

# TRIDUUMS

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## Simple Math?

Early in most of our lives we all learned something which most would refer to as "simple math". Learning the methods of addition and subtraction. Lessons like, "If you had one apple and I gave you two more, how many would you have?" were part of this learning process. As the numbers got larger, things became more difficult, especially with subtraction in my experience.

I am reminded particularly of the subtraction lessons during the Holy period of Lent. The tradition of giving up or fasting from something that we do a lot of and/or find particular pleasure in has been a part of Lenten practices since the beginnings of the Christian Church. The main idea is that in giving something up that seemingly means so much to us, we may be jarred into remembering God's importance in our lives. I have no doubt this practice works for some and I commend them, but for many of us giving something up is just painful. We fall into the trap of simply focusing on how difficult this *game* or *challenge* on which we have embarked really is. This sort of subtraction is anything but simple. In fact, this sort of subtraction is quite the opposite of "simple math" in its very nature. It seems that in the Lenten subtraction process, the larger the number the easier it is to take something away. With all that we have in our lives, we barely notice when we take some things away. Truthfully, we could also stand to do a lot more subtraction...yours truly included.

But perhaps during this Lenten season we might consider the other aspect of simple math, adding something to our lives. Not more self-indulgences or other worldly things, but additions to our spiritual lives. What if during this Lenten period you added the practice of praying, really praying about all that is on your heart...starting with a prayer of thanks every morning before you ever get out of bed? What if during this Lenten period you added the practice of giving your spouse 15 minutes to sit and do nothing except take in the beauty of God's creation (even if it has to be from inside while sitting at the window), and then have your spouse do the same for you? What if during this Lenten period you added the practice of mending or attempting to better every relationship in your life that is strained or broken? What if during this Lenten period you added the practice of writing a letter everyday...from God to you. What might God be trying to say to you? Clearly, this is not "simple math" either. Intentionally adding spiritual practices like these are for many of us difficult. We aren't used to doing things like this, and yet if we can add them to our regular daily routines they may just increase the sum of our faith.

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## Upcoming Events

### 2010 Lenten Program; Wednesdays, Feb. 24 - March 24

**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

For additional info see page 4.

### Holy Week

#### **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 28**

8:00 a.m. ? Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. ? Procession, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

#### **Monday, March 29 - Thursday, April 1**

12:00 p.m. ? Holy Eucharist, Chapel

#### **The Great Three Days - the Triduum**

##### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. ? Holy Eucharist with Footwashing  
Hourly Watch (Chapel) begins immediately following the service

##### **Good Friday, April 2**

Noon & 7:00 p.m. ? Good Friday Liturgy  
4:30 p.m. ? Children's Way of the Cross

##### **Holy Saturday, April 3**

10:00 a.m. ? Holy Saturday Liturgy, Columbarium

#### **Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

6:00 a.m. ? The Great Vigil of Easter  
9:00 a.m. ? Festival Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. ? Festival Holy Eucharist

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## administration

That in fact is the ironic beauty of adding spiritual practices to our lives. As they become part of the sum of our faith and that sum continues to grow ever larger, the math actually begins to become simpler... thanks be to God!

So this year perhaps the question for each of us should be, what are you adding for Lent?

Robert +



### THE REV. DIANE VIE ELECTED TO STANDING COMMITTEE

At the Annual Diocesan Council held in Roanoke, Jan. 29-31, Diane Vie was elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Standing Committee is primarily concerned with issues of ordination, clergy discipline, and real property. For example, prior to ordination persons must receive the permission of the Standing Committee. It also serves as a council of advice for the bishop. The Standing Committee is composed of clergy and lay persons and meets approximately eight times a year. In the absence of a bishop the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. We congratulate Diane on her election.

