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FROM THE



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I am sure that, like me, you have noticed from time to time a flock of geese flying over head. I am amazed watching the formation and the precision with which they fly. I have often wondered about the practice of geese flying with a flock and if, in fact, there is a reason one rarely sees a single goose flying overhead. I recently read an article that taught me much about geese that I did not know and perhaps can remind us all of important life lessons.

The author stated that as each goose flaps its wings it creates uplift for the birds that follow. By flying together in formation the whole flock has a greater flying range than one single bird. When we, as a people, share a common goal and a sense of community, we have a greater opportunity to meet the goal quicker and easier than when we travel alone.

When the lead goose gets tired, it falls back into the formation and another goose flies in the lead position. Anyone who has ever served in a leadership position knows, it pays to take turns and share the hard work of leadership. As people, we are interdependent relying on the gifts, the skills, the resources and talents of each other.

Have you noticed how geese flying in formation honk constantly? The author suggests that the noise is encouraging those in the front to keep up the speed. It is a known fact that in groups where there is encouragement, there is greater production. We need the support and encouragement of others.

When a goose gets sick, tired or wounded, two other geese fall out of formation to help and protect the fallen goose. They stay with the goose until it can fly or dies. Then they join a formation or catch up with the flock. If we had the good sense of geese, we would stand by one another in times of trouble. If in trouble we would make the difficulty known so others could provide support and encouragement.

I find it amazing what can be learned from other creatures. We human beings can learn so much about being in community and loving each other as our Lord invited us to do by observing the wonderful creation of which we are a part. As your parish leaders focus this month on our parish goals and common mission, may we learn from creation how to be all that God created us to be. May we not be shy about sharing fully in the life and support of the parish community so others will look at us and exclaim, "We know they are Christians."

Thanks for your faithful witness,

David+

VESTRY PLANNING

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, June 1st at the home of David and Elaine Lovelace. With the assistance of Carolyn Warman, the Vestry will continue to discuss the mission of our parish and to craft a statement. The Vestry appreciates the assistance of all who responded to the survey and we hope to be able to solicit your additional input in the near future. Please keep your parish leaders in your prayers as they engage in this important work on behalf of the parish.

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WELCOME BACK THE REV'D CARL HUNT BEASLEY

The Rev'd Carl Hunt Beasley served as an Assistant to the Rector under The Rev'd Canon George Kemp from 1977 to 1979. He moved to St. Mary's in Waynesboro after his tenure here and then embarked on a teaching and chaplaincy ministry. We know his mother, Frances and sister, Diane, as members of St. John. Hunt has agreed to serve as a part time pastoral assistant to the rector and supply priest this summer. We are pleased to welcome Hunt back into a ministry role at St. John and look forward to his participation with us in ministry.

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ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on Monday, June 14 at 7 PM in the home of Suki Campbell. The book selection for June is Shanghai Girls by Lisa See. Those interested in the book club are invited to join the group for a lively discussion. For more information contact Suki Campbell at sukicl@comcast.net.

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SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

During the summer months, beginning June 6, we offer our youngest members the opportunity at the beginning of the 10 o'clock service to attend an age appropriate program. This program in the Children's Chapel next to the stage in the parish hall consists of a DVD followed by a discussion or activity. We need adult volunteers to lead the prepared program and escort the children to the church service at the Peace. A sign up sheet located on the bulletin board has the dates we need volunteers. Please assist us to provide our youngest members an opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer months.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION HOSTS

The Southern Convocation, of which we are a part, is hosting the 140th Annual Diocesan Convention for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The Convention is held at Bucknell University; this year it is **June 11th and 12th**. Volunteers are needed at Convention to serve as greeters, gatekeepers, tellers for the votes and to assist with registration.

Prior to Convention on June 2, volunteers are needed to assemble materials for Convention from 9:30 A.M. to early afternoon at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Lunch will be served to the volunteers. Ushers, crucifers, torchbearers and choir members are invited to participate in the Saturday morning service. We are deeply grateful to Bob and Dee Bishop who have agreed to assist in organizing our volunteer efforts. We do need lots of volunteers to assist with this event. If you are willing to volunteer to assist with Diocesan Convention, please contact the Parish Office 848-1862, or secretary@stjohnyork.org or the Bishops at 717-672-0706.

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REVOLUTION TAKES ON THE BLUE CRABS - Cancer Survivor Night

On Sunday, June 13th, you are invited to join others from St. John on the lawn as the York Revolution takes on the Maryland Blue Crabs. The game begins at 5 P.M. Canon Lovelace has tickets to give to St. John's members and their guests. Please contact Canon Lovelace in person, by calling the Parish Office 848-1862 or email rector@stjohnyork.org to obtain tickets.

