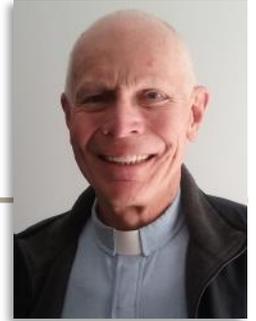


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Mid's Musings

BASEBALL is called "GOD'S SPORT."

For me, that is the case.

Baseball opens up my memory vault.

Playing catch with my Dad ranks as my earliest baseball memory.

Watching games with Dad at the ball park and on TV...

Those memories make me smile.

During my college years, sitting in the bleachers in the sun on

A warm spring afternoon, with the company of my roommate

And friends, was the best way to get ready for exams, so I thought!

Racing to an Atlanta Braves game, one of our daughters commented,

"Hurry, so we will not miss the kickoff pitch!" Classic concern of every

Season!

More recently, last summer in Chicago, on my birthday, JoAnn and I

Went to a Cubs game with my sister. It was my sister's first Major League

Game. This year, we plan to spend my birthday at a Durham Bulls game.

I look forward to that: I can almost taste the hot dogs and beer.

Baseball is not on our liturgical calendar—what a shame! Sometimes fans

Complain, baseball is "too slow." If we pay attention, there is plenty of

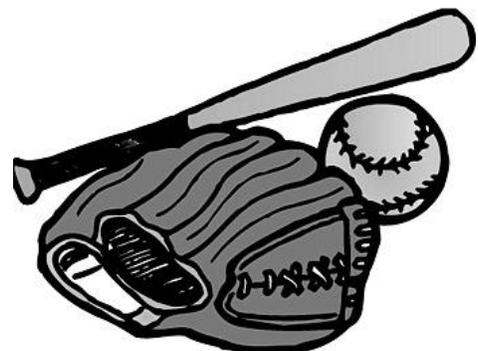
Action at the ball park. Then, there is plenty of chance to take in what

Happened, and what it means for the entire game, or entire season. Sort

Of like life. God's sport, indeed!

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Senior Warden's Corner



Greetings,

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in Mother Vicki's and Kevin's Celebration of Love. It was a wonderful event and we could not have done it without your love and support. This is what makes St. John's a very special place. Go to St. John's Facebook page to check out the "church congregation selfie." It is really a pretty cool picture!! A special thanks to Canon Earnest Graham, who attended for the Diocese.

We have officially entered into Transition. We announced Kitty Kovacs as the chair of the search committee on April 10 (thank you Kitty!) and on Tuesday, April 19 the Vestry approved the list for the rest of the committee. Generally, a search committee will run anywhere from six to ten people. While nineteen people expressed their interest to be on our search committee, we have gone with a group of seven. Two of these will be vestry members as the Diocese recommends. After we have expressed our special thanks to those who will not join this committee, we will announce to the congregation who the members will be.

The Diocese has outlined 19 steps in the search process. Steps 1-4 start with the Vestry; steps 5-12 consist of the search committee's work, and steps 13-19 are wrapped up with the Vestry. We are now at 20% completion. There will be a large poster board in the parish hall, to be updated monthly, outlining all of the steps and the percent of completion for the congregation to track our search process. I have an abbreviated step process outlined on page 3. When we cross a significant milestone, we will post something in the weekly announcements. Our goal is to be open and transparent about the search process. The only thing we can't and won't talk about is the actual candidates and any of their demographic information.

The Vestry has begun interviews for an interim rector. I hope, no guarantees, that we will have an

interim by June. Again, we won't be able to talk about specific candidates until an interim is selected. The Diocese is assisting us in this search. I continue to be amazed how well things just come together.

