

From your Rector



For several years, there has been a rule with my extended family—no talking about politics at dinner or any setting with a large group. My family has very diverse political views. I am especially passionate about this rule as I am in the minority. However, after the 2016 election I reached out to my brothers to ask them about why they voted the way they did. I didn't want to start an argument. I was genuinely curious. I love and respect my brothers. I even like them and genuinely enjoy spending time with them. I figured, if I cannot have a civil conversation with people I love and respect, then I have a problem. It ended up being a helpful conversation for me. I suspect it was a lot easier over e-mail. It's easier to have space in e-mail conversations, especially if the correspondents consider things before pressing "send." I am grateful to my family for helping me remain open to diverse opinions. Because the thing is, it's really easy to dismiss someone's opinion if you do not know the person, or do not know them well. It's easy to judge someone when you have not seen them wrestle with difficult things in their life and try to be a good person. While my brothers all belong to different denominations, they are all Christians. They are good Christians who care about other people. Knowing them the way I do, makes it harder to dismiss their views.

We often refer to the church as a family. There are some who don't like to hear the church described as a family, because the perception is that families are small and homogeneous. But that is not my experience with family at all. My family is incredibly diverse (politically, religiously and ethnically). What keeps us together is a commitment to our family as well as parents/grandparents who are extraordinarily loving and supportive. Church has that same potential. We are here together not because we all grew up together or because we all have the same hobbies. We are not a social club. What unites us is a baptismal covenant that reminds us that while we are different, we are part of the body of Christ. We commit to seek and serve Christ in all persons and love our neighbors as ourselves. We do this because we share a loving father who created us to love and be loved. We also commit to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. We do this with God's help. These are the words of our baptismal covenant.

Therefore, if there is a place where we should be equipped to talk about the hard things, it should be church. With God's help, we should be able to walk away from these conversations unscathed and hopefully a little more tolerant. I know it is risky. Sometimes, it is easier to remain ignorant of other people's opinions. But tell me this, where is the silence getting us? The silence in our families and churches is enabling us to remain intolerant of the opinions of others. Have you ever seen anyone walk away from a conversation online and say, "Well, I feel better now. I really feel as though I understand a different perspective." I have never seen that. Online, we just yell into the ether and wait for someone to agree with us so we can feel affirmed or disagree so we can tell them how unchristian/un American/ignorant they are.

I am not exactly sure what these conversations look like, but if you have ideas, please tell me. At St. John's, I have seen people disagree with respect and grace. I know we can do this. If we don't, who will?

*Faithfully,
Samantha*



We need your help to feed 10, 000 school children. We are excited that we are 60% of the way to meeting our financial goal. Help us get to 100%! Please consider making a donation (make checks payable to St. John’s and note Rise in the memo). There are donation envelopes in the pews. Please also consider volunteering a couple hours of your time on July 15th. No experience is needed. The sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall.

Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 18-19



The Summer Lunch Program has begun! This is a free community summer lunch each Wednesday though August 29th. We still need captains for each week and volunteers to help set up and serve our guests. A sign up sheet is posted in the parish hall and if you have any questions, please contact Kay Perry at kperry@wyoming.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

“Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith Event”

June 23rd, 2018

Here is a list of all who were on site, in including all those who came and supported the crew and the awesome lunch, that included much needed Gatorade!

The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander	Susan Cowling
The Rev. Mark Riley	Randy Devlin
Vickie Lane (Future Homeowner)	Val Bowen
Frank and Ray (Construction Managers)	Dave Bowen
Bob Harper	Laura Riley
Frank Edgar Sr.	Russell Smith
Linda Curtis	Kay Perry
Scott Curtis	Pam Taylor
Ed Austin	Parkie Rice
Lorraine Austin	Carol Winarski
Judy Steffens	Sandy Smith
Darius Rowe	Joshua Vincent-Alexander



Mark your calendars!!!

The next build date is:

July 21st.

Creating Safe Churches for Congregations

Safe Church training is grounded in our call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being. This training provides an opportunity to increase and enhance our ability to live out our Baptismal Covenant within our communities of faith and in the world beyond.

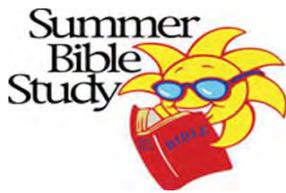
September 8, 2018 – Ascension, Norfolk.

September 15, 2018 - Trinity, South Boston.

September 22, 2018 – St. Andrew’s, Newport News

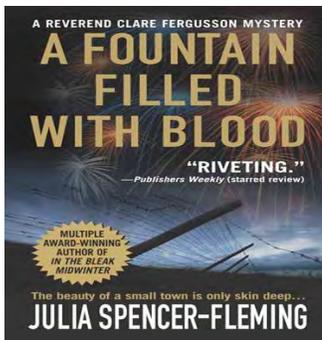
October 13, 2018 – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach.

