



## SEPTEMBER 2009

### Rector's News and Notes

It is hard to believe that September is upon us. But hopefully everyone is rested and anxious to begin the our upcoming program year.

This Newsletter is dedicated to the hard work of our Discipleship Formation, Parish Life, and Mission Outreach Ministries. We are blessed to have in our parish people who have a passion for this great work in the Body of Christ. They have prepared programs and events that are faithful to our Lord's call and will build up the Body of Christ and minister to a hurting world.

Let us all prayerfully consider these upcoming events and take an opportunity to live out our faith by giving ourselves – our time, talent, and treasure – back to God as we build up the Body of Christ and serve the world.

Your brother in Christ,

*Jim+*

### Making Disciples

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

##### A FALL EXPLORATION OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Beginning August 30 and continuing on each Sunday Morning 9:45 to 10:45 through the remaining Sundays of Pentecost, St John's will offer a program inviting Bible study with the book of Mark. Deacon Margaret Jennings Todd will lead the class. The Bible Study will be structured around reading, discussing and learning about Jesus through Mark's version of the Gospel. *Choir members are encouraged to attend and leave for practice at 10:30.*



- August 30 – *Welcome Back Sunday Breakfast!*
- September 6 – Mark 1:1-3:6. The Good News of Jesus
- September 13 – Mark 3:7-4:34. Following Jesus in the Kingdom of God

- September 20 - Mark 4:35-5:43. Trading Fear For Faith
- September 27 – Mark 6:1-56. Opposition to Jesus Mounts, Jesus Shows Amazing Compassion
- October 4 – Mark 7:1-9:1. Jesus' Interpretation of Judaism
- October 11 – Mark 9:2-50 The Transfiguration
- October 18 – Mark 10:1-52. Jesus' Parables on Controversial Issues
- October 25 – Mark 11:1-12:44. Jesus in Jerusalem, The Greatest Commandant
- November 1 – Mark 13:1-37. Signs of the End
- November 8 – Mark 14:1-25. Jesus' Anointing and the Last Supper
- November 15 – Mark 14:26-15:39. Jesus Forsaken and Rejected
- November 22 – Mark 15:40-16:20. Jesus' Victory Over Death

#### CHILDREN AND JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning August 30 and continuing each Sunday Children and Jr. Youth classes will meet at the same time as the Adult Sunday School to allow parents to attend Bible Study.

- August 30 – *Welcome Back Sunday Breakfast!*
- September 6 and continuing
 

9:45 – 10:00	Children's Chapel
10:00 – 10:45	Class

We plan to have a nursery for children younger than four.

#### SR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the August 30 Welcome Back Breakfast and continuing each Sunday Sr. Youth will meet with Fr. Jim from 10:00 – 10:30 to discuss SO WHAT? – What the weekly Scripture readings mean for me.

#### EYC/MYF YOUTH GROUP

The EYC/MYF Youth Program will kick off on Sunday, September 13 and continue for through the spring. Following is a calendar of events. St.



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John's and First United Methodist Church are alternating as hosts for each event. If you would like to assist in a program that St. John's is hosting, please contact Brenda Miller.



- Sunday, September 13 -Fall Kick Off: Fishing, Fun, and Fellowship - Porter Home, Blair, SC 4:0pm-8:00pm (FUMC Host)
- September 25 - 27 Junior High Fall Retreat, Camp Gravatt (St. John's Host)
- Sunday, October 11 - Movie Night - The End of the Spear, Popcorn and Pizza, FUMC Youth House, 4:30pm - 7:00pm (FUMC Host)
- Sunday, October 25 - Background & Traditions of Halloween, Bonfire and Cook Out, Doty Farm, 5:30pm - 8:00pm (St. John's Host)
- Sunday, November 8 - Fun and Games and Food FUMC Youth House, 5:00pm - 7:00pm (FUMC Host)
- Sunday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Community Outreach Program, Details to be announced, St. John's Parish House (St. John's Host)
-  Sunday, December 6 - Celebration of St. Nicholas Day, Details to be Announced, FUMC Youth House (FUMC Host)
- Sunday, December 20 - Christmas Caroling to Shut Ins, Details to be Announced, St. John's Parish House (St. John's Host)

## Parish Life

### Plant a Garden for the Food Bank

Katherine Doty and the St. John's Parish Life Ministry is organizing the planting of a Fall garden in the yard outside the Parish House. Our Youth Group will be responsible for harvesting the garden and taking the produce to the Winnsboro Food Bank. If you would like to assist in wonderful outreach please contact one of the leaders of our Parish Life Ministry – Katherine Doty, Janet

Brakefield, or Nancy Williams.

