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Giving back to God

"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a

First and foremost thank you. Thank you to the people of St. John's for all that you give. Thank you St. John's vestry for the devotion, generosity and compassion you demonstrate when it comes to giving back to God.

As vestry member, Sackett Wood, said in his remarks to the congregation on January 17th, you, the people of St. John's are the keepers of this parish; you are the one constant; you are the Body of Christ that executes its ministry and mission and moves it forward.

And, as Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians, when one member of the body suffers, all suffer, when one is honored all rejoice. (1st Corinthians 12:26)

Over the last two and ½ years that I have spent with you I have seen much rejoicing, in ways of fellowship, outreach, pastoral care, worship, and Christian formation. We have been blessed in so many ways. We have also gone through suffering together and each time we have suffered I have seen you grow and connect with each other and with God.

Now, like so many others in the world, we are in a situation where the limb of the body that is suffering is, as vestry member Finnie Green pointed out in his remarks on January 17th, the financial limb. And when this extremity suffers, the whole body suffers. And it is through this difficult financial time that we as the whole body of Christ can make a difference. How? By prayerfully discerning how you can give, whether it be time, talent or treasure, back to God. All that we are and all that we have comes from God. When we give to the church we are not simply giving to the building or to the programs or to the staff. We are giving back to God.

I agree with some additional words that Sackett said to you on January 17th. He said that the people of St. John's are a generous people, both to the church and to the community and this is a time where we have to operate on faith when it comes to our giving. Sackett made an appeal on behalf of the entire vestry that you take a second look at what you are giving financially to make sure that you are doing everything you can. If after prayerful discernment you feel you are able to make a contribution, pledge or increased pledge there are green Yes cards that you can fill out or you can simply contact Mary Osborne, our financial secretary, at 528-1138.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 16

5:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday: February 17

7:00 a.m. - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

12 noon - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays, beginning February 24

2010 Lenten Program

Walking the Wilderness, led by The Rev. David Hackett

5:30 p.m. Eucharist Chapel

6:00 p.m. Supper Magill Hall

6:30 p.m. Program Magill Hall

- * Full Nursery
- * Classes for children
- * Classes and discussion for adults

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administration

I have said it many times – I am grateful to serve God in this place. Many times I have stood at that communion rail and held the Body of Christ, both in my hands and in my heart, and countless times I have looked at each of you coming forward - many hands stretched out as one body – and I have been incredibly humbled. Thank you for being the body of Christ. Thank you for giving back to God.

Diane +

Update from the Search Committee

Your search committee is working hard and appreciates your continued prayers for spiritual guidance as we move into the discernment process. We will provide you with regular updates via

- a report in each monthly *Tidings*
- updates on the website
- monthly reports during the announcement time at the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

We are in the search phase and on schedule (see website for letter to congregation). Based on total parish membership, St. John's is among the 100 largest Episcopal churches. Our search is appropriately nationwide.

We continue to meet regularly and are working with diocesan consultant, Lynn Stuart, who is guiding us through the process and will provide training for us as we review candidates' information and begin meeting with them. We recently met with the Rev. Gene Anderson, Diocesan Transitions and Development Officer, to review the Church Deployment Office (CDO) listing for the greater church database. The listing is currently posted and will allow Mr. Anderson to match the information in our posting with the skills of potential rectors to generate a list of up to 60 qualified candidates for our mutual discernment. The CDO posting was activated in mid-December and will remain open until January 31.

In addition to the names that we will receive from the CDO search, we have a list of over 20 names submitted for consideration. This list reflects a racially diverse group of men and women from 12 different states. Recommendations have come from parishioners, clergy in our diocese, clergy and laity in other dioceses, and self-submissions.

In March, Gene Anderson will receive additional names at a meeting with Transition Officers in 38 dioceses.

The diocese will contact all potential candidates to determine willingness to enter into discernment with us. Bishop Powell will review all potential candidates, and the search committee will review materials and aim to identify those candidates most likely to offer a mutually fulfilling, long-term relationship. We will enter into discernment with a smaller list of candidates, culminating with visits to candidates and/or invitations for candidates to come to Lynchburg. The Search Committee will present two candidates to the Vestry.

