

The Evangelist

July/August 2010

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Dear Friends at St. John's,

With this combined issue of the Newsletter we find ourselves right in the middle of the summer season. We have had a hot spring which seems to bode well for an equally hot summer. The Rappahannock beckons us to its cooler shores for boating, swimming, fishing and general summer fun. Many of us will also head off to other places for the summer vacation season – but St. John's and much of our parish family will be here.

As usual the Pickerings will be traveling a bit during the summer. In early July we will head for San Francisco for our grandchild's first birthday and from there to Denver to see our other son and daughter-in-law's new home. August will bring the grand event of our daughter, Amy's, wedding in Southport, North Carolina – our only daughter and our last child to be married. We are true empty nesters now – though we do still seem to be the place of choice for the storage of stuff!

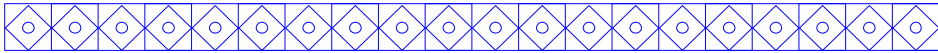
St. John's will continue to have a summer program for the children, and we will continue our two services a Sunday – except for July 4, when there will be just one service of Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m. Anne Beverley Eubank will be the officiant for Morning Prayer that Sunday.

The Vestry will combine the July and August Vestry meetings with a meeting on August 5. If you have some business to present, please make sure that Steve Szemes or Linda Gilchrist are informed so that it can be included on the Agenda.

Have a grand summer, and remember St. John's when you are traveling. Please keep your pledge up to date as our bills continue whether you are on vacation or not. When you travel think about going to church on Sunday and bring back your bulletin so we can see where you have been and learn what other folks are doing.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Bill Pickering+
Priest-in-Charge

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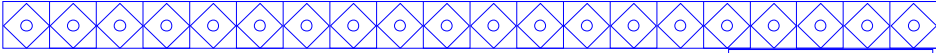


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VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENT
There is no Vestry meeting in July. Vestry members, please check your mailboxes on Sunday, August 1 and read all the information before the Vestry meeting on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 PM.

St. John's Homecoming
Sunday, September 12, is the St. John's second annual Homecoming. We'll celebrate a service at 10:30 AM with special music dedicated to the memory of Ann Hundley, one of our most honored and beloved members.
Matt Rosendahl will return that day to play the organ and the trio "Just Us", comprised of sopranos Susan Woodard and Loretta Warren and our own Victoria Rosendahl on alto, will sing the offertory and communion hymns.
Lunch will follow the service and promises to be a grand time.
Stay tuned for more information as the date nears and make sure to mark your calendar to attend Homecoming at St. John's!



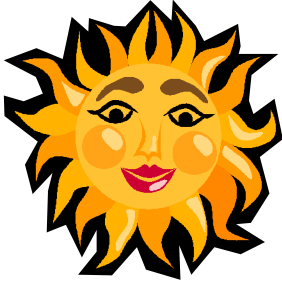
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JULY BIRTHDAYS
5 Bud Handley
6 Hannah Perkins
7 Carrington Lewis
8 Cathy Hodges
12 Joyce Dix
13 Kerry Garrett
22 Bette Jo Cobb
25 Garrett Blanton
26 Candine Johnson
31 Danielle Hundley
Josh Hodges

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
2 Lee Ann Pickering
4 Downi Blanton
5 William Peyton Davis
6 Kyle Reavis
12 Sue Stinchcomb
Joe Blanton
13 Joe Wolfinger
18 Wanda Musselman
Ginger Branscomb
18 Pearce Gardner
21 Robert Allen
23 Heather Hundley
27 Ann Kramer Osburn
28 Bob Cobb
29 Adam Branscomb
31 Margaret Moncure

JULY ANNIVERSARIES
2 Sally & Mark Chinn
14 Bette Jo & Rosser Cobb
21 Stewart & Crawford Jones

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES
2 Tobey & David Taliaferro
10 Niki & Craig Davis
Elaine and Herb Osburn
25 Linda & Chuck Gilchrist



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, August 16.
The newsletter will come out on Friday, August 20.

Sally Settle Scholarship

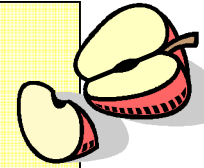


The Sally Settle scholarship, given by the St. John's Outreach Committee, has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 beginning with this year's recipient, Aiyanna Kouaken. Aiyanna's mother is an Essex County teacher, and Aiyanna has three older siblings currently attending four-year colleges. She is active both in her church and at Essex High School, where she has served as a class officer and has participated in a variety of clubs and activities. Aiyanna will enter the Honor's College at Norfolk State University in the fall.



Food Basket Needs for Kids

Food demand going up in the summer due to kids being out of school. Because they lose lunchroom benefits in the summer, many children go hungry. Please be generous and help us keep the food pantry well-stocked.



Blessings Baskets

Please continue to support others in our community who may be less fortunate. The Saint John's Blessings Baskets initiative focuses on helping families in need. One basket is designated to collect desired items for The Haven. The other basket is the collection spot for food items. The Haven publishes a monthly newsletter and their "wish list" items change from month to month. Next month's list will be posted at church. Remember that we have a goal of collecting **2010** items by December 31, 2010. We have a long way to go, so please give generously. Feel free to contact Lori Lenz (445-9890 or lslenz5@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about this project. Thank you!

Playground News

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations for the children's playground! We have our budget covered & we're hoping to have the playground up by the middle of the summer.

The Haven Wish List

- All purpose cleaner
- Paper towels
- Flashlights

