



The Eagle

Fall 2013



*Want to be a part of these smiling faces?
Put the Holly Days Bazaar on your calendar!
November 13-14, 2013*

Pictured: Katie Solana, Pam Young, Margaret Wyllly, Nancy Heriot, Barbara Bormes & Betty Thomas

Do The Charleston in Savannah!

The 2013 Bazaar kick-off party will be a roaring twenties theme, live band and many shenanigans on Friday, November 8th at 7 PM until 10 PM at the Green-Meldrim House. All to take part, and dress appropriate to the decade. Tickets are \$50 per person. Open to all, but space limited! Please RSVP by check to:

St John's ECW
care of Patti Cooper
39 Morningside Drive
Savannah, GA 31410



Spread the Cheer Volunteer

Contact the editors if you have volunteer opportunities you would like added to the Eagle or volunteers you want recognized.

Thanks to the VBS Chefs

A big thank you goes out to the kitchen crew at VBS - Thanks for keeping all the kiddos well fed and energized!
Head Chefs: Martha Sullivan, Star Weed, Kerri Culver, Cathy Rodgers, Barry Crawford and Jane Pressly
Sous Chefs: Holly Montford, Jane Wells, Wayne Willis, Emily Mello, Antha Grady, Sally Fiveash, and Ragnild Ezelle

Holly Days Bazaar

Men and women are needed to help support the Bazaar either behind the scenes or take on a larger role. Support is needed before and after the actual event takes place. Please contact Katie Solana, Holly Days Bazaar Co-Chairman, 912-660-3874 to discuss the different volunteer positions and sign up!

Silent Auction Helpers Needed

Dear Episcopal Churchwomen of St. John's Church,

Woohoo! Another fun-filled Bazaar is just around the corner! I am delighted to be able to provide some small assistance to this annual fundraiser by chairing the Silent Auction. Here are some of the opportunities which working on the Silent Auction can provide to you:

Silent Auction Treasurer – develop Excel spreadsheet for Auction items, collect email addresses from Bid Sheets, and send daily email updates on bid status to bidders via email on Friday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. Assist Silent Auction Chairman in collecting payment via check, cash or credit card on Thursday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, following the close of the Auction. Expect to work approximately 4 hours on each afternoon. This would be an easy job to split between two people, if there's an interested team!

Solicitors – Request and procure items for the Auction. We need approximately 100 items, comprised of 1/3 trips and parties, 1/3 artwork, 1/3 goods and services. Seven solicitors are needed; if each of us contributes or finds 10 items, the rest will find their way to us unsolicited!

Auction Set-Up – Decorators and fluffers, take your marks! You will be apprised of the various auction items throughout our procurement stage, so that your fertile imaginations can begin to imagine the best possible way to stage and promote them. Be thinking of props which you may have, or may be able to borrow, to allow our bidders the best possible image of the item(s) on which they will be bidding.

Copies of last year's Auction are available on demand, to inspire you in all these areas. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to support the Bazaar with your time and talent. I am delighted to answer any and all questions, and to consider any and all ideas for contributions. Call me at (912)398-6884, or email me at mom4travel@aol.com. Blessings to you all! Coren Ross, Silent Auction Chairman

To St. John's Glamorous Gals, Gorgeous Grands & Gracious Greeters:

Do you miss meeting and knowing the young families at church (we have so many new ones)? Do you miss snuggling with babies and reading to small children? Would you like to know other women in the church better by working side by side in small groups of 2 or 3? Are you looking for a way to serve your church but are unable to make a weekly, or even monthly commitment? Look no further! You are invited to participate in a very special ministry.

The GG's is a group of women who are willing to commit to serve their church for three (3) Sunday mornings during the 2013-2014 Church School Term. Yours will be one of the first faces that greets young parents as they drop nursery and toddler aged children off for Church School and Church. You will rock babies, read to toddlers and converse, play and color with preschoolers. Sunday hours will be 9:30 - end of 10:30 church service. No preparation is necessary prior to your arrival on your assigned Sundays.

If you think you would like to participate, then please consider joining us for an informative luncheon in Cranmer Hall on Wednesday, August 28, after Holy Communion. We think this will be a fun and fruitful way to assist in helping build and strengthen our St. John's Family. We look forward to talking with you soon and we hope to see each of you on the 28th.

