



Saint John's Spirit

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Changes to the Newsletter

In order to save time and money, this is the last print version of the newsletter. Beginning in August you will receive a notification via the St. John's Google Group that a new newsletter is available online. If you need to continue receiving the print copy of the newsletter, please contact the church office and let them know. We will have a few copies available on the credenza outside Whitlock Hall for visitors and those wishing to save the church the cost of postage.

Here are a few details:

- The format will change to standard 8 ½ x 11 so you can easily print your own copy. Please share with family members who may not be online.
- The online version is a .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) file.
- If you are not subscribed to the Google Group, go here to sign up! groups.google.com/group/stjohnscville
- If you have any comments or questions, please let Cindy know at newsletter@stjohnscville.org

From the Rector

How many Episcopalians does it take...?

Just how many Episcopalians does it take to make worship happen at St. John's?

Here are the figures. You may be surprised. For worship to provide the most meaningful experience possible, it needs to run smoothly and free from the distraction of mistakes or confusion. This means that all of us need to take responsibility by: 1) serving in whatever roles (Worship Ministries) on Sunday mornings for which we are gifted and called. 2) It also means that we need to have regular training and 3) clear written instructions to help us prepare prior to actually serving. Starting August 9, the St. John's will provide Worship Ministry Training during the Christian Education hour from 9:15-10:15. This training will run during the entire month of August. During training, clear written instruction manuals will be provided to all attending. These tiny Worship Ministry Manuals will provide a resource to help members prepare prior to serving.

The schedule for training will appear in the August newsletter.

Worship Ministries:

1 Celebrant

3 acolytes

1 Crucifer

2 Altar guild members

2 greeters (and we have 2 key entry points)

2 counters

3 LEMS (2 services on Sunday)

2 lectors (although the LEM for 8 a.m. often doubles as lector when needed)

1 bread baker

1 organist (who also doubles as choir director)

1 Secretary (bulletins, changes in names of Sunday Worship Ministers, keep prayer list up to date, include announcements in bulletin)

1 flower coordinator and at least 1 flower provider

1 person to schedule the LEMs, lectors, acolytes, crucifers for each Sunday

Sept. through May:

6 - 12 choir members (to lead congregational singing and provide anthems at offertory)

June through August:

1 - 4 Singers/musicians (to provide special music at offertory)

1 Congregation (to offer worship and prayers to God on behalf of the church, the community, and the world, as well as to receive and offer support for Christian living throughout the week)

1 or 2 Lay Eucharistic Visitors (to take Communion to shut-ins on behalf of the congregation in order to keep shut-ins connected to the Sunday worship)

Total not counting choir or congregation = 24 people.

Total counting choir at minimum = 30.

Note that this still does not include Sunday School teachers, students, and the required minimum of 2 child care providers.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be presenting a check to the Youth Service Bureau for \$2000 On July 1st in the name of St. John's. Your generosity comes at an important time as the bureau strives to meet increasing demands in a time of decreasing resources.

St. John's served 77 children lunch for three days in June. Thanks to all who donated and worked.

Our July, August, and September ingathering is titled "We're Thankful for Happy Homes" and the donated money had been intended for the Family Crisis Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and Dayspring. Following a discussion, it was decided that we only support the two local groups because everyone is really hurting from the economy in Crawfordsville, and even though Dayspring may be having a difficult time now, they have all of Marian County to draw upon.

As part of this themed project, St. John's will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity workday on July 11, and will also supply lunch for the workers that day. It was decided that we buy Subway sandwiches, supplemented by donated items such as salads, chips, and desserts. Watch for an opportunity to donate to the lunch via the Google group. Donations of money are needed for the Subway food.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be Monday, September 21 at 4:00.

July, August, September:

All donations received will be divided up between the Family Crisis Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. Acknowledge your blessing of a comfortable home in one of the following ways each month:

Number of rooms in your house: _____ Example 7	Multiply it by your \$ amount. ____ X ____ = 7 X \$10.00 = \$70	Make your check to St. John's Outreach Project.
Figure your monthly utility bills. Example: Gas +Elec. + Water =\$140	Figure 10 % of that amount. .10 X \$140 =\$14.00	Multiply that amount times three. \$14.00 X 3 =\$42.00
Enter the square footage of your home: _____ Example: 1800	Figure 1 % of that number .01 X ____ = ____ .01 X 1800 =18	Multiply that total by a dollar amount. That is your giving for the month. 18 X \$1.00 = \$18.00

Camping Fun!

Family camp at Waycross is coming up the weekend of September 11! Keep your calendars marked.



Newcomers

On Friday, July 10th, we are hosting our 2nd Annual Dessert and Wine Porch Party at Todd and Mike's!! We will begin around 7:00 pm. and this is a "potluck" so bring your favorite dessert to share, your beverage of choice and come join the fun! (Also, bring a lawn chair because we spread all around!)

Please RSVP to the church office so Mike and Todd know how many to expect!

St. Martha & St. Andrew's Guild

Dinner with Brasilia

We would like to extend a big Thank You to all who helped in anyway to make the dinner with our guests from Brasilia a success. You are greatly appreciated.

On Behalf of St. Martha & St. Andrews Guild

C.J. Charles (Vestry Liaison)

Mary Angela Cooley

Susie Smith

Chas Cooksey

Thanks!

Kudos to those gentlemen who have cheerfully served on consecutive Sundays to start the coffee brewing before the 8am service for a year: Bud Arnold, Mark Kussmaul, Tom Sheets, Jim Suren, and to Judy Wynne who served on any fifth Sunday. We hope that they will continue thus faithfully for the next coordinator. *Mary Angela Cooley*

Thanks!

