

From your Assistant Rector...

Summertime...and the giving is easy.



Recently I've attended a couple of continuing education trainings on ways to bring people together as a community and worship. It requires thinking outside of the normal church formulas; the tried and true methods are no longer working and lowered attendance levels across the church support this need for change. A central focus of the trainings intent was to provide ways to adapt our thinking to the rapidly changing world view of church and how we can continue to help people grow closer to God while also helping to meet their needs. The shocking reality is that unlike previous decades, over 40 percent of the current population will never attend church (as we know and understand it). One main reason that this number continues to grow is due to the fact that a large portion of the current population under the age of eighteen has grown up with parents and grandparents who never attended church worship.

This is *the first generation* in the United States of America to not experience church via their parents or grandparents. Church is no longer passed on through the family that places an even larger onus on the existing church family to find new ways to foster new relationships with this “unchurched” generation. This also requires intentional change to the methods and manner that we use to even have a discussion about church. We need to become more missional in how and where we are seeking and serving others. The church can no longer serve as a kind of large electro-magnet that once planted and energized draws people into the building. The great news is that God’s love is missional and the church has always been missional at its core. As the church, we need to adapt what we already do well to support this new generation. In time, they can also help us learn how we can reconnect with those parents and grandparents as well.

This does not mean that we have to disregard or change everything that we're already doing well. We need to see what we are doing well, evaluate how and why it is working and ultimately whether that effort will connect us to those whom we are called to seek and serve as faithful Christians. We need to remain focused on our effort to bring all people closer to God. We want others who do not know God to experience God’s love and we also want others to experience the kind of community and love that we feel and share right here at St. John's.

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It may require us to go into uncomfortable places that stretch us: We need to experience how people live, work and raise children in a world “without church.” Then, as we understand their life, we can begin a dialog.

This summer St. John’s will host a number of programs that offer ways to practice and stretch ourselves as we explore how we can serve those in our community: Summer Lunch, Music Camp, Rise Against Hunger, and a new ministry with Hampton Jail are just a few. I hope you will consider getting involved in any or all of them and then I would ask that you intentionally make time to listen. Learn about and take an interest in the guests who attend. Like Night’s Welcome in the winter, Music Camp and Summer Lunch will bring new visitors to St. John’s and Hampton Jail will be more missional way of a reaching out to others we may never meet otherwise. Each experience offers a different perspective and provides a way to serve others and to learn about our neighbors.

Each one of these programs and the many others that we support require one simple step: showing up. During the summer months schedules are less consistent than any other time of the year, and this can provide small windows of free time. I would urge you to try and fill in those small gaps of time by showing up. If you find a few hours or a day you can serve, please sign up. Extra hands are always helpful and the program leaders can use the support. As well, take some time to learn about the people attending the ministry; this not only helps with hospitality but may tell us about the needs of the area as we learn more about our neighbors. Then we will be better prepared to follow Jesus command to love our neighbors.

Grace and Peace, Mark



Holy Land Pilgrimage with Bishop Magness February 3-14, 2020

The next Holy Land Pilgrimage led by Bishop Magness will be February 3-14, 2020. Bishop Magness invites you to join him in the spring of 2020 for our second Diocesan pilgrimage to the “Land of the Holy One.” For a number of years he has been making trips to Israel and Palestine for the purpose of both pilgrimage and building relationships. In coordination with Lightline Pilgrimages Bishop Magness has developed a splendid pilgrimage. If you choose to be one of our 2020 pilgrims you will have an incredible opportunity to both renew your faith and expand your knowledge of the land where Jesus lived out his ministry. Quite literally, you will be walking in the places where Jesus walked, and you will be experiencing the world that our Lord experienced. Space is limited to 35 people. Registration deadline is June 7, 2019.



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Prayer for the Bishop Search

Almighty and most gracious God, source of all wisdom and guidance, send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek and discern a shepherd for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Inspire us with hope, hearts to love you, and a desire to serve one another. Grant us grace to entrust you with the future of your Church and all things. We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



MUSIC CAMP IS HAPPENING AGAIN!!!!