Please contact Caroline Hayes:
chayes@stjohnssav.org or 232-8887

Parish Fellowship Volunteer Opportunities

Want to get more involved in your church? Here are some parish activities that need your help! Just check off what interests you, fill in your information, and drop it by the office, or in the offering plate, and you will be contacted! You will be amazed at how much fun you will have! (This list takes us to Lent, 2014. More to follow!)

- o September 21: Piano Night @ Green-Meldrim House
Help with organization, food, etc.
- o November 30: Low Country Boil
Plans and place to be announced.
- o December 27: Trolley Ride
Help organize, promote, etc.
- o February 3-8: Rummage Sale
Help set-up, work sale; clean-up.
- o March 4: Pancake Supper
Help recruit & organize volunteers, cooks, set-up, cleanup

To volunteer or if you have questions call or email either Maryan Harrell or Caroline Hayes at the church office (912)232-1251. mharrell@stjohnssav.org or chayes@stjohnssav.org.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Volunteers will meet Tuesdays at 3:30!

Call Martha Sullivan to help: 897-9673

Church School Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to be more involved but can't make a huge time commitment?

Consider signing up to help with the Church School in one of these three ways.

- Dad Squad - sign up to lead Children's Chapel 2 or 3 Sundays all year - 9:30am - It only takes 15 minutes and you get to see all the precious faces. Assembly booklet provided to guide you through leading the service. For more information or to volunteer contact Scott Howard - robert_s_howard@ml.com
- Sunday Morning Supervisor - 9:15 until the end of the 10:30 service - two or three Sundays all year - welcome families, monitor the door, and you get to carry a walkie talkie. For more information or to volunteer contact David Carson jdcarsen47@hotmail.com
- Liturgical Special Event Committee - Sign up for ONE Sunday all year! All you have to do is help lead one of the following special events during the 9:30 Sunday School Hour - Michaelmas, All Saints', Advent Wreaths, Epiphany, Candlemas, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity. All activities are already planned, but new ideas always welcome. Contact Caroline Hayes for more information or to volunteer chayes@stjohnssav.org
- Christmas Pageant - Help the two Saturdays leading up to Christmas Eve and also on Christmas Eve. This involves helping in planning, decorating, getting children into costume, lining them up, and being on hand to help monitor the children. For more information or to volunteer contact Maryan Harrell mharrell@stjohnssav.org



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From the Episcopal Church Women's Chairman

The Women of St. John's Church, also known by the title of "The ECW" (Episcopal Church Women), is an organization which offers the women of our Church opportunities for worship, learning, service, and fellowship within our parish and larger community. We worship together on the first Wednesday of every month, immediately before our General Meeting, which adds to the nourishment of our spirits with the nourishment of our minds, by means of an interesting program presented by a guest speaker. Then we close our monthly gathering with the nourishment of our hearts and bodies, with a light lunch and the sharing of conversation and laughter.

These special Wednesdays not only permit us to focus and enrich our minds, souls and bodies at the start of every month, they also allow us to catch up on the progress of the many acts of service undertaken by The Women of St. John's. Like many parishioners, I have always been aware of --and grateful for--the lovely Coffee Hours and receptions provided by the women of our parish. I have been touched by the delivery of altar flowers, food, or cards to the ill, shut-in, or bereaved. I have enjoyed our beautiful Green-Meldrim House and benefitted from our wonderful Church School, both overseen and lovingly supported by our church women.

However, until recently, I was not aware that The Women of St. John's Church also provides financial support to nearly forty other groups, most within our parish and our larger local community, but also some national and international organizations, which desperately need our help.

All of these activities require funding, of course, which brings me to one of the biggest events of our church year: the Holly Days Bazaar. I think it one of the most delightful moments of the year; it is such a fun way to raise money for all the worthwhile causes—and, from a personal point of view, to get all my Christmas shopping done by the second week of November! Please note the dates of November 13 and 14 (always a Wednesday and Thursday) on your calendars now. Bring a couple of friends to have a lovely lunch in the Green-Meldrim House or buy a bowl of chili from the men outdoors, knowing that you will be helping so many others while having a really good time—and finding great bargains!

