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A message from the Rector

The Raptures of Ordinary Time

I still feel cautious.

I still wear my mask sometimes and for some occasions and in some places.

But to see some of your faces in a whole – literally – new way has been a thrill. Many of you I have never seen without your masks on because I arrived during the height of the pandemic. Only since we changed our policy to “masks optional” have I seen your whole beautiful faces. Let me describe it this way – like coming home after a long, long journey. Gestures of greeting, affection, and appreciation I didn't know I had missed so much are now also the thrills and raptures of more ordinary time. An ordinary handshake is an extraordinary pleasure. A hug, given or received, a gift of heaven.

In the Book of Genesis, after a long separation of many years, Jacob arranges a reunion with his brother. When at last Jacob greets Esau, he describes the moment this way: “Truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God.” In Psalm 27, we pray,

“You speak in my heart and say ‘Seek my face.’
Your face, O Lord, will I seek.”

After the great seasons and feasts of Advent and Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost comes a long season in the church year called “Ordinary Time.” These are the many weeks that stretch out after Pentecost before the start of a new church year. Summertime and beyond. These are the weeks and months for pondering all that we have already been given, to recognize God in the ordinary faces and ordinary moments of our lives as well as in times of intense revelation and celebration.

Ordinary time is not flat or empty. Ordinary, right now, is rapturous.

Ordinary time is also a green and growing season, when seeds that have been planted begin to germinate and sprout and bear fruit.

Dreams and visions sprout during ordinary time, during rest, or as a hope shared in ordinary conversation between two or three people. Ordinary time is when the whispers of the Spirit are heard and great things have room to begin.

I invite you to enjoy the raptures of ordinary time, the joy of conversation, the beauty of each other, and to watch for the visions and dreams that will begin to grow.

Faithfully,

Laura

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An Episcopal Church in the Heart of Johnson City

A message from the Senior Warden

The summer season is upon us and the promise of vacations, graduations and for St Johns, confirmation is coming up in June. Our organ committee continues to work, and we hope to be able to tell Bishop Cole that we have enough pledges to pay off the new organ when he visits on June 19 for confirmation. Please consider a pledge if you have not done so already.

The Vestry has been discussing security issues at the church, and one of the most important positions in that regard is ushers. We seem to have a limited supply of these for both services, so I encourage you all to consider this important ministry. Please let Nick Andrews, Rev. Laura or myself know if you are interested.

Peace.

Tom

Outreach News

Hotel Amenities Ministry: Milestones, Gratitude & Celebration

Mark your calendar for Saturday June 18, when the "Hotel Amenities & More" Ministry will celebrate its anniversary and we will have a party atmosphere! All ages will be invited to help with this anniversary drop-off day! And there is more! As an extension of this ministry a Little Free Food Pantry will be mounted on the wall beside our Caring Cabinet. Stay tuned for more information on the blessing of the Food Pantry and the June 18th event.

Caring Cabinet ~ Keeping the cupboard full for our neighbors!

Thank you to all who have helped keep the Caring Cabinet supplied. If you haven't had a chance to help with the Caring Cabinet, we'd love to have your support. You can help supply the cabinet one day a week, or perhaps get together with a group of friends to do something such as, for example, stock it every Tuesday in July. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kinser at 612-388-0218 or email her at jjkinser@comcast.net.

Habitat for Humanity New Home Dedication



Rebecca and her children invite you to join them as they receive the keys to their new home at 1007 Dean Street in Johnson City. The dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 am.

This build was sponsored by the Housing Trust Fund in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Tennessee and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, in addition to First Christian Church, Munsey UMC, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Wesley Memorial UMC. Special thanks to Tim Mallinak for his supervision on this build as well as the wonderful support from the Habitat Regulars.



Pipe Organ Campaign - Our Capital Campaign is underway for our new pipe organ. To date, we have commitments and pledges over \$407,000 of our \$600,000 goal.

The Vestry's support of a capital campaign for the new organ does not and will not impede the other work and goals of the parish. Many other needs and hopes in our neighborhood, city, and parish call out to us and demand our support. The Vestry remains committed to growth in our ministries of Outreach, Hospitality and Welcome, Youth, and Spiritual Nurture. The Vestry attached a companion resolution stating this when they voted to proceed with the purchase of a new organ.



Our "Coffee Shop Gallery" featuring paintings by artist Nancy Jane Earnest supports the Pipe Organ Campaign.

Be sure to stop in to enjoy and admire this beautiful artwork! If you are interested in purchasing any of the pieces on display, please contact Nancy Jane Earnest directly at 423-773-1919.

A portion of the proceeds from sales made during the exhibit will go toward the purchase of the pipe organ. Thank you, Nancy Jane!



Mark your calendars for these Services & Special Events

Sunday June 5: Pentecost & Baptism – The first Sunday in June will mark the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost – one of the three major feast days of the church year – we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. We will have music led by organ and brass at the 10:30 am service.

