

From your rector...



Every week at our staff meeting, we do a few things. We open with Bible study, we talk about the calendar and we pray for all of those on our prayer list. We do other things, but those are the things that are most consistent. This past week when we discussed the church calendar, we were a little overwhelmed. In the summer, churches typically cut back on programming. However, at St. John's we have a lot going on this summer, most of which is outreach oriented. On May 30th we are breaking ground for the Habitat house we are sponsoring. Soon you will be learning about how to sign up to help with this amazing project. You don't have to know how to use tools to help! On that very same day, our summer lunch program will begin. We will be feeding 60-100 people every Wednesday for the whole summer. Kay Perry is once again leading this endeavor and signups will appear soon.

In June we will continue with both of those projects and have a project after the 10:30 service on Father's Day. This project will be specifically geared toward children and adults! It will be something that people of every age can do. In July we will have our Rise Against Hunger event which has been very popular over the last few years. I know this seems like a lot, but we will have a lot of help on the Habitat house. While we are the lead sponsor, there will be three or four other churches contributing money and volunteer hours.

There is a well-known passage in the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus tells a parable about a king addressing a group of people. He thanks some people in the group for helping him when he was in need. He was hungry and they gave him food. He was thirsty and they gave him a drink. He was a stranger and they welcomed him. He was sick and they took care of him. He was in prison and they visited him. The people are confused because they did not remember seeing the king like this or helping him at any time. They ask him when they saw him like this. The king replied, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." They did not actually help the king, but in helping others, they were serving the king as well.

The people who we will be helping this summer are mostly strangers. The people we help with the Stop Hunger Now program live in another country. We will never even meet them. The people who will move into the house we build will be our neighbors as the house is only a few blocks away. The people who we feed at the summer lunch don't all have places to call a home.

Most of the people we will serve this summer are strangers to us, but they are not strangers to God. They are God's family, which means they are part of our family. One of our readings for the Easter season calls us to love not just in word and speech but in truth and action. This summer, we have many opportunities to love God's family in truth and action. Consider it a crash course in Christianity and get involved in as many ways as you can. We are so fortunate to have these opportunities to serve our neighbors and God. I look forward to serving alongside of you!

*Faithfully,
Samantha*



ST. JOHN'S FAITH BUILD: (Lead Sponsor)
213 Union Street (Corner of Armistead and Union Streets)

GROUND BREAKING: MAY 30th at 10:30 AM)
ALL ARE WELCOME

Habitat for Humanity was created to demonstrate the love of God, so it is natural that the church should be a primary partner in Habitat's work. Churches are essential in grounding the work of Habitat in the gospel message and uplifting the ministry of Habitat in prayer. The most successful Habitat for Humanity affiliates are the ones with the strongest church support, and churches have proven to be Habitat's most reliable and long-term partners.

Please consider helping as we answer God's calling in service:

1. Pray - First and foremost, we ask that you keep the ministry of Habitat for Humanity in your prayers.
2. Support Habitat for Humanity - Your congregation can help in a variety of ways: @ 213 Union Avenue:
 - Be Part of Building on Faith: Volunteer for Habitat construction crews.
 - Prepare and serve meals for construction workers.
 - Make a financial contribution.
 - Provide in-kind goods and services.
 - Individuals are always needed to help in a variety of ways beyond the construction crews.



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Bishop Vaché Scholarship

The Bishop Vaché Scholarships provide funds to assist low-income and minority college students in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. First year students as well as returning college students are welcome to apply. Scholarship awards range from \$1000 to \$5000 per academic year. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2018. Notifications will go out by June 15, 2018 and awards will be made by July 1, 2018.



Ridley Scholarship

Through the great generosity and charity of Miss Roberta Ridley, an endowed trust was established many years ago to provide financial support for continuing education for qualified members of the Episcopal Church in Southern Virginia and for residents of Southampton County and the City of Franklin. Applications are due June 20.