I know that all the women of our parish spend their lives loving and worshipping God, while loving and working for others. What I have discovered is that there is something especially rewarding about doing this in the company of our sisters in Christ here at St. John's. Please contact me or one of the ladies listed below if you have a specific area of interest, or just come to our monthly meeting. I hope as your president that I will have the opportunity to get to know every woman in our congregation and to share the joy of the Spirit of our Lord, moving among us.

Trash to Treasure

A new event to the Holly Days Bazaar for parishioners to showcase their creativity! "Trash to Treasure" will be a contest for the best transformation and/or repurposing of an unwanted or unusable item.

Contest Rules:

- One or two person teams
- Select unwanted or unusable item in its current state, transform it by changing aesthetic or repurposing
- Item can come from anywhere, flea market, thrift store, your garage, in the alley, or the Bazaar storage unit!
- Before photos of items must be submitted
- Submitter will set the price, item will be discounted on the 2nd day
- The finished products will be unveiled at the White Elephant Preview Party on Tuesday, November 12th at 6 PM to 7:30 PM and sold in the craft area
- Prizes awarded

To sign up and participate, contact Margaret Northup at 912-349-1130 or margaretnorthup@gmail.com

Paint Like Picasso + Wine & Cheese!

"Paint It Like Picasso", hosted by Alex and Erica Jarman, has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm in Cranmer Hall. Channel your inner Picasso, anyone can pick up a paint brush and sip wine! This will be a fun and fresh way to enjoy the medium of paint while creating a great art donation to the Holly Days Bazaar! To reserve your spot, please contact Erica at 912-398-0138 or EricaCJarman@gmail.com There is no charge and all supplies are provided!

Donations Needed

White Elephant, Treasure Room and Book Donations Needed Please consider the Holly Days Bazaar when donating housewares, art, furniture, lighting, books, etc, instead to a thrift store. Need delivery? We can help. Please contact Erica Jarman for the storage code and or information at 912-398-0138 or EricaCJarman@gmail.com

Crafty Folks Needed!

Calling all the crafty and artistic parishioners of St. John's, we need your help! The 2013 Holly Day Bazaar is resurrecting the Crafts section and will be selling items created by parishioners, family and friends of St Johns. Craft Committee Head, Marilyn Glen, and her team will be calling, asking for crafts and artistic commitments and donations to sell at the bazaar. If you enjoy wood working, sewing, smocking, painting, sculpture, any crafts or artistic medium, please think of a donating a piece to The ECW of St Johns to help make this years Holly Days Bazaar a success! Please contact Marilyn Glen with any questions or commitments for donations at 912-704-6989 or mglen41@gmail.com

Great News!!!

St. John's Church has a new website!!! Please visit www.stjohnssav.org to have a look! You will find up to date information, calendars, photos, and parish papers. AND you can sign up to receive a weekly email from the site that will have upcoming events, the Parish Paper for that week, weekly lessons, and more. All you have to do is scroll to the bottom of the home page and sign up. No more waiting for the snail mail to get you your Parish Paper each week! No more wondering when bible studies take place! No more feeling like you are out of the loop! Visit the site and sign up today. Weekly emails will begin in September. For questions, comments or concerns please contact Caroline Hayes - chayes@stjohnssav.org or 232-8887.

Rector's Ramblings: A few years back, when I had cable and television, I sometimes watched those "clean up" shows, in which houses swamped with the detritus of consumerism were purged and beautified, with much entertaining conflict in the process. The beautification was not that impressive: it was the cleansing operation that appealed. Aesthetically, I would like to live in monastic minimalism - all natural light and wood floors and emptiness: but my aesthetic wars against the incorrigible tendency to clutter. It's the books, and the journals, and the clippings and photocopies of interesting essays and reviews, and the compact discs and the bric-a-brac: postcards, sculpture, candles, icons, ceramics, julep cups, liquor and wine bottles, corks, palms, framed pictures, baskets, crosses, stationery, pens, flash drives, staplers, coins in mason jars, bags of pretzels resealed with clothes pins, suspicious-looking bags of catnip (really!), rejected cat-toys, electrical cords from obsolete cell phones, half-filled notebooks, half-used paper tablets, antique chestnuts, sycamore balls, Christmas ornaments that never made it back into storage, fridge magnets, and worst of all, storage containers in lucite, wicker, basket weave: it all multiplies ferociously, and though I maintain a semblance of over-stuffed order in my reception rooms on the ground floor, upstairs the books, magazines and papers are stacked here and there in unsightly piles. Open a closet ... and there are books. Peer into a staircase ... and you will find I use it as a (barely) navigable bookcase. Catch me in the throes of sermon composition ... and there are disheveled heaps of books and papers everywhere. The CDs mount in slithery piles which the cat every once in a while sends crashing into ruin, and moving me to anti-feline outbursts of wrath. Once or twice a year I decide to cull some unwanted items, but the spoils of my campaign are puny. The fact is, there is almost nothing unwanted: the tenth commandment is one of my stumbling blocks. I think if I ran the Smithsonian or the Library of Congress I would be truly content, for then I could keep (and acquire) it ALL. I know I am not alone: one way or another we want it all, and that is not, fundamentally, a wrong instinct. But in the end we shall discover that we shall possess all, in one thing alone: for the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. -Father Dunbar