Pentecost is also the next opportunity for Holy Baptism. Anyone who desires the rite of Baptism for themselves or their children is asked to contact Rev. Laura at revlbryant@stjohnstn.org or speak with her in person. A festive reception will follow the 10:30 service with cake and ice cream for everyone!

Sunday June 5, 5:00 pm: Choral Evensong – The choir from St. John's Cathedral in Knoxville will travel here to offer and sing Choral Evensong as a part of their upcoming trip to England in July.



Sunday June 12, noon: Newcomers Luncheon & Gathering – Following the 10:30 am service, there will be a newcomers gathering and luncheon at the home of Katy & Phil Pindzola (387 Carroll Creek Road, Johnson City). Whether you've been a member of St. John's a short time or a long time, you're invited to attend and help us welcome our newcomers. If you *are* planning to attend, please contact the church office (423-926-8141 or email office@stjohnstn.org) so that we can prepare for however many want to come.

Sunday June 19, 3:00 pm: Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation – Bishop Brian Cole will make his annual visitation and will also celebrate the rite of Confirmation. We pray for those who are planning to be confirmed or received into St. John's: Sara Allen, Emily Baker, Andrew & Andrea Eads, Ray Fine, Katie Goad, Mike Grosserode, Blake Johnson, Mark Merriman, Nathan Montgomery, Caitlyn Pendleton, and Landon Tipton. This service will be livestreamed and there will be a reception afterwards. Please plan on attending to support these fellow congregants as well as to visit with Bishop Cole.



Congratulations Graduates!

Elijah Thomas

East Tennessee State University
Bachelor of Science
Concentration: Animation
Minor in Computer Science



Son and Daughter of John & Tara Thomas

Elizabeth Thomas

Elizabethton High School

Becky Parsons

East Tennessee State University
Master of Arts
Brand and Media Strategy



Catherine Lelia Phillips

Elon University
Bachelor of Arts
English Literature



Daughter of Will & Lee Phillips

María Morrill

Science Hill High School



María plans to enroll at NorthEast State to pursue a career in noninvasive cardiology surgery technology, Daughter of Danielle & Brandon Bass

Caleb S. Kennedy

East Tennessee State University
Bachelor of Science
Major in Biology
Minor in Health & Pre-Medicine



Caleb plans to pursue a career in Dentistry Son of Melissa Loyd Grandson of Jon & Barbara Lau

Ray Fine

East Tennessee State University
Master of Arts - English



Ray will be teaching composition and literature at ETSU in the fall and is also pursuing TESOL certification. (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

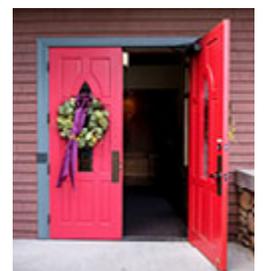
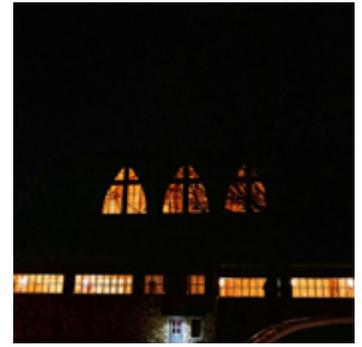
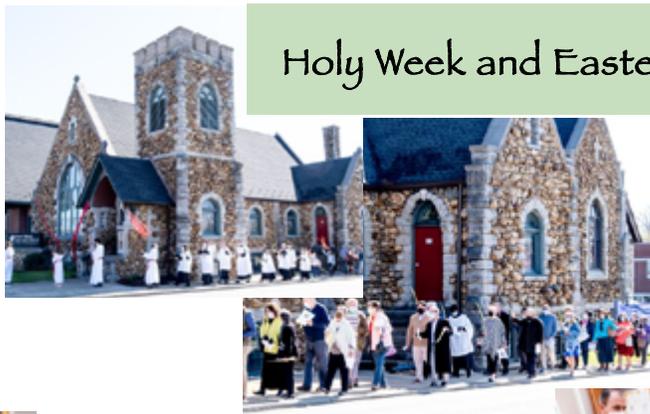
Joshua Booher

University of the South
School of Theology
Master of Arts - Bible



Joshua is Assistant Director of Operations for Education for Ministry (EfM) at The University of the South at Seawanee. Son of David & Leslie Booher

Holy Week and Easter



These are just a fraction of the many wonderful photos courtesy of Ellen Wallen. Please view more –and all in color! – online at www.stjohnstn.org



Happy Birthdays!!!