October 27, 2018 – St. Matthias’, Midlothian.



Evening Summer Bible Study: Mark is leading an evening Bible study for the summer. Please contact Mark if you are interested mark@stjohnshampton.org or via the office (757-722-2567).

Summer Book Club, we are reading the series by American Mystery writer Julia Spencer-Fleming about a female priest, Clare Fergusson, a new priest at St. Alban's Episcopal Church set in the Adirondack mountain area of New York. Clare joins the Police Chief to solve murders. Monday, June 25 at 5:30. The next book in the series, *A Fountain Filled With Blood*, will be available for pick up. New participants welcome! Please just email jjawsolson.aol.com so we will have enough copies of the book.



Usher training-Choose a session, Sunday, July 8th



or July 10th: Please join us for a very important training session for all ushers

serving at either service. The primary purpose of the training will be to instruct ushers on the location and use of two new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) purchased for the church by a generous donor. An AED is a potentially life-saving device used to shock the heart of someone in cardiac arrest. Although the device is designed to be used by non-medical professionals -- training in how to use it is important. All ushers will watch the training materials that came with the device, see what they look like, where to find one, and discuss best practices for their use. While we are together, we also plan to discuss how to handle other emergencies, including the capabilities of our integrated alarm system, the sprinklers and evacuation procedures. On a happier subject, we will also use the time to refresh on the usher's role as the primary welcomer to newcomers and visitors, and answer any questions which may arise on any of these topics. The session will last no longer than one hour, and we have scheduled it twice to accommodate schedules. You only need to attend one time, as the same material will be covered in both sessions. July 8, immediately following the 9:15am service, with a repeat showing Tuesday, July 10th at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

Do you like to sing? – To learn about instruments?

Enjoy being an actor on the stage ??

Are you a rising 2nd-6th grader??

St. John's Music Camp is for YOU !!!!

July 16-20 from 9am-12 Noon

St. John's Episcopal Church

100 W. Queens Way, Hampton



Come join us !!!

Interview classical composers from the past

Learn to play handbells, chimes and recorders

Win prizes with musical games like Bingo and Twister

Learn and perform a musical on the stage at our final program

Register NOW for your place in the camp!

Fill out the form below and send to Music Director

St John's Episcopal Church

100 W. Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669

Or email to music@stjohnshampton.org

or call the church office to register 757-722-2567

Cost is only \$5.00 per student (which covers the cost for a music camp T shirt)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Age _____ School grade _____ Do you have musical background? _____

Space is limited so sign up now!!!

News from the Academy of Music at St. John's: If you are looking for professional music teachers, look no further. We offer private music lessons in guitar, voice, piano and violin. ALL are welcome and we are very excited to include 5 retired military veterans. Join us. The Academy is conducting lessons on the second floor of the Hoffman House, the white building beside the church where we have a beautiful studio for music. The Academy of Music at St. John's is a partnership project of our music ministry and the Academy of Music located in Norfolk, VA. Explore this opportunity to nurture your musical talents with individual and group music instruction.

Contact music director Deborah Carr at music@stjohnshampton.org for additional information. We will make beautiful music together !!! Scholarships are available.



Special Music happens throughout Summer Worship services at St. Johns. Here is what you do not want to miss---

Sun, July 1 - Dana Epstein solo

Sun, July 8 - Small chamber group offering

Sun, July 15 - Greg Brauer offers special piano music and Ron Forbes solo

Sun, July 22 - Return of the fabulous Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group

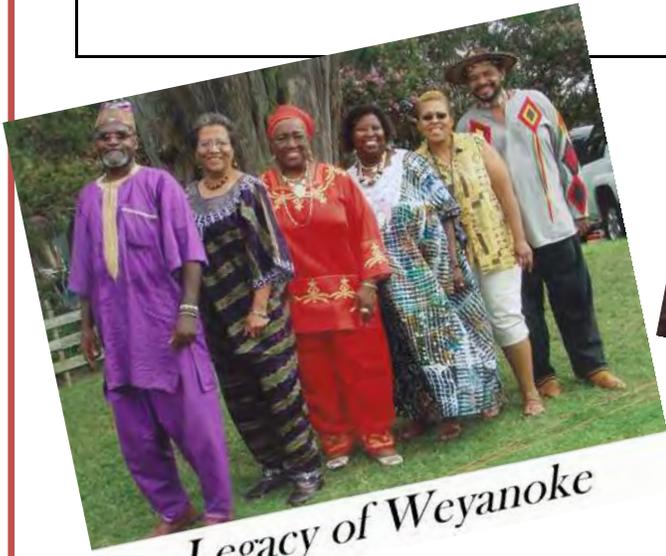
Sun, July 29 - Choir quartet and Wendy Cumming solo

Sun, Aug 5 - Dana Epstein and Natalie Chiasson duet

Sun, Aug 12- Women's trio from the choir

Sun, Aug 19 -Return of the fabulous Weyanoke Ensemble

Sun, Aug 26- Natalie Chiasson and Hugh Harrell duet



Legacy of Weyanoke



Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel

Favorite Hymns - Back by popular demand, you have the opportunity to choose your favorite hymns to be sung during our summer worship. Simply send an e-mail to our music director Deborah Carr at music@stjohnshampton.org with a list of the hymns you would love for us to sing. We will try to incorporate them into our summer services and will let you know when they will be used. There are 5 hymn opportunities each Sunday so don't pass up this opportunity to pick your favorites!!



