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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
and Sunday School with Nursery Care

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
in the Chapel

(See enclosed calendar for variations
to weekly services.)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

From the Desk of the Reverend Joanna D. Graham Interim Rector

BLESSED BE THE ONE, HOLY, AND LIVING GOD

Come, O Come, and fill this Temple. Fill this Temple with
the Glory of the Lord.

This is a place of unity, a place for fellowship. This is a place where God's
people come to gather. Where the spirit of the Lord is sensed, and binds our
hearts as one, and we're filled afresh with God's holy power.

Reflection.-----written by Phillips Brooks

THE GREAT DANGER FACING ALL OF US ----LET ME SAY IT AGAIN,
FOR ONE FEELS IT TREMENDOUSLY ---IS NOT THAT WE SHALL MAKE
AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE OF LIFE, NOR THAT WE SHALL FALL INTO
OUTRIGHT VICIOUSNESS, NOR THAT WE SHALL BE TERRIBLY UN-
HAPPY, NOR THAT WE SHALL FEEL THAT LIFE HAS NO MEANING AT
ALL---NOT THESE THINGS. THE DANGER IS THAT WE MAY FAIL TO
PERCEIVE LIFE'S GREATEST MEANING, FALL SHORT OF ITS HIGHEST
GOOD, MISS ITS DEEPEST AND MOST ABIDING HAPPINESS, BE UN-
ABLE TO RENDER THE MOST NEEDED SERVICE, BE UNCONSCIOUS
OF LIFE ABLAZE WITH THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD---AND
BE CONTENT TO HAVE IT SO---THAT IS THE DANGER. THAT SOME-
DAY WE MAY WAKE UP AND FIND THAT ALWAYS WE HAVE BEEN
BUSY WITH THE HUSKS AND TRAPPINGS OF LIFE--AND HAVE REALLY
MISSED LIFE ITSELF.

FOR LIFE WITHOUT GOD, TO ONE WHO HAS KNOWN THE RICHNESS
AND JOY OF LIFE WITH HIM, IS UNTHINKABLE, IMPOSSIBLE. THAT IS
WHAT ONE PRAYS ONE'S FRIENDS MAY BE SPARED--SATISFACTION
WITH A LIFE THAT FALLS SHORT OF THE BEST, THAT HAS IN IT NO
TINGLE AND THRILL WHICH COMES FROM A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD.

God's blessings upon the people of St. Mark's as you enter into the discernment
process.

In Christ,
The Reverend Joanna Graham
Interim Rector

Journey 2 Adulthood Update

- Dan Greenleaf

Below is an excerpt from my presentation given Sunday, July 22. This is important information and impacts all of us in support of the youth of our church. Please read through it and let me know if you have any questions, and how you would like to be involved..

Journey to Adulthood (J2A):

Is a way for the congregation and families to walk with young people as they move from childhood to adulthood
It is not a Sunday School curriculum or a youth group – although it includes both of those elements

What is J2A?

Began in mid-1980s by parish of St. Philip's in Durham, NC and is used by 1500 congregations
Complete Youth Ministry Program of spiritual formation for 6th to 12th grades and includes Bible Study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries
Core Principles – Celebration and Responsibility. Focusing on the concepts of manhood and womanhood as free gifts from God and that adulthood must be earned
Four Areas (Jesus is Model) are Self, Society, Sexuality and Spirituality

J2A is composed of three two-year segments:

Rite 13 – (6th and 7th or 7th and 8th). This segment focuses on celebrating the individuality and their creative potential similar to the Jewish bar/bat mitzvah tradition

J2A – (8th and 9th or 9th and 10th). The second segment engages youth in skills and critical thinking of adulthood: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research & information management, partnership and leadership, Confirmation, and Embarking on Pilgrimage – Holy Land, Ireland, England, etc.

