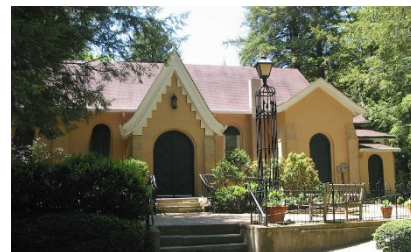


The Voice



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July 2019

From the Desk of Father Bill



Stewardship of Time and Talent

As we continue to pave the way for a new rector, it is vitally important that we assess what resources we have among us to support the ongoing mission and ministry of St. John in the Wilderness. Just as important as financial resources are time and talent which are also gifts from God. Recently you were given the opportunity to complete an online survey to share what you consider to be your God-given gifts and talents. This information will be consolidated into a Parish Resource Directory, and a concerted effort will be made to match up gifts and talents with existing ministries and perhaps even start some new ones.

On Sunday, September 15, there will be a Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall between services. The Chefs of St.

John will prepare a special breakfast (replacing the one on September 1), and you will have the opportunity to visit display tables and talk with parishioners representing the various ministries we offer. Some of the local social service agencies supported by your Outreach dollars will be there to share what they do and who they serve. It will be an exciting fun-filled day!

You may complete the Time and Talent survey online by clicking on the link on our Stewardship webpage at www.stjohnflatrock.org/stewardship. If you prefer, you may obtain a printed copy by contacting Elizabeth Christenbury at (828) 676-7163 or eachristenbury@gmail.com. Please fill it out and drop it off to Leslie in the Parish Office.

Remember: Stewardship is a lifestyle. It is everything you do after you say, "I believe!"

Faithfully,
Fr. Bill+

What's Happening at St. John

Notes from the Junior Warden: This is a busy time at St. John in the Wilderness. We have several projects underway.

1. We are working with NCDOT to improve the safety of our crosswalk on Rutledge Road. As an interim step, we have purchased several large orange cones that we're placing at the crosswalk and the entrance to our parking lots. Rest assured, this is a first step of an ongoing project.
2. We have formed a group of individuals into a Work/Maintenance Group. We have a dedicated workday each month to address repair/maintenance issues around the parish. Our goal is to assess various projects to determine if they are within our skill level to handle, or if they need to be referred to a professional. Every project we can perform will effect a cost savings that can be used somewhere else. We have met and have decided to address the issue of broken kneelers as our first project. It was estimated that the repair of the kneelers would cost around \$1,000. We determined that the problem with the kneelers was missing screws. For the cost of some wooden dowels, glue, and a couple of boxes of screws, we can make the repairs ourselves. Hopefully, by the time you read this you will be witnessing improved ease of use of the kneelers.
3. Our Garden Guild has been busy improving the appearance of the grounds on the Parish Hall side of Rutledge Road. You will see a new shade garden outside of the Wilderness Room with a path, bench, and many new plantings. Also, the Rector's Garden located between the offices and the Parish Hall has many new plantings and a stone-lined cross thanks to the generosity and efforts of the Flower Guild. The plantings within the cross will be changed seasonally. These are all ongoing projects. Keep an eye out for what new improvements are on the way.
4. A Safety Committee has also been formed and is working towards identifying various issues that can affect the safety of our parishioners, staff and facilities. As they are identified, we will coordinate with the various public safety agencies in our area to develop plans and procedures to address them. We will then engage in training various parishioners in addressing the issues and the proper way to coordinate with the public safety agencies.

As you can see there is a lot going on, and your willingness to lend your time and talents will be most welcome.

Tuesday Summer Enrichment Program. Our Tuesday Gathering is underway with the topic chosen for this season being "The Wisdom of History" led by one of our past favorites, Professor J. Rufus Fears. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner in the Wilderness Room followed by a video on a different historical event and a discussion about the lessons of history connected with each. We are usually finished by around 7:15 p.m. No preparation is necessary, and the supper is strictly voluntary. If you have questions, please contact Mike Covell at (828) 242-6816 or mjcovello409@gmail.com.

Readers in the Wilderness meets the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Library.

July 5 – *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

Set in post-civil war Texas, this is the story of a grizzled old man who takes on the task of delivering a young girl (rescued from a Native American tribe) to surviving relatives 400 miles away. "The moving friendship between a girl with no place to fit in and an old man who has outlived his usefulness."

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The Younger Voice

The Youth had a busy month in June. They helped host the Parish Breakfast, and we discovered we have master chefs in the group when it comes to making blueberry pancakes and eggs! On June 9, we had a fun time kicking off the summer at Tarheel Lanes bowling alley after lunch in the Parish Hall. As you can see from the pictures, it was a fun day of showing off everyone's bowling skills and hanging out together.

Coming up, the Youth and Young Families will be enjoying Creation Care Camp at the Inglis Farm on June 25-27. If you have not signed up yet, you still have time! This is a great time for grandchildren to enjoy some time on a farm and in the woods, all the while learning about God's creation and what role we play in caring for it.



Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Ah, the hazy, crazy lazy days of summer are upon us. Camps are in full operation, family reunions are scheduled, and vacation plans are being made. In light of all other happenings, ECW is looking to the fall to resume its activities. Several possibilities for outings are under consideration for some time in September. More information will be forthcoming. The **annual retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 11**, in Zirconia and will be moderated by our retired but still active Deacon Joyce. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this. As the date approaches more detailed information will be forthcoming.

The search continues for a chairperson for the 2020 May Market. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bettie Orr at bettieworr@gmail.com or (828) 698-2357.

Have a lovely summer!

