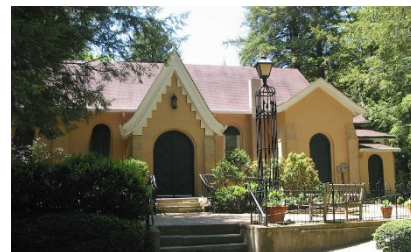


The Voice



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March 2019

From the Desk of Father Bill

Lenten Discipline



The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, much like Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas. Both Lent and Advent are “penitential”; that is, they are designed to be opportunities for introspection and reflection ... to acknowledge and come to terms with our own mortality and sinfulness and our need for forgiveness and reconciliation. During Lent, it used to be customary to make a personal sacrifice, to give up something craved, like chocolate or desserts or a bad habit like smoking or overindulgence. But then so often, after Lent was over, those cravings and bad habits resumed. A far more beneficial Lenten practice is to take on a new discipline or activity that will be lasting, rather than superficially giving up something.

During the four Sundays in Lent, our Adult Sunday School attendees will be introduced to an ancient spiritual discipline known as **Lectio Divina** (Latin for “divine reading”). It is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase know-

ledge of God’s Word. It does not treat scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living Word. Typically, Lectio Divina has four separate steps: read – meditate – pray – contemplate. First, a passage of scripture is read (we will be using the Gospel readings from Luke for those Sundays in Lent); then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on what God or Jesus is calling us to be or to do. The focus is not a theological analysis of biblical passages but viewing them with Christ as the key to their meaning.

I pray you will consider joining us. No materials are needed; just come and bring an unchurched friend or neighbor. With Monday and Saturday personal devotions in Mark, the Tuesday Lenten Supper Series, Wednesday Healing Services, Thursday Morning Prayer, Friday Stations of the Cross, and Lectio Divina on Sunday mornings, you will be taking on a Lenten discipline that will transform your life ... and you don’t have to give up a thing, except your old way of being!

Yours for a Holy Lent,
Fr. Bill+

What's Happening at St. John

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

March 1 – *All She Left Behind* by Jane Kirkpatrick

A historical novel set in 1870's, this is a story of the uncertain road of a single mother who wanted to become a doctor. To support herself and her young son, Jennie Pickett finds work caring for an elderly woman.

April 5 – *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy

A riveting account of the thousands of young coeds who flooded into Washington to help America win World War II. Liza Mundy has written a thrilling page-turner that illuminates the patriotism, rivalry, and sexism of the code-breakers' world. Code Girls reveals a hidden army of female cryptographers whose work played a crucial role in ending World War II.

Do join us for lively discussions!

Would you like to join this ministry? One of the most enjoyable and meaningful ministries at St. John is looking for a few more recruits. Three Funeral Reception teams rotate in providing a lovely reception in the Parish Hall for the family of a deceased parishioner. Each team serves approximately three times a year. Team members choose how they wish to participate: 1) provide finger food; 2) serve at the reception; 3) do both; or 4) serve as a substitute when not enough regular team members are available. It is understood that we all have times when we have conflicts and may not be able to serve. That is why we have substitutes.

The period between finalizing preparations for the reception and the arrival of those attending the funeral at the Church provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship—and tasting! Being part of this ministry is a great way to get to know other women in the Parish, and it is a very gratifying way to serve a family mourning the loss of a loved one.

To volunteer or learn more, contact Brenda Hillyer at (828) 696-9242 or bhillyer123@gmail.com

Can You Cross Stitch?



Since 2011, Bettie Orr and others have made holiday tree ornaments depicting the east exterior of St. John in the Wilderness. The ornaments are sold to parishioners at Christmastime for \$12.50 each with all proceeds going to the ECW Make a Difference Fund. If you can cross stitch and would like to help with this project or pre-order an ornament, contact Bettie at (828) 698-2357 or bettieworr@gmail.com. She provides all the materials to stitchers in a kit that consists of a graph model, instructions, fabric (14 pt. Aida or 28 pt. linen), and embroidery thread.