YAC (Young Adults in Church) is the final segment geared toward 11th and 12th grades. This is a Mentor based program used to discern and carry out a ministry within their church

Program Coordination by:

Leaders

Parents

Resource Teams:

Trained in basic concepts

Three to Four

Plan activities and calendars / Help with one or two programs

“Are we still on track?”

Next Steps:

Review/Request/Select Teachers – August (Four teachers for a two year commitment)

Order Materials - August

Teacher Training – September 21-22

Review curriculum – August/September

Presentation to Congregation – August/September

Updates and congregational communication – ongoing

Session 1: September 23rd to November 3rd will be first 6 week session

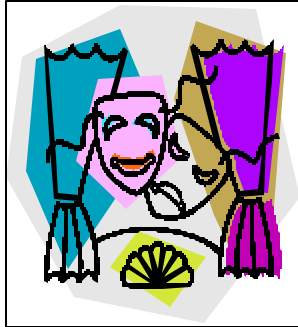
Week off

Session 2: November 17th to December 22nd

J2A has the potential to transform not just the youth group but the entire congregation. It uses the collective wisdom of adults in our church to beckon young people into responsible and faithful adulthood. It calls the congregation into a deeper relationship with its young people and it calls each of us – whatever our age – to think about the gifts we have been given

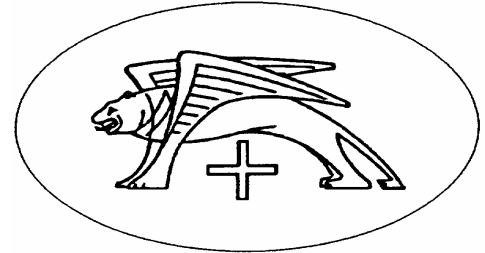
SEPTEMBER SONG

It's that time of year again.... September Song is right around the corner. You should have already received your Patron flyer and letter. Please consider a donation towards the St. Mark's Chittick Fund for Music, the main beneficiary of the September Song program. This is the fund that supports section leaders for the Adult Choir and helps make our sound vibrant and strong. Many people tell me that music is a big part of worship here; if you agree please consider becoming a Patron.



Checks can be mailed to:

Bill Corson
120 Governor Drive
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checks payable to St. Mark's Episcopal



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Everyone is invited to participate in the commission meetings. Please contact the vestry representative for more information.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, September 21st

Start collecting your rummage during the lazy, hazy days of summer for our next sale. Please sign up for set up Sunday, Sept 16th after church, for sorting Sept 17th - 20th, and for working the sale Friday, September 21st. Clean up will be Friday, September 21st at 2:00 PM. We need all the help we can get, so please lend a hand in any capacity possible. Thanks!

Keep in mind that we cannot take any of the following items:

Mattresses and box springs

Child car seats, high chairs or playpens older than five years

Computer equipment

Books such as almanacs, textbooks or those in poor condition

Magazines

Audio tapes

Carpeting (*area rugs are accepted*)

Exercise equipment

Sporting equipment older than 5 years

Shoes

Incomplete, broken or items not in condition for sale

Birthdays

8-1 Dana Greenleaf
 8-2 Carole Pasquale
 Melissa Pavlini
 Stephen Cunningham
 8-3 David Aquanno
 8-4 Bill Coffin
 8-5 Megan Booterbaugh
 8-6 Glenn Crooks
 Lia Knill
 John Lefler
 8-7 Kathleen Aregood
 Morgan Defeo
 Samantha Lunny
 8-9 Lucia Anderson
 A.J. Di Chiara
 Susan Sefchick
 8-10 Ed Seliga
 James Cirra
 8-11 John Freeman
 8-12 Lisa Keenan
 Katie Seitz
 8-13 Sarah Post
 8-15 Ed Kirch
 Anthea Markowicz
 8-17 Kristen Freeman
 Emma Hale
 Peter Phillips
 8-18 Ruth Ayo
 Robert Buesser
 Jeffrey Heiner
 Kristen Lunny
 Kiyomi Urbas
 8-21 David Taylor
 8-23 Bruce Rowley
 Mary Lea Schmidt
 8-25 Bruce Walker
 8-26 Luke Le Van
 Jessica Solon
 Eleanor Williams
 8-27 Nicholas Gubitosi
 8-28 Kevin Lazo
 Kate Volk
 8-29 Evan Walter
 8-30 Jack Williams
 David Carson
 Karl Spilker