As our Interim Priest, David Hackett, observed in his letter in last month's *Tidings*, "This is a year in which a new rector will be called to join with the people of this congregation in the furtherance of its mission and ministries." That calling involves mutual discernment, prayer, and the mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit.

parish life and care

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year

is underway. Please contact Jennifer Taylor at 846-1914 to start the enrollment process for your child, to ask questions, or to schedule a tour. Children who will be 1 year old by September 30, 2010, through 5 years old are eligible to enroll. SJDS offers a variety of scheduling options between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The **artwork of students in our Pre-K classes will hang in the Commons** beginning February 21st through April 14th. Please come admire our children's creativity, imagination, and hard work. The pieces will be offered for sale as a **fundraiser** to benefit the Day School. Please contact Jennifer Taylor at 846-1914 with any questions.



St. John's Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on March 4. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; a trial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

Lenten Program begins Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Walking the Wilderness, led by The Rev. David Hackett

Eucharist	5:30	Chapel
Supper	6:00	Magill Hall
Program	6:30	Magill Hall*

*Children's program provided

Financial Report:

As of 12/31/09:

Income Budgeted to Date: \$998,500
 Income Actual to Date: \$919,521.31
 Expensed Budgeted to Date: \$1,001,656
 Expensed Actual to Date: \$974,087.15
 Surplus or **Deficit** - (\$54,565.84)

outreach

Revisiting the Font: Mission in Central America

The devastating and tragic images emanating from Haiti as this is written remind us all of our baptismal covenant which asks us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbors as ourselves, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being (BCP, p.293-4). There is a look of hurt and sense of immense loss seen in the angelic and wounded faces we see on our screens that is not unique just to victims of a massive natural disaster. We saw these same looks in the faces of the victims of Katrina in New Orleans, the children's faces in a swamp in Belize, and we also see them in Lynchburg, whether on the streets on a frigid morning as we drive to work, or in a news account of a family of six displaced by a fire over the holidays. What we should also see, however, is hope. Maybe we do not see it immediately, but with time it will appear. Did you also notice the Haitians singing a Christian hymn in the streets and raising their arms heavenward the day after the earthquake? Amidst so much suffering, death and destruction, the people of Haiti were in the streets, lifting their arms and voices to God. Amazing.

Remembering that we are an "Easter people," and living fully into our baptismal covenant, St. John's will seek to establish a relational ministry in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico April 10-17, 2010 by helping to build homes for impoverished families and work with young children. While many of us may be familiar with San Miguel as a beautiful, colorful town and popular destination for artists and tourists, you may not know the other face of San Miguel: the fact that many inhabitants of the area live on less than \$1,400 per year and exist "off the grid," which is to say, they have no indoor plumbing and no electricity. Many families have six or more children and are held together precariously by a single parent. St. John's parishioners will have the opportunity to work through the outreach auspices of St. Paul's Anglican Church in San Miguel, which include Casita Linda, an organization which provides RISD-designed casitas for those in need, Centro Infantil San Pablo, a Head Start-type preschool program, and Feed the Children, which provides nutritious meals to area children.

This trip is geared toward adults of all ages, whether you are skilled in how to lay a cinder block foundation, or your gifts and talents lie in helping a young child to draw a picture or sing a song. In fact, you do not need any skills at all to join this mission trip. Spanish language skills are not necessary. All that is really necessary is a loving heart and a desire to help others.



The approximate cost of the trip will be \$1,200. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to indicate your desire to join the group, please contact the trip coordinator, Laura Rosser, at 384-7940. Please feel free to visit www.casitalinda.org or www.centroinfantilsanpablo.org for more information and to read the stories of the people of San Miguel.

If you come on the adult mission trip to San Miguel de Allende this spring, no doubt you may see the same looks of despair that have been so prominent in the news of late. It is also guaranteed, though, that you will see looks of joy and experience God's grace and love.



