.

In His hands,

Barb Lipinski

LIGHTS – CAMERA – ACTION NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

No need to sign up... Just show up! • Lounge at St. John's

**After 8 and 10 o'clock services:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
From 5-7pm: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

We are self-publishing this directory, so there will be absolutely NO sales pitch to buy your photos.

Help us celebrate St. John's 150th anniversary!

Buhl Memorial Service Oakwood Cemetery

Monday, September 7:00-9:00am

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. Blauser in the Chapel at Oakwood Cemetery where the Buhls are buried.



From Our Youth & Family Minister Diana Moreland

Sunday School will start back September 13th from 9-9:45am, for kids and adults. If you have a child between 2 years of age and the 12th grade interested in Sunday School please go to our website, or outside the Youth and Family Ministers office to learn more and pick up a registration form.

We are looking again at pairing up with First Methodist for the Halloween Carnival. Last year we had over 100 kids and youth plus parents. In order for us to continue this ministry we need volunteers. If you are at all interested in helping in any way, please contact me at diana@stjohnssharon.org by September 20th. Thanks.

Events

August 30th: Sunday School Registration Day

September 13th: 9-9:45am • First Day of Sunday School

September 19th: 6pm • Deanery Confirmation Service at Church of the Epiphany in Grove City (870 Liberty Street Extension, Grove City), our confirmation class youth are being confirmed please join us.

September 27th: 11:15am • Youth Meeting in Youth Group room (this is for all youth from 4th-12th grade that are interested in having and being part of Youth Group this year)

Special Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time or brought in donations for SonSpark Labs VBS July 20-24th without everyone it could not have been a success. It was wonderful to be able to work with St. Jude's and First Methodist, and there are plans to work together for Winter VBS, which will be sometime between December 28th-31st.

Mission Trip Reflections

From July 5th through July 10th the confirmation class from the last two years plus Father Adam, Jane, Julia, and Diana completed mission work in soup kitchens and a community garden in NYC. We also participated in prayer tours, led by CSM.

Below are reflections from several of the youth on the trip:



The mission trip to New York City was a special expedition full of memories. During this trip I learned about the unsettling amount of homeless that live day by

day without a place to call home, not knowing where their next meal will come from. In our short time in New York, we did our best to combat the issue by volunteering in multiple soup kitchens and praying over the city. All in all, this journey has brought the nation's rampant homelessness to our attention so that we can try to do our best to support these people from back at home. — *Chip Beck*

I feel very lucky that I got a chance to go on a trip like this. I was able to see the good and the bad of NY. I learned so much and was able to meet many different types of people through the work programs. Being able to try different types of food was great also. I loved being at the World Trade Center and the other sites we visited. It was an experience that I will never forget. Thanks for everything. — *Aaron Erimias*



Believe and Prepare Capital Campaign

Periodically we would like to give you an update of our capital campaign. While our total goal of \$350,000 was not reached, the main focus of completing the necessary exterior work and our list of basic improvements will be accomplished. As for the numbers, there are fifty-four individuals/families who have pledged \$200,000 to the campaign and we also continue to receive some miscellaneous contributions for which we are grateful. As of July 28th, due to some one-time pledges, we have received more than half of the pledged amounts - \$130,215. The seal-coating and relining of the parking lot has been completed. The contractor for the exterior will complete some repairs necessary before the harsh weather comes and by spring we expect to complete the exterior work. We appreciate everyone's commitment to this endeavor. God has truly blessed St. John's with our love for each other and our work together.

Most Sincerely,
Donna and Angela Stamoalis
Co-Chairs

October 2015 Newsletter Deadline:

Please have articles for the October newsletter submitted to the office by Thursday, September 17. 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

Church Records:

Baptisms: Jaxon Johnston Bayer • July 26, 2015
"Sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever"

Change of Address: Helen McLaren
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From Our Music Director, Ron Gracilla

It's hard to believe that summer is ending and autumn is painting the trees and shrubs. That means the choir will be returning to sing our 10am liturgies and I'm looking forward to our Sept. 9 rehearsal at 7pm. If you know any instrumentalists or vocalists who would like to join in our sung worship services, please send them my way.

I'll be looking also for kids who'd like to join in a special processional with flags for All Saints Day on November 1st. And finally be sure to attend services on Sept. 20th as we welcome our own Bishop Sean Rowe on that Sunday.

Peace, *Ron Gracilla*

Upcoming Events at Cana's Corner

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Terry Leonard returns with his own
unique blend of folk and oldies tunes

SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Rick Bruening returns with his
storytelling and folk favorite songs

Cana's Corner at St. John's Episcopal Church
7-9pm • Refreshments and nursery are available

MISSING: The liners that are placed inside the vases on the High Altar and Chapel each week have gone missing. If you happen to have one or two at your home, please return them. There are 2 yellow plastic liners; 1 glass blue liner; and 2 metal liners that have disappeared.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2015</h1>						
	Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8 8:30am – Noon (Closed for Lunch) 1:00 - 4:30 pm	1 6pm - ECW Steering committee meeting 6:30pm - AA in dining room	2 11am - AA in dining room bulletin items due	3 10:30am - 12:30pm - ECS Food Pantry distribution 12:15pm - M. C. Behavioral Health Commission - dining room <i>Kitchen & Allen Hall reserved afternoon/early evening</i>	4	5 11am - 1pm - Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall
6 8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Sung Eucharist	7 LABOR DAY Parish Office Closed 9am - Buhl Day Service held at Oakwood Cemetery 7pm - AA in Allen Hall	8 9:45am - M. C. Behavioral Health Commission - dining room 6:30pm - AA in dining room	9 11am - AA in dining room 7pm - Choir Rehearsal resumes bulletin items due	10	11 7pm - Cana's Corner (lounge)	12 11am - 1pm - Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall
13 8am - Holy Eucharist 9am - Sunday School 10am - Sung Eucharist	14 7pm - Vestry 7pm - AA in Allen Hall	15 6:30pm - AA in dining room	16 11am - AA in dining room 7pm - Choir Rehearsal bulletin items due	17 October Newsletter Deadline 10:30am - 12:30pm - ECS Food Pantry distribution <i>Kitchen & Allen Hall reserved afternoon/early evening</i>	18	19 11am - 1pm - Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall 6pm - Deanery Confirmation at Church of The Epiphany in Grove City
20 Bishop Sean's visit 8am - Holy Eucharist 9am - Sunday School 10am - Sung Eucharist	21 7pm - AA in Allen Hall	22 6:30pm - AA in dining room	23 11am - AA 7pm - Choir Rehearsal bulletin items due	24	25 Wedding Rehearsal (evening) 7pm - Cana's Corner (lounge)	26 11am - 1pm - Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall 6pm - Wedding in church with Fr. Wild
27 8am - Holy Eucharist 9am - Sunday School 10am - Sung Eucharist 11:15am - Youth Group meeting - Youth Room 11:30am - St. John's packing bags at ECS	28 7pm - Taize Service 7pm - AA in Allen Hall	29 6:30pm - AA in dining room	30 11am - AA 7pm - Choir Rehearsal bulletin items due			