Finance Report as of 6-30-07

A summary of St. Mark's operating statement is included below. We are above budget with slightly higher pledges, lower plate donations, and low building and grounds expenses. The second quarter \$8,228 diocesan contribution will occur in July that will bring our expenses in line with budget. The diocese is providing strong support to our interim process and rector search planning. Your pledge and donations for our many diverse programs are critical as we move forward.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
2007 Pledges	\$127,548	\$125,002	\$+2,546
Other Donations	<u>53,368</u>	<u>59,500</u>	<u>-6,132</u>
Total Receipts	<u>180,916</u>	<u>184,502</u>	<u>-3,586</u>
Total Expenses	<u>168,941</u>	<u>193,655</u>	<u>-24,714</u>
Net	<u>\$+11,975</u>	<u>\$-9,153</u>	<u>\$+21,128</u>

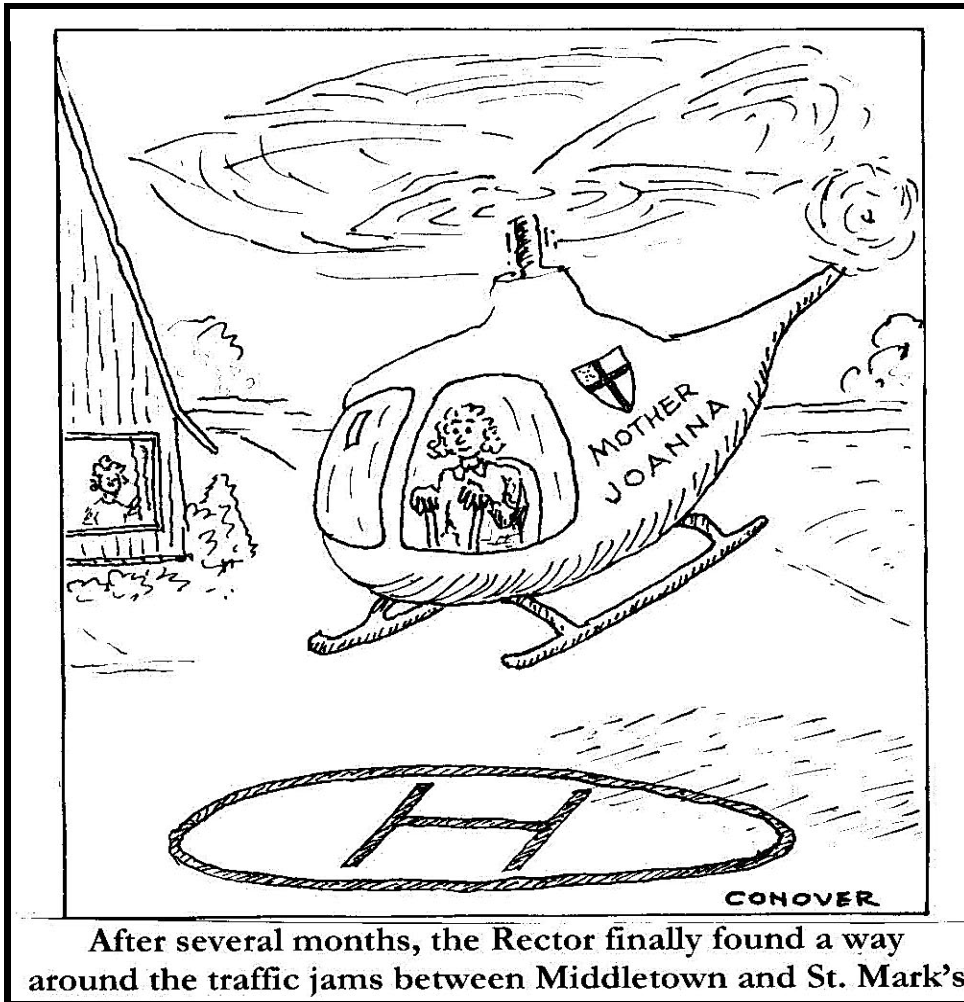
Although we budget deficit revenues versus expenses for the summer months because many of our parishioners are away, we can improve the situation if you prepay or mail in your pledge to the church office. Please review your pledge and capital campaign status and consider payment over the summer months.