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Childhood Education

I know I've said this before, but I really do love this time of year and all the excitement a new school year brings. As summer is beginning to fade away (I wish the heat would), we are getting ready for a new church school year. As you will see there are many opportunities for Sunday School this Fall. Please review the list to see where you and your children fit in best. As you may remember, at the church school

awards in May, many children received several memory work achievement awards. But did you notice, not ONE child received an attendance award? Boooooo. . .(I say this to myself also because not one of my three did either).

This year we would like each and every family to take the Attendance Challenge! So here are the rules:

To receive the end of the year Attendance award and gift, you must not miss more than 3 Sundays all year. BUT, if you are absent but attending a church elsewhere, you may bring a bulletin from the church you attend and get a free pass. We will be giving out monthly attendance awards. This is for those who do not miss any during a month. They will receive an award and have a special acknowledgement in the Parish Paper. This includes all children in Kindergarten - 8th Grade. Stay tuned, there may just be an award for those parents also!

Clearly children can't get themselves there, so we need your help! In a world where the mention of God is taken out of every possible situation, we need to make sure our children are present at church AND Sunday School at least once a week for a few hours. Not to mention the relationships they build with our church family that can give them guidance and comfort as they grow and learn. I look forward to seeing you all September 8th for the first day of church school. Classes begin at 9:30. Parents are asked to drop off their children and then come down to the fellowship hall located on the first floor of Cranmer Hall to register your children and meet with Father Dunbar. See you Sunday!

Soup's On: Chili & Vegetable Soup Recipes

Football season is almost upon us, when making a batch of chili or vegetable soup, please think of the Bazaar, and make a double batch! Chili and soup donations are needed. Please use a double plastic bag when freezing the soup and label it BAZAAR. Contact Christiana Turner with any questions at 912-898-1810

Vegetable Beef Soup

- 2 pounds ground sirloin or stew beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 large cans stewed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 pkg frozen butter beans
- 1 pkg frozen green beans
- 1 pkg frozen peas
- 2 russet potatoes, chopped
- 1 can corn
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon dried basil

In a large stock pot, brown sirloin and onion. Drain grease. Add tomatoes, 5 cups water, beef bouillon, vegetables & spices. Cover and cook until vegetables are tender, approximately 45 minutes.

Beef Chili

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large can stewed tomatoes
- 1 small can tomato sauce
- 1 29-ounce can kidney beans (with liquid)
- 1 29-ounce can pinto beans (with liquid)
- 1 cup diced onion
- ¼ cup diced celery (1 stalk)
- 2 teaspoons cumin powder
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cups water
- 2 beef bouillon cubes

Brown ground beef in a skillet over medium heat; drain off the fat. Using a fork, crumble beef into pea-size pieces. In a large pot, combine beef plus all remaining ingredients; bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook, stirring every 15 minutes for 2-3 hours. Makes about 12 servings.

Important: Let your batch of soup or chili cool completely before freezing. Otherwise it could spoil!!!

Church School Begins Sunday, September 8th

We have a wonderful group of Sunday School Teachers for this Fall!
Please see below to find which class is best for you and your children!