Mission Possible - Four

May 8 ~~~ Hold the Date!!!!

The tradition continues. Please mark your calendar for our fourth fabulous Mission Possible. MP IV is our tri-annual silent and live auction fundraising party to support our church missions.*

Saturday, May 8th - 6:30pm - ?

Food, cocktails, and fellowship, home of Nancy and Carl Moore Artwork, vacation homes, gift certificates, gift baskets, and other creative items and services will be available to bid on.



*All proceeds support mission trips during the next three year cycle (as have the previous three events). The funds will be used to help with expenses associated with all Mission trips taken by St. John's Parishioners and Youth, and to provide scholarship assistance.

Lynchburg Grows 2009 – A Banner Year

The people of St. John's Church should all be very pleased and excited with what has been achieved at Lynchburg Grows during 2009. We are certainly fulfilling our mission to which we committed when we developed the partnership with Lynchburg Grows: we are furnishing healthy food for a large number of less fortunate individuals in our community as well as providing an employment opportunity for three disadvantaged individuals. In addition, we have met our goal of having significant contributions of the time and talents of a large number of our parishioners.

Results for the calendar year 2009 are as follows:

Vegetables produced and delivered: **6,388 pounds**

Spinach – 126 lbs.	Beans – 443 lbs.
Chard – 881 lbs.	Poc Choi – 502 lbs.
Beets – 142 lbs.	Tomatoes – 1548 lbs.
Lettuce – 215 lbs.	Cucumbers – 1703 lbs.
Broccoli – 93 lbs.	Peppers – 329 lbs.
Cabbage – 86 lbs.	Eggplant – 320 lbs.

Roses gathered: **7000+**

Under Jane White's leadership, these roses were cut and used at church events or delivered to retirement homes and shut-ins.

Volunteer time: 75+ individuals gave over 900 hours

Special thanks to Gracy and Don Martin who coordinated the following volunteers: Reese Hunt, Anna McWane and family, Sandra Carrington, Joanie Fix, Shirley Lynde, Heather Kinder and family, Larissa Knebel and family, Lisa Joyner and family, Bill Hobbs, Richard Mosby, Ted Batt and family, Joe Freeman, Nancy Roddey, Eddie Godsey, Margaret Ladd and family, Nancy Lee McWane, Ann Vest, Jimmy and Trudy Davidson, Dorothy Richards, Pat and Bob Edwards, Bailey Jennings, Thacher Jennings, Sims Jennings, Alex Jennings, Carter Jennings, Roger Vaden, John Feagans, Rob Bogle, Mike Bradford, Sam Bradford, Billy Hutter, Angie Arthur, B.K. Mundy, Emma Mortemousque, Andrew Naisawald, Hanna Davidson, Maggie Kelleher, Charlie Flournoy, Robert Marshall, Torii Jones, Pete Hancock, Betty Bryan, Kay Van Allen, Jim Peery, J.R. and Beth Knabel, Melinda Wheeler, Ed and Sue Chipman, Christian DePaul, Liz Zellner, Ann VandeGraef, Brian Davies, John McCarthy, Hunt McCarthy, Dana Girling, Dixon Moore, Bruce Carrington, Davis Moore, Maddie Davis, Ashton Moore, Andrew Bowden, J.D. Bowden, Julie Dohden, Nick Larson, Robin Edson, Burgess Edson, Lexie Davis, Emma Feinman

A huge thank you to all involved. St. John's continues to make a significant difference with this wonderful outreach effort. We are even more excited about what can be accomplished in 2010!

