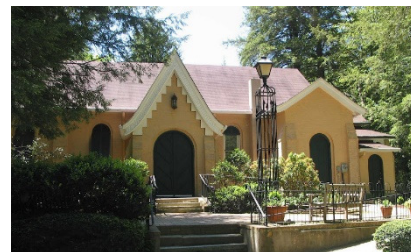


The Voice



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June 2019

From the Desk of Father Bill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 9 is the Feast of Pentecost, or as the English call it, "Whitsunday," which is considered the birthday of the Church. The 50 days of Eastertide have ended, and we begin the longest season of the liturgical year – the Season of Pentecost, which extends for six months until Advent, the first Sunday of December, and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised. Following Jesus' return to the Father (Ascension), the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, descends like a dove and empowers the disciples to carry on Jesus' ministry. The church becomes the Body of Christ – his hands and feet in the world. The story of Pentecost is recorded in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke/Acts, because scholars believe it was written by Luke the Evangelist to whom the Gospel according to Luke is attributed.

As members of the Body of Christ, following in the original disciples' footsteps, we spend our time during the Season of Pentecost learning what it means to be a true disciple of the risen Christ. In the Sunday Adult Forum during June we will be learning about stewardship as a lifestyle. Various presenters will share

with us how to be good stewards of our time and talent in serving others through "inreach" to our parish and "outreach" in the community, nation and world. Children and youth will participate in Creation Care Camp where they will learn about being good stewards of our environment, God's creation. Then in July and August we will turn our attention to The Way of Love, seven spiritual practices of a Jesus-centered life. In the fall our focus will be on stewardship of treasure as we consider how to use our financial resources to support the work of building God's kingdom through mission and ministry.

It is an exciting time in our parish! The Discernment Committee is hard at work preparing the profile for a new rector. Our various committees and organizations continue their vital ministries and are always looking for new members to join them. And of course, the summer months allow us time for refreshment and renewal with family and friends.

Happy birthday, Church of St. John in the Wilderness!

Faithfully,
Fr. Bill+

What's Happening at St. John

Book Sale Benefiting ECW. Be sure and visit Books for Good (BFG) during its spring sale set for June 3-8. All books, CDs, and DVDs will be 25 percent off. Select from more than 50,000 adult and children's books (most used, some new).

As of March 31, the store has raised \$108,000 for more than 100 charities in the Western North Carolina area. The Episcopal Church Women of St. John is one of 15 charities that have benefited the most from the work of this special bookstore.

BFG is located at 50 Heritage Park Drive in Fletcher behind the Subway at the intersection of Butler Bridge Road and Highway 25. It is open Mondays through Fridays from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the BFG website at www.booksforgood.net for more information.

Tuesday Summer Enrichment Program. Our Tuesday Gathering has begun with the topic chosen for this season being "The Wisdom of History" led by one of our past favorites, Professor J. Rufus Fears. The program will run for 24 weeks or more, until the end of Pentecost. Each session focuses on a different historical event, so you can attend any or all. We start with a light potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. The presentation begins at 6 p.m. followed by a discussion session to end about 7 p.m. No preparation is necessary, and the supper is optional. For more information, 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.

June 7 – *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery.

Emma Gatewood, the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than \$200. The next anybody heard from her, this genteel, farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. By September 1955 she stood atop Maine's Mount Katahdin, sang "America, the Beautiful," and proclaimed, "I said I'll do it, and I've done it."

Do join us for lively discussions!

Wrap-up for Empty Bowls

It's hard to believe that, by the time you read this, Empty Bowls will have happened several weeks ago. I am happy to say we grossed over \$10,000, almost half of our yearly budget. My deepest thanks to our Backpack volunteers and so many others who set up, dipped soup, cut desserts, manned the tables, took the tickets, cleaned up, helped with publicity, and directed parking; the ECW (and my daughter, Katherine) for their wonderful desserts; the Men's Chefs for the tasty fruit bowl and their participation; the Young Families who were able to assist; the Unitarians and Anna Kinsey for the breads. More thanks to the food vendors including Lean Cuisine (Karen Conley) and Hubba Hubba (Starr Teel). Our financial sponsors are another big component. Ah, yes, then there is Leslie working her magic with the computer, always with a smile and a laugh; Tracie depositing the money and writing checks; and Kevin who makes everything run so effortlessly, now with the help of Eric. Of course, this project would never be a success without you, our parishioners, supporting us. Thank YOU! See you next year.