### Search Committee News

Phase II, the Search Phase, has nearly come to a close. The listing for the rector's position was posted on the Episcopal Church database in December. In January, with the assistance of the Rev. Gene Anderson, Transitions and Deployment Officer for our Diocese, we categorized the skills we are seeking in a rector, based on what we learned from you, the people of St. John's, during our Congregational Conversations. We then added these skills to the church database and launched a computer search of all Episcopal clergy. We have nearly completed the gathering of names of candidates. These names have come from four sources:

- The Church Deployment Office (CDO) Episcopal Church database: Rev. Anderson will obtain results from the top sixty candidates whose self-reported skills most closely match our needs.
- Nominations: This list of over thirty candidates includes all the recommendations we have received from our congregation and from clergy within our diocese as well as from other dioceses over the last few months.
- Self-submissions: Priests have contacted us directly after learning of our search
- Recommendations: Rev. Anderson who is in conversation with other diocesan deployment officers will make suggestions as he learns of qualified candidates.

All these candidates, close to one hundred, have received a letter from the diocese and a copy of our Parish Profile. At this point, all candidates' names have been submitted to the Bishop for his approval and for background checks.

Next, we move into the Discernment phase --- reviewing candidates and beginning conversations with them. We will share information about that process in the next *Tidings*. Also, please check the St. John's website where the newly published parish profile and other detailed information will be available and updated regularly.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this process and all those involved.

## parish life and care

### St. John's says "YES"

At the end of January your Vestry made an appeal to you regarding our budget deficit of \$81,000. for 2010. We asked all of you to consider increasing your pledge or making a new one to help offset this serious financial problem. Your Vestry led the way by increasing their pledges. We are delighted to report that you have said "Yes" to your Vestry's request. 79 persons/families have either increased their pledge, made a new pledge, or made a contribution to the work of St. John's totaling \$73,000. Your Vestry and Clergy are grateful for your generosity in your response. The Commission on Administration has been carefully and prayerfully revising the 2010 budget to reflect our current circumstances. Every Commission will have less money to carry out its ministry this year, but no program has been eliminated. While staff will receive no salary or cost of living increase this year, no position has been eliminated. If you have yet to make a response, we encourage you to do so in order that we can more adequately fund the important ministries of the parish. We are blessed to be a part of a Community of Faith that gives generously out of a sense of gratitude to God for His abundance. THANK YOU FOR SAYING "YES".

### From Treasurer

You, the parishioners of St. John's Lynchburg, are to be commended. You have responded to the needs of your church. As parishioners we can all be proud that we will meet the needs of this year's budget.

Thank you to Dr. Finnie Green and Mr. Sackett Wood for so skillfully presenting the financial situation of our church. Since their presentation an additional \$73,000 has been pledged.

No matter what the challenge, we can all find answers and ways through difficulty with the guidance and leadership of Christ's love.

Respectfully your treasurer,  
Stewart Langley



### Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year

**continues.** 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** February 21<sup>st</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 or to make a purchase. **Thank you** to everyone who supported our fundraiser at the Depot Grille. It was a big success!

The St. John's Day School and its Board appreciate so much the support given by St. John's Church and the community for our fundraiser at the Depot Grille. Dave Poole and his fabulous wait staff created a delightful lunch or dinner, or both, for all of us. Families and friends thoroughly enjoyed a fun and tasty event. Our teachers and precious children will benefit from your generosity.

Thank you to **Sean Sublette of WSET-13** for spending a morning at our school teaching us about weather (and what weather we've had!), answering questions, and reading to our children. It was a fun, educational morning for all of us.

# parish life and care

## Diocesan Council

The St. John's delegation to the 91st Council of The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia participated fully and wholeheartedly in the weekend's events, January 29-31. As members of the delegation, St. John's clergy and parishioners are your voice in decisions that affect the 50+ parishes that comprise our diocese. To prepare for decisions at Council each year, delegates attend three convocation meetings. The meetings in April, October, and January are to educate and inform the delegates and parishioners, who are always invited to attend these open meetings. Diocesan Council is nearly equal parts of business, worship, education, and fellowship—or family reunion.

Council is held annually at the Hotel Roanoke. This year's keynote speaker—who was with us Friday through Sunday, thanks to the snow—was the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Curry ordained the Rev. Robert Marshall at St. John's in 2006. He is a rock-the-rafters preacher and all who heard him are forever imbued with his passionate call to **radical hospitality** in the Episcopal Church.