Many thanks to those who helped with the memorial service for Pru Phillips. The service and dinner were lovely.

In case you missed it on the first page...

**This is the last
newsletter you'll
get in your mailbox!**

From now on, it will be all electronic. If you still need a hardcopy delivered to your house, please contact the church office! More details on the first page!

Notes from Burma

Overview from Burma Border Projects (BBP) and Nancy's Work

By Michael Forhan and Nancy Spencer, daughter of George and Judy Spencer

During the past year, our world has endured an unprecedented number of extraordinary catastrophes-- from tsunamis, to hurricanes and earthquakes that killed and left homeless hundreds of thousands. The atrocities that have for decades afflicted the long-suffering people of Burma were no longer on the radar screens of most people. Yet, Burma continues to be home to one of the most oppressive governments in our world today. Political repression touches everyone in the country. Severe human rights abuses - extra-judicial killings, widespread torture, slave labor, forced relocations, rape as a weapon of war and political imprisonment - are commonplace.

This brutality has forced hundreds of thousands of Burmese people to flee their homes and take cover in the country's dense jungles or escape to neighboring countries. The estimated 400,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) who live in forests close to the Thai-Burma border remain vulnerable to forced labor, army-imposed relocations, and more recently, what many international human rights organizations are calling true genocide. Of those fleeing Burma, approximately 150,000 now live in refugee camps along the Thai border-- a life offering little stability, hope or self-determination. This only proliferates the suffering brought on by the human rights abuses they have endured.

Additionally, there are well over 1 million Burmese living in Thailand as illegal migrant workers. They seek jobs in factories, commercial farms, the food industry and in the domestic sector to support their families. Over half of them are women, who as migrant workers have little legal protection and redress under Thai law. They remain vulnerable to human rights violations, sexual violence (mainly in the case of female domestic workers), physical violence and exploitation. Adolescent women are particularly vulnerable to rape, trafficking, and unwanted pregnancy. Needless to say, virtually all of the refugees, IDPs and migrants described above have suffered severe and recurring psychological trauma.

Since 1999, Burma Border Projects, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, has provided an increasing number of vital humanitarian services to Burmese people forced to live

in Thailand. One of Burma Border Projects' primary goals is to address the mental health and psychosocial consequences of trauma experienced by Burmese refugees, and associated with human rights abuses and dislocation.

This is accomplished by working collaboratively with local organizations that support and provide assistance to Burmese refugees, migrants and internally displaced people. In providing *culturally responsive* education and training, BBP instructs indigenous trainers, medics, community and religious leaders and teachers how to provide counseling services, conduct mental health assessments and manage crises. After making more than 20 individual training trips to the Thai-Burma border since 1999, BBP now enjoys the presence of a full-time trauma therapist, Nancy Spencer, at the Mae Tao Clinic (MTC) Counseling Training Center.

Nancy is working closely with and providing psychological and supervisory support to the Mae Tao Clinic Counseling Center staff. She collaborates with Dr. Cynthia Maung, founder of Mae Tao Clinic, MTC staff and other volunteers, and other agencies and programs doing mental health work along the Thai-Burma border in order to enhance mental health services both at MTC and in the community as well as conducts needs assessments, program evaluation and program development in ways that respond to the current needs of the staff and community.

The histories and needs of the patients of the MTC Counseling Center vary, but patterns are present, with more than half of the patients presenting with psychological stress and more than half identifying overwhelming family problems and loss. The trauma histories of clinic patients are extensive, including landmine accidents, domestic violence, rape, torture, forced relocation and labor, severe lack of basic needs, verbal and physical abuse, child abuse, fear for safety, suicide, traumatic grief, witnessing atrocities and Cyclone Nargis-related trauma. The counselors are all from Burma and receive on-the-job training in order to provide individual, family and group counseling, relaxation work, medication management, and case management to the patients.

To learn more about the atrocities happening under military rule inside Burma and about the organizations Burma Border Projects and Mae Tao Clinic, please visit these websites: www.maetaoclinic.org
www.burmaborderprojects.org

Views from the Shore



Calendar

July 10 Dessert and Wine Porch Party at Todd and Mike's, 7pm
 July 11 Habitat for Humanity
 July 19 Special Formation-Only Vestry Meeting, 9-10:15am between services

September 11-13 Family Camp Weekend at Waycross

Ongoing Events

EFM - Tuesday nights, 7pm
 Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
7/5 8am	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	Joe & Ben Green				
7/5 10:30	Susan Albrecht	Bob Cooley & Jane Gallagher	Mike Lohorn /Peggy Lohorn & Kristen Albrecht		Bob & Mary Angela Cooley	Betty Culley, Meegan Reidy, Larry Baumgardner	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith
7/12 8am							
7/12 10:30					John & Betty Culley	Ann O'Dell, Shelia Evans	John Culley & Nancy Bennett
7/19 8am							
7/19 10:30					Don & Ruth Black	Jerilyn Yerkes and Terry Lawrence	Tom Twarek & Barb Easterling
7/26 8am							
7/26 10:30					Jim & Kathy Gary	Cyndy Fields, Bethany Fields, & Adrienne Ashbaugh	John Roberts & Susan Albrecht



Those persons volunteering to give flowers for the next month are

July 5 Linda and Claude Johnson
 July 12 Barb and Jim Taylor
 July 19 Carol and Bob Titus



The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. July 22.

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