Chanco's 50th Anniversary Celebration - May 4-6,

Chanco on the James. Join us at Chanco on the James May 4-6 and celebrate with us Chanco's half century birthday! This golden anniversary of Chanco's ministry will celebrate 50 years of camp programs and many years of Cursillo, EYC, Happening, and re-

treats. We have been working for almost a year to plan the BEST anniversary celebration possible! Reunite with old friends, experience archery, ropes, water activities, hayrides, campfires, live music, a pool-side luau and more. This event is expected to sell out quickly for Chanco's retreat lodges. Questions? Contact us at hospitality@chanco.org or 889-724-2626. We can't wait to see you back in Chanco's magical forest where "friends are friends forever."

THE AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS



TIDEWATER CHAPTER

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THE ORGAN SWELL 2018

DEBORAH CARR, Artistic Director



Celebrating its 19th annual series of collaborative pipe organ recitals,
the **Tidewater Chapter of The American Guild of Organists** announces the schedule for
THE ORGAN SWELL 2018

The concert series, an event in the **VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL**,
will feature outstanding organists from the region performing with Virginia Symphony and area professional orchestral musicians. The series provides a rare opportunity to hear a wide range of music for organ and other instruments as well as great organ solo literature.

Sunday, May 6	St. Thomas Episcopal, Chesapeake	4:00PM concert	Patricia Spoettle, Organ Lawrence Clemens, Trumpet
Friday, May 11	Main Street United Methodist, Suffolk	12:00PM concert	Marjorie Setnicky, Organ Joanne White, Flute
Sunday, May 20	St. John's Episcopal, Hampton	4:00PM concert	Brad Norris, Organ Anne Epperly, Flute
Monday, May 21	Larchmont United Methodist, Norfolk	12:00PM concert	Michael Regan, Organ Rebecca Gilmore, Cello
Tuesday, May 22	Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg	8:00PM concert	Mary Beth Bennett, Organ Melinda McKenzie, Oboe, English Horn

Brad Norris, a familiar musical face at St John's will present a delightful Organ concert as a part of the American Guild of Organists' Organ Swell Series. The program will be held on Sunday afternoon May 20 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary and in addition to Brad at the organ he will be joined by VA Symphony flutist Anne Epperly, Williamsburg Baritone Dan Waddill, Sarah Charlock on guitar and Brad's organ student Mason Hill. This varied program is open to the public with a free will offering at the door. The event is part of the concerts offered by the VA Arts Festival and will be followed by a reception hosted by our choir in the Parish Hall.

Academy of Music: The new Academy of Music at St. John's has 3 professional music teachers offering private music lessons in guitar, voice, piano and violin. Currently we are offering lessons to 5 retired veterans and would love to add more students to our schedule. The Academy is meeting on the second floor of the white building (Hoffman house) beside the church where we have a beautiful studio for music. The St. John's Academy of Music is a partnership project of our music ministry and the Academy of Music located in Norfolk. I encourage you to explore this opportunity to nurture your musical ability with individual and group music instruction. Contact music director Deborah Carr at music@stjohnshampton.org for additional information and sign up to learn. Scholarships are available to those students who need help with funding. Come on out and join the tunes!!!



Join us on Sunday, June 3rd for the Parish Picnic following the 10:30am service in the church yard (between the church and the parish house). Please bring a side or dessert share. The Picnic will be moved inside if it's too hot or rainy.



St. Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild will have their end-of-year luncheon on Tuesday, May 8th at 11:30AM at the Chamberlin Hotel (Ft. Monroe). We will dine with a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay. Any lady interested in becoming a member of St. Anne's Guild is welcome to join us. Contact Barbara Sinclair or Janice Markham for details.



Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14th: This year we are making a special mother's day gift to the women of Transitions Domestic Violence Shelter. We will be giving them gift cards to Target so they can purchase basic necessities. We will be collecting donations on May 13th . You can make a check to St. John's with "Transitions" in the memo line or put cash in an envelope located in the pew that is labeled "Transitions." The envelopes will be in the pews starting May 6 th . If you are not in church Sunday (perish the thought) you can send a donation or drop it off at the church.



