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PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE

Last fall, when I asked Eddie Culver to lead a committee to investigate what would be involved in bringing the Children's School to St. John's, I did not realize what a lot of work I was requesting. With characteristic capability and love for St. John's, Eddie assembled a committee of vestrymen and other parishioners with a zeal for the mission of this parish and experience in early childhood education, finance, law, insurance, and business. I have learned not to be surprised by the "bench-strength" of this parish in such matters, and we certainly drew on it as we worked through the different aspects of the proposal. Some parishioners had strong reservations about using Cranmer Hall for an extra-parochial ministry; but the enthusiasm of many more for the idea, including the committee, was palpable. I take this to mean that St. John's has a strong desire to be a church welcoming to families; and the preschool sends a message to the wider community: children and parents welcome here.

Mr. Culver finished his term on vestry in December, and his place has been taken, most ably, by his son, Brian, who with positive and professional leadership serves as chairman of the Vestry Preschool committee. Along with him, Mrs.

Holden Hayes, Mrs. Neil Victor, Mrs. Scott Howard, and I have joined the board of the Preschool, so that the two self-governing bodies have a high degree of communication and support between them. This will be important as we turn these carefully made plans into actuality. Harmonizing what happens on Sundays with what happens on weekdays will take good will on both sides. There may well be glitches and frictions - I hope very few. We plan to identify them quickly and solve them promptly.

On a day-to-day basis the Preschool is run by Cathy King, who has taught preschoolers for 16 years and has served as the director of The Children's School since 2005. In its previous location, she developed the Preschool from a three-day program to a five-day preparatory enrichment program and doubled its enrolment. Now she will oversee the Preschool as it settles into its new home and into a new relationship with St. John's.

At the beginning of June, she organized the Preschool's move into the second floor of Cranmer Hall, and we have begun the process of harmonizing their furnishings with ours. Work should begin soon on enclosing the small lawn next to the parking lot for use as a playground. (The Preschool

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE
Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Scott Howard

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John H. Forbes

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Jennifer Liscomb Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bosiack.

And in loving memory of Mr. Thomas E. Johnson by Mrs. Thomas E. Johnson.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Moody Culver by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

In loving memory of Mrs. Edward Richard Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter White by Mrs. Harriet Parker Page.

And in memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustav Clausen and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond Tear, by Col and Mrs. Harry Raymond Tear, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Cord Helmken
10:30 Clayton Compton
Chris Dixon
Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens, Hunt Wasden

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Edward J. Derst III

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Hooker on Salvation. Fr. Dunbar, Chapel.
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays—Conference Room. (David Noble).

"From Roaring Lions to Resurrection Life"
Jack Wray, 3rd Floor S. classroom, Cranmer Hall

MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Thursday 7 a.m *Judges, Samuel, Kings,*
Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar)

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monday: Noon 1st Corinthians (Dr. Bergstrom) - Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
(till end of June)

*The Church Office closes at Noon on
Fridays until Labor Day.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

will be bringing the equipment; St. John's is providing the fence.) After St. John's *Vacation Bible School* July 15-19 (Sign Up NOW), the Preschool will have its "*Summer Camp*" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from July 22 to August 16. For more information, call Mrs. King at 232-1225. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday June 24th

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15 a.m and 5:30 p.m.

Holy Communion with Morning or Evening Prayer

Tuesday- Friday

8:15 & 5:30 p.m.

Morning or Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Eucharist (said)*

Saturday June 29th

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

THE APOSTLES & MARTYRS

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Nativity of John the Baptist on June 24th is one of the most ancient feasts of the Christian year. It falls just a few days after the summer solstice, and exactly six months before the Nativity of the Lord. Referring to the words of John the Baptist, "he must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30), Augustine points out that John's nativity is kept just as the length of days begins to decrease, whereas the feast of Christ's nativity is kept just as the length of days begins to increase. Augustine interprets this calendrical

symbolism in terms of the paradox - that those who seek their own glory find shame in the end, whereas those who seek God's glory become partakers of it: "Let God's glory increase in us, and our own decrease, that ours also may increase in God. But it is because you understand God more and more, that he seems to increase in you ...even as to a man cured of blindness, who begins to see a little, and daily sees more, the light seems to increase, whereas it is in reality always at the full, whether he sees it or not. In like manner the inner man makes advancement in God, and it seems as if God were increasing in him; but it is he himself that decreases, falling from the height of his own glory, and rising in the glory of God" (*Tractate* 25.4, 5 in the *Catena Aurea*).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 15TH—19TH * 9 A.M. - NOON

Open (free of charge) to children 3 years old (and potty trained) through to those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into the 3rd grade. Register Now!

Volunteers Welcome.

VACATION CHOIR CAMP

July 22-29th (9a.m.—5p.m.)

Camp Cost (Field Trips) \$105.00

Contact Dr. Taylor 232-1251

SUMMER CHOIR

The Parish Choir would like to invite anyone who might like to try out for choir to join us for some or all summer Sundays, when the demands are lighter. Contact Dr. Taylor for more information.

8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 194

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon —Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30 A.M. —ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Chapel, Conference Room & Cranmer Hall)

9:30 A.M. – NOON— PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER PROGRAM

(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King*..... Hanover

Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer 3-7

Versicles and Responses 7-8

VENITE #610 9

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Collect for the Day..... 194

Other Collects, Prayers, and The Grace 17-20

HYMN #304 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*..... Beecher

Children may follow the Cross for Junior Choir Music..

THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Teach Me, O Lord*..... Thomas Attwood

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, Hymn #141 (verse 4)

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN #590 *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand*..... Alford

ORGAN: *Today the Son of God Triumphs, Alleluia* (BWV 630)J.S. Bach

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 194.