Parish Register



Transfer In
Barbara Smith

Deaths
Warren Roberts

The Younger Voice

News from Young Family Ministries

We have had a wonderful fall and winter time of gathering together to study God's Creation in our Young Family Sunday School time. We have done everything from painting with mud to dissecting owl pellets to acting like honeybees showing their fellow honeybees how to find nectar. All the while we have been learning about how God's redemptive love can be seen all around us. You can see some of the fun we have had in the pictures on the next page.

As of next Sunday, we will be starting a new curriculum called "Weaving God's Promises." We are very excited about this path forward. This curriculum was specifically created for Episcopal children and youth. I have included the mission statement below to give you an overview of the purpose of what we will be learning and applying to our lives.

The "Mission" of Weaving God's Promises

1. To teach children and youth how God's promises of salvation are woven into our lives.
2. To teach children and youth the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world as Christ's ambassadors.
3. To give children and youth a solid grounding for future youth and high-school formation programs, which prepares them for Christian adulthood.
4. To foster the spiritual formation and growth of our children and youth in Christ's love and mercy and to teach the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

We are also looking forward to joining the Youth class for garden work. We can't wait to see wonderful things growing in the garden. We welcome all to come and join us for fellowship and fun.

Mary Anne Inglis and Sharon Johnston

News from EYC

Dear friends, we have a lot going on! Please see the schedule below for our planned activities in the first quarter. Thanks to those who have said they can come to our Bowling Day! I am excited about it.

Also, great progress is being made on our raised beds! Soon we will be ready to start constructing them. I cannot wait to see the literal "fruit of our labor" as we continue to consider how the work of our hands contributes to living out our faith. See the picture on next page.

As always, we will meet for Sunday School every Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month when we have breakfast.

Saturday, March 2	11:00 am	Bowling with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Henderson Co.
Sunday, March 10	12:30-3:00 pm	Lunch and Building Day for Garden Beds at Church
Sunday, March 31	12:30-3:00 pm	Lunch and Planting Day for Garden (weather permitting)

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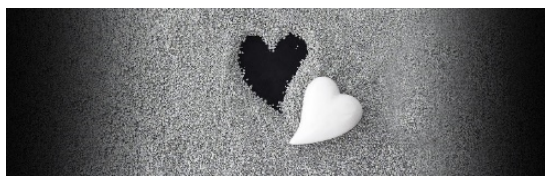
Altar Guild Ministry Opportunities

Please consider assisting the clergy as a member of the Altar Guild ministry. We are the invisible ministry, as we primarily serve before and after services. Our members usually serve once a month. To ensure we have two-person teams, we need additional members after some late services. We have several couples serving, which is ideal, as more men are needed in the ministry to help with lifting the heavy candles and to assist with the weekly filling of candles. Volunteers who serve seasonally or as substitutes would also be welcome.

New members are also needed to assist with the Wednesday 10:30 a.m. healing service in the Wilderness Room. ER Haire and Marie Hyder currently assist, but additional members would be very helpful.

We schedule training classes as needed and will ensure that you work with an experienced member. We also provide a guide for your use at home. Please call co-chairs, Jan Wauben at (828) 777-6932 or Sandra Jeffery at (828) 693-6620 if you are interested in being a part of this loving, essential parish ministry.

Seasons of Grief



Seasons of Grief is a Christian support group/workshop that helps a person walk through a time of mourning following the death of a loved one. There are seven sessions of one and a half hours each. It provides the opportunity to share with others who

have experienced a time of grief. The group will begin meeting on Sundays from March 3 through April 14 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please consider joining us. Please call Deacon Joyce at (828) 388-1199 for details and to register for the group.

March Flower Memorials

March 3:

In loving memory of Al & Delsie Welch and Bonnie & Perry Gibby

By: Charles and Vickie Taylor

No flowers during Lent.