David Moore Finance Commission Chair

Anniversaries

8-2 Neil & Kit McLaughlan
 8-3 John & Carolyn Freeman
 8-4 Jonathan & Jenifer Behrins
 8-6 Hakan & Lisa Leblebicioglu
 Mike & Ann Millan
 8-9 Robert & Jennifer Phillips
 8-10 Joe & Lorri Layton
 8-11 Richard Davis & Sharon Gillen
 Robert & Gloria Taylor
 8-18 Stephen & Lisa Cunningham
 8-23 Andy & Mary Ann Aron
 8-24 Art & Nora Barrett
 Ram & Anne Moore
 June Rose
 8-27 Bill & Betsy Coffin
 8-28 John & Theresa Wojnar
 8-30 John & Eileen Kozel

LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



After several months, the Rector finally found a way around the traffic jams between Middletown and St. Mark's

Search Process Update

The Vestry had a special meeting on July 24 to select the members of the Self Study (Profile) committee and Discernment (Search) committee. The Vestry made some difficult decisions in our selection process and made every effort to have the right balance of skills and demographics as was suggested by our search consultant. I want to thank everyone who expressed interest in serving on these two committees. I also want to thank those who have agreed to support the committees by sharing their experience, ideas and suggestions. The Wardens will be contacting the committee members to confirm their acceptance and provide initial guidance on the process and their responsibilities. Our next step will be to have the Search committees and Vestry retreat some time in September. Bob Bostock, our search consultant will be leading us (please see his bio in this current issue). Please remember that every member of St. Mark's will have the opportunity to provide their input to the committees through surveys, cottage meetings and other means. Thank you and I look forward to this exciting adventure.

Jim Martucci
Senior Warden

BIOGRAPHY OF BOB BOSTOCK — CONSULTANT

Bob Bostock, 49, has been a resident of Lawrence Township since 1995. Born and raised in Fair Lawn, he and his family moved to Lawrence in 1995, after spending nearly six years in Arlington, Virginia. Bob and his wife Mary have two children, Bobby and Priscilla, both of whom are students in Lawrence public schools.

Bob spent nearly 15 years in senior positions in the state and federal governments before striking out on his own as a freelancer writer in 2003. His experience in government includes serving as a speechwriter and as senior deputy director of communications for strategic communications planning to former Governor Christie Whitman in Trenton from 1994 to 2001 and as chief speechwriter during her tenure at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Bob also held several policy positions with the former Governor, serving as a senior policy advisor in the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning and as assistant to the administrator for homeland security at the EPA.

While at the EPA, Bob chaired the agency-wide committee that developed the EPA's strategic plan for homeland security (the first federal department or agency to complete such a plan after 9-11), served as the Agency's principle liaison with the White House Office of Homeland Security, contributed to the development of the National Strategy for Homeland Security, and oversaw the creation of the EPA's water security efforts under the Bioterrorism Act of 2002.

While in the Governor's policy office, Bob led the development and implementation of the first-ever state-funded program to provide direct state cash assistance to victims of a federally-declared natural disaster, 1999's Tropical Storm Floyd. This program, which had to be carefully designed to avoid threatening the federal aid made available under a federal disaster declaration, distributed \$80 million in state aid, \$50 million to individuals and \$30 million to county and local governments.

Bob is also the co-author of Governor Whitman's New York Times best-selling book, *It's My Party Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*.