Bip Fauber



Adult Formation

Sunday School

February 7 - February 14: Small Classes:

Foundations (Faith 101/Adult Confirmation),

The Rev. Diane Vie, and The Rev. David R. Hackett,
*Chapter Room (please see next page for more details)

Reading the New Testament Historically and Theologically in the Church Today, led by James J.H. Price; *Chapel

Theology of Creation (Environmental series sequel), led by Beth Burns, *Magill Hall

Lenten Series begins on Sunday, February 21st

Personal Walks with Christ

February 21st: The Rev. Dick Harbison

February 28th: The Rev. Nathan Brooks

liturgy

Bach Cantata Concert

On Saturday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a free concert of Bach cantatas for soprano and bass, "Heavenly Love, Earthly Love", at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Cosponsored by the Lynchburg chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Holy Trinity Church, the concert will feature Megan Sharp, soprano, and David Newman, bass, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, the Minster Band of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville.

The three cantatas on the program all share similar language of longing and desire, though in different contexts. In Cantata 49, "Ich geh und suche mit Verlangen", the soprano and bass act out a dialogue between Christ and the Soul with a text that combines language from the Song of Songs with the parable of the wedding banquet from the Gospel of Matthew. In Cantata 82, "Ich have genug", the bass sings of the fulfillment of the desire of Simeon to see the promised Messiah before his death. Cantata 202 is a wedding cantata with a secular text to bless the couple and wish them a long and happy marriage.

The Jefferson Choral Society Presents:

The 20th Anniversary 'Choral Classics Concert'

Saturday, February 27th, 7:30 p.m., in Bedford, Va. at Holy Name of Mary Church

Sunday, February 28th, 4:00 p.m., Court Street United Methodist Church, Lynchburg.

Tickets may be purchased at Blue Marlin, Givens Books, Aylor's Seed & Feed, from Choral Members, and at the door.

\$20.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students

calendar

ONGOING

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast in Magill Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesdays	7:50 a.m.	The George Bean Men's Discussion Group, Westminster-Canterbury
	11:00 a.m.	EFM, Chapter Room
Wednesdays	6:15 a.m.	Daybreak Bible Study, Youth House
	7:45 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Chapel
	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Training Choir
	4:15 p.m.	St. Nicolas Choir
	4:30 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir
Thursdays	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Library
	6:30 p.m.	EFM, home of Dorsey Mayo
	7:30 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Dream Group continues to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., home of Dorsey Mayo.

Keeping Membership Updated: If you have an adult child who has not transferred out of St. John's, please contact Gayle in the church office. Even if they are in another city, it is important that they are properly recorded in our database.



FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY

3	Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Mtg., Chapter Room
		5:30 p.m.	Reel Faith, Magill Hall
9	Tues.	5:15 p.m.	Commission on Administration
10	Wed.	5:30 p.m.	Reel Faith, Magill Hall
16	Tues.	5:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Magill Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Mtg., Youth House
17	Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Church
		12 Noon	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Church
		6:00 p.m.	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Church
24	Wed.	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Program with Supper begins
28	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Class, Youth House

MARCH

3	Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Mtg., Chapter Room
		5:30 p.m.	Lenten Program with Supper
8	M-F		St. John's Day School Spring Book Fair
9	Tues.	5:15 p.m.	Commission on Administration
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministries Cmte. Mtg., Youth House
10	Wed.	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Program with Supper
12	Fri.	7:00 p.m.	EYC Middle School Dance, Magill Hall
16	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Mtg., Youth House
17	Wed.	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Program with Supper
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting, Chapter Room
21	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Class, Youth House
24	Wed.	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Program with Supper
28	Sun.		The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

If you are an adult and wish to join St. John's by being Confirmed or if you'd like a refresher course in things Episcopal

You are invited to participate in
FOUNDATIONS

A survey of the teachings and practices of the Episcopal Church

Taught by The Rev. Diane Vie and The Rev. David Hackett

January 31 The Book of Common Prayer
February 7 Exploration of the resource book for the class:
Your Faith Your Life.