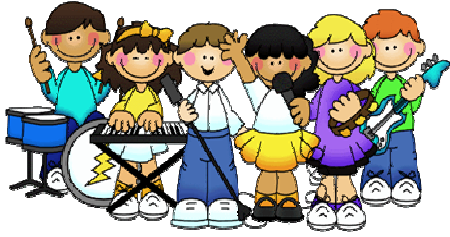
If you were part of our new elementary age music camp for kids last year you know it was a blast and a wonderful opportunity to make our church known in the community as a place for kids to come and learn. This year it will be held the week of July 8-12 from 9:00 am - 12 noon each day with the closing program at 12:00 noon on Friday July 12 for everyone followed by a pizza lunch. I need teachers and helpers for each of the 4 classes and the musical. This will take the place of vacation bible school so this needs to be the event of the summer. We teach music theory through games, meet the composer with costumed composers each day, learn about the instruments with visits from area musicians and their instruments and hands on playing of hand chimes and rhythm instruments. We top it off with a costumed and staged musical - this year the show is Bach to the Future. Please consider joining us as a teacher, a helper or just as an audience member who supports the closing program. We need everyone.



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Music

It is with great excitement that we announce the first recital program of our new Music Academy at St John's Church. The three teachers at our academy are teaming together to have their students present short pieces in a program for violin, piano and guitar for your enjoyment on **Saturday morning June 15, 2019 at 11:00 am** in the church sanctuary. The three teachers, Christine Gundayao, violin, Robert Dietz, guitar and Deborah Carr, piano will finish the program playing a delightful Tango composition together. The little recital will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall for a meet and greet time for all. Please come and support our newest music makers and our efforts to bring music to our community.

Summer Music Camp



SAVE THE DATE!

July 8th –July 12th

Do you want to learn about instruments?
Do you enjoy being an actor on the stage ??
Are you a rising 2nd-6th grader??

More information coming soon!

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Deborah Carr at music@stjohnshampton.org

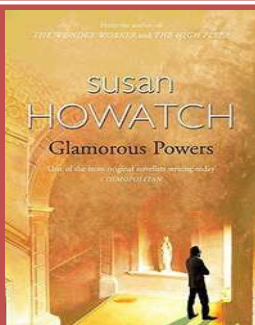
SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you interested in participating with any class or camp that involves the children (ex. Sunday School, Music Camp, etc.), then you must complete the Safe Church Training. By attending the workshop in person, your certificate is good for three years. If you do the shortened version offered online, it will only last one year.

For more information contact Shannon Olson via email at formation@stjohnshampton.org.
You can register at www.diosova.org

More training workshops:

- June 8 - Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach
- June 15 - Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk
- June 22 - Trinity, South Hill
- September 28 - Redeemer, Midlothian

EPISCOPAL 101: Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Are you interested in learning more? The clergy will be offering Episcopal 101 classes in the near future for those new to the church (or people who just need a refresher). We are debating when to offer these classes and decided first to figure out who is interested and then we will go from there. If you are interested, please contact the clergy or the church office.



Book Club - 'GLAMOROUS POWERS' by Susan Howatch.

Every Monday on the stage at 5:30pm. For more information please contact Shannon Olson by email at formation@stjohnshampton.org



Downtown Hampton Block Party

For the past 24 years, thousands of residents from all over Hampton Roads have gathered together in Downtown Hampton for music, food, and community during the annual Downtown Hampton Block Party

On Saturday, May 4, 2019 St. John's came to do their part and man the beverage tent. St. John's received tips & 10% of the sales. Thank you Darden Barrett for his hard work.