Debby Staton

The Younger Voice

Coming again this summer – Creation Care Camp!

We hope everyone will put it on your calendar to join us again for Creation Care Camp at the Inglis farm this summer! Camp dates are Tuesday, June 25, to Thursday, June 27. We will gather at the church at 9 a.m. each morning to carpool and return to the church parking lot at 2 p.m. All children and youth are invited as well as friends. This is a wonderful time for grandchildren of parish members as well.

This year's theme is "Flourish" based on Psalm 104:30 – "When you send out your breath, life is created, and the face of the earth is made beautiful and is renewed."

Our focus this year is all about helping creation prosper and believing in the promise that God will make all things right again through the redemptive work of Jesus. Creation will flourish when it is properly cared for, and as image-bearers and stewards of God we have the privilege of helping cultivate creation. When we dig in the garden, our fingers are messy with the dirt of the Kingdom of God. Isn't that amazing! So come join in the fun of delighting in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer as we learn more about His wonderful world and how to take care of it.

Come with comfortable clothes and shoes and open hearts and minds! We are going to have a great time. **Contact Mary Anne Inglis at maryanne.inglis@gmail.com to let us know you are coming or if you have any questions. Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 18, so we can make sure to be properly prepared.**

A quick note about a few upcoming events for the children and youth:

June 2 - **Children & Youth** - Annual Children & Youth Breakfast. **All** are encouraged to participate (even parents!) in this annual tradition of the kids participating in the monthly Men's Breakfast. Jim Vint will be taking the reins on this one, but we'll need plenty of help all morning long to make this successful!

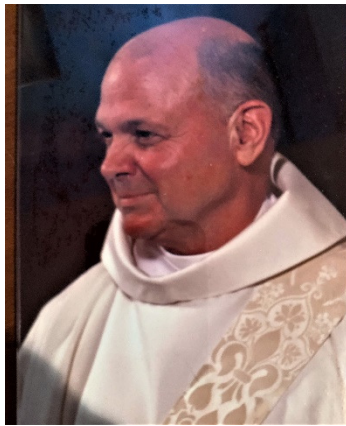
June 9 - **Youth** - Annual Coontree Picnic. We'll meet in the parking lot at 12(ish) and take a picnic lunch to Coontree to swim and enjoy each other's company. And, of course - Dolly's Ice Cream! A couple of drivers are needed as well as a lifeguard. **All rising 6th graders are encouraged to come too!!!** A little different from years past, in case of rain, we'll head to the bowling alley instead.

June 25-27th - **Children & Youth** - Creation Care Camp at the Inglis' Homestead. All children, youth, friends and family are encouraged to come. Sign-ups are needed for planning purposes. Contact Mary Anne Inglis at maryanne.inglis@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your support of the Children & Youth Ministry here at St. John in the Wilderness!



Meet Deacon Sandy



Charles W. (Sandy) Rex was ordained as a vocational deacon in 2009 by the Diocese of Chicago, where he served in several parishes and was a founding member of Chicago Urban Ministry and Life Intervention (CUMALI), an outreach ministry to the entrenched homeless community in downtown Chicago. Originally from Orlando and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Sandy has worked in the real estate appraisal field for over 30 years and is considered a leader in corridor valuation with clients ranging from railroad corporations to federally registered American Indian tribes. He is the proud father of four, with five grandchildren across the country. Sandy and his wife Susan currently live in Laurel Park, where they enjoy the antics of wild turkeys traversing their yard.

Men's Group and Bible Study



A weekly Men's Group and Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, June 5, at 12 noon in the Library to study the Bible and light theology and to fellowship one with another. Men are encouraged to bring a bag lunch, or we can order sandwiches at a reduced price from the Village Bakery. Attendance would have to be registered by the preceding Monday of each week if you are ordering food.

If you are interested and want to order your lunch, email E.R. Haire, Jr. at the email address shown below by Monday June 3. All you need is a bag lunch or an ordered lunch and your Bible. We will decide in our first meeting the direction we want to go in terms of approaching the Scriptures and other topics. For questions please contact E.R. Haire, Jr. at e.hairejr@icloud.com. We hope to see men who are interested on June 5 at 12 noon!