February 14 The Holy Eucharist
April 11 Today's Issues and the Mission and Ministry of St. John's

(evening meeting with supper)
April 18 Summary of Course and Rehearsal for Confirmation (evening meeting with supper)

April 25 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Class meets upstairs in the Chapter Room 9:30am, Sundays

'Reel Faith' continues (movie and discussion)

Wednesdays, February 3 and February 10, 2010

The Rev. Robert Marshall

5:30pm - 8:30pm in Magill Hall (childcare and dinner provided)

Wed., February 3rd: Children of Men

Wed., February 10th: Blood Diamond

***Deadline for March Tidings is Monday, February 15th. No Exceptions. Please submit articles to katie@stjohnsynchburg.org**

BLOOD PRESSURE

Regular blood pressure checks are done on the first Sunday of each month. Mary Bice will do checks on other Sundays on request.



christian formation

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

In mid December, 12 Senior Youth celebrated the Advent season with a Progressive dinner that has become a St. John's tradition. The group enjoyed gathering for a delicious moveable feast and fun social evening beginning with appetizers at the home of Carter and Tom Jennings. From there they moved, on walking up to Nancy and Carl Moore's for a main course and eventually down the street to Karen and George Lupton's for dessert. The same evening 20 Juniors met at Westminster Canterbury for the third year of a festive round of singing Christian and secular carols followed by dinner in the WMC cafeteria. The WMC coordinator gave the following thanks *"I just wanted to let you know that the residents of Westminster Canterbury really enjoyed the performance/caroling the St. John/St. Paul youth group did. You guys really made some of the resident's very happy in their times of desolation. Hearing a song sung by the youth brings back good and happy memories for our residents and it really does make a difference in their day. Many thanks to you and the carolers. We must do it again next year."*

Just a few days before Christmas, returning College students also had the chance to get together and visit. Nina and Jerry Salmon were hosts to an open house for young adults "home for the holidays", soon to be graduating high school seniors, and adults who have shared times with these youth over their formative years at St. John's.

There were also other noteworthy end of 2009 EYC happenings. In November, Seniors searched for canned and dry goods in a Scavenger hunt in the Oak Park neighborhood, hosted by Karen and Paul Davies. Food collected was donated to the Rivermont Area Food Pantry. Both Juniors and Seniors volunteered to prepare and serve food to those less fortunate patrons of the Daily Bread soup kitchen on Clay Street. And, both groups helped prepare the St. John's greenhouse at Lynchburg Grows for the winter crop season. On one Sunday 15 juniors rejuvenated

planting beds with dozens of wheelbarrows of mulch. The following Sunday afternoon 12 seniors performed the tedious task of pulling down old bean vines off of trellis wires. Roger Fauber was quite pleased by the enthusiastic groups which both did *"twice the work I expected them to be able to accomplish!"*.



In late November, Juniors also held another successful Middle School Dance. Juniors chose to donate dance funds raised over the 2009 year to Presbyterian Homes & Family Services, and organization which offers the youth the use of their gym each year for our annual dodge ball event, and with whose ministry our youth can identify.

As quoted by the director in their letter of thanks: PHFS offers "opportunities for new life – a life where they (each resident) experience possibilities and hope". Additional dance funds were used to purchase new electronic equipment for the St John's Youth House.

January of 2010 got off to a busy start. Another dance on January 8th, *A Dance for the New Year* proved St. John's dances are clearly the place to be as it was attended by over 250 middle school teens.

On January 9th Juniors took a special pilgrimage overnight trip to St. John the Divine in New York City for "Nightwatch", a night of faith, fun, discovery, and worship in one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the seat of its Bishop. It was the third time St. John's EYC has participated in the Nightwatch program. Trip organizer Nancy Moore, 20 middle school youth and 6 additional chaperones traveled via Amtrak Saturday morning, then by subway to St. John the Divine. We, and one other church group from Maryland, sang songs together, received an organ demonstration, maneuvered a labyrinth, toured the Cathedral, and worshiped together. Our youth were complimented for their intelligent questions, curiosity and well mannered behavior. They returned home Sunday without incident including, and thankfully, no upset stomachs.

On the evening of January the 10th, 12 Senior Youth met at St. John's youth house with Robert to reminisce about past summer mission trips and for a slideshow presentation and discussion about this summer's mission trip to Mexico.

