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Our mission: We reach out to the world in Christ's name in the
hope that all might find a home in God's healing love.

SUNDAYS SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23, 2007

SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion, library
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum, Sept. 16, Tom Smith, counsel to the WV
State Senate Judiciary, will discuss the recently passed House Bill
204 on wiretapping and what it means to your privacy; Sept. 23,
Jean Simpson, new director of Manna Meal, will describe the
challenges involved and tell us why she accepted the position,
Room 109.
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery Open - Babies to 2 years old, Room 297
- 10:10 a.m. Parents' Fellowship, Room 208
- 10:10 a.m. Chapel for Older Children, Room 225
- 10:30 a.m. Classes for toddlers through Grade 5: Toddlers, Room 298; Godly
Play, 4 to 8 years old, Room 299; St. John's Eagles, 3rd to 5th
grades, Room 221
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir
- 11:30 a.m. Sept. 16, Kick-Off Sunday, Picnic in the Garden
- 11:45 a.m. Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood, Room 208

Associate Rector Accepts New Position

The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster, Associate Rector of St. John's, has accepted the call to become Rector of Trinity Church in Toledo, Ohio. Liddy's last Sunday with us will be Sept. 30. We will give thanks for her four-year ministry here with a potluck luncheon and farewell

reception. We urge everyone to come to say goodbye and wish her well in her new ministry.

“How Do I Become A Member of St. John’s?”

This question, or some variation of it, has been asked by several people. Most recently in the adult education summer offering, Episcopal Church 101, someone queried,

“What are the requirements to be an Episcopalian?” We offer the following for your information:

The Episcopal Church recognizes as Christians all person who have been baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity. They are members of the universal Church by virtue of their baptism. All baptized persons are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the altar of St. John’s Church.

If you are a newcomer to our congregation we ask that you complete of the little “Voice From the Pew” pamphlets in the pews or sign our guest book in the narthex (vestibule). The Visitors’ Table has several publications that will help familiarize you with our congregation and the Episcopal Church. Newcomers’ luncheons and orientation sessions are held semi-annually. We will invite you to this event in an effort to make you feel more at home at St. John’s Church.

Baptism

If you wish to make St. John’s Episcopal Church your spiritual home and become a member of this congregation there are two ways of doing so: 1) if you are not baptized you should receive the sacrament of *Holy Baptism* and you will be registered as a baptized member of the church; or, 2) if you have been baptized in another Christian church you should make your desire known to the clergy and you will be registered and acknowledged as a baptized member of St. John’s. Your former church will be notified and a Letter of Transfer requested from them. Persons who have been baptized or confirmed in the Episcopal Church should request a Letter of Transfer to be issued from their former parish and will be registered as members of St. John’s Church.

Confirmation

Baptized adults are encouraged to be confirmed. Confirmation is a mature, public affirmation of faith made before the bishop and the congregation. If you were baptized as an infant this is a time to say for yourself what others said on your behalf at that time. Adults prepare for confirmation through participation in an Inquirers’ Class held each year. Confirmations are held when the bishop visits St. John’s Church.

Reception

If you have been confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church or certain other churches having bishops recognized by the Episcopal Church as being in the Apostolic Succession of Bishops, you do not have to be re-confirmed. You will be asked to participate in an Inquirers’ Class and then be welcomed or *received* by the bishop into this branch of the Church as a confirmed member.

Reaffirmation of Faith

If you wish to reaffirm your baptismal/confirmation vows you may participate in an Inquirers’ Class and receive the bishop’s blessing.

Contributed by The Rev. David R. Hackett

Don't Miss the Fran McKendree Concert

The opening event of St. John's new season will be "A Celebration of Community," a performance by talented musician Fran McKendree on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. All ages are invited and light refreshments will be

Interchange's New Look

With this issue, we are pleased to present a new format for our bi-weekly newsletter. The redesign was created by a new parishioner,

Melora Cann.