Chanco
on the James



CHANCO: Chanco on the James SUMMER CAMP 2018 Registration now Open Ages 7-16. Paddle boarding, Swimming, Boating, Zip Lines, Camp Fires, Songs and Games in a Faith Based setting.

For more information www.Chanco.org

(888) 724-2626

THANK YOU to everyone that participated in assembling the Blessing Bags, we were able to make over 60 bags for our DHLP guests.

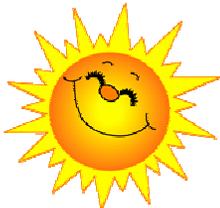
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We have decided to use the VBS Curriculum, Rome: Paul and the Underground Church, for the Fall Sunday School classes. a Multigenerational event will take place in the Fall, so watch the bulletin and e-pistle for more information!



ICE CREAM: It's summertime and we will be having ice cream after the 9:15am service in July and August. If you would like to donate some, please drop it off in the parish hall kitchen freezer. Individually wrapped, hand held items only. Thank you!

SEXTON: Join us in welcoming our new Sexton, Nathan Houser. His working hours will be Monday 11am-4pm, Wednesday 9am-2pm, Saturday 9am-12pm, and Sunday 8am-11am (summer hours). If you see him around today, please introduce yourself!

Join us for a Summer Social!



When: Friday, July 20th 6pm-8pm

Where: Parish Hall

Bring your favorite summer beverage and a savory item to share. The church will provide lemonade.



Rules around church membership can be a little nebulous. The official way to join is to transfer your "letter" to St. John's. However, if you attend and we have all your information, we could consider you a member. That said, we would like to welcome the following people who have formalized their membership. If you are not sure whether you are a member and want to ensure you are, feel free to call the church office and inquire.

A Special Welcome to:



Edward & Lorraine Austin



Dan Kilker

July Birthdays

- 1 Danny Lockey
- 2 Tom Savage
- 2 Kitty Favre
- 4 Jack Pope
- 4 Sandy Smith
- 7 Dyana Ward
- 7 Dana Epstein
- 8 Darden Barrett
- 8 Sheila Munson
- 8 Keagan Ocheltree
- 10 Ronald Weber
- 11 Andy Armstrong
- 12 Wendy Cumming
- 13 Bill Saunders
- 15 John Holt
- 17 Chris McMahan
- 19 Ann Tormey
- 19 David Edmonson
- 20 Marshall Bagley
- 21 Whiting Chisman III
- 22 Judy Shoemaker
- 27 Betty McKinney
- 27 Quinby Amory
- 25 Jenn Devlin
- 28 Helen Fedziuk
- 30 Darius Rowe

August Birthdays

- 1 Eddie Clark
- 1 Robert Shuford
- 2 Wendy Cash
- 3 Jim Tormey
- 4 Kim Shoemaker
- 4 Billie Einselen
- 8 Barbara Dennehey
- 9 Bill Boyer
- 10 Walter F. Melvin
- 12 Catherine Dycus
- 12 Lori Shuford
- 13 Robert F. Shuford, Jr.
- 15 Linda Curtis
- 17 Anne Rutherford
- 21 Hannah Beach
- 21 Anne Abraham
- 22 Kippy Sinclair
- 23 Addy Klotz
- 27 Whiting Chisman, Jr.
- 27 Jane Rogers
- 28 Jane Moore
- 29 Susan Edmonson
- 31 Thomas Bagley

August Anniversaries

- 10 Jack & Bettyrene Pope
- 17 Walt & Linda Serwatka
- 17 Ken & Christine Kline
- 25 Steve & Nancy Adams
- 27 Doug & Denine Miller

New Baby

Alister Lowrey

Born:

June 24, 2018

Parents:

Brendan & Courtney Lowrey

Siblings:

Casey, Ahayla and Ezra





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Vestry

Bill Brown (2018)
Whiting Chisman, Jr. (2019)
Patrick Dennehey (2019)
Duncan Garnett (2018)
Bob Harper (2019)
Rosemary Hobart (2018)
Charlie Edmonson (2018)
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.

*July & August **ONE SERVICE** at 9:15AM*