As always, a heartfelt thank you to parents and volunteers for all of the help you offer and give.

For newcomers to our program we communicate weekly through email and web-based calendars. Please take a moment now to send an email to jreyc@stjohnslynchburg.org or sreyc@stjohnslynchburg.org to let us know Parent and Youth name(s), email address, and telephone contact numbers. You can find out more about EYC Youth Group events on the St John's website. Just go to www.stjohnslynchburg.org click on the left hand side of the site "Ministry to Youth" then the next link "click here for schedules". You can also go to the "Schedules" link on the left hand side of the main page. To volunteer to help with Seniors please email Nancy Moore at: nandmor@aol.com for Juniors email Robin Edson at: redson@verizon.net. Or Lee Pat Kelleher at: blkelleher@comcast.net

Youth Mission Opportunities Summer 2010

Senior Youth

Our senior EYC teenagers will travel to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico the last week of July. San Miguel has a large population of people living in the surrounding areas that are considered off the grid, meaning they do not have electricity, running water, etc. Many of the young children who live in those impoverished areas attend a Head Start sort of program started by our new partner parish there, St. Paul's Anglican Church. Our senior youth will conduct a morning day camp with the 2-5 year old children in that program, and then spend their afternoons working with a home building program, two area orphanages, and helping to make mattresses for families who have none.

Junior Youth

This summer's mission Trip will be to Salter Path, Atlantic Beach, NC Trinity Center, August 8-11. Work will involve assisting the North Carolina Coastal Federation by helping to preserve the area habitat and serving at Hope Soup Kitchen feeding the homeless. Both afternoons will be free for some beach time and boardwalk type activities.

Please let Debbie or Robert know if you are interested and we will send you an application.

Debbie Inge
Debbie@stjohnslynchburg.org
528-1138

Robert Marshall
Robert@stjohnslynchburg.org
528-1138

Confirmation Classes for Youth after 10:30 Service

Sunday, February 28th

Sunday, March 21st

Sunday, April 11th

All classes will held in the Youth House.

Confirmation with Bishop Powell will be Sunday, April 25th during the 10:30 service. Please e-mail or call Robert Marshall (Robert@stjohnslynchburg.org or 528-1138) with questions and to register.

Sr EYC Ski Trip:

February 19-21, 2010 Two days of fun and fellowship at Snowshoe Mountain, WV. Contact Nancy Moore for details: nandmor@aol.com

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Magill Hall
An event of great food and fellowship. Feast with 100 friends on pancakes, bacon, sausage and fruit followed by a lively game of bingo. The Senior High Youth hosts this event to raise funds for youth events and mission.



A Prayer for St. John's Search

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ST. JOHN'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

February 2010

- 1 John Rice
- 2 The Alex Richards Family
- 3 Ann & Elias Richards
- 4 Dorothy & John Richards
- 5 The John Richards Family
- 6 Kim Rickmon
- 7 The Larke Riordan Family
- 8 Anne & John Risher
- 9 Michelle Rivers
- 10 The Brad Robertson Family
- 11 The David Robertson Family
- 12 Kitty & Leighton Robertson
- 13 The Scott Robinson Family
- 14 Nancy & Skip Roddey
- 15 Lucy & Evans Ross
- 16 The Nick Ross Family
- 17 The Lynn Rosser Family
- 18 The Rich Roth Family
- 19 The Charlie Schindler Family
- 20 Barney & Charlie Sackett
- 21 Julie & Henry Sackett
- 22 Laura & Luck Sackett
- 23 The Matt Sackett Family
- 24 Vera Sackett
- 25 The Jerry Salmon Family
- 26 Mary Jo Satterwhite
- 27 The Chris Saunders Family
- 28 The Charlie Schindler Family

Clergy on-call can be reached
24 hours a day for emergencies
at this number: 528-1138.

February 2010 Nursery Schedule

Please arrive by 9:15 a.m.

