
Dear Family of St. John's,

Whew! Would you believe it's already been two months since Katy and I arrived at the Young house? We're settling in well, ticks and all, but I would be less than honest if I said that things are completely set up and in order. Still, expect an invitation for one of several open house gatherings in the near future!

Some thoughts on open communication...

The practice of open communication is not always easy yet, as any adult knows, it's a necessary skill for maintaining healthy relationships; church is no exception. Anyone who's been the recipient of indirect criticism or backbiting can attest to how potentially hurtful this can be. Psychologists call this "triangulation," where the person who could most benefit from critique is left "out of the loop," creating a potentially harmful imbalance. In laymen's terms, it means that the person who would benefit most from critique gets nothing while the other two members of the "triangle" maintain a sense of power over him/her.

Open, honest communication is a hallmark of any healthy adult organization and gratefully, St. John's is remarkably open and healthy! Still, we're all human and we all fall into triangulation from time to time; and here, I include myself. The trick, I think, is to be willing to grow into a more spiritually mature place, where criticism and correction are given and received, not out of a sense of power, but of self-giving love. This can only happen in frank, direct communication; the sort of

communication that St. Paul addressed in his letter to the Romans:

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

1 Corinthians 13:11

Paul was suggesting that loving, honest and open communication was a very adult behavior, one that was win-win and loving for everyone. I believe that Paul was speaking about an ideal; one toward which we might grow because no one will likely ever completely eradicate the urge to triangulate.

As a polite society, we're often concerned, and sometimes in unhealthy ways with not hurting the feelings of others. The paradox lies in the fact that not speaking directly can frequently hurt all the more. The key to it all, I think, is to be more self-aware and being willing to speak what's in both our hearts as well as our minds. Our job is to be an active part of God's Reign. Open, honest and loving communication is a huge part of that.

In Love,

Fr. Bill +

The Rev. William Burt



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Coming Events

Sunday, June 4th - Killam's Point Picnic

July 2nd through 7th - Youth Mission Trip

Saturday, July 10th - Parish Tag Sale

Thursday, October 5th - St. John's 15th Annual Golf Tournament, Lyman Orchards Golf Course

Look for more information about these coming events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Make sure you save the dates!

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

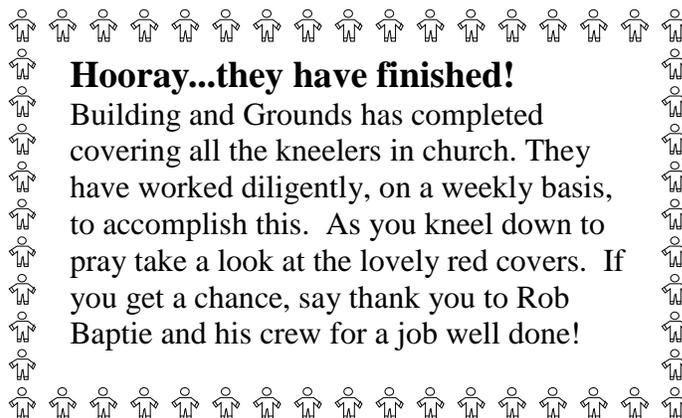
Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer, page 833

A Gentle Reminder

With the summer months approaching...just a quick reminder to keep your pledge up to date. The mission and ministry of the church continues year round and your financial support is important.

Thank you!



PRAY...

Please pray for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit: Nancy, Kate, Meg, Parker, Maribeth, Sue, Dick, Beverley, Bill, Sophia, Edna, Jack, Ann, Jimmy, Jennifer, Diane, Karl, Janice, Téa, Andrea, Dawn, Inez, Nicole, Angelo, Linda, Susan G., Jeffrey, Ruth, Rick, Joseph, William, Tony, Allen, Frank, Jocelyn, Mary S., Erik, Pat, Joe, Cathy, Fran, Kira, Donna, Leslie, Clara, Cecile, Matthew, Emily, Cooper, Liz, Susan, Nancy A., Bernadette, Margaret, Chris, Pat, Mackenzie, Allyson, Linda, Justyna, Margaret, Thiago, Allison, Robert, Adam, Mary Jane, Thomas, Peggy, Tricia, Jackie, Ann & Anthony, Matthew, Agnes & George, David, Alexandra, Al, Sue, Alice, Art, Alene & Oyarma, John, Barbara, Jim, Charles, Leslie, Elizabeth, Marge, Attica, Conni, Stefan, Dorothy, Don, Priscilla, and Shirley.

For the Newly Baptised: Mark Andrew Satchwell, Charlie Flynn Satchwell

For those who have died: Charles "Charlie" Bliss Dayton

**Mark Your Calendars for
Saturday, June 10th—8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. John's Spring Tag Sale**



*Yes...you can start bringing in your treasures on
Wednesday, May 31st!*

Bring just about anything, with these few restrictions:

Furniture: small items only

Books are welcome, but please:
no condensed books, encyclopedias, text books or magazines, and
no electronics

Sorry, no clothing

Donations of homemade baked goods to be sold will also be greatly appreciated (These may be brought to the church kitchen on Friday, June 9th)

Workers are needed the day of the sale, and during the week leading up to it. You may drop in at your convenience. Watch for the sign-up sheet is now posted in the Great Hall. Sign-up and come and help!