- Infant & Toddler Nursery:** 1st Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:00 until end of 10:30 service. Nursery Mom - Emily Mello
- Prekindergarten:** 2nd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30 Supervised play / 10:30 music lesson, snack and fellowship.
Teacher - Margaret Wylly
- Kindergarten/1st Grade:** 2nd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30 Children's Chapel & Lesson, classroom enrichment.
10:30 Attend church with parents/ follow the cross to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir.
Teachers - Diane Kulp and Margaret Northup
- 2nd/3rd Grade:** 2nd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30 Children's Chapel & Lesson, classroom enrichment.
10:30 Attend church with parents/ follow the cross to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir.
Teachers - Julie Lattimore and Donna Schulze
- 4th/5th Grade:** 2nd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30 Children's Chapel and Lesson, classroom enrichment.
10:30 Attend church with parents/ follow the cross to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir.
Teachers - Jackie Bergstrom and Candy Pair
- Group Teachers:** Elaine Barrow, Patti Victor, and Jack Wray
These teachers will rotate teaching the group lesson following Children's Chapel.
- 6th Grade Confirmation:** 3rd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30 - Attendance Mandatory
Teachers Holly McClellan, Barbara & Carter Hubbard.
Please contact Father Dunbar for more information - gdunbar@stjohnssav.org
- 7th/8th Grade:** 3rd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30. Teachers Stacy Jennings and Cathy Rodgers
- High School:** 3rd Floor Cranmer Hall - 9:30. Teachers - Fr. Dunbar, Fr. O'Brien, and Dr. Bergstrom will rotate.
- Adult Classes:** 9:30 Jack Wray - "From Roaring Lions to Resurrection Life" - 3rd Floor Cranmer Hall
Father Dunbar, Father O'Brien, and Dr. Bergstrom - Reading Room
Dr. David Noble - "Sin & Judgment in Shakespeare" - Conference Room in church office

Florence with Friends

by: Elaine Barrow

Father Dunbar is developing plans for a trip to Florence with parishioners next May. Requirements - readiness for much walking, much looking at art and architecture, much friendly fellowship with diverse company of other parishioners. Most daily itineraries allow participants to opt in or out as they desire. Space will be limited, but if you are interested in getting updates on these plans, please email Elaine Barrow at ehbarrow@aol.com to get on the mailing list to receive the details as the plans progress.

Coffee Hour Recipe: Baked Pimento Cheese

from the kitchen of Tracey Inglesby

Ingredients: 1 (4 oz) jar diced pimientos, drained
1-1/2 cups mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1-1/2 teaspoon finely grated onion
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
16 ozs grated extra sharp cheddar cheese
paprika
bacon

Stir together the first five ingredients in a large mixing bowl; stir in the grated cheese. Spoon the mixture into a greased two quart baking dish. Lightly, sprinkle paprika and crumbled bacon. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve with wheat crackers.

Dr Bergstrom's Dissertations

by: Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom



On August 1 The Atlantic (www.theatlantic.com) published an essay entitled, “Meaning Is Healthier Than Happiness,” wherein the author directs our attention to new research challenging the long-held assumption that self-perceived “happiness” is an important factor to enjoying greater bodily health. The researchers were surprised to find that just the opposite is often the case: those who see themselves as “happy” in an empty sense—their lives full of pleasure and self-gratification but low on meaning, purpose, and belonging to a community—in fact exhibit the same gene expression patterns as people who are responding to and enduring ongoing adversity and stress. In this state, the body is slightly inflamed in order to ward off the almost-certain threat of bacterial infection through injury (think primitive man, living apart from the security of community and fending for him/herself). As the researchers noted, living in a state of chronic inflammation leads to increased risk of major diseases and various cancers. In the words of one of the researchers, “Empty positive emotions... are about as good for you for as adversity.”

On the other hand, those who scored high on having a life of meaning, defined in this study as involving a sense of belonging to a larger community and making sacrifices for the welfare of others, exhibited a lack of inflammation and therefore increased health, regardless of the perceived level of ‘happiness’. The author explains, “Their bodies were not preparing them for the bacterial infections that we get when we are alone or in trouble, but for the viral infections we get when surrounded by a lot of other people.” A life oriented outside of oneself reduces the body’s expectation of stress, and thereby avoids aggravating itself unnecessarily.

