

THE HERALD

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Herald, the first to be sent electronically, will also be our Summer newsletter. Ah, yes, Summer—holidays, heat, vacations, and . . . the Summer Slump. For any number of reasons, the dog days of Summer are frequently the dog days of church attendance. So, with apologies to David Letterman and thanks to Grant MacDonald, from whom I have adapted some of the following, we present:

The Top Ten Ways to Boost Summer Church Attendance

- #10 Offer a free tank of gas for every 5 sermons heard
- #9 Replace church sign with one that reads “Tourist Information for Victorian Bellefonte”
- #8 Add a slide to the baptistery and advertise St. John’s as a water park
- #7 Convert the aisles into putting greens
- #6 Direct a skateboard ramp into the vestibule for our teenage “neighbors”
- #5 Open a petting zoo on the rectory lawn (costumed vestry members optional)
- #4 Advertise bungee-jumping from our steeple
- #3 Hand out cups of MacDonald’s iced coffee for a guaranteed sugar rush on those hot Sundays
- #2 Turn the pulpit into a dunk tank for congregational, if not pastoral, amusement

And the #1 way to boost church attendance during the summer is:

- #1 Be there yourself!

On a more serious note, the work of the church, as well as the need for the funds necessary to do it, continues through the Summer. So, please continue your regular pledge payments and your presence in the pews. We may also be entertaining candidates for our new Rector, all the more reason to avoid the dread Summer Slump. With all this in mind, do have an enjoyable Summer—and we hope to see you in church as often as possible!

Sincerely,

Karen Harvey, Senior Warden

"The Deacon's Perch"

Greetings to you and God's blessing be upon us all. I can't believe summer is almost here. Where does time go? We have had much happen at St. John's and I am still feeling the excitement of Easter and looking forward to Pentecost Sunday where we will feel the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us. The flowers are in bloom, birds singing, yard sales galore; downtown is alive with people and activities and last, but not least of all, let's not forget all the road construction and delays. I mention the last because in some ways there is a benefit to that. We are all in a hurry to rush then relax somewhere. It is sort of ironic when you think about it. When I was in the Marine Corps, it seemed a way of life--hurry up and wait, and then hurry up and wait to our next destination. After almost 40 years, I still have not figured that one out. But we still do that today, don't we?

Have you ever tried to hurry and wait for the Holy Spirit to stir and embrace you? I would feel safe in saying a no to that because we really can't tell God to jump when we say jump, but we do have Psalm 46:11 which guides us with the words "*Be still and know that I am God*". Summer time is a time for relaxation with family and friends and a time to renew our spiritual side and get closer to Christ in our hearts. We do that with prayer and a few books to guide us. I have one such book which I would recommend for summer reading: "Devotional Classics, A Renovare Resource for Spiritual Renewal" by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith. It has 51 short exercises by people like Evelyn Underhill, Thomas a Kempis, C.S. Lewis, William Law, and John Wesley. These are grouped in traditions of Contemplative, Holiness, Social Justice, Incarnational, and Evangelical. This book can prepare us for a rich spiritual journey and help us with the "hurry up and let me get started on my own journey" feeling. It is broken into sections with exercises and reflections.

I just came back from a Clergy Conference in Pittsburgh where one of the sessions was based on clergy self care. I was impressed when I noted that we all need to work on our spiritual well being but, like with anything else, you only get what you put into it. Clergy are busy, parents are busy, kids are busy, the dog is busy, life is just busy. So now that we realize life is busy, we begin with the first step and commit to a 10-15 minute block of time and devote it to us and God.

Please know that I have to be trained in Spiritual Direction and, if there is a time you would like to go deeper in your journey and receive guidance, I would be more than willing to journey with you. There is a saying that a person without a spiritual guide is like a body without a head. So with that in mind, "Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of The Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia"



JUNE 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	3	4 11 am- Community Lunch	5
6 PENTECOST II 9:30 am-Mass- Rite II Pot-Luck Lunch	7	8	9 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	10	11 St. Barnabas The Apostle	12
13 PENTECOST III 9:30 am-Mass- Rite II Pastrami Sunday	14	15	16 9:30 am- Mass/Healing 7:30 pm-Vestry Meeting	17 2 pm-Centre Crest Mass	18	19
20 PENTECOST IV 9:30 am-Mass- Rite II Coffee Hour	21	22	23 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26
27 PENTECOST V 9:30 am-Mass- Rite II Coffee Hour	28	29 St. Peter & St. Paul Apostles	30 9:30am- Mass/Healing			