Vestry Highlights for February Meeting

- Approved taking on a bank loan of \$160,000 to pay off debt on Parish Hall construction/ Parish House renovation project; approved applying \$81,000 unrestricted estate gift to reduce debt.
- Junior Warden reported on a new parsonage lease agreement to be reviewed by attorney; plan being developed for church and Parish House safety and security.
- Senior Warden reported on Building and Grounds Committee's proposed policy regarding church signage; referred to Bylaws, Canons and Insurance Committee for review.
- 2019 stewardship campaign resulted in a 5 percent increase over 2018 – \$479,000 which is \$4,000 over the budgeted figure; plans underway for a Gifts and Talents survey.
- 2019 budget income and expenses are forecasted for each month for easier tracking.
- Bylaws, Canons and Insurance Committee had first readings of proposed amendments to the Historic Churchyard, Endowments, and Christian Education committees; first vote to approve was unanimous.
- Approved recommendation from Historic Churchyard Committee regarding fees for niches.
- Request from Discernment Committee for vestry support in implementing CAT survey and Holy Conversations.

March Birthdays

2	Yates Pharr	14	Mark Delk		
3	Liz Ball	16	Harold Hodgkins		
3	Tom Deyerle	16	Catherine Mills		
3	Sophie Guth	16	Laura Hanff		
4	Jim Vint	16	Hannah Marie Roberts	20	Steve Sullivan
4	Steven Byrd	17	Candace Lewis	24	Bryant Ward
8	Caitlyn Iosue	17	Kathy Newbold	25	Jinny Bell
9	Annie Teel	17	Harper Swing	25	Patricia Petillo
10	Phyllis Smith	18	Ginger Quarles	25	Janet Johnson
11	Marion Mitchell	18	Barbara Hodgkins	27	Nancy King
11	Nicole Iosue	18	Bob Staton	27	Elaine Howe
12	Young Perry	19	Marge Smith	28	Jerry Theron
13	ER Haire, Jr.	19	Missy Schenck	28	Tom Robertson
				28	Scott Dillin
				30	Grayson Garber



Discernment Committee Update



On February 11, the Discernment Committee met again with Canon Augusta Anderson to refine concepts and timelines for both the Congregational Assessment Tool (parishioner survey) and Holy Conversations. These two events are the key ingredients in the process of identifying the will of the parish in selecting a new rector.

The survey is scheduled to be made available to parishioners beginning on March 3 and will be open for three weeks to allow adequate time for all members of the parish to participate. The principal method of completing the questionnaire will be online. Instructions will be forwarded via e-mail to those for whom we have addresses, and a link will be placed on the parish website. For those who need it, we will have time and space to use laptop computers set up in the Parish House, and paper versions can also be provided. All members of St. John in the Wilderness are strongly encouraged to participate in this survey. In order for this to be a truly inclusive process, we need your input.

The results of the survey will be tabulated by Holy Cow Consulting, and the Discernment Committee will use the information as the basis for creating a profile of the credentials, skills, and experiences we will be seeking in our next rector.

The Holy Conversations supplement the Congregational Assessment Tool by allowing parishioners to provide, in person, their views on the character of our church and optimal ways of going forward. The dates for these focus group-type meetings are being finalized, but we will most likely have four of them beginning in May and extending into early June. Parishioners will need to sign up for these sessions, and in the weeks leading up to the meetings we will have sign-up sheets at the church entrances during services, at the monthly breakfast, and also in the church office.

John Barker
Greg Newbold

Lent/Easter Schedule



Shrove Tuesday	March 5	5:30 p.m.
Pancake Supper	March 5	5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday	March 6	12:00 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday	April 14	8:45 a.m.
		11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 18	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 19	12:00 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 21	8:45 a.m.
		11:00 a.m.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

2019 finds ECW preparing for another enjoyable and productive year at St. John. We kicked off the year with a visit to the Oriole Mill in Hendersonville. The Mill has been operating since 2006, producing beautiful Jacquard and Dobby woven textiles. The tour was fascinating and extremely informative. The response was so positive we may repeat the tour later in the year. In February, the ECW team leaders met to discuss the 2019 calendar and to plan upcoming events.