### Coming Parish Life Events

In addition to the Fall "Plant a Garden" project the Parish Life Ministry is planning

- An outing in to Study Quilting on January 15-18 at the Kanuga Conference Center
- A Day Retreat in the Spring to Mepkin Abbey

Details will be provided in an upcoming Newsletter. If you would be interested in participating in any of these events please contact Katherine Doty.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast – 9/13/09

The St. John's Men's Prayer Breakfast may be the longest running continuous event of its kind in the diocese. Join in and continue the tradition. All men and boys are welcome for good food and fellowship. Times: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel; Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please see Ernest Ferguson to sign up to help with this great event.

## Mission Outreach

### Helping Children in Need – Operation Christmas Child

Our Mission Outreach Ministry has adopted the theme of "Helping Children in Need" to guide the great work that St. John's does in reaching out to a world in need.

The first Mission Outreach project to help children in need is Operation Christmas Child. For millions of children, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence. Whatever they may be facing – poverty, war, or disaster – these boys and girls are reassured that they have a heavenly Father who cares.

This year St. John's will again participate in this program. A box is at the back of the church to receive items. You can also donate \$7.00 per box to cover shipping. Shoeboxes will be packed in the Parish Hall and mailed in November.



Suggestions: school supplies, small toys,



toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb, hard candy, ball caps, gum, socks, watches and flashlights (include extra batteries). Do not donate: used items, war-related items, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, or breakable items. See Leann Smith for more information.

## Mission Outreach Projects during the Year

Following are the Mission Outreach Projects that our Mission Outreach Ministry has planned for the coming year. If you would like to participate or contribute in any way to any of these projects please contact one of the leaders of our Mission Outreach Ministry – Leann Smith, Janet Brakefield, or Nanette Hawkins.

- January Souper Bowl to benefit Fairfield Community Food Bank
- Jan-Feb Knit or Crochet hats and scarves for York Place
- February Card fronts to St. Judes Childrens Ranch  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper--proceeds to Food Bank
- March Annual cleaning of church and parish hail  
United Thank Offering for Diocesan missions
- April-Sept. Food drive for Fairfield Community Food Bank
- May Host annual tea for Still Hopes
- July Help feed Salkahatchee workers
- August-Sept. Collect school supplies, socks and underwear for York Place
- August-Oct. Collect for and prepare boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- October United Thank Offering for Diocesan missions
- Sept.-Nov. Collect clothing and household items for Tamassee DAR School
- December DSS Group Home Christmas gifts  
Contribute to Christmas party at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital Adopt 2 or 3 families

### All Year:

- Monthly greeting cards to parishoners homebound or in nursing homes

- DSS home residents' birthdays
- Food from parish events and paper products to Good Samaritan House
- Collect old eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club
- Collect scarves, balicaps, hats, sunglasses, blue pens & teaspoons for Haiti
- Knit and crochet sweaters for Guideposts Knit For Kids Project
- Collect tote bags and small clothing for Columbia's homeless
- Collect pill bottles for mission trips and vets
- Knit and crochet lap robes for Children's Hospital, nursing homes, hospice and senior day care centers
- Maintain EYC garden and assist Vestry with yard maintenance
- Collect for and prepare DOP kits for Sistercare and homeless
- Contribute to Seminarian Book Fund
- Contribute to Bena Dial Scholarship Fund
- Contribute to National Cathedral Association
- Contribute to Bishop's Discretionary Fund
- Contribute to Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Contribute to ECW World, National, Diocesan & Community Missions
- Adopt and assist local families in need
- Host receptions as needed
- Assist in maintenance of church, parish hall and rectory
- Donate to CornerStone thrift store

St. John's is so blessed to have a such a generous congregation, ready to share the blessing that our Lord has given us.

## Memorials

A gift to the Cemetery Fund has been received from Martha Wood and Ruth Bristow in memory of Dot Traylor.

## Bishop Search



### The Search for The Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and*



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*so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for the Diocese of Upper South Carolina that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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