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## NEXT SUNDAY – FEAST OF DEDICATION

*A day to give thanks for the grace of God we have known in this house of prayer, to offer our pledges of financial support for its mission in the year 2017, and to celebrate the occasion together at a scrumptious reception in the Parish House and Mall. If you have not received a stewardship packet in the mail, please call the Church Office.*

### A PRAYER FOR ST. LUKE'S DAY

*From the 1662 Prayer Book*

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*

### THIS SUNDAY – A.R.D.F.

#### COLLECTION

*The Anglican Relief and Development Fund supports our Anglican partner churches in the Global South. Please give generously.*

### THE PARADOX OF GENEROSITY (III)

In last two weeks' Parish Papers I looked at a recent work of social science, *The Paradox of Generosity*, whose thesis is summed up in the subtitle: "Giving we receive, grasping we lose". Using the methods of social science, the authors demonstrate that practices of generosity (giving money, time, attention, hospitality, and help) cause greater well-being in the giver. They also demonstrate that, despite the benefits of practicing generosity, the

vast majority of Americans – including its religious people – are not generous, but instead live lives shaped by apathy, anxiety, and autonomous individualism.

No Christian believer can be surprised by either finding. The Bible testifies over and over again that holiness (of which generosity to those in need is a major element) is the only sure path to happiness; and only when we are delivered from bondage to fear can we become generous.

The authors acknowledge that it is one thing to understand the paradox of generosity - in giving we receive – but it is much harder to become more generous. "Generosity is not an easy, one-step way of life that is easily learned. Practicing generosity requires confronting some deep existential questions about our lives, making what can seem like hard decisions, and learning new routines, attitudes, and behaviors. The good news ... is that living generously is genuinely good for us. The harder news is that becoming truly generous often requires overcoming some mental, emotional, and perhaps financial obstacles that get in the way of practicing what is good".

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

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. J. Alex Jarman

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Randolph H. Kulp II

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan Turner Stevens  
Jackson McClellan Edwin Shepherd  
Phillip Inglesby Hawkins Pindar

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage of Cathlin Anne-Elizabeth Wilson and Ryan Bradley Sass;

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barrow, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Thornton M. Deas by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barrow III;

And in loving memory of Mr. Robert L. Brooks by Mrs. Robert L. Brooks;

And in loving memory of Joanne S. Merritt by her husband, Bob Merritt;

And in loving memory of Mr. William Clark Summers by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers;

And in celebration of the 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Merritt, Jr., who were married at St. John's Church on October 22, 1994 by the Reverend William Ralston.

The flowers at the altar for the noon service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Father Ralston for his birthday, October 25.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf,

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**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES**  
*Cranmer Hall – Third Floor*

CONFIRMATION CLASS-GRADE 6- *Catechism*  
MIDDLE SCHOOL-GRADES 7,8-  
*Twenty-Five Bible Saints*  
UPPER SCHOOL-GRADES 9, 10,11,12  
*Apologetics for Teenagers*

**FOR ADULTS:**

READING ROOM: *I Samuel-* Fr. Dunbar

**RESUMES THIS SUNDAY**

CH3: *Joshua: Man of Faith, Man of Courage,*  
*Man of War-* Jack Wray

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
Thursday- *Romans* with Fr. Dunbar  
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room  
Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship  
September 28 11 a.m. Reading Rm

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

I am sure there are support groups for the practice of generous living. But the Bible suggests that merely “trying harder” is not really feasible. The hold of fear on the ungenerous heart is not easily loosed. There is only one power that can overcome our fears, and that is the power that goes to work in us through the gospel by means of faith – the power of the all-generous Redeemer. It is only when we know the generosity of God’s mercy in Christ, by which we have indeed been made utterly secure in the very depths of our being, that we may be liberated from fear to live a life of growing generosity.

I found this a convicting book. As one who has practiced tithing (with some wobbles) for years, I might be counted among the generous. Yet reading it I recognized deep traits of ungenerosity that remain in me. Giving is not just a task to be ticked off a list, but a gift of self, open hearts *and* open hands, a habit of spirit formed by faith in the gospel, and growing by exercise. GGD

#### WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN’S

The ECW General Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 26 after the 10:00 a.m. service. Carter Eagle and Elizabeth Hayes will speak to us about the Fresh Air Home. Refreshments after the meeting.

#### VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Submit written nominations by November 4 for four 5-year terms to the Nominating Committee or to the Church Office in a sealed envelope. Nominees must:

1. Be members of St. John’s 5+ years
2. Support St. John’s financially.
3. Worship regularly at St. John’s.

Annual Congregational Meeting-Nov. 13

#### MEN’S STEAK NIGHT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

At the Gun Club for Skeet Shooting at 5pm and Steaks at 7p.m. Members \$30/  
Guests \$10 Call Office for reservations.

#### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

##### Monday to Thursday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

##### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*

##### Friday, October 28

##### SS SIMON & JUDE THE APOSTLES

*Holy Communion with*

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

#### HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR NOTICES

**Chili & Soup-** Please make a batch (or 2) for the luncheon! Call Christiana (898-1810) or Sherry (897-3889) for details.

**Kids Camp-** Childcare for workers! Call Caroline Hayes (429-2195) for *mandatory* reservations by November 4!

**Aprons-** Order your Bazaar apron by Oct. 31- \$25 Caroline Hayes (429-2195)

**Checkout Volunteers-** Call Laura (306-7667) or Ashley (657-3303)

**Desserts Needed -** Shannon (665-5321)

**Waitresses Needed-** Call Grace (658-3010) or Richie (703-409-2266)

**Books-** Donate books, albums, etc.! Kathryn (667-4894) or Karen (398-8006)

**Arts and Crafts-** Call Martha Sullivan (663-6221) to make donations!

**White Elephant-** Caroline Warner-657-2755 for details.

**Treasure Room-** Holly (897-6202)

#### SECOND HARVEST COLLECTION

The need for Backpack Buddies donations is even greater after Hurricane Matthew. Please help us fill the bins in Cranmer Hall with individual snacks and children’s books by November 6 and help us pack at Second Harvest, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., call Martha at 663-6221.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL ..... Prayer Book, page 220 (Collect for St. Luke, p. 253)  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five  
 whose parents are attending class.*

**10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HYMN #134 *Come, Pure Hearts* .....Cobb

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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HYMN #149 *Awake, My Heart, and Render* .....Selnecker

*Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten - Grade 5)*

SERMON ..... Father Dunbar

**OFFERTORY**

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HYMN #261 *O Sion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling* ..... Tidings

VOLUNTARY: *Short Festival Postlude* ..... Hugh Blair

*Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.*

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

**12:00 P.M. (Noon) HOLY COMMUNION** in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)