GRADUATES 2019



Jill Shoemaker - Jill Shoemaker will graduate from Hampton Roads Academy in May 2019. She will study theater at the Chicago School of Performing Arts. -*Jamie & Kim Shoemaker*



Kyle Apgar - Our grandson, Kyler Apgar, will be graduating from Shenandoah University with a degree in Business. However, he's now a representative for ESPORTS, the fastest growing sport in the world. Kyler graduated from Kecoughtan in 2015. We are PROUD! -*Jerry & Janice Markham*

Instructed Eucharist

We will be having a 2 part Instructed Eucharist on June 30th and July 7th. An Instructed Eucharist is an opportunity to learn more about why we do what we do during the service. It includes not only information about the Eucharist—but everything that happens in the service (which is why we are doing it in two parts). To prepare for this fun event, we are asking you to submit questions so we can make sure we cover all of your questions over those two Sundays. There will be white notecards in every pew for the next 3 weeks. Write your question and put it in the offering plate. Example of questions: Why does the priest change clothes in the middle of the service? Why do some people kneel and some people stand?

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The **Downtown Neighborhood Lunch Program (DNLP)** will be starting June 19 this year. This is a ministry that serves the homeless and others in Hampton's downtown neighborhood every Wednesday at lunch time during the summer. With lots of help, it is a very satisfying experience and a blessing to those we serve. Contact Kay Perry for more information. kper-ry@wyoming.com



These are two pictures of a banner that our Christian Formation (CF) class created for display during the Downtown Neighborhood Lunch Program (DNLP) beginning on June 19. The banner project is a result of our discussion about Jesus' commandment to "love one another" and how we and our church strive to follow this commandment, such as showing love for our neighbors through the DNLP.



The banner also incorporates Bishop Curry's mantra - "If it's not about love, it's not about God". The children in the picture are the ones who created the banner. They did a great job. I'm keeping the banner in our classroom until June 19, so if you get a chance, go upstairs and get a closer look.

May 19th was the final Sunday of CF this year. Parkie, Niecsa, and I enjoyed working with your children and watching them grow. When you have a wide age span, it can be somewhat challenging to plan a lesson that will be meaningful to all, but the older ones helped with the younger ones and it all worked out! Your children are amazing. They brought us joy!

Don't forget that church does not stop even though formal CF has stopped. I did talk with the children about Ascension and Pentecost coming up in June, so hopefully they will remember when those Sundays get here.

Have a wonderful summer with your children. Sandy Smith



Passages

Rosemond Abernathy Crosswhite

Entered life eternal on
Thursday, April 25, 2019

Services were held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 1PM

Passages

Michael David Stacy III

Entered life eternal on
Sunday, May 5, 2019

Services were held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 12PM

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants Rosemond and Michael, 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, on God now and forever: Amen. (BCP p.493)

June Birthdays

3 Grace Bowen
5 Cindy Brauer
5 Fletcher Chisman
7 Tudie Saunders
9 Betty Phillips
10 Elizabeth Allen
10 Deb Mason
10 Caroline Bagley
12 Diana Youngclaus
15 Kaye Lockey
15 Whit McKinney
15 George Eley
15 Will Eley
16 Barbara Sinclair
16 Bettyrene Pope
17 Kay Perry
18 Jason Messersmith
18 Charlie Moore
19 Charlie Amory
21 Michael Woodward
21 Jack Olson
24 Ellen Melvin
25 Niecsa Chisum
27 Michelle Keene
29 June Wolff

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as he or she begins another year. Grant that he or she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his or her trust in your goodness all the days of his or her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

June Anniversaries

2 Frank & Sylvia Edgar
4 Darden & Amanda Barrett
7 Ron & Elizabeth Phillips
12 Greg & Cindy Brauer
14 Stocky & Rosemary Hobart
14 Jim & Greta Harrison
16 Donald & Frances Klovstad
17 Jim & Deb Mason
18 Pat & Barbara Dennehey
18 Bill & Eleanor Brown
19 Brenden & Courtney Lowrey
30 Jerry & Janice Markham

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



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Vestry

Greg Brauer (2021)

Patrick Dennehey (2019)

Charlie Edmonson (2021)

Bob Harper, Sr. Warden (2019)

Emily Klotz (2021)

Denine Miller (2021)

Bettyrene Pope, Jr. Warden, (2020)

Stephen Rous(2020)

Ruth Simmons (2020)

Darius Rowe (Youth Representative)

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.