May

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Robert Stuart | 6 Cassandra Pusateri | 20 Nathan Montgomery |
| 2 Jennifer Green | 9 Jerrol Windbigler | 21 William Kinser |
| 2 Eleanor Pettyjohn | 9 Veronica Mackara | 24 AnneKoebler |
| 3 Eleanor Byrne | 11 Rachel Bowman | 24 Sharon Cole |
| 3 John Nagy | 12 Rab Summers | 26 Jennifer Kinser |
| 4 Wilkes Harper | 14 Ed Jordan | 28 Eric Strickland |
| 5 Lee Bidgood | 20 Cary Green | 30 Sarah Plemmons |

June

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| 1 Rev. Laura Bryant | 11 Rod Biosca | 18 Katie Goad | 27 Barbara Lau |
| 1 Deb Paessler | 12 Rick Patton | 20 Ellen Wallen | 28 Tonya Wilkes |
| 4 Jeannine Edwards | 14 Julia Webb | 23 Jude Morrissey | 28 Jean Archer |
| 4 Kevin Arnold | 15 Kathi Horne | 24 Ed Brading | 28 Jacob Smith |
| 5 Jayne Harper | 16 Neshan Keshian | 24 Marti Cleveland | 30 Allen Pickel |
| 5 Bert Pettyjohn | 17 Ren Fakonas | 26 John Nash | 30 Kathy Jordan |
| 6 Lorene Kirk | 17 Elizabeth Fakonis | 26 Robert Barnwell | 30 Bradley Boling |
| 9 Danielle Bass | 18 William Ballard | 27 Evelyn Huyck | |

July

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| 1 John Webb | 8 Marianne Cox | 18 Ryan Armstrong | 26 Joe Ripepi |
| 2 Brenda McNenny | 9 Linda Hipple | 19 Paul Pusateri | 26 Bo Benson |
| 2 Thelma Yoder | 9 Kate Beatty | 20 Amanda Osborne | 26 John Thomas |
| 2 Eleanor Buerkle | 10 Hunter Hayden | 21 Anna Miller | 28 Randy McVeigh |
| 3 John Pedersen | 13 Dorothy Minor | 23 Bill Browder | 30 Rob Hungate |
| 5 Andrew Carter | 16 Rita Plemmons | 23 John Hutton | 31 T. K. Story |
| 6 Fred Mackara | 16 Benjamin Byrne | 23 Landon Tipton | 31 Pat Thornton |
| 6 Deborah Bryan | 18 Marty Woodward | 24 Jackie Mabrey | 31 Phyllis Wilson |

A Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

YTD Financial Report - Operating Budget

| | April 2021 Actual YTD | April 2022 Actual YTD | April 2022 YTD Budget | Variance YTD Actual 2022 vs 2021 | Variance YTD Actual vs Budget |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Cont. Fee Offsets | \$ 42 | \$ 40 | \$ 40 | \$ (2) | \$ - |
| Plate Offerings | 292 | 1,860 | 2,250 | 1,568 | (390) |
| Pledge Payments | 100,163 | 102,436 | 105,600 | 2,274 | (3,164) |
| Prior Pledges | 1,685 | 720 | 600 | (965) | 120 |
| Contributions | 16,128 | 11,073 | 9,200 | (5,055) | 1,873 |
| Prepaid Pledges | - | - | - | - | - |
| Misc. Income | 16 | - | 200 | (16) | (200) |
| Total Income | 118,325 | 116,129 | 117,890 | (2,196) | (1,761) |
| Total Expense | 98,180 | 109,844 | 110,463 | 11,664 | (620) |
| Net Income | \$ 20,146 | \$ 6,286 | \$ 7,427 | \$ (13,860) | \$ (1,141) |

With normal fluctuations in plate and pledge income we continue to meet all expenses.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's with your time and talent in addition to your financial contributions.

Reneau Dubberley, Treasurer

Meetings & Special Events

- Saturday June 4 Habitat Home dedication (See page 2)
- Sunday June 12 Newcomers Luncheon, noon (See page 3)
Please RSVP to Church office by June 7 if possible
- Tuesday June 14 Men's Group, Southern Craft, 6 pm
- Saturday June 18..... Hotel Amenities Drop-off, noon-1:15 pm
and dedication of Little Free Food Pantry
- Tuesday June 21 Vestry meeting, 7 pm
- Week of June 27 - July 2: Youth Mission Week
(Contact Rucht Lilavivat)
- Tuesday July 12 Men's Group, Firehouse BBQ, 6 pm

Recurring Weekly

Tuesdays Centering Prayer, 6 pm via Zoom

Altar Flowers – If you are interested in purchasing or providing flowers during June, July & August, please contact Harriet Cone at 423-928-8065.



This Week at St. John's – Are you receiving the weekly e-newsletter from St. John's? It has all the latest news and updates about worship services, opportunities to participate in ministries, events, schedules (and schedule changes!) as well as caring for our fellow parishioners. If you're not already on the list, please call or email the church office and Nick will get you signed up to receive it directly to your email inbox.



Sunday June 5: Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism
(Nave & Facebook Live)
Reception following the 10:30 Service

Sunday June 19: 3:00 pm Rite of Confirmation
 Bishop's annual visitation
(Nave & Facebook Live)
Nursery available
Reception following the Service

- Sundays..... 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 am Children's Sunday School
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(Nave & Facebook Live)
 - Tuesdays 5:30 pm Evening Prayer/Healing Service
 - Thursdays 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- ❖ *Nursery is available on Sundays, 8-11:30 am*

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