Saturday's events included business meetings, workshops, a ministries fair, the bishop's address, worship, and fellowship. St. John's parishioners were elected to office, led workshops, hosted booths at the ministries fair, and participated in the business meeting. A brief recap includes:

- Diane Vie: Elected to Standing Committee
- Nina Salmon: Elected to the board of the Southwestern VA Episcopal Fund
- Jackallen Arthur: Facilitator of the UTO Workshop
- Rick Sorenson: Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee

Each parish has seat and voice at Council proceedings based on the annual parochial (membership) report. Parishes also pledge a percentage of their annual church budget to the Diocese. These pledges support all aspects of the Diocesan budget—Outreach, Ministries, and Diocesan Governance. The Diocesan budget is just over a million dollars. This year, as in recent years, we passed a deficit budget. Ministries and programs were slashed and the entire Diocesan staff, including the Bishop, took a 5% pay cut. In the face of such bleak economic straits, the Council witnessed tremendous offerings of generosity and selflessness, which included programs offering portions of their allotment to other programs and individual and corporate gifts to reduce the deficit.

St. John's is one of the two largest churches in the diocese; the other is St. John's, Roanoke. We are a diocese of many small parishes. At Council, we come together as members of the larger whole: The Episcopal Church. Here's what several of the St. John's delegation had to say about Council.

- The large group of children, youth and young adults at Council on Sunday morning was fantastic to see and hear. They add so much to Council. The Diocese has come a long way with these programs. Hats off to Aimee Bostwick and all the others. (*Note: St. John's had three youth attend Youth at Council and one attend Children at Council.*)  
~Frances Marshall
- Bishop Curry filled us all with the spirit of the living God. I did think our delegates stayed involved with others from throughout the diocese. We are the best but not the only church in SWVA.  
~Jackallen Arthur
- Bishop Curry's comments took on new meaning in a conversation I had with a Delegate from a small church in remote Southwest Virginia. During a break in discussions about the Diocese budget, he related that when his ENTIRE congregation of only EIGHT parishioners receives the hearing bill, they gather in prayer before opening the envelope. In spite of this, they also gather to provide MANY needed OUTREACH programs in their parish. How is this possible? It's possible because their brothers and sisters who sit in a pew on Boston Avenue pledge support to the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia which translates to outreach for these small parishes. I am often amused when I see a bumper sticker that says, "I AM THE PROUD PARENT OF ... (you fill in the blank)." I'm considering printing one that says, "I AM THE VERY PROUD BROTHER/SISTER OF A SMALL PARISH IN SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA." That's not amusing - that's a blessing.  
~Betty Brown
- The Friday night service was so lovely in every way—music, prayer, Eucharist, procession, MDG flags, and most certainly, Bishop Curry's message, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!" I would like to see our parish take on the malaria nets challenge from Diocesan youth by January 2011 and I think it would be great for our Children's and Youth Ministries to coordinate it.  
~Margaret Ladd
- The Diocese is a part of the structure of the Episcopal Church. It is a part of being an Episcopalian and who we are. It steeps us in tradition and gives us a larger presence. If you think our diocesan pledge is too much or not important then you need to go to Council to get a better understanding of where it goes and what it does.  
~Stewart Langley
- I learned the breadth/importance of diocesan work. What will stick with me was getting to know the St. John's delegates—great experience.  
~Tom Stevens
- I valued experiencing emotionally the feeling of being one body - particularly in the worship services (palpably evident in the way community voice and song enveloped our individual responses and voices) - Christ's presence was unmistakable. On Sunday, participation of the youth augmented this ... their energy and spontaneous demonstration of faith and love was incredible and moving.  
~Joan Swanson
- When Bishop Curry spoke about his family and their visit to the Episcopal Church during the Eucharist it moved me to tears. For a person to be drawn to the Episcopal Church because in our Church a black person and a white person can drink the blood of Christ out of the same chalice is very powerful. His sermon will resonate in me forever. I hope we can all realize that Christ is alive in each of us.  
~David Shields
- Christ was in our midst all weekend, from the Festival Eucharist where there were so many together, to the Blood Drive room where there were only a few -- it didn't matter, everyone I encountered was open, responsive, interested and willing to share their own experience and perspective. Much of what I learned was intangible -- the feeling affirmed that we are a "community of faith", connected to a body in the Episcopal Church that reaches beyond 24503 Lynchburg, beyond Virginia and into the world. WE have a responsibility to participate in and contribute to this greater church through the Diocese, what we get in return is the tangible and visible experience of living out our Baptismal Covenant with others.  
~Alice Jones