This is, of course, an example of a blind squirrel finding a nut. Every once in a while one sees such studies, where a team of researchers in a lab can stumble across the shadows of profound truths that the simplest Christian, aided by the Holy Spirit, could explain intuitively and effortlessly, free of charge. Sometimes scientists labor intensively to scale a massive mountain, through expensive and complex scientific investigation, only to get near the summit and see that a simple monk or church lady has been sitting on its summit all the while. As St Paul told us almost 2000 years ago, the pursuit of pleasure to the neglect of others and God dishonors the body, and leads to death (Rom 1.18f). Should it be any surprise that the virtuous Christian life would lead to bodily as well as spiritual health?

Likewise, our Lord tells us that our well-being, or beatitude, is found not in pursuing pleasure and positive emotions, but through our conformation to Christ, whereby we are enabled to satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts in God our creator: “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Mt 5.6). We shall be filled because we shall be with God, at whose “right hand is pleasure for evermore” (Ps 16.12(11)). Such spiritual pleasure results from what the apostolic faith calls ‘joy’, what today’s researchers are trying to get at when they mention ‘meaning’. And of course, as our Lord tells us, “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you... These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” (Jn 15.11-14).

Anna Giles Truax helping entertain the Vacation Bible School children with a skit involving Lofty the Eagle





O'Brien's Orations

by: Father Craig O'Brien

God Is. My Search for Faith in a Secular World. David Adams Richards (2009)
'Over these prison walls I would fly' Adams Richards quotes this line from an old folk tune, which, the poet Fred Cogswell avers is the sum of all man's hopes and dreams. It also might sum up David Adams Richards' project in this strange but affecting little manifesto on faith and the relevance of the Christian God in the contemporary world written by a writer whose novels have won the Governor General's and Commonwealth Writer's awards. Highly recommended.

C.S. Lewis: A Life. Alister McGrath (2013)

No one else writing in English has done more to explore the moral imagination in poetry, fiction, apologetic and criticism than C.S. Lewis. My former tutor and principal at Wycliffe Hall has contributed one more to the growing list of 'lives' of Lewis. This one is particularly strong on its commentary on the Narnia books, the dating of his Lewis' conversion, and the particular role of the imagination on religious apprehension of English Christian Platonism.

The Stories We Tell. A Film by Sarah Polley (2013)

The Canadian actress Sarah Polley made her directorial debut a few years back with the astonishingly moving and perceptive *Away from Her*, an adaptation of the Alice Munro short story *The Bear Comes Over the Mountain*, with the great Gordon Pinsent and Julie Christie. Now she gives us this current documentary on the search for the identity of her biological father. The stories we tell ourselves and our families often prove to be time worn insulations from

Gavin, Craig or Jeremy- Who gave the following response to the question:

What is your favorite stained glass window in the church?

The Duckworth window in which Joseph's legs are facing in the opposite direction from his head.

The St Michael window behind the organ console

The central clerestory window on the Gospel side of the choir depicting a scene from the Revelation of St. John the Divine

Last Issue: What Christian writer most interested you in your teens or twenties?

Jeremy - CS Lewis, *Craig* - Charles Williams, *Gavin* - CS Lewis

Deaths of our Loved Ones

Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Jane Brock Tonks Cushing 4/28/2013*

Barbara Lynn Jones 6/21/2013

Elizabeth Cain Baker 7/6/2013

Donna Lynn Patterson 7/17/2013

John Ely Simpson 7/20/2013

Joy Keisker Maner 7/24/2013

Nash McIntosh 8/2/2013

*The editor apologizes for inadvertently leaving this one out last issue.



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The Men's Club Reports

On Thursday September 12th the Men of St Johns will resume the Men's Forum On Life and Faith at noon in Cranmer Hall. This forum is tailored to Men on tight schedules that are looking for some mid-week sustenance for their bodies and their souls while enjoying the fellowship of like-minded Men. All of these talks are biblically based, but it is not a traditional bible study. A buffet lunch is served at 11:50AM and the talk begins at 12:10. The talk will end sharply at 12:50 to allow those on a busy schedule to participate and then be on their way. Please plan on joining us as your schedule permits. We do ask for a donation to defray the cost of the lunch offering.

