



## JULY 2009

### RECTOR'S NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Diamonds and Settings**

When I was preparing to ask my wife to marry me I went shopping for an engagement and wedding ring. This being my first purchase of jewelry, I was surprised at the options. A diamond is a diamond, but I had to consider shape, cut, etc. and after arriving at those decisions, I was asked what setting I wanted it put in. The choices available were even more numerous it seemed. The good news was she accepted my proposal and confirmed the adage, "If it comes in a black box, I'll love it."

Our Sunday Eucharist is much like a diamond in the respect that we have been given a jewel of priceless value in the presence in the Eucharist – in the Word and in the Holy Communion we share. And while the Prayer Book maintains, if I may push the analogy, the purity of this jewel, it give us great freedom to select the setting that it is placed in.

As you travel about the country this summer take the opportunity to experience the wide variety of settings our Episcopal Churches have set this blessed jewel in. In this quest, I hope that you will experience worship that enriches your relationship with God, and gives our Lord a different opportunity to speak to you.

I would also be welcome your comments on any experience that you feel may enrich our worship at St. John's.

May your travels be safe, restful and refreshing.

Your brother in Christ,

*Jim +*

#### Vacation Bible School

St. John's has joined with First United Methodist Church in offering Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year is "Camp E.D.G.E" Experience and Discover God Everywhere.

Each day approximately 30 children take a journey to a



different Bible destination where they learn how having extreme faith require extreme actions. These journeys went to

- The Jordan River, where Joshua parted the waters for the crossing over into the Promised Land
- The court of King Herod on the Wise Men's quest to find the King of the Jews
- A Pharisee's banquet where our Lord taught us how to love our neighbor
- The Upper Room where our Lord demonstrated his love for us
- Our Lord's tomb where it is discovered empty

In all of these journeys our trekkers discover that they do not travel alone, but always with the comforting presence of God.



Along they way they also enjoyed warm friendship, singing, and sharing snacks with old and new friends.

Thanks to all that made this a enjoyable and instructive experience for our young children.



## The Search For The Eighth Bishop Of The Diocese Of Upper South Carolina

House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. The work at Convention is carried out by deputies and bishops representing each diocese

Survey Results -- more than 2000 took the survey:  
<http://www.bishopsearch.edusc.org/docs/surveyResults.pdf>

Diocesan Profile:  
<http://www.bishopsearch.edusc.org/docs/profile.pdf>

St. John's Profile Response – Attached with this electronic communication is a PDF file containing the aggregated responses from our parish. If you are not receiving this document electronically, we have printed hard copies of this document have put them on the table outside the Rector's office.

### Pray for the success of our search

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



## The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets July 8 – 17, 2009 in Anaheim, CA

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