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FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On Sunday, June 27th we shall celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist. The 10 o'clock service will be a festival celebration of the Eucharist followed by a pig pickin' picnic on the front lawn. The menu includes pulled pork, barbecued chicken, potato salad, rolls, dessert and drinks. We always have a wonderful time celebrating together. Plan to join us for a great meal!

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NEED "SERVICE HOURS"?

We understand there might be some young people in our congregation who need to have "service hours." If so, we have a job for you! Volunteers are needed to help the office staff at St. John's contact parishioners for their e-mail address and verify the e-mail addresses we currently have in the church directory. Anyone willing to help, please call us at 848-1862 or e-mail secretary@stjohnyork.org.

PLEDGE REPORT FOR 2010-2011

Stewardship Campaign Concludes May 31st

This year's "Renew Our Faith" kickoff dinner for the 2010-2011 stewardship campaign was a rousing success. Good food, good music, and good fellowship were enjoyed by all. Last year we made great progress in closing our funding gap and we are looking to maintain that momentum for the upcoming year. For those who have not yet turned in pledge cards, please do so as soon as possible. As we approach the conclusion of the campaign, Vestry members and others will be contacting those who have not yet returned their cards with a gentle reminder.

The Vestry thanks you in advance for your support in helping the parish maintain its fiscal responsibilities.

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LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

During the summer months we provide "Lemonade on the Lawn" after the 10 o'clock service so we might have an opportunity to greet guests and visit with one another. From June to August we need persons willing to serve as hosts. Lemonade and cookies are provided and may be found in the Parish Hall kitchen. The host retrieves the lemonade and cookies from the kitchen and sets them up on the table provided on the front lawn. The hosts welcome people and help those needing assistance. Afterwards, the hosts return the uneaten cookies and unused lemonade to the kitchen, and help return the table and trash can to the Parish Hall. You will find a sign up sheet for the summer on the bulletin board located at the front of the church building. Please check your calendar and assist us to share the gift of hospitality.

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A NOTE OF THANKS!

I wanted to thank Canon David and everyone at St. John the Baptist for making me part of this wonderful parish family from the first day I arrived. Being with you has brought me closer in understanding how loving our God is. I have felt God's loving touch in the way you care for each other through outreach, Sunday school, fellowship, and a dozen other ways. I hope that I was able to share my joy and enthusiasm for Our Lord with all of you.

I want to thank the staff (Marilyn, Barbara, John, Dale, and Rodney) for all their help, but especially for the laughter we shared. On those hectic days, especially during Christmas and Easter, it was those moments of joy that kept me going.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin to search for a new call. Pray that I am open to wherever God in His divine wisdom is sending me. Wherever I may go I will miss all of you and will always keep you in my prayers.

Love and blessings,

Martie



Our commitment to Our Daily Bread in April; we served 195 people with 23 casseroles. Servers were Mike Bond, Elizabeth Smith, Susan Leake, Jerri-Lee McCleary, Sue Krebs and Russ Eckloff. Mike Bond, and Wanda Linebaugh have recently retired as servers. We thank them for their faithful service to this ministry. If you might be interested in serving meals on the 4th Tuesday of the month, please call Gail or Russ Eckloff (815-434). We also thank our dedicated casserole makers for their continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2010 -

Joseph Gross - York Country Day. In the fall, Joseph will attend Champlain College in Vermont.

Kenneth I. Weaver and Casey S. Weaver - Northeastern High School. Kenny and Casey will attend West Virginia University in the fall.

Carrie Morris – York Suburban. Carrie will attend the University of Alabama.

Sam Scheide – York Suburban. Sam will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pa.

Michael Rotell – Central High School. Michael will attend Elizabethtown College and will major in Biology.

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OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Molly Ariail who graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia on May 29th.

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Liliane May Warman, daughter of Nick and Nikki Warman, was born May 3, 2010. The proud grandparents are Tom and Carolyn Warman.

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Adopt-a-Block Litter Cleanup is Saturday, June 26th, 9:00 A.M. St. John's is responsible for the 100 block of North Beaver St. Let's help the environment and volunteer to pick up the litter!

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Thank You...

...to our Work Day (Sat. 5/15) volunteers: Steve & Sue Robertson, Milton Leake, Roger & Jackie Lang, Leslie Pope, Stephen Linebaugh, Rich & Deb Kopecki, Suzanne Smith, Linda Just, Gifford Abbott, Ruth Delp, Brian Hershner, Scott Weaver, Mike Bond, Patrick, Christopher, and Alec Hein, David Lovelace, and Dale Herman.

