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STORM DELAY THIS SUNDAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING IS
POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 17TH**

No Adult Education or Nursery.

Services will be held as weather permits.
Look for email updates from St. John's
about all other events listed here.

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

All services weather permitting.

Monday - Friday

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. *Holy Eucharist*

Thursday, September 14th

HOLY CROSS DAY

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

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

◆ NEXT SATURDAY, SEPT 16 ◆

BOATING EXPEDITION

Upper and Middle School Families

On hold at present. Look for updates.

◆ NEXT SUNDAY ◆

9:30 A.M. UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT MEETING – Ralston Room

All upper School Students (and interested parents) are strongly urged to take part in this meeting with Rector and lay leaders.

No other commitment required!

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Opening

GROWING UP IN CHRIST

There was a motto under the clock in the dining hall of my alma mater: "Slow comes the hour, its passing speed how great" – a saying that grows more true with every passing year. As a priest, I note that the babies that were baptized twenty years ago are now in college. The opportunity to form these youngsters in the faith passes very quickly, and too often it is a missed opportunity. A recent study concluded that of the current generation 59% of college-age youth who had been raised with a church affiliation reported loss of their faith within a year or two of leaving their families. That's how toxic the skepticism of our culture has become. Unless you have a deeply rooted faith of your own, a faith that is not simply a function of the family circle, your entry into the adult world is an exit from Christ.

If that does not stir you to a sense of urgency, I don't know what would. Not only is it a question of the church's institutional survival in North America – it also is a question of the eternal salvation of these young people. As rectors of St. John's before me warned, the secularization of our culture proceeds apace. We can no longer rely on the culture to support the work of the church. We are in the spiritual

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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 or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Edwin H. Culver

USHER CHAIRMAN
Mr. Frank Somoskey

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jacob Perkins Philip Inglesby
Turner Stevens Jamie McClellan
Haddon Watson Jackson McClellan
Whitfield Watson

MUSICIANS

Robin Beauchamp, Trumpeter; Sarah Eliasoph, Timpanist

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Mather, Mr. William P. Thompson, and Mr. Robert M. Thompson by Mrs. William P. Thompson.;

And In honor of the life of Col. Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr. from his loving family;

And In loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children;

And In loving memory of Mary Lou Hague and all of those lost on September 11, 2001 by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph H. Kulp II and family;

And In honor of Father Gavin Dunbar's birthday.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,
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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Graham P. Sadler

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- *Men's Breakfast* with Father O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

Thursday- *Men's Small Group* with lunch
Non- Fellowship Hall, CH1

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday-September 13- *C. S. Lewis Group*
11:00 a.m. Reading Room, CH3

Wednesday-September 13- *Daughters of the King*. After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer,
CH1 Men and women all welcome.

JANE'S CANNERS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.
Needed: Hard pears picked straight from the trees and shelled or unshelled pecans.

MICHAELMAS BRASS APPEAL

If you would like to contribute to the brass ensemble for Michaelmas (Oct 1st) , please send contributions to the Church office marked "brass" in the memo line. Please enclose a note indicating the intention of the gift (memorial or thanksgiving), or if it is to be anonymous.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

drought that Amos foresaw in his own day, the calamity that portended the last days of the northern kingdom: *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:*¹² *and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*¹³ *In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.* (Amos 8:11-13).

St. John's is not taking this challenge lightly. One of the priorities identified by the St. John's 2030 Report and endorsed by the Vestry is the rebuilding of our ministry with youth. The aim of youth ministry cannot be baby-sitting, but faith formation, and faith formation that grounds youth and their families in the truth of the Bible, in the fellowship of the Church, in the Anglican tradition of doctrine, sacraments, worship, and mission. Our aim must be to equip them for a living faith-grounded hope-filled lives in a skeptical and corrupting culture. You don't get this by building a youth ghetto run by a 'wild'n'crazy' charismatic youth leader – whose success is mainly a function of his personality and disappears when he does - but by serious and deeply engaged pastoring of youth and their families in the fellowship of the congregation. The Christian family and the Christian congregation are the primary ministers of evangelization.

Yet someone needs to take the lead on this, and at this point St. John's is engaged in a serious hunt for a

director of youth ministry (check the website for details of the job posting). We are not looking for just a warm body, but someone who has the vision and the gifts to build something worthwhile. And we will need to get behind him, with our hearts and our financial support. Meanwhile, we are beefing up our offerings for youth, and here's a quick outline of what they are.

For Upper School, two choices. One is a Christian Formation class, led by Drew Keane and Frank DeRienzo; the other, a youth fellowship led by Adell Sheahan and Elizabeth Summerell. Further details will be shared next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

For Middle School: we have a Sunday morning discussion-centered class led by Mary Sprague, on questions of faith and life. A parallel track discussion group will be offered at the same time for Middle School parents (and other interested adults). This will start September 24th. Special Middle School Youth events will take place as announced.

For Lower School: Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. will start up next Sunday September 17th.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE

begins Wednesday, September 13th from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of Cranmer Hall. This is a new ministry of the study and application of prayer based upon the Biblical and historical tradition of Anglicanism. We will be meeting the second Wednesdays of each month and welcome all who are interested. Any questions, please call either Karen Wray (912) 398-8006 or Lachlan Ivy (912) 665-3368.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 207
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

10:20 A.M. TRUMPET VOLUNTARY: <i>Enter the Gates of His Temple.</i>	Dennis Janzer
HYMN: #278 <i>All People That on Earth do Dwell (stanza 5 sung by choir)</i>	Old Hundredth
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE: #609.....	9
Psalm #74	430
First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-18, 33-34 <i>The Law of Neighbour Love</i>	<i>insert</i>
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615	10
Second Lesson: Galatians 3:16 & St. Luke 10:23	207, 208
BENEDICTUS#634.....	14
<i>Children may exit for Sunday School, following the Cross.</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Responses	16
Collect of the Day.....	207
Collects for Peace and for Grace, other prayers	17-20
Welcome and Announcements	The Rector
HYMN: #498 <i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i>	Gardiner
Sermon.....	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>All People That on Earth do Dwell</i>	Thomas Tallis
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
General Thanksgiving (<i>said by all</i>) and Aaronic Blessing	19
HYMN: [Insert] <i>And Can It Be That I Should Gain</i>	Sagina
VOLUNTARY: <i>Trumpet Tune in B Flat</i>	Michael McCabe

*Everyone is invited to attend the 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 (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)