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# parish life and care

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David Shields, Alice Jones, Margaret Ladd  
Stewart Langley (Treasurer)  
Kensie Johnson (Vestry)  
Joan Swanson (Vestry)  
Betty Brown (Vestry)  
Nina Salmon (Rector's appointment; General Convention deputy)  
Frances Marshall (Rector's appointment) Jackallen Arthur (2010)  
Laura Stevens (2010, 2011) Tom Stevens (2010, 2011, 2012) Rick  
Sorenson (alternate) Max Guggenheimer (alternate)

Learn more about our diocese by visiting the website ([www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org)) or talking with any of your delegation. If you are interested in diocesan leadership opportunities or willing to be nominated for next year's delegation, contact the Rev. David Hackett ([david@stjohnslynchburg.edu](mailto:david@stjohnslynchburg.edu)).

-Submitted by Nina Salmon

# christian formation

## Adult Formation

**LENTEN SERIES, Plenary Sessions**  
**PERSONAL WALKS WITH CHRIST**

9:30am Magill Hall  
February 28 The Rev. Nathan Brooks  
March 7 The Rev. Diane Vie  
March 14 The Rev. Dennis Roberts  
March 21 The Rev. David Hackett  
March 28 The Rev. Robert Marshall

## WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS,

The Rev. David Hackett; Wednesday Evenings  
through March 24

5:30 Eucharist Chapel  
6:00 Supper\* Magill Hall  
6:30 Program Magill Hall  
(Full nursery, classes for children)

\*Please help the Kitchen committee by letting us know you can be with us – signup sheets in the Commons or call.

## Children's Lenten Program

We have an exciting children's lent program planned for this year! We will be exploring the Millennium Development Goals from a child's standpoint through Dr. Seuss. 'The Lorax', 'The Butter Battle Book' and 'Horton Hears a Who' will be shown and discussed. We will teach these children how to think about loving and serving our neighbors through Christ; whether our neighbors live in Lynchburg, Mexico, or Africa. We will be dividing the kids into two groups: four through seven and eight and up. The Wednesday evening lent programs will be held on February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24. There will be a short Eucharist at 5:30 in the chapel, dinner at 6:00 and the program starts at 6:30. We will be done by 7:30. Childcare will be provided in the nursery for ages 3 and younger. Don't miss it!!!!



# liturgy

## Honor a loved one through Easter music!

St. John's has a tradition of festive and exciting Easter music. As has been our custom for quite a few years, our Parish Choir will be joined by a brass quartet and timpani for this Queen of Festivals! Support our special music by giving an offering towards the Easter music in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Please return below to Katie by March 17 to have your gift listed in our Easter bulletins.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

This gift for Easter music at St. John's is in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

This gift for Easter music at St. John's is in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Way of the Cross

Calling all families! Join us for an amazing walk through the last few hours of Jesus life. Our Children's Way of the Cross is intended for children of all ages, and we would like families to take part together! This is a wonderful way for families to experience Jesus' sacrifice for all of us through sight, smell, touch, and music. Please join us for this unique and fitting experience of Holy Week as a Family! Good Friday, April 2nd, 4:30pm – Gather in the Church (No childcare provided)

## EASTER FLOWERS

**\*REMINDER** - If you would like to make a contribution for Easter flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please give name(s) **to Katie and return below by March 17. Make your check payable to St. John's indicating Easter flowers in the memo.** Any amount is appreciated.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

This gift for Easter flowers at St. John's is in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

This gift for Easter flowers at St. John's is in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Deadline for April Tidings is March 15th. No Exceptions. Please submit articles to [katie@stjohnslynchburg.org](mailto:katie@stjohnslynchburg.org)**