On Sunday, April 28, we will join with the church to support the Annual Empty Bowls event. ECW members provide desserts for the soup dinner, including pies, cakes, and cookies. There will be three seatings this year, one at 12:30 p.m., one at 3, and the last at 6. It is a wonderful event, and your participation is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, May 1, we will welcome the Kenmure Show Chorus, which will entertain us with songs from a variety of artists. We will follow the production with a pot luck luncheon. More information will be forthcoming.

As is our practice, in years when we do not conduct a May Market, we hold a Cakeless Bake Sale to raise money for our charitable outreach. This year's event will occur in June, so watch your mail for the announcement.

The premier fellowship event of the year, the Annual ECW Retreat, is under discussion. We are considering an off-site, overnight event, possibly at the Kanuga Conference Center. Discussions are preliminary now, but I'd ask you to consider the prospect of an overnight retreat and your ability to attend. Please let me know what you think of the idea.

As you know, through our ECW Make a Difference (MAD) project, the ECW provides monetary grants to family and community support agencies in the Hendersonville area. Here are a couple of the thank you notes received in 2018:

Apple Country Woodcrafters: "We very much appreciate the Make a Difference grant presented to us at the ACW's Annual Toy Party. As the club has grown (over 200 members now) and we have increased the number of toys we build, the cost of materials has risen, too. Our donated lumber is only the beginning of the process. I can remember back in 2010, we made fewer than 1,000 toys. For the past three years, our number has exceeded 2,000. The support we have enjoyed from ECW has certainly helped us to achieve this level. ACW and the community make wonderful partnerships.

Please share our thanks with the Make a Difference Committee and all the ECW ladies who made this happen. Your generosity is wonderful. Chuck Johnson, Treasurer ACW

Vocational Solutions: I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000. Each time a donation comes into our office, I am reminded of John F. Kennedy's words—"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." This is especially meaningful for the staff at Vocational Solutions. Your donation has a direct impact on our ability to fulfill our mission and the individual goals of each of our clients. Each day, approximately sixty clients arrive at our facility and participate in academic programs and vocational training...your gift is changing lives—one person at a time. Allen Combs, President and Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Solutions.

Blessings and peace,
Kathy Newbold, ECW Coordinator

March 2019



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 7:30 AA/EB 8:45 Backpack 10:00 Readers in the Wilderness 11:00 Eucharist at Lake Pointe Landing	2 7:30 AA/Early Birds
3 8:45 Eucharist 9:00 Parish Breakfast 11:00 Eucharist 2:00 pm Seasons of Grief	4 7:30 AA/Early Birds 9:00 AA/Sober Sisters 6:45 pm AA/Newcomers	5 7:30 AA/EB 10:00 Voices for Youth 3:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:45 AA Men's Group	6 7:30 AA/EB 10:30 Healing Service 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 3:00 Staff meeting 5:30 Ash Wednesday Service	7 7:30 AA/EB 9:00 Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Foster Parent Training 7:00 AA/Spiritual Awakening	8 7:30 AA/Early Birds 8:00 Pardee Hospital Leadership Retreat 8:45 Backpack Group 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross	9 7:30 AA/Early Birds
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Assistant Rector

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Parish Breakfast



March 3, 2019 | 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Parish Hall between the services

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

Plus Waffles

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

2019 Growth in Transition Mission & Ministry Campaign Analysis (As of 2/20/19)

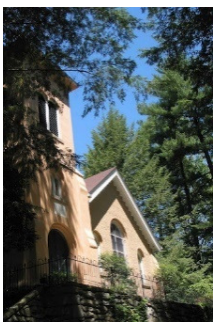
14 New Pledges in 2019

2018 Total = \$456,218 199 donors Avg. \$2,292

2019 Total = \$479,375 171 donors Avg. \$2,803
 + 23,157

5.1% increase

Celebration of Deacon Joyce's Ministry



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 8:45 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Sunday School for Adults and for Youth
- 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.