Ms. Cann and her mother, Jessica Cann, came to St. John's last November from Charleston, SC, where both produced their church newsletter, The Cast Net, for Old Saint Andrews Parish Church. Both women are retired art teachers. Melora (call me Mel) also spent 30 years as a teacher with the U.S. Department of Defense Dependents Schools, being stationed in Labrador, Lajes Field in the Azores, and Vicenza, Italy.

Interchange's new design not only allows for the addition of artwork and more space, but the folded product will decrease mailing expenses. Thanks, Mel, for sharing your artistic and computer skills.

New Members' Luncheon

A light lunch will be served for prospective members of St. John's on Sept. 23 after the 10:30 a.m. service in Room 209.

Our clergy and vestry will be in attendance to tell about our church and membership. Please call the church office, 346-0359, by Sept. 21 if you plan to attend.

Say Happy Birthday

Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating birthdays during the next two weeks: Sept. 10, Michael Beckett and Roy Pfeiffer; Sept. 11, Greg Clarke; Sept. 12, Tim Barkey; Sept. 13, Trenton Campbell; Sept. 15, Millicent Keeshan; Sept. 17, Ethan Leef and Thomas Vanderford V; Sept. 18, Karen Glazier; Sept. 19, Leonard Allen; Sept. 20, Janet Morris; Sept. 21, Lindsey Gardner; and Sept. 23, Ashley Kidd.

Build A Scarecrow?

A Fall Festival to benefit Covenant House will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Valley Gardens, 1109 Piedmont Rd.

A Build-A-Scarecrow activity is \$5 per scarecrow. All materials will be provided by Valley Gardens and by Covenant House Clothing Closet, or bring your own clothes. More activities will include a maze, arts and crafts, refreshments, music and door prizes. Gardening seminars will be offered and clothing will be accepted for the Clothing Closet.

Deanery Meeting

A meeting for all delegates, alternates and clergy attending the convention of the West Virginia Episcopal Diocese will be held at St. John's Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. The convention is scheduled for Sept. 27-29 at Flatwoods.

Interchange Deadlines

The next issue of Interchange will be for the weeks of Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. Items may be submitted to julkemp@verizon.net or bdearien@stjohnswv.org by **Tuesday, Sept. 18**, at 4 p.m.

Clergy On Call

During the week both of your clergy are available to you for pastoral care. Both try to take Fridays as their day off. But on weekends, in a true emergency, you may contact as follows:

Sept. 14-15

the Rev. Elizabeth Hoster, 925-3675

Sept. 21-22

The Rev. David Hackett, 347-0986

Sept. 28-29

The Rev. David Hackett

It's Not Easy to Say Goodbye

By Julianne Kemp

I still remember the Rev. Elizabeth Hoster's first visit to St. John's.

Fresh out of seminary, she was being introduced to the congregation as a candidate for the position of assistant rector. What impressed me, and I am sure many others, was Liddy's smile. It was radiant, the kind of radiance that comes from within.

But she wasn't the only one being considered. On a separate Sunday, a young man received the same welcome.

Several weeks passed and I was not surprised at the announcement that Liddy would be joining St. John's staff.

No, she wasn't chosen just for her smile, but for many other qualities – intelligence, sincerity and dedication to her ministry, spiced with an enthusiasm that is downright contagious.

Was that only four years ago?

Now some other lucky parishioners will be the recipients of all that she has to offer.

But they'll have to share her smile.

We will see that every time we think of Liddy.

St. John's Stories: "I Remember It So Well"

A new CD has been made which features the remembrances of several of the Saints of John, past and present, of life in this community of faith. An outgrowth of the time-line activity at the final "We Are Family" gathering and the Memorial Day parish picnic, the CD is the creation of Peoples' Warden, Michelle Walker. Recollections of days gone by, the character and flavor of the parish of St. John's, personal reflections on the importance and meaning of being a part of this congregation, are all here for us to hear. This audio-history of the parish is a real treasure. A donation of \$10 is suggested; all proceeds will be given to the Bishop's fund to alleviate illiteracy in the Diocese of West Virginia. CDs will be available during the coffee hour on Sundays.