The Men of the Church continue to faithfully provide Lay Readers for both Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel, assisting the clergy of St Johns in these historic daily offices. Many Men participate in this meaningful means of worship. There are opportunities to read regularly or on an "as needed basis". If you would be interested in learning about this please speak to the Rector.

As we return to our fall schedules the Men are looking forward to their Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar for Thursday September 19nd at 6PM in Cranmer Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance to help us accurately plan the meal. All the Men of the Church are encouraged to attend. For those of you who have never attended this meeting this is an excellent opportunity to meet others. All adult gentlemen who are members of St Johns are automatically considered members of the Men of St John.

At this meeting we will announce the results of the past year, what we have planned for the year to come. All will have an opportunity to find out where your special gifts can be put to use at St John's Church to glorify the God we know, serve and worship together.

Whether new to St Johns or a veteran, if you looking for a place to serve please call either the Church office or me. We would love to have you join us.



Above: The men of St. John's enjoying lunch at a Thursday Men's Forum

New ECW Board

The ECW welcomes the new Women's Board (Executive Committee and Chairmen of Standing Committees). Please feel free to contact any of the women below with questions or to volunteer to lend a helping hand! Thanks to the previous board especially Past President Tracey Inglesby for a job well done.

President: Susan Arden-Joly

Vice-President: Betsy Howard

Past President: Tracey Inglesby

Recording Secretary: Mary Soule

Corresponding Secretary: Kathryn Tanner

Treasurer: Sigrid Kirk

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Board Advisor: Bonney Gilbreath

Church School: Caroline Hayes

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Green-Meldrim House Curator: Jane Pressly

Green-Meldrim House Small Gifts: Erica Jarman

Green-Meldrim House Grounds: Louise Maner

Green-Meldrim House Guides:
Jane Pressly and Martie Campbell

Green-Meldrim House Tours: Sigrid Kirk

Membership: Gloria Sinclair & Jettie Johnston

Newsletter: Cathy Baxter & Martha Sullivan

Pantry Aides: Holly McClellan

Parish House: Tracey Inglesby

Programs: Jessica Osbourne

Special Events: Patti Cooper and Pam Young

Visiting: Bonney Gilbreath and Mary Burnett

Bazaar: Erica Jarman and Katie Valentine

Coffee Hour: Stacy Jennings

Choir Cantations



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From the Organist-Choirmaster:

Evening Prayer or Evensong is prayed at St. John's Church most days of the week at 5:30 p.m. It can be a simple said service, as we do on most weekdays, it can be sung congregationally, as we have done in the past, or it can be sung as Choral Evensong with the choir chanting the psalms and singing the canticles and responses. In truth Morning Prayer, or Matins, and the Holy Communion can also be sung chorally, as we do here at St. John's. But it is Choral Evensong that is best known in part because it is sung daily in English Cathedrals. It allows the worshiper to meditate on the sung texts as the choir sings them. It should not be viewed as a choral "performance" or concert but rather as an opportunity for contemplative prayer. Here at St. John's the choirs offer Choral Evensong once per month in the fall, winter and spring. These services are generally connected to specific holy days or seasons of the church year. Our schedule for 2013-2014 is below.

September 29th, Michaelmas Evensong

November 3rd, All Saints Evensong

December 8th, Advent Evensong

January 5th, A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
on the eve of the Epiphany

February 2nd, Candlemas Evensong & Solemn Procession

March 9th, Lenten Evensong

The St. John's Girls & Boys Choirs are open to students in 3rd – 8th grade. This is the opportunity for children to learn the liturgy and music of the Church as well as provide a legitimate form of service to their parish. Days and times for rehearsals will be announced shortly. Parents interested in enrolling their child in choir are invited to contact Dr. Taylor by phone at the church office or by email at btaylor@stjohnssav.org.

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Youth Retreat



Calling All Youth (6th - 12th Grades)

Mark your calendars for a Retreat at Ebenezer October 11th and 12th. All students in 6th - 8th grades will participate and we are looking for 9 - 12th graders to be group leaders. Please contact Caroline Hayes chayes@stjohnssav.org or 233-8887 to reserve your spot! Cost of this event will be \$30 per person and will include all meals and a really fun time!

Also, stay tuned for other upcoming events and Saturday volunteer days at the Forsyth Farmers' Market!



Natalie Strader's 100th birthday party