# 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.	Treble 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.

## MARCH

3	Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Mtg., Chapter Room
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Program with Supper</b>
8	M-F		St. John's Day School Spring Book Fair begins
9	Tues.	5:15 p.m.	Commission on Administration
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministries Cmte. Mtg., Youth House
10	Wed.	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Program with Supper</b>
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.	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Program with Supper</b>
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting, Chapter Room
21	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Class, Youth House
24	Wed.	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Program with Supper</b>
28	Sun.		The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
29	Mon.	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
30	Tues.	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
31	Wed.	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

## APRIL

1	Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist with Footwashing
2	Fri.		Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
		12 Noon	Good Friday Liturgy, Church
		4:30 p.m.	Children's Way of the Cross, Church
3	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Holy Saturday Liturgy, Columbarium
4	Sun.	6:00 a.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism, Church
		9:00 a.m.	Festival Eucharist, Church
		11:00 a.m.	Festival Eucharist, Church
5	Mon.		OFFICE CLOSED
		7:00 p.m.	Search Committee, Youth House
7	Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Mtg., Chapter Room
11	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Meeting, Youth House
		5:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class/dinner, Sackett
13	Tues.	5:15 p.m.	Commission on Administration
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministries Cmte. Mtg., Youth House
18	Sun.	5:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class/dinner, Sackett
20	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Mtg., Youth House
21	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting, Chapter Room
25	Sun.		Confirmation

## Financial Report:

### As of 1/31/10:

Income Budgeted to Date: \$82,462.25  
 Income Actual to Date: \$116,819.28  
 Expensed Budgeted to Date: \$81,796.42  
 Expensed Actual to Date: \$82,407.09  
 Surplus or Deficit - \$34,412.19

## MARCH

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## APRIL

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## Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia - MDG Day 2010

Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Christ Church, Blacksburg, VA

### "Nets for Life", Ending Malaria in Sub Saharan Africa

With Featured Speaker Brian Sellers-Petersen, Director of Church Engagement Programs for Episcopal Relief & Development. Registration, including lunch: \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Purchase optional raffle tickets for a chance to win a custom-designed work of art in stained glass, created by Judy Harveycutter, valued at \$350.00. Visit her website at ([www.byjudy.com](http://www.byjudy.com)) or email Judy at [mamacutter@aol.com](mailto:mamacutter@aol.com). Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each, and raffle proceeds will be sent to ERD for Haiti relief.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish and Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for registration and lunch.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the optional purchase of raffle tickets to benefit Haiti relief.

## Return form and fee by March 15 to:

Lynn Robertson  
 Evans House  
 PO Box 2279  
 Roanoke, VA 24009



## Adult Mission Trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

You are invited to join other St. John's parishioners on the adult mission trip to San Miguel de Allende in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, April 10-17. We hope you have had time to take a look at the pictures and posters in Magill Hall and the Commons to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to serve God's people. Opportunities include working and playing with preschoolers at Centro Infantil San Pablo and building casitas through the Casita Linda organization. For further information, please contact Laura Rosser at 384-7940, or the Rev. Robert Marshall at 528-1138. We ask that if you are interested in going to San Miguel that you submit a \$200 deposit to St. John's by Monday, March 8. Please be sure to indicate "mission trip" in the check notation.

## Bishops Blend: Buy a Bag...Change a Life

When you exercise your power as a consumer and buy "Bishops Blend" coffee or tea (new item), you turn the everyday activity of drinking a cup of coffee or tea into a powerful means of reducing global poverty through Episcopal Relief & Development. ERD has partnered with Pura Vida Coffee to provide fair trade commodities. By ensuring that farmers are paid a fair price for their crops and that they practice organic, shade-grown farming, fair trade provides an ethical alternative market, creates a more equitable and stable trading system, and sustains the land. ERD saves lives and transforms communities in 40 countries around the world. The areas of focus are: alleviating hunger and improving the food supply; achieving economic stability and strengthening communities; promoting health and fighting disease; and responding to disasters such as the Haiti earthquake. Please call Betty Brown @ 384-7093 or email @bsb670@msn.com to get pricing, place an order or get additional information. Listed below are the current offerings:

- Bishops Blend - Reg.
- Bishops Blend - Decaf.
- Kaldi's Roast - Extra Dark Roast (Ethiopia and Indonesia)
- Cafe de la Paz - Central America Blend
- Bishops Vanilla Bean
- Fair Trade and Organic Earl Grey Tea
- Organic Moroccan Mint Tea

Your purchase provides families with the basic necessities for a life of dignity: clean water, nutritious food, health care and other ways to stay healthy. Communities are able to rebuild after disasters, and women can find jobs and send their children to school. What an amazing way to start your day!