JUNE 2010 BIRTHDAYS

June	4	Gary Andrews
June	13	Blanche Raymond
June	16	Ruth Shirt-Porter
June	16	Helen Solt
June	17	James Green
June	21	Todd Bowersox
June	24	Jennie Spicer
June	26	Matthew Fitzgerald
June	25	Judy Smith
June	28	Ellen Secci

JULY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 11 am- Community Lunch	3
4 PENTECOST VI 9:30 am-Mass- Rite I No Coffee Hour Independence Day	5 Independence Day (Liturgical Observance Transferred) Office Closed	6	7 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	8	9	10
11 PENTECOST VII 9:30 am-Mass- Rite I Coffee Hour		13	14 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	15 2 pm-Centre Crest	16	17
18 PENTECOST VIII 9:30 am-Mass- Rite I Coffee Hour	19	20	21 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 7 pm-Supper Club	24
25 PENTECOST IX 9:30 am-Mass- Rite I Coffee Hour	26 St. James The Apostle Vacation Bible School	27 Vacation Bible School	28 Vacation Bible School	29 Vacation Bible School	30	31

JULY & AUGUST 2010 BIRTHDAYS

July	4	Charity Holland	August	2	Betsy Ames
July	4	Nicklaus Obourn	August	4	Mark Sandow
July	7	Frank Densevich	August	8	Judy Densevich
		Pete Kwiatek			Benjamin Harwood
July	10	Erin Veneziano	August	9	Peggy Jackson
July	13	Catherine Bickel			Patricia Foster
July	14	Joan Andrews	August	11	Billie Jo North
		Jason Fitzgerald	August	14	Shawn Bradford
July	16	Julie Duminiak	August	15	Jacob Fitzgerald
July	18	Lois Fetzer	August	20	Amy Wilson
July	19	Daniel McGinley, Jr.	August	24	Nancy Andrews
July	23	Larry Roberson	August	30	Ruth Eby
July	28	David King			
		William Irwin			
July	31	Jerry Bowersox			



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Terence Riley, Sexton

Dr. Karen Harvey, Senior Warden

Mike Fitzgerald, Junior Warden

Sunday Liturgies

9:30 AM-Mass-Rite II

Weekday

Wed 9:30 AM-Mass

Holy Days & Confessions

As Announced

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

For Emergencies Contact Deacon Dyakiw at 883-0430

AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PENTECOST X 9:30 am-Mass-Rite II Coffee Hour	2	3	4 9:30 am Mass/Healing	5	6 Transfiguration of Our Lord 11 am-Community Lunch	7
8 PENTECOST XI 9:30 am-Mass-Rite II Coffee Hour	9	10	11 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	12	13	14
15 PENTECOSTXII 9:30 am-Mass-Rite II Coffee hour	16 St. Mary the Virgin 7 pm-Mass-Chapel	17	18 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	19 2 pm-Centre Crest	20 7 pm-Supper Club	21
22 PENTECOST XIII 9:30 am-Mass-Rite II Coffee Hour	23 Herald Deadline	24	25 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	26	27	28
29 PENTECOST XIV 9:30 am-Mass-Rite II Coffee Hour	30	31				



From the Treasurer ...

April's Receipts:	\$16,446.00
April's Expenses	<u>11,046.54</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 5,399.46

VESTRY NOTES:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry will be held **Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 pm** in Canterbury House.

A SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Vestry & Deacon of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHDEULE

June 1 through August 30, 2010

ONE Worship time: 9:30 AM

The liturgical usage will be:

June . . .Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July . . .Holy Eucharist, Rite I

August . . . Holy Eucharist, Rite II

NOTE: All Services will be accompanied by hymns and full sermon will be delivered.

WANTED: Summer Lectors

We are seeking volunteers to read the Old Testament lessons at the 9:30 AM Eucharists during the summer months. Lectors simply come forward out of the congregation, read the appointed lesson and return to their pew ... no vestments required! If you would like to assist as a Lector, please select your available date(s) from the appropriate sign up sheet on the table at the rear of the church. The appointed reading will be forwarded to you during the week prior to your scheduled Sunday.



DIOCESAN CONVENTION TO BE HELD

The annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania will be held on June 11-12 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Along with the usual business sessions, ordinations to the Sacred Order of deacons will be celebrated at the Saturday Eucharist. In addition, certificates will be awarded to those who have completed the Diocesan School of Christian Studies at Friday evening's Solemn Evensong. Delegates this year will be Dr. John Harwood, Bette Shugert, Harry Witmer. Please feel free to speak to any of our delegates or Deacon Alex about issues and concerns that you may have concerning convention. Please keep this important event in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bellefonte Lunch Program

Those who participate in the Bellefonte Lunch Program are reminded that they will be responsible for preparing and serving lunch on the following Fridays throughout the summer:

Friday, June 4; Friday, July 2; Friday, August 6

Vestry Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry will be held **Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 7:30PM** in the conference room of the Canterbury House.