Kathy Newbold, ECW Coordinator

Time and Talent Survey

In an effort to update our Parish Resource Directory, the Stewardship Committee "Time and Talent Team" has devised a brief online survey to determine what gifts and talents you have and are currently using in mission and ministry or would be willing to use. Our hope is that, once you complete and submit the survey, we will be able to gather from your responses your support and participation preferences. We have lots of opportunities available! We will also follow-up with you once we review all the input we receive.

An electronic version has been distributed to those parish members with e-mail access, and a link is available online at www.stjohnflatrock.org/stewardship. A paper copy of the survey can be made available by contacting Elizabeth Christenbury at (828) 676-7163 or eachristenbury@gmail.com. Our hope is to have all responses in hand by July 8, 2019.

Thanks, in advance, for your support.

Candace Lewis, Time and Talent Team

Discernment Committee Update

Greetings from the Discernment Committee!

The journey toward finding our next rector has reached an important milestone. After five months of self-study, which included the CAT survey and four Holy Conversation focus group meetings, the Discernment Committee--with approval of the Vestry--submitted the documentation to the Diocesan Office in early June to begin advertising for our next rector! The committee submitted two documents to the Bishop's Office: a Parish Profile and an Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Portfolio. The Parish Profile provides applicants with information about St. John, Flat Rock, and our broader community, and is now viewable on the St. John website under the Rector Search tab. The OTM Portfolio includes more specific details about our liturgical style and worship, pastoral care, various ministries, and other characteristics of our parish.

As has been noted before, the Discernment process is intentionally structured by the Bishop's Office to take place over an extended period. The decision of who we ultimately ask to lead our parish should involve a thoughtful, inclusive, reflective, and prayerful process. This takes time, but it has been time well-invested. The outcome of our collective efforts is that we now have a clear picture of what you--the members of St. John in the Wilderness--have identified as priority areas for our parish. It has also provided us with an inventory of the qualifications and credentials needed in our rector to address those areas effectively.

Even with the multiple steps in the discernment process outlined by the Diocese, because of the help of so many of you, we are pleased to report that we are ahead of our original timeline. The submission of the transition documentation was originally not scheduled to take place until August, so we are nearly two months ahead of schedule!

The Discernment Committee is entering a "quiet phase" while the Diocesan Office works with the Episcopal Church's Office of Transition Ministry to advertise the position and accept applications. The applicant pool will be sent to the Discernment Committee later this summer, at which time we will reconvene and begin identifying leading candidates for potential interviews. At that point we will keep you apprised as we continue our work. As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

July Flower Memorials

July 7:

In loving memory of Knight M. Fee

By: Sally and Tom Books

AND

In loving memory of Frances Ravenel Grimball MacLean

By: Katherine Bart

July 14:

In loving memory of Rose and Walter Montgomery

By: Betty and Walter Montgomery

AND

In loving memory of my husband, Charles Neff

By: His wife, Marjorie Neff, and family

July 21:

In loving memory of and for the blessing of our children and grandchildren

By: Robin and Elaine Howe

July 28:

In loving memory of Joseph Maybank III, Jane H. Pelzer King, George Kirkwood King, Alicia Rhett Rudolph, and Emmy McIntire

By: Their family



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August 2 – *Pavilion of Women* by Pearl Buck.

This gem of a novel tells of the spiritual and intellectual awakening of Madame Wu, a pampered wife of the Wealthy House of Wu. It's a book that will have you thinking about the meaning of marriage, motherhood, and family, the value of self-discipline, and the constraints of gender roles long after you turn the last page.

Do join us for lively discussions!

July Birthdays

6 Kira Dillin
8 John Almert
10 Marti Smith
10 Larry Miller
10 Gaston Motes
12 Sallie White
13 Chuck Johnson
13 CC Blackburn
16 Margaret Mellott
16 Kitty Olson
16 James Hodge

16 Thomas Griswold
17 Kathryn Deyerle
17 Mary Haddow
18 Joyce Beschta
19 Daria Morgan
19 Martin Johnson
20 Ludwik Bochynek
21 Susan Bullard
23 Fred Boehmer
27 Jeannie Gooch
28 Joe Giltner



28 Nathan Paul Dees
28 Brogan Dillin
29 Worth Gordon
29 Patrice German
30 Joey Popp
31 Edward Eriksen
31 Pete Petersen
31 Linda Roberts
31 Brenna Garber

July 2019



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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Backpacks

The Backpack Team recently “hosted” the 14 fifth grade students from Upward Elementary who deliver 65-75 weekend bags of food to classrooms at their school. It was a wonderful experience for us and a learning time for them. The following is a quote from their counselor:

“I cannot tell you how much we appreciate all that you do for us!!! Having everything organized so that we only have to focus on getting food to our students is an incredible gift to us. Thanks, also, for the fundraisers that you hold to support and continue this program. It is wonderful to be able to count on you all to just take care of this for us and the other schools! We could not do it without you all!”

Look for thank you cards on the bulletin board outside the Parish Office. Now, I thank you and the team for supporting this program the way you do.

Debby Staton, Coordinator

Parish Breakfast



July 7, 2019 | 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Parish Hall between the services

**Eggs, bacon, potatoes, grits, gravy,
biscuits, tomatoes, fruit, juice, and coffee**

Plus French toast and steak

All this for \$6/person or \$12/family!

Kids at Flat Rock Middle School Having Fun Thanks to St. John in the Wilderness



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 8:45 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Adult Forum
- Sunday School for Children & Youth (during the school year)
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

- 10:30 am Healing Service with Holy Eucharist in the Wilderness Room

Our Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us
in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving
love, and to serve the world in His name.