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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - Anglican Relief and Development Fund

*Millions of refugees have fled war and terror in Syria since 2011.
This collection is designated for their relief. Please give generously.*

COMMUNITY, FAITH – AND GRACE

The growth of churches happens in two interdependent ways: outward growth in numbers, and inward growth in grace. To put it another way: it depends on community-building and faith-sharing. If it is just community-building, however, you have a pious club. If it is just faith-sharing, you have a sales pitch. Even Billy Graham insisted that anyone converted in one of his revival meetings must get involved with a congregation, because he knew that faith does not grow without a faith-community to grow in. You need *both*.

Moreover, faith-sharing in community happens in many different ways, big and small. On the large scale, it happens when the congregation assembles on the Lord's day in the Lord's house, for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. But it also happens on a small scale – in a conversation with a stranger in the waiting room at the doctor's office; in the sharing of a book, a sermon, or even a Parish Paper essay, with a friend; or while parents are reading Bible Stories with their children. Those small-scale interactions are as critical to the health of the church as the large-scale ones. Once again, you need *both*.

So how do we encourage that small-

scale faith-sharing? How do we provide places where Christians can become capable and confident about sharing faith in community? An intentional small group (optimally 8 to 16 members) can help, in three ways. First, it builds personal relationships in community; second, its members grow in grace by sharing faith; and third, they gain experience, competence, and confidence in building community and sharing faith.

There are lots of different ways to structure small groups of this kind, but you have to start somewhere, so this fall, I have asked the Men and the Women of St. John's to support a Faith/Fellowship Small Groups "pilot project" to start over the next week and run until Thanksgiving.

First the *Community* aspect: I have asked the Men of the Church to convene at least two small groups to meet on a weekday lunch-hour (at a time and place of their choosing), one downtown, one southside – but already we have another starting up in Pooler!

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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.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN
8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Richard L. Wright

USHER CHAIRMAN
Mr. James S. McClellan
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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:
In memory and honor of loved ones by the John Helmken family;
and in honor of Eddie & Robbie Culver by three grateful friends;
and in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Jack E. Altman and Sarah Elizabeth Bridgon by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.
Today's Anthem, *Blessed Is the Man*, is offered in memory of Dr. George Eaves.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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8:00 Henry Osborne
10:30 Patrick Perrie
Hawkins Pindar
Turner Stevens
Edwin Shepherd

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. David A. Reid

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Jack Wray – *Creation From Genesis to Revelation*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far left
Father Dunbar – *This our Sacrifice of Praise*
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
David Noble – *Malory's Morte D'Arthur*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far right

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast and Discussion with Father O'Brien
at 6:45 a.m. in Parish House.
Thursday- *2 Kings* with Father Dunbar at 7:00 a.m. in
the Reading Room in Cranmer Hall.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* with Father
O'Brien at 9:15 a.m. in the Reading Room in
Cranmer Hall

MEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

Don't forget to turn in your "Blue Card"
(Opportunities for Service). For a copy, call
the Church Office or go to the website and
click on Ministries and Men.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Please join us on October 14th at 5:30 p.m.
for Evening Prayer followed by Bible
Study at 6:00 p.m. on Tim Keller's book,
Prayer, Chapter 5.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

I have asked the Women of the Church to convene one or more small groups on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (Obviously, other meeting times are also possible, but we wanted to start with times that working parents with young children would find easiest to take part in.) These groups can be Men only, Women only, or mixed (which for engaged or married couples may be preferred.) Looking after the small-group community will be the job of a “convenor”.

Second, the *Faith-sharing* aspect: this will take the form of a discussion of talking-points and questions based on the previous Sunday’s scripture lessons and sermon (to be circulated to everyone in each group on Monday of each week). Looking after this discussion will be the job of a “moderator”. He or she is charged with keeping the discussion on track, making sure no one dominates but everyone has an opportunity to speak, making the discussion lively without overheating and so on.

To help one another build community, share faith, and grow in grace, please consider seriously committing yourself for the next two months to a weekly small-group meeting. Sign-up cards will be available this Sunday and on the website, www.stjohnssav.org. or call the church office 232-1251. And if you think you have the skills to be a moderator or convenor, please let me know (or Alex Jarman, or Betsy Howard, presidents of the Men and of the Women, respectively). GGD

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR NOTICES

SPREAD THE WORD!

October 11th, we will meet after church for about an hour to pass out posters. Please help us to get the word out about the Holly Days Bazaar! If you can help, please call Cathy Rodgers at 667-0102.

SOUP & CHILI NEEDED

As you warm up your soup and chili pots for those fall family dinners, please make a little extra for the Holly Days Bazaar! Though any family favorite is welcome, easy-recipe cards will be available at Coffee Hour on October 11th. On October 18th, please bring your donations to Cranmer Hall between 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to Stock-The-Freezer with Soup and Chili! For more info, contact Sherry Holtzclaw at 897-3889 or Christiana Turner at 898-1810.

HOLLY DAYS KIDS’ CAMP

Back again this year! For children of volunteers: sign up with Caroline Hayes at 232-8887 or chaves@stjohnssav.org.

WAITRESSES NEEDED

Please text or call Grace Merritt at 658-3010 or Richie Reid at 703-409-2266.

JEWELRY DRIVE

Donate your old bangles, baubles, and beads to the Holly Days Bazaar. Jewelry may be left in the collection bag at the Church Office.

BACKPACK COLLECTION

Don’t forget the Second Harvest Backpack Program, which provides weekend nutrition for school children. Needed items include: **fruit cups, small cans of Vienna sausage, small jars of peanut butter, individual packages of crackers, and goldfish.** Collection bins will be in Cranmer Hall until November 8th. Items are packed on Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. at the Second Harvest Food Bank. To volunteer, call Martha Sullivan at 912-663-6221.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL Prayer Book, p. 215
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A.M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 a.m. – JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS (*Cranmer Hall*)
(Music, Teaching, and Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten.)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #449 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*..... Olivet
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer..... Prayer Book pp. 3-7
 Versicles and Responses..... 7-8
 VENITE Hymnal #609 9
 Psalms #141, 142 *Prayers for deliverance* 517, 518
 First Lesson: Zechariah 8:1-17: *God’s return to his people in blessing* insert
 TE DEUM Hymnal #613, 617 11
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17 & St. Matthew 9:1 216
 BENEDICTUS Hymnal #638..... 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5).
 Apostles' Creed..... 15
 Versicles and Responses..... 16
 Collects of the Day 215
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN #149 *Awake, My Heart, and Render* Selnecker
 SERMON..... Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Blessed Is the Man*..... Maurice C. Whitney
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN [Insert] *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*..... Sagina
 VOLUNTARY: Postlude Antiphonale, Op. 32, No 22..... Joseph J. McGrath

*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) - as 8 a.m.