Summer Sunday Coffee Hour Resumes



The much-enjoyed coffee hour after services from May through September have returned. Coffee time is an informal opportunity for the fellowship we all enjoy – *and* it is also an important way we as a church and as individuals connect with visitors, new members, and our parish family.

The Welcome Ministry at St. John needs folks who will help continue this important tradition, and hosting coffee time is easy. Almost all the items needed for the Coffee Hour are stored in cabinets at the church. Detailed instructions are provided. Won't you please volunteer for just one Sunday this year? Your help is needed and valued.

Contact Judy Petersen at (828) 697-1967 or jpsewnsew@aol.com for more information.

June Flower Memorials

June 2:

In loving memory of Margarita Fitzsimons, Mather Fitzsimons, Frank and Millie Fitzsimons and Candy Priest

By: Hank, Dunk, Pam, and Mindy

June 9:

In loving memory of Reed Finlay

By: Lucretia and children, Reed III, Lucretia, and Douglas

June 16:

Open

June 23:

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dethero and Carter Dethero

By: David L. Dethero

June 30:

Open



Choral Evensong and Organ Recital on the Eve of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

On Sunday, June 23, at 4 p.m. in the church, we will have a service of Choral Evensong followed by an organ recital given by our Director of Music, Dewitt Tipton. The service will commemorate the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, our patron.

Donations will be gratefully accepted, and all monies will be given to The Next Chapter to assist in paying down the debt on our magnificent new Parish Hall.

June Birthdays

2	Becky Goodman	11	Bridget Swing	21	Lucy Pharr
3	Hal Reid	12	Stephen Franks	22	Marlin Sanders
5	David Christenbury	13	Joe Kovaz	24	Mary Edwards
5	Jackie Hornsby	14	Jonathan Ward	24	Susan Dobson
5	Tommy Vellanti	17	Tom Green	25	Alan Ward
6	Ginny MacNeil	17	Janet Smith	25	Peter Fricke
6	Ian Macpherson	18	Tom Bullard	25	Sandra Jeffery
6	Skip Phillips	19	Cathryn Harrell	26	Katherine Gee
7	Dale Llewelyn	20	Newell Doty	28	Robin Howe
7	Gibson Sims, Jr.	20	Bettie Orr	29	Matthew Bullard
8	Nelson Motes	21	John Ball		



June 2019



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 7:30 AA/Early Birds
2 8:45 Eucharist 9:00 Parish Breakfast 11:00 Eucharist	3 7:30 AA/Early Birds 9:00 AA/Sober Sisters 6:45 pm AA/Newcomers	4 7:30 AA/Early Birds 10:00 Voices for Youth 3:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 Tuesday Study Group 6:45 AA Men's Group	5 7:30 AA/EB 10:30 Healing Service 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 4:00 Stewardship Committee 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 AA/Early Birds 7:00 pm AA/Spiritual Awakening	7 7:30 AA/Early Birds 8:45 Backpack Group 10:00 Readers in the Wilderness 11:00 Eucharist at Lake Pointe Landing	8 7:30 AA/Early Birds
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St. John in the Wilderness,

Thank you for supporting us at our recent Friends of Music Concert!
You have created such a safe and welcoming environment to share
our gifts. We will always remember fondly St. John in the
Wilderness as a home as we continue on to pursue our careers.

Blessings,
Quentin Prewitt & Jack Wagner

Parish Register



Death

John Mellott

May his soul and the souls of all the
departed, by the mercy of God, rest in
peace. May light perpetual shine
upon him.

Transfer Out
Janet Thompson

Parish Breakfast Served by Children & Youth All Welcome!



June 2, 2019 | 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Parish Hall between the services

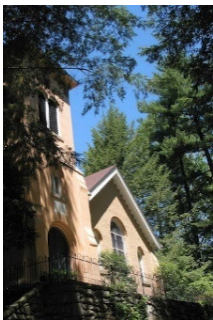
**Eggs, bacon, potatoes, grits, gravy,
biscuits, tomatoes, fruit, juice, and coffee**

Plus ham and pancakes

Donations gratefully accepted!



HAPPY
SUMMER



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
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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.