- Feb. 7 Davidson
- Feb. 14 Davis
- Feb. 21 Dirom
- Feb. 28 Dukes



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 The Rev. David R. Hackett, *Interim Rector*
 The Rev. Robert K. Marshall, *Associate Rector*
 The Rev. Diane Vie, *Associate Rector*

Lay Staff

Murrell Dolsey, *Church Sexton*
 Dickie Fields, *Building & Grounds Supervisor*
 Katie Hamby, *Receptionist & Communications Secretary*
 Marybeth Hillmer, *Nursery*
 Peggy Haas Howell, *Organist and Choirmaster*
 Debbie Inge, *Executive Assistant for Program & Administration*
 Mary Osborn, *Financial Secretary*
 Gayle Rhodes, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*
 Kitty Robertson, *Newcomer Coordinator*
 Jennifer Taylor, *Director, St. John's Day School*

Return Service Requested

Vestry 2010

Commission on Administration

Alice Jones, Senior Warden
 Joan Swanson, Junior Warden
 Stewart Langley, Treasurer
 Joe McCarthy

Commission on Christian Formation

Chad Waterworth
 Joan Swanson
 Ashley Carrington, Secretary

Commission on Liturgy

Sackett Wood
 Finnie Green
 Joanie Fix

Commission on Outreach

Jane White
 David Shields
 Ted Batt

Commission on Parish Life and Care

Kensie Johnson
 Sallie Craddock
 Jonathan Thomas

BIRTHS

Caroline Harrison Payne

January 13, 2010
 Beth and Dan Payne's daughter
 Vivian and Dan Payne's granddaughter

DEATHS

"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord."

William 'Ping' Earle Betts, Jr.

December 29, 2009

Katherine Duane Wingfield Perrow

January 8, 2010
 Mosby Perrow's mother

Hazel Mandot

January 2010
 Ann Richard's mother

Charles Holden DuBose, Sr.

January 10, 2010
 Natalie Langley's grandfather

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1 Kitty & Leighton Robertson (46 years)
- Feb 10 Sue & Ed Chipman (44 years)
- Feb 15 Martha & Gary Clark (18 years)
- Feb 16 Diane & Charles Scott (9 years)
- Feb 20 Pam & Mike Bradford (17 years)
- Feb 24 Pavlina & Guy Dirom (14 years)
- Feb 25 Keeling & Brad Pennington (4 years)
- Feb 29 Joan & Ted Swanson (18 years)

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THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES, and INDIVIDUALS
 HAVE MADE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS and IN-KIND GIFTS
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 of the
YODER COMMUNITY CENTER



Project Partners

C. L. Lewis and Company, Inc. Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood Council, Inc.
 Saint John's Episcopal Church City of Lynchburg

Major Funding and In-Kind Gifts

The Easley Foundation The Plymale Foundation
 The Centra Foundation Greater Lynchburg Community Trust
 "Run for the Roses" Benefit Race

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JANE B. WHITE, PROJECT CHAIRMAN

Dedicated January 14, 2010

THE REST OF THE STORY of the YODER COMMUNITY CENTER

Much has already been written about the renovations and addition to the Yoder Community Center, the City-owned recreation center at Second and Jackson Streets in the Tinbridge Hill neighborhood. Many in the overflow crowd attending the Dedication on Thursday, January 14th were there to join in honoring Aubrey "Chub" Barbour for his forty-two years of service to the Yoder Center, to the neighborhood and to the City. It was a very happy day of thanks, praise, and tribute.

The rest of the story has NOT been told, however, and is a remarkable example of the cooperation, caring and generosity of Lynchburg citizens, businesses, and local foundations.

Two years ago, the pitiful little Yoder Center was the "stepchild" of the City Parks and Recreation Department – the last of the neighborhood centers to receive much-needed renovations and, admittedly, it was not in line to receive any help in the foreseeable future due to the City's very tight fiscal restrictions. Compounding the problem was the fact that Tinbridge Hill, like many other inner-city areas, is defined as "distressed" by the City and has many other problems common to these areas such as numerous condemned houses, infrastructure issues and high poverty levels.

