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Melanie Paige Stewart
Christopher Stewart
Jaxen Melhorn
June 5, 2016

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

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JULY/AUGUST 2016 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

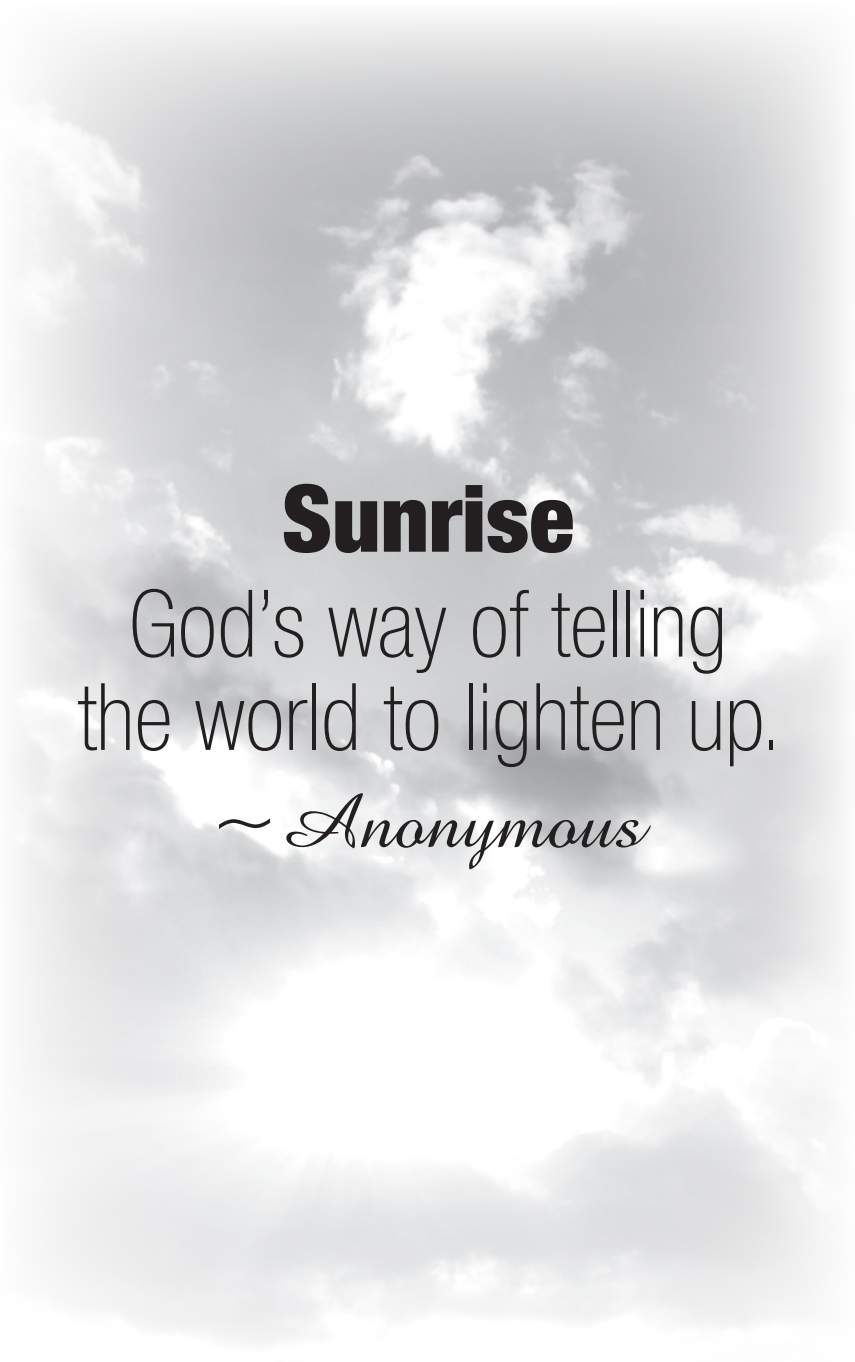
As we celebrate the summer, church life takes on a slightly different rhythm. Some travel. Some reconnect with family and friends from near and far in different ways.

Some also are open to trying new things, like returning to church or joining their families for church again as they visit.

We know that God remains part of our lives, even when our schedules change. Even if we sleep late, when we wake up we can thank God for our blessings and offer our prayers. We can pause to recognize him in natural beauty. We can also find ways of intentionally making him part of our vacation by playing religious music for a bit during a long drive, by visiting a church when we are in a different community, or by gathering the family together on the beach to recognize God in the sand and water.

Blessings on any travel you are taking this summer, and may you find times and places where you find God particularly at work.

Peace, *Adam*

A large, soft-focus image of a sunrise or sunset over a sea of clouds. The sun is a bright, glowing orb partially obscured by wispy clouds, creating a warm, ethereal atmosphere. The colors are muted, with soft pinks, oranges, and greys.

Sunrise
God's way of telling
the world to lighten up.
~ *Anonymous*

temperature and humidity, making the sound sharper and thus changing the way it vibrates and makes sound. Talk about a double whammy! Although the whole organ will tend to go sharper en masse-it doesn't move perfectly uniformly as every single pipe acts a little bit differently. There is also variation in each class of pipes, as the sweeter sounding flue's change in a different way than the reeds (the trumpets and horns). That's why I avoid using them together at this time. Worse--the constant expansion during the heat of day and contraction in the evenings does no part of the organ any good.