**Churches for Urban Ministry Seeks Executive Director** Churches for Urban Ministry, a nonprofit coalition of churches and individuals working together to strengthen the quality of life of children, youth and families living in the Lynchburg area, is seeking an Executive Director. Qualified applicants should possess a college degree, experience in children's ministries, education or mgmt. of a nonprofit org. Skills include fundraising, HR Mgmt., technology and public relations. Duties include supervising and evaluating 4 programs. This is a part-time position of 25 hrs./week. Email or mail a cover letter and resume to: CUM Search Committee; c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church; 1022 Floyd St.; Lynchburg, VA 24501; Email: CUMDirector@gmail.

## An Adult Perspective on Y@C

Youth at Council (Y@C), I had heard how much fun it was from my children and other adult youth workers. Now, I know! Last month, I experienced my first Y@C. It was truly an EXPERIENCE! The theme was "Signed, Sealed, Delivered-We're Yours." I was doubly impressed that the entire weekend was planned and mostly executed by 55 youth from around the diocese. Three talks were given during the weekend by different youth who shared experiences in their lives, and how God helped them through those difficult situations. Their talks were personal, relative and timely.

Arriving Friday evening, finding 180 youth with 20 adults as chaperones was daunting to start! The evening flowed though with food, music, dancing and the first talk on what it means to be "Signed". Saturday morning another talk was given about being "Sealed", and the youth broke into small groups to share ideas and thoughts. Saturday afternoon fun workshops were offered from cooking to crafts to ballroom dancing, even a live snake demonstration for the fearless! I helped cook turkey pot pies for the Rescue Mission.

Saturday evening worship was my absolute favorite part! Following the three talks on what it means to be signed, sealed and delivered, all 200 of us entered the St. John's sanctuary and celebrated a service with "The Laying on of Hands". Once again, the youth formed two prayer stations at the altar, anointed each person, one by one, with oil, laid hands on that person and prayed a prayer of being sealed as Christ's own forever! Every person in the church went forward for the anointing. It was a holy, Spirit-filled service and was the culminating event of the weekend for me.

Sunday morning, despite the snow, the charter buses took us to the Hotel Roanoke to take part in the Sunday worship service with the adult attendees at Council. The youth had reserved seating up front and were responsible for the music along with Fran McKendree, excellent! The youth also made a presentation for Nets for Life and asked the diocese to help them reach their goal of 144,000 nets donated on behalf of SWVA. After the service, we traveled back to St. John's where there was more food, music, singing and entertainment until it was time to say farewell to new friends until next year. Finally, with the live music, dancing, eating, game playing and overall high energy, it's the perfect teenagers' weekend! I can't imagine any child not having fun there. In fact, I didn't meet a child, or adult for that matter, that wasn't having fun! I highly recommend encouraging more 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders to attend next year. You and your children won't regret it! Mark your calendars now for Y@C 2011.

Respectfully,  
Chesley Vohden  
Youth Ministries Committee



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 13, Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14.

## EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

Here are some comments from our youth about the Youth at Council (Y@C) event held in Roanoke last month...

"It was a great experience and I hope to do it again next year! My favorite part was the small groups. I felt like I could really open up and be myself. They were very good listeners and I loved hearing what they had to say too."

-Breanna McConnell

"Youth at Council was so much fun!!...I love how all of us kids can get together and sing, dance, and praise Jesus all together. Youth at Council is very organized and you don't have time to be bored. You meet new people from around Southwestern Virginia and make life long friends."

-Grace Vohden

"..the best part was singing and just being with ...friends"

-Abby May

"My favorite part was the small groups. In small groups you could talk about things because you felt more comfortable with other people"

-Julie Vohden

"(I) liked the reptile class the best!"