Pastrami Sunday

Sunday, June 13th will be pastrami Sunday. Deacon Alex will make his famous pastrami sandwiches. This event will be held in the fellowship hall following the 9:30 AM service. This is a fund raiser for the church. Please plan to attend.

Thank You Lunch!

On Sunday June 6th, following the 9:30 AM service there will be a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall. This lunch will be to honor "**LONG TIME ALTAR GUILD DIRECTRESS – BLANCHE RAYMOND**". Blanche is planning to retire as the directress at the end of June. She will remain on the Altar Guild as a member, not the directress. Please plan to attend this event and thank Blanche for all her dedicated hard work.

DEACON ALEX THANKS MANY!

Deacon Alex would like to thank the following persons for their help: Deb Cree, Carol Fyfe and all the others who help with the monthly service at Centre Crest, Karen Harvey for her reading to residents and keeping the cat litter boxes clean. Thanks to Joe Koons and Mike Fitzgerald for their help at the Community Lunch on Friday, May 21st. Thanks to Charlie Hilderbrand, Charlie Hilderbrand, Jr. and Dave Auman for their help in cooking and serving the Corned Beef Breakfast.

A very special thank you to Pastor Barry Folmar for all the service he has given to St. John's this past year. Great Job! Pastor Folmar will continue to celebrate the Wednesday Mass at 9:30 in the Chapel. Pastor Barry will be taking vacation in August.

ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

	Jun-10	Pentecost II 6-Jun 9:30 AM	Pentecost III 13-Jun 9:30 AM	Pentecost IV 20-Jun 9:30 AM	Pentecost V 27-Jun 9:30 AM
Celebrant		Fr. McKay	The Rev'd Schoonmaker	The Rev'd Schoonmaker	Fr. McKay
Acolytes Crucifer Torches		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Book Bearer Server Thurifer Banner Bearer Second Crucifer					
Altar Guild		Blanche Raymond Barbara Roberson	Bette Shugert Mary K. Jones	Karen Harvey Leigh Meeker	Peggy Jackson Jim Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers					
8:00 AM		Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw
9:30 AM NT & Chalice OT		J. Hilderbrand	J. Harwood	D. Cree	J. Harwood
Money Counters		Carol Fyfe Harry Witmer	Carol Fyfe Harry Witmer	Carol Fyfe Harry Witmer	Carol Fyfe Harry Witmer
Coffee Hour		Ruth Eby Lois Fetzer	Kathryn Grossman Carol Fyfe	Bette Shugert George Shugert	Billie Jo North Patrick North



ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

	Jul-10	Pentecost VI	Pentecost VII	Pentecost VIII	Pentecost IX
		4-Jul	11-Jul	18-Jul	25-Jul
		9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Celebrant		Fr. McKay	TBA	TBA	Fr. McKay
Acolytes Crucifer Torches		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Book Bearer Server Thurifer Banner Bearer Second Crucifer					
Altar Guild		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Eucharistic Ministers					
8:00 AM		Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw
9:30 AM NT & Chalice		K. Grossman	J. Harwood	S. Witmer	J. Harwood
OT					
Money Counters		Steve Dillon Mike Fitzgerald	Steve Dillon Mike Fitzgerald	Steve Dillon Mike Fitzgerald	Steve Dillon Mike Fitzgerald
Coffee Hour		No Coffee Hour	Larry Roberson Barbara Roberson	Cathy Fetters	Betsy Bowersox



ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

	Aug-10	Pentecost X 1-Aug 9:30 AM	Pentecost VII 8-Aug 9:30 AM	Pentecost VIII 15-Aug 9:30 AM	Pentecost IX 22-Aug 9:30 AM	Pentecost X 29-Aug 9:30 AM
Celebrant		TBA	Fr. McKay	TBA	Fr. McKay	TBA
Acolytes Crucifer Torches		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Book Bearer Server Thurifer Banner Bearer Second Crucifer						
Altar Guild		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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Money Counters		Larry Roberson Jason Dench	Larry Roberson Jason Dench	Larry Roberson Jason Dench	Larry Roberson Jason Dench	Larry Roberson Jason Dench
Coffee Hour		Stuart Hough Paula Hough	Eugene Loven Claudia Loven	Deb McGinley Dan McGinley	Shawn Bradford Bailee Vaughn	J. Hilderbrand C. Hilderbrand