In addition to the more than 10 years he has been associated with Governor Whitman, Bob spent 5 years on Capitol Hill as a senior staff member to Congressman Dean A. Gallo (NJ-11). Among his duties on Congressman Gallo's staff, he was the lead staffer on Mr. Gallo's successful effort to preserve 5,200 civilian jobs at Picatinny Arsenal by preventing the Arsenal from appearing on the Department of Defense's 1990 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list.

Bob also served as a special assistant to former President Richard Nixon for the creation of the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California, writing most of the exhibits covering the Nixon presidency, as well as numerous other duties related to exhibit design. He also served as an editorial assistant on two of the former president's best-selling books, *In the Arena* and *Beyond Peace*.

Also active in church affairs, Bob has served as senior warden and vestry member at both St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, McLean, Virginia and at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton, New Jersey. Bob is a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister, and serves as lay reader, sound technician, and usher at his home parish.

Bob also served a three-year term on the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, and was appointed by Bishop David Joslin to serve as chair of the Diocesan Transition Committee, which was responsible for organizing all aspects of the transition to the Diocese's 11th bishop, George Councill. He has been trained as one of three lay transition consultants serving in the Diocese of New Jersey and is currently working with the people of St. Bernard's, Bernardsville and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, in their searches for new rectors.

Bob is a graduate of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, from which he received a B.A. in history, *summa cum laude*, and a M.A. in international affairs.

NOTICES:

Coffee Hour

Please check the sign up poster in the Narthex to sign up for a coffee hour.

Family Service and Picnic in the Park

Sunday, September 9th 10 AM

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

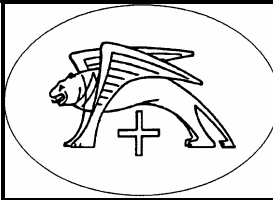
Don't forget it is a BYOC (bring your own chair)

Looking for some strong arms to help with set up. Contact Dawn Knill at dkknill@hotmail.com if you are able to help with set up.

Outreach Opportunity

Bishop Janes Methodist Church is participating in the Interfaith Hospitality Network by accommodating several temporarily homeless families during the week of Aug 5-12. They are in search of volunteers to help with evening playtime help for kids, preparation of dinner, or staying to join the families for dinner.

Contact Anne Post 766-6621, or Dottie Benjamin from BJUMC at 647-0575 for further information.



August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II</i>	6	7 <i>Holly Manor 10:45</i> Discernment Process Up- date	8	9 <i>Office Mtg 7:30</i>	10	11
12 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II Alan French, Supply Priest</i>	13 <i>Finance 7:45</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II Alan French, Supply Priest</i>	20 <i>Vestry Mtg</i>	21 <i>Ridge Oak Svc 10:30am</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II Baptism</i>	27 <i>Christian Ed. 7:30</i>	28	29	30	31	

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AUGUST

Date	Layreaders	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers
8/5/07 8:00 a.m. (HC) 10:00 a.m. (HC)	L only Doug Post L&CH ML Schmidt P&CH K. Aregood	The Phillips Family	Marion Gaydos Mickey Ahalt	Harry Woods Larry Koch Jim Pioppi
8/12/07 8:00 a.m. (HC) 10:00 a.m. (HC)	L only John Lyga L&CH R. Conover P&CH K. Aregood	Bryan Knill	Kit McLaughlan Jennifer Phillips	Paul Chiappetta Larry Koch Jackie Kahle
8/19/07 8:00 a.m. (HC) 10:00 a.m. (HC)	L only Doug Post L&CH D. Kress P&CH J. Wyatt	The Barkhorn Family	Anne Post Barbara Hughes	Jim Martucci Don Wells Larry Rose
8/26/07 8:00 a.m. (HC) 10:00 a.m. (HC)	L only John Lyga L&CH K. Aregood P&CH R. Conover	The Gogerty Family	Annabelle Wilmer Jackie Kahle	Jack Smythe Greg Begg Diane Rozzelle