-Ben May

## Junior EYC Calendar of Events

The Junior EYC collected \$368.87 at their "Souper Bowl" event to the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry.

In February the group enjoyed snow tubing at Wintergreen and God Squad tee shirt making. The month of March will include:

March 7 TBD

March 12 Middle School Dance at St John's, Magill Hall

March 21 Dodge Ball versus First Pres at the Presbyterian Home

March 28 St. Paul's, making baskets for Mission Auction

## Senior EYC Calendar of Events

The Senior EYC served pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, enjoyed a Snowshoe Ski trip weekend and volunteered at the Holy Trinity Food Pantry in February. The month of March will include:

March 7 TBD

March 21 Tattoo Taboos

March 28 Dodge Ball versus First Pres at the Presbyterian Home

## Confirmation Class for Youth after 10:30 Service

Sunday, March 21st  
class 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.

## Mystics

On March 14 Mystics will begin a study of the emergence of the Divine Feminine in our time. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying and discussing this topic. The book which we are using is *Created in Her Image, Models of the Feminine Divine*, by Eleanor Rae and Bernice Marie-Daly.

This book can be purchased as a used book on Amazon.com for less than a dollar plus shipping. We meet one Sunday evening a month. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 14 at 7 pm at the home of Dorsey Mayo, 104 Carriage Way. Tel. 384-7287. Please call if you have questions.

## ST. JOHN'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

### March 2010

- 1 Diane & Charles Scott
- 2 Sandra Scott
- 3 Sue Scott
- 4 The Rick Scruggs Family
- 5 Patsy Sellers
- 6 Nancy Shank
- 7 Swami Sharadananda
- 8 Carolyn Sherayko
- 9 The David Shields Family
- 10 The Philip Showalter Family
- 11 Jane Sigler
- 12 Mary Ann & Will Sigler
- 13 The Stephen Simmons Family
- 14 Laura Lee Slayton
- 15 The Mike Sloan Family
- 16 Becky & Steve Smith
- 17 The Scott Smith Family
- 18 Mollie & Ray Snead
- 19 Gwen & Tony Solyom
- 20 Linda & Eric Sorenson
- 21 The Rick Sorenson Family
- 22 The Paul Staley Family
- 23 The CJ Stands Family
- 24 The Ricky Sterne Family
- 25 Laura & Tom Stevens
- 26 The Gary Stewart Family
- 27 Joann Stewart
- 28 Ed Stoll
- 29 The John Stone Family
- 30 Claudia & Mark Stubstad
- 31 Margieanne & Ed Suhling

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

### March 2010 Nursery Schedule

Please arrive by 9:15 a.m.

- March 7 Elliott
- March 14 Gorman
- March 21 Gowen
- March 28 Grant



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The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell, *Bishop of Southwestern Virginia*  
 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*  
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 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  
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 Stewart Langley, Treasurer  
 Joe McCarthy

**Commission on Christian Formation**

Chad Waterworth  
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 Ashley Carrington, Secretary

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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**

**Lawson Wood Capshaw**

January 25, 2010  
 Son of Hollis and Bill Capshaw  
 Grandson of Lea & Billy Barksdale

**Reed Ivey Marks**

February 10, 2010  
 Daughter of Paige & Kean Marks  
 Granddaughter of Ella & David Marks

**Nealy Myers Carson**

February 23, 2010  
 Son of Sallie & Brett Carson  
 Grandson of Vivian & Dan Payne

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 1	Amy & Larry Mays (7 years)
March 2	Lois & Conrad Frey (53 years)
March 3	Karen & George Lupton (20 years)
March 4	Susan & Peter Dobroff (11 years)
March 12	Kay & Kent Van Allen (16 years)
March 14	Nollner & Smokie Watts (51 years)
March 17	Ella & Dave Marks (37 years)
March 26	Gracy & Don Martin (50 years)
March 29	Andrea & Allen Dukes (13 years) Frances & Bob Marshall (52 years)

If your anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be included in **Tidings**, please contact Gayle Rhodes at [gayle@stjohnslynchburg.org](mailto:gayle@stjohnslynchburg.org)

**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.*