We have a wonderful young adult group (20's & 30's) here at St. John's. We have recently begun to meet monthly. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 10th at 6PM. The location will be announced.

One Bread, One Body: How This Shapes the Message of the Church for the World-The Final Chapter. The Hampton Episcopal Churches will gather at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church for the conclusion of our annual fellowship which began during Lent. Join us on Wednesday, May 16th at 6PM for *light refreshments*. The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald Ramsey will be the presenter.

We would like to start a Summer Book Club. Our meetings will be on Monday evenings for discussion and refreshments. If you are interested, contact Shannon Olson at jjawsolson@aol.com



Baptism and Confirmation

4-8-2018

Congratulations

Baptism

James Green

Confirmation

Michelle Fuller

James Green

Yasmine Harrison

William Klotz

August Olson

Darius Rowe





Vacation Bible School Rome: Paul and the Underground Church, children will discover what it was like to be one of the very first Christians through music, drama, games and crafts.

We will have a **VOLUNTEER MEETING MONDAY, MAY 7 at 9:30 AM**. If you are interested in volunteering please plan to join us! There are many roles to be filled: marketing outside of the church, decorating, drama, games, arts and crafts, etc.



Sunday, May 13 10:30AM service, please plan to join us and support our youth who will participate in several aspects of the service.



Pentecost Sunday - Sunday May 20, Children please plan to attend Sunday School class and the 10:30 service. We will have several art projects to prepare for the 10:30 Pentecost service. After the service we will have activities for the children and Cake! This will also be the **LAST DAY OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION** for the Summer.



H.E.Y. (Hampton Episcopal Youth) met on Sunday, April 22nd to go to Re-bouncerz for jumping and snacks. We had lots of fun! Youth sixth through twelfth grades (and friends) are always welcome to attend all **H.E.Y.** events!

Passages

Bette T. Holman— Born on 4-29-1919 and entered life eternal on 4-14-2018.

Frank "Sonny" Houston Cowling—Born on 2-23-1930 and entered life eternal on 4-23-2018.

Lloyd Thomas—Born on 5-15-1951— and entered life eternal on 4-30-2018.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants Bette, Sonny and Lloyd, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (BCP p.493)

May Birthdays

- 7 Mary Virginia Strup
- 9 Greta Harrison
- 10 Jim Klotz
- 12 Donald Heath Jr.
- 13 Nancy Beach
- 18 Ron Forbes
- 20 Ian Edgar
- 21 Pamela Show
- 22 Paula Hogg
- 23 Henry Eley
- 25 Jess Miller
- 25 Thomas Miller
- 26 Betsy Clark
- 27 Brian McMahon
- 28 Lawrence Cumming
- 28 Jim Mason
- 30 Whiting Chisman

May Anniversaries

- 2 Robert & Mary Croft
- 6 Jerry & Betsy Bouchard
- 10 Andy & Virginia Armstrong
- 12 Jim & Emily Klotz
- 13 Mark & Laura Riley
- 14 Jason & Sarah Messersmith
- 16 Steven & Ellen Griffith
- Conor & Samantha Vincent— Alexander
- 20
- 23 Bill & Lyn Kirkland
- 24 Michael & Debra Woodward
- 26 Frank & Ann Edgar
- 27 Ron & Carrie Quinn
- 27 Jeff & Ann Templeman
- 29 Bill & Claudia Melgaard
- 30 Billie Jeffries & Warren Coleman

Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or anniversary:

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Vestry

Bill Brown (2018)

Whiting Chisman, Jr. (2019)

Patrick Dennehey (2019)

Duncan Garnett (2018)

Bob Harper (2019)

Rosemary Hobart (2018)

Lloyd Thomas (2020)

Stephen Rous (2020)

Ruth Simmons (2020)

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9am-4pm

In case of Pastoral Emergency,

please call 757-504-3504.

Sunday Worship

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am Christian Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Nursery Provided
for Christian Formation
and for the 10:30am service.