But Tinbridge Hill has a proud heritage. Its residents have long been leaders in Lynchburg's black churches and in education and the business community. That historic pride and determination continues today, even in the face of overwhelming odds. Much credit must be given to Aubrey "Chub" Barbour for his untiring efforts to reclaim his neighborhood as the safe, clean, caring place he remembers from his childhood there. As president of the Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood Council, Inc., he is quick to give credit to the help he has received through partnerships with other non-profits that he has formed along the way.

Saint John's Episcopal Church has had a partnership with Tinbridge Hill for over fifteen years. Two years ago the Church's endorsement of a request for Community Development Block Grant funds to benefit Yoder's unsafe and ill-equipped playground were denied. Thankfully, soon after that, a generous gift from the Thomas Road Baptist Church enabled the old play equipment to be replaced. But this CDBG denial became the catalyst for action to focus attention on the neighborhood Yoder Center, the inadequate building that had been serving 30 to 50 kids a day and was the only public gathering facility for the several thousand residents of the area.

A Public/Private Partnership evolved to benefit the Yoder Community Center. Included were the Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood Council, Inc., Saint John's Episcopal Church, and the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Lynchburg, led by director Kay Frazier.

The Outreach Committee of Saint John's Episcopal Church approached one of its parishioners, Bobby Brown, President of C. L. Lewis & Co., Inc. for help. In an amazing gesture, C. L. Lewis agreed to build an addition on the building and renovate certain existing spaces at *no profit* to his company. In what turned out to be a project estimated at \$225,000, his was a major gift and an incentive to gather others in the effort.

In the next six months four local foundations were contacted on behalf of the project. The Easley Foundation, the Centra Foundation, The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, and the Plymale Foundation. By June, 2009, all four had committed to the full amount of the grant requests, totaling \$82,000. Other funds were raised by Saint John's and proceeds from the Run for the Roses 5K and Kids Race through the Tinbridge Hill neighborhood, bringing the total to approximately \$100,000.

At this point, seeing a broad base of support, City Council agreed to contribute \$75,000 to the project, and the rest is history!

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in early September 2009 and four months later the project was complete and included a renovated kitchen and pantry, renovated restrooms, a new craft room, a new office for the two person staff, a new computer room/library, and a new storage room..

In addition to C. L. Lewis & Co., Inc. and the foundations listed above, the following organizations and businesses deserve recognition and thanks for their in-kind gifts to the building project valued in excess of \$50,000:

Craddock-Cunningham Architectural Partners, Harvey Design Land Architects, Berkley-Howell Associates, Cabell Crowther, Landscape Architect, M. Whitaker Architect, Cottage Garden Club, Ferguson Enterprises, Virginia School Equipment Company, Lynchburg Ready-Mix Concrete, Bohling Steel Company, Commonwealth Door and Hardware, Old Dominion Wood Products, Blue Ridge Mill Work, CWE Masonry, Rebuilding Together, Commercial Glass and Plastics, The Design Group, Thayer Design, The Floor Show, Jefferson Awning, James T. Davis Paint and Wallpaper, Hawkins-Graves, Inc., Nelligan Insulation, Campbell-Payne, Inc., Old City Cemetery/Southern Memorial Association, The Legacy Museum, Plastic Surgery Associates, Babcock & Wilcox, Campbell Insurance, Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation, Estate Specialists, Frances' Flowers, Rainfrost Nursery, and the newly-formed Friends of Tinbridge.

In addition, there are approximately seventy-five individuals who gave their time and talents to the project. None of these foundations, businesses or individuals expected public credit for their work at Yoder. But they deserve recognition for participating so generously in this new, unique public/private effort. They have set a standard to which other projects may aspire, or by which they may be judged. This project may set an example for future efforts to help "the City" through tough times. Remember that "The City" is OUR City! Indeed, we're all in this together.

Jane B. White, Project Chairman
Yoder Community Center Rehabilitation