So, until we can get a more uniform sanctuary environment, this will always happen. This is also why we have to tune at least twice a year. And now you know why I'm playing more piano!

Be at Peace and Happy Summer,

Ron Gracilla



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We send weekly email updates, ***This Week at St. John's*** to those folks that have subscribed. This email will include Sunday's schedule of acolytes and servers, as well as the date and time of events in the week following. We also include upcoming events. Some may think that this is a mini-newsletter, which it almost is! Many things pop up during the week that isn't included in the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin. This is one way for you to stay informed, as well as checking out our FaceBook pages.

If you do not receive this weekly email from us, but would like to, please email us at stjohns@stjohnssharon.org and tell us to add you to the weekly list. The updates will arrive to your inbox each Wednesday evening.

GOODNEWS!

Vacation Bible School

St. John's will be holding a 2 day Vacation Bible School this year, on Thursday August 4th and Friday August 5th. This will be an all day VBS, running from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. After the end of VBS on Friday, there will be a short program by the kids, with a cookout dinner for them and their families.

Our theme this year is **Good News!** VBS is open to **ALL** kids from ages 3 (potty trained, please) to kids who just completed 6th grade. Registration forms can be found in the lounge and in the church office. Completed forms can be given to Amy Clark, Katherine Huff, Laura Peretic, or left with Tina in the church office.

Volunteers are still needed to teach, assist with crafts, music & games, the kitchen and the cookout. If you can help, even just for a couple of hours, please see Amy, Katherine or Laura. If you are not able to be present during those two days, there are plenty of other opportunities to help with things ahead of time – just ask!

Your donation of supplies is greatly appreciated!! There is a board in the lounge listing needed crafts materials and food items; just grab a post-it note. Donations can be left in the church office. Monetary donation are also accepted. You can drop your donation in the offering plate on a Sunday, and please mark it "VBS".

Thank you all for supporting this important experience for the kids!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game...

AND SEE ST. JOHN'S SOFTBALL TEAM IN ACTION.



From Our Music Director, Ron Gracilla

I'm wondering who else is amazed how quickly the summertime has embraced us all. One minute you're clearing away weeds, preparing the earth, planting little flowers and the next it seems you are second guessing whether to brace a 90° day to water those flowers yet again. Oh you know the ones I'm talking about, they are tall and gorgeous in the early morning, raised up to the sunlight in full vigor, but by mid-afternoon, they look like they desperately need a drink, wilting under the powerful rays of a strong sun. Living things respond to heat, cool and humidity in different ways.

You may not have thought about it, but our very own Schantz Pipe Organ also behaves like a living thing in a manner of speaking. You see, the last time she was tuned was the week before Easter. The outside temperature was ranging from 30 to 50°, so I had to turn the heaters on in the sanctuary to try to bring the temp up to operational. This is so that all the components, the metal pipes, even the wooden parts were all about where they would be during services. Right now, the sanctuary is almost 80°. That's a big difference!

You see, metal (even wood to some extent) expands and contracts with temperature variations. Who doesn't have a door that sticks every summer when the humidity rises to dog-day levels? There's another variable. Although the flower to pipe organ analogy isn't the best, they both respond to environmental changes. Flowers wilt. Pipe Organs go out of tune.

So if you've been noticing the organ sounding weirder these past weeks, it's because the pipes have expanded and lengthened, making the sound flatter, but the very air that is passing through them has also increased in

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Library News

Saint John's Library has a new children's book in our collection. Donna Billioni donated *The Sacraments* by Inos Biffi. The book also beautifully illustrated by Franco Vignazia, is a description of the rituals of the church. The library would like to thank Donna for her donation. If anyone has any questions or suggestions for our library, please contact me.

Barb Bogolin, Librarian • 724-347-1197

C.P.C. NEWS

Since Doddy Crawford has moved to Georgia, Lois Tamplin is now St. John's C.P.C. (Church Periodical Club) representative. If at any time you have pennies to donate, you can give them to Lois or bring them to the office during the week.

**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JULY 4 AND
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.**

September 2016 Newsletter Deadline:

Please have articles for the September newsletter in the parish office by Monday, August 22. 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>JULY 2016</h1> <p>Phone: 724-347-4501</p>					1 10am – 4pm ~ Painting classes meet in Allen Hall 5pm ~ Kitchen/Hall reserved	2 10am ~ Spruce up day 11am-1pm ~ Free Community Lunch Allen Hall 1pm ~ Wedding
3 8am ~ Morning Worship 10am ~ Morning Worship Sharpville Presby packing bags at ECS 2pm ~ C.O.P. Church meets in A.H. 6pm ~ Dining room reserved	4 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30pm ~ AA meets in dining room	6 11am ~ AA meets in dining room	7 10:30am ~ 12:30am ~ ECS food pantry distribution 12:15pm ~ Mercer County Beh. Health Com – D.R. 6:15pm ~ Softball game 7pm ~ Women's AA Group in the dining room	8 10am – 4pm ~ Painting classes meet in Allen Hall 7:00pm ~ Cana's Corner	9 11am-1pm ~ Free Community Lunch Allen Hall
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