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From the Parish Register

† Marriage †
"To whom God has joined together"
 Erin Vereen Joy and Chadwick Oliver Boswell

† Death †
"Unto God's gracious mercy we commend"
 Roger W. Billett

LINDA SLOAN RETIRING AS PARISH TREASURER

For the past ten plus years we have been blessed to have Linda Sloan, CPA, work closely with John Susie, the parish financial administrator. Lyn has assisted us to assure accuracy of all accounts and provide oversight for our financial transactions. Thanks to Lyn we have counters who assist each Monday morning to record the Sunday offering. We have an annual audit of the accounts by an outside accounting firm to make sure we are meeting proper accounting practices. Lyn has reconciled all bank accounts and worked with the Finance and Investment Committee. Her ministry to our parish is immeasurable and the countless hours she has spent working on our behalf have been a valuable gift to us all. Saying, "thank you," inadequately expresses the appreciation of all of us for Lyn's ministry on behalf of our parish. We wish Lyn and Sam God's richest blessings as they move into a new phase of their lives. Both have served as valuable ministers in our parish and they will be sorely missed. We are grateful to David Hogeman and Steve Stetler who have agreed to work with John Susie to continue oversight and assurance of accuracy of our financial transactions and accounts.

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CONGRATULATIONS.....

Jordann Smith-Kingston was recently inducted into the Junior Honor Society at West York Middle School. Her nomination to the organization was precipitated by her grade point average for 6th and 7th grades, positive character, leadership at school, and volunteerism in the community.

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IN APPRECIATION!

Here at St. John's we are blessed with parishioners who willingly share their time and talents with our children. Because of them we provided our youth with a wonderful Vacation Bible School, and involved them in a terrific Christmas Pageant. A well-planned religious education program has been developed as well. There is always more we can do, but I am pleased and grateful for all that was accomplished this year. Canon David and I want to give our very heartfelt thanks to anyone who took part in our Sunday school programs. I especially want to thank: Beverly Atland, Rodney Barnett, Barbara Boyer, Anne Deisher, Michael & Jessica Dellinger, Brian & Julie Floyd, Vada Forry, Jim & Karen Gleba, Patrick Hein, Dale Herman, Jim & Amy Hicks, Chris Kahley, Holly Kahley, Roger & Jackie Lang, Milton & Susan Leake, Niki Linebaugh, Annie Morris, Carrie Morris, Alyson Murray, Penny Musselman, Dan & Wendy Ness, Patti Page, Sean Page, Claudia Parks, Barry & Jane Peters, Sarah Reeder, Sylvia Salerno, Diana Scheide, Sam Scheide, Lynne Seymour, Jolene Smith-Kingston, Emily Stover, Anne Strayer, Segun Taiwo, Tom Warman, Scott & Amie Weaver, Brian & Susan Wood.


Martie



Again this summer St. John's will be hosting **Vacation Bible School**. This year's program is **The High Seas**. Our program will run from Sunday, July 18 to

Thursday, July 22. The program begins with dinner at 5:30 and concludes by 8:30 p.m. All children ages 4 -12 are welcome to attend. If you can volunteer to help or would like more information, contact Holly Kahley at 225-4312. More information will be available soon on the church website www.stjohnyork.org.

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Summer Office Hours
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
May 31 – September 7

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TIME TO SHARE BREAKFAST RECIPES...

for "Breakfast at St. John's" Cookbook
Another creative idea birthed at a St. John's Annual Parish Family Retreat.

It's time to share those recipes for the homemade delectable delights that St. John volunteers so graciously share with so many of us during Sunday morning breakfast throughout the year. We are creating a cookbook to smooth the way for any of us cooking at home or anyone willing to offer their time to serve Sunday breakfast to our parish family and guests.

Look for cookbooks to be on sale by the end of the summer. There will be free copies at that time for anyone willing to sign up to serve Sunday breakfast at St. John's for the coming year.

Please submit recipes, including your contact information, to Tammy Bray directly or at braygoplay@verizon.net by July 15, 2010.

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EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief and Development is pleased to report that it has received its third consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management. Only 14% of the charities rated have received 3 consecutive 4-star ratings. This rating indicates that ERD consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other charities in America. Charity Navigator reports that ERD is worthy of the public trust. ERD has sent letters to the Vestry of St. John acknowledging the receipt of \$3633 from parishioners of the parish to support the Haitian relief efforts. Thanks to all who generously responded to this appeal.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! Reserve March 25, 26, and 27, 2011 on your calendars NOW for the 2011 ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY RETREAT

As always, we had another fun, soul-feeding and relaxing family retreat weekend this year. So, we have already booked the weekend for 2011.

We listened to the feedback from those who attended and didn't attend this year. Due to our understanding that the late April date conflicted with spring sports programs, we scheduled the weekend of 2011 for March. Hopefully this means more of you will attend and we have added additional spaces to our reservation.