If we don't see your name, someone **might** just call *you* to ask for your help!

Oh, and by the way, since you have made space in your house with your donations...buy some things to fill them!



What a fun evening we all had on May 6th. The Great Hall was transformed into a wonderful party space. There was good food, fun dancing, excellent company, and wonderful baskets. It really was a blast!

Many, many thanks to Michele Kearney, Kristen Moore and their crew of helpers. They really made it a fun night. People, young and old alike, had fun dancing. There were those of us who enjoyed watching them.

The food was excellent! Michele was responsible for organizing the main course along with her helpers, and everyone donated desserts. Yumm! You needed to dance to burn off the calories.

If you missed this, watch for other times when we can get together. We really do have a grand old time. St John's knows how to party!

Do you have E-Mail?

In a never ending quest to update information, we are now making sure that we have your preferred e-mail address. We want to increase our ways of reinforcing parish communication.

If you are willing to share your e-mail address with us please fill it out in the space below and put it in the offering plate, hand it in to the church office, or e-mail it to jdavis@stjohns-northhaven.org

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Have You Heard?



15th Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Ron Maynard will be held Thursday, October 5th 2017 at Lyman Orchards Golf Course.

This year's tournament is being chaired by Gayle Maynard and Bill Kohlhepp. They are looking forward to seeing you out on the golf course.

What...you don't play golf? Do you have some friends that play or an employer that will sponsor it?

You can donate prizes, or help collect some. Do you have a favorite eating spot, movie tickets, coffee cards, grocery cards? All these can be donated as prizes. Give generously to the "We Care" envelopes that will be in the pews closer to the date. Maybe you would like to help get flyers out to local businesses to see if they would like to be a sponsor this year. The list goes on and on. If you can help, talk to Gayle or Bill, or contact the church office.

This is always a fun day. Good food, good friends, and most importantly raising money for a good cause. No one likes to be cold!

So...save the date, start forming your foursomes, encourage others to join you and watch for further information.



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April 27, 2017

Ms. Susan Ransom
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Dear Susan,

On behalf of the people of Matel Haiti, thank you very much for your contribution of \$300.00 to the New York Haiti Project. Your unexpected gift comes at a good time; we are finishing the building for the grain mill. The mill will provide revenue to cover the expenses of the school we are building.

Ten of us are returning to Haiti July 11-18. Our purpose is to build deeper relationships through prayer, worship and conversation. We also hope to break bread together. I will keep you all informed about our progress. In the meantime please keep the New York Haiti Project and the people of Matel in your prayers.

May God continue to bless you and the people of St. John's.

Christ's peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Owen".

The Rev. Sam Owen
Priest in Charge

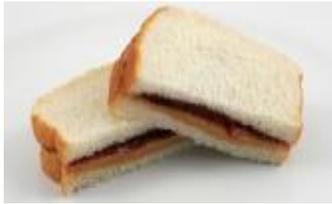


The Lemonade Sign-Up Sheet is Posted

Please sign-up to serve lemonade following the 10:00 a.m. service. All you need is three gallons of lemonade and some store bought

cookies. Paper cups will be provided. Clean up is a cinch! The sign-up sheet is posted in the Great Hall. Thanks in advance for your help!

Sandwich Ministry for the Midnight Run Third Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m.



Many thanks to the Sandwich Ladies and all who have supported this ministry. We will be happy to accept donations of canned tuna, jars of peanut butter, jars of jelly, mayonnaise, etc. Anything that would make a tasty sandwich for those less fortunate. Cookies, chips, popcorn, or assorted snacks are also gratefully received. We would also like donations of sandwich bags - almost 400 bags are used weekly. Please leave your donations in the kitchen before Wednesday morning.

The sandwich Ministry fund is also running low. This pays for the bread that is used weekly. Can you help with that?

The Sandwich Ladies meet the third Wednesday of every month during the summer. Why don't you come and join them. In the fall they will start up again every Wednesday!

Community Supper

Community Supper is on hiatus for the summer months. It will start up again in September. The sign-up sheet for the new season is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door in the Great Hall. There is a Friday waiting for you!

Grocery Cards

Every week we put in the church bulletin the fact that we sell Stop and Shop and Big Y cards for face value, and that we get a commission from the two stores for doing this. This helps support the mission and ministry of the church.

We also add a plea at the bottom for you to buy some extra cards to throw in to the basket for Father Bill to use to give to folks that come and ask for help.

Our supply of these cards is extremely low. Those knocks on the door for help are from people who don't have enough money to feed their family or themselves. Many people live paycheck to paycheck. Some don't even have a pay check through lay offs or illness and an extra bill such as a car breaking down, or a home repair can wreak havoc on the household budget. Many of them have no place to turn and come to the church for help. Usually it is a one shot deal and it amazing how they, in return, when things are better for them send in a check with a thank you. For some they are homeless and come a little more often. Not for much, just enough to help them get by for a little while.