For those of you with children, we have an enthusiastic group of parents who will be putting into place some fresh ideas for the kids to enjoy at next year's retreat. The earlier we know which age group(s) of children are attending, the better prepared we will be to offer them a rewarding weekend and put parental concerns to rest as well. There is no need to wait until next winter to sign up. You can do so now by contacting Tammy Bray.

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Food for the Soul

With the arrival of spring comes another season enjoyed by many, fishing. A sport to some, but to others fishing is a time to put aside the daily routine of life to spend quiet time with one's inner landscape.

Then there is the biblical reference to fishing, which can also lead us to our inner landscapes. Jesus' call to us to put aside life as we know it and follow His way to become fishers of men. How do we define "life as we know it" and are we willing to put that aside?

Perhaps before looking to cast our lines to the outside world, we might first ask ourselves the internal questions, "Have I allowed God to catch me?" and "Am I hooked on His line?"

In his work "Death of a Hornet", Robert Finch approaches this self exploration. He finds a joy within the natural landscape that surrounds him as he takes a walk. He writes that this found joy strips away all small seductions, and brings us back to who we truly are. His writings are paraphrased to reflect that in spring, the journeys may begin with our outward motion (fishing), but inevitable those same journeys move us within (to the questions of our inner landscape).

Spring, A Spiritual Biography of the Season
 Edited by Gary Schmidt & Susan M. Felch

For Men: Oasis Ministries will begin a one year program, to meet quarterly for a 2 day retreat, specifically for men. It is entitled Men4Directions, A Ministry for Men. It begins in July and you can gather more information or register at oasismin.org

Books that may be of interest:

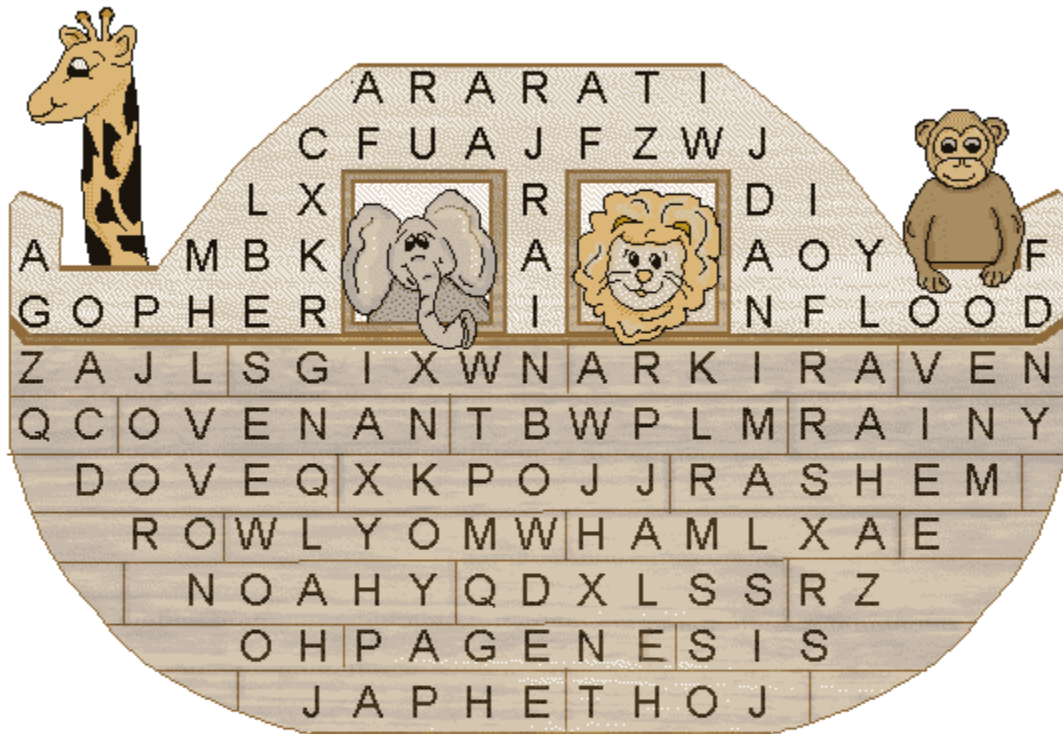
Wild Comfort, The Solace of Nature, by Kathleen Dean Moore

Listening for the Heartbeat of God – A Celtic Spirituality, by J. Philip Newell

A Geography of Faith, An Altar in the World, by Barbara Brown Taylor

Shalom,
 Tammy Bray

Noah's Ark



animals
Ararat
ark
covenant
dove

flood
Genesis
gopher
Ham
Japheth

Noah
rain
rainbow
raven
Shem

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**JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY, JULY 18TH THRU THURSDAY, JULY 22ND**

**Dinner at 5:30 P.M.
Lots of fun !!!
Program concludes at 8:30 P.M.**

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