Next time you buy your cards for grocery shopping can you buy an extra \$10 one to help build up our stock. It must be hard to knock on the door and ask for help!



Youth News

by Michele Kearney, Director of Children's Ministries

Summer Gospel Time

During the 10:00 a.m. service we will be continuing the Children's Gospel. Throughout the summer we will be telling Bible stories that coordinate with the day's readings and the children will participate in creative ways to respond to them. For the summer, this program relies on adult volunteers to conduct lessons. It is a simple lesson plan and all materials will be provided. No prior teaching experience is necessary. If you're interested in helping, see Michele Kearney or sign up for one Sunday in the Great Hall.



Camp Washington is an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of CT. Traditional and specialty programs are available for children ages 5-17. Camp Washington is situated on 300 beautiful acres in northwestern CT. It is open to all children and families of all faiths

and denominations. If you are interested in more information you can go to www.campwashington.org, or contact Michele Kearney. Financial is available if needed.



VBS Volunteers

Can you spare a few hours the week of August 7th to 11th? We really need adult help make a VBS program happen at St. John's this year. Vacation Bible School runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No prior experience is needed. We have different kinds of opportunities available: helping with crafts, games, snacks, leading a class or just helping a teacher supervise students. This year we are going to try something new by having a supper one evening of VBS for the students, volunteers and their families. Please contact Michele Kearney or call the church office if you're interested in helping

Church School

Plans are already underway for the 2017-2018 Church School Year. We are currently scheduling teachers, organizing the classrooms, ordering supplies and materials, cleaning the classrooms etc. If you are interested in joining the Christian Education staff, please contact Michele Kearney at mkearney@stjohns-northhaven.org. Also, keep an eye out church school registration forms, which should arrive by mail in mid-August.

Middle and High School Mission Trip to Lynn, MA

The week of July 2nd to 7th, St. John's middle and high school students will be partnering with youth from Dunbar Congregational Church of Hamden on a mission trip to Lynn, MA. We will be going through YouthWorks, an organization that exists to connect teenagers to God, each other and communities through life-changing Christ-centered mission trips.

During our time in Lynn, we'll be staying at the Grace United Methodist Church. We'll be serving the community through helping facilitate a sports camp for kids, restoring old houses with a local ministry, and serving through partnerships with various local organizations.

As you can probably tell, it's going to be a full week of listening to, learning from, and loving the people we meet in Rutland. This is going to be a great opportunity for growth within our group. We would love it if you would pray for this mission trip experience. Pray for the 10 of us who are going that we would be open to learning from the community we're visiting and grow closer as a group and closer to Jesus. Pray for the community members who we meet that we could love and honor them well. Pray especially for the kids who we'll get to do ministry with, that they would connect the love we show with the love Jesus has for them.

We are also working on fundraising for this trip. Please consider supporting us through one of the fundraisers we will be holding.

On June 10th, from 10-2 we will be holding a carwash at McDonalds on Universal Drive in North Haven (by BJ's). You can support us by volunteering to help us wash cars, or you can purchase a \$5 carwash ticket from one of the participants or through the church office.

Another way to help is by purchasing a "SHARE" of our trip. Each Share Certificate will entitle the holder to postcard/email updates from Lynn and an invitation to a pasta dinner with a slide show and recap from the mission trip participants. The price per share will be \$30.

Congratulations Graduates

College Graduate

Angela DiLella graduated with a Master's degree in Creative Writing from The New School in Manhattan, NY. Her hope is to get an internship in NYC. She is presently writing and illustrating a novel.

High School Graduates

Graduating from North Haven High School

- Alexandra Baptie who will attend Roger Williams University to study in the Gabella School of Business

Graduating from Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford

- Mackenzie Torcello who will be pursuing photography

We wish all these graduates well as they continue on their journey through life.

If we have missed your graduation this year please let us know and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Please Note:

The newsletter is now being sent out in email form. Hard copies will only be mailed to those that don't have email. If you wish to have a hard copy you can get one from the church office.



Parish Family Picnic
Sunday, June 4, 2017
at 5:00 p.m.
Killam's Point, Branford

This is something you don't want to miss. If you have been before...you know why. If you haven't... come and find out.

There is a sign up sheet for this event on the "Coming Events" bulletin board in the Great Hall and the Narthex. We will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, and the drinks so...please sign-up so we know how many to expect. On the sign-up sheet it asks you

to bring either a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. You may also wish to bring a chair, maybe some bug spray, and perhaps, as it is earlier in June than usual, a sweatshirt.

For more information or to car pool, please call the church office 203-239-0156 We look forward to seeing you there. And don't worry if it rains, we have the use of Point House with plenty of room for us all and wonderful views from the large, numerous windows. In fact, if you look out the windows on one side...you would swear you are in the water! Marvelous, magical, don't miss out!

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