Not a day goes by that I am not touched in a special way by St. John's. Here are some of those feel good examples. I am very happy to have Mid and JoAnn as our supply priest and deacon. We are blessed to have them as members of St. John's and appreciate their willingness to assist us in this period of transition. We have an extremely talented Vestry who is very patient with their Senior Warden. Give thanks for the 19 people who volunteered to be on the search committee. We have remarkable church staff and office volunteers at St. John's who continue to just get things done. Finally, I am absolutely amazed at all of the love and support of the congregation for St. John's, and everyone who does all of the wonderful things behind the scenes to make everything come together each and every Sunday. We have an awesome preschool director, and a preschool that is a wonderful ministry to the community. There is so much volunteer work that makes this place run like a Choir of Angels sent from Heaven: Altar Guild, Lay Readers, the Choir, the Youth Program, Sunday School teachers, meals to the sick, Backpack Buddies, everything that comes out of the office, and the wide variety of groups with ministries within St. John's and out into the community. I can go on and on and on—it is just absolutely amazing! So if I missed you and/or a group and all the special gifts you offer St. John's, an extra special shout out and thank you!!

We have much to be thankful for! Please continue to keep St. John's, the New Search Committee, the Vestry and yourself in your prayers while you continue to support our parish as we go on this journey together, one in Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Ken Marsh

Search Process Steps

| Step # | Task Item | % |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| #1 | Rector announces departure. | 100% |
| #2 | Vestry meets with Diocese Canon, receives Vestry Search Packets. | 100% |
| #3 | With advice from Bishop, Vestry selects Search Transition Style. | 80% |
| #4 | Vestry forms Search Committee. | 100% |
| #5 | Search Committee meets with Canon - receives search packets. | 0% |
| #6 | Search Committee gathers info to produce a Parish Portfolio. | 0% |
| #7 | Search Committee completes Parish Portfolio-it's all online! | 0% |
| #8 | Search Committee meets with Canon. Search Committee receives Search Packet #2. | 0% |
| #9 | Search Committee conducts Discernment Conversation with various priests. | 0% |
| #10 | Search Committee asks Canon to conduct Pre-Flight Checks. | 0% |
| #11 | Diocesan Bishop interviews final three (3) Candidates. | 0% |
| #12 | Search Committee recommends one name to the Vestry. | 0% |
| #13 | Vestry conducts a Discernment Conversation with the selected priest. | 0% |
| #14 | Senior Warden phones the Canon and Bishop for verbal permission to Call. | 0% |
| #15 | Vestry asks Canon to secure a Background Check. | 0% |
| #16 | Vestry calls priest and negotiates Letter of Agreement with assistance of the Canon. | 0% |
| #17 | Vestry writes Bishop to request written permission to Call. | 0% |
| #18 | Rector, Sr. Warden, Canon and Bishop sign the Letter of Agreement. | 0% |
| #19 | The New Rector is Announced. | 0% |
| TOTAL PERCENTAGE COMPLETE | | 20% |

EYC Summer Opportunities



Close to Home Mission: Fri., June 24 - Sat., June 26

Moving out of the ordinary and experiencing new things is the best part of summer. This summer, St. John's will be offering three days of "Close to Home" mission opportunities if there is enough interest. We will focus on creation care projects and fellowship time. Our mission days will get outdoors working on a farm, tubing in the Tar River, hiking, building birdhouses and making a trip to visit the migrant workers at Episcopal Farmworker Ministries. To make these three days a success, we need youth and adult participation. Please see our Sign Up Genius for details on how you can help from June 24-26. The Diocese of NC offers many amazing opportunities for Episcopal Youth who want to broaden their community and try new things. Here is a sample of the summer offerings. Please visit the [Diocese website](#) for more information.

HUGS Camp: Mon., July 11 - Sat., July 16

HUGS (Helping Understand God through Sharing) is about shared experiences: Campers with special needs are paired with one or more "helper" campers, who assist the special-needs campers with all the activities of camp life. Needs may range from needing assistance in bathing, eating and/or dressing to help getting around or just having a friend to encourage participation. Helper Campers take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers.

Throughout the week, the campers live, play, and sing together. Camp is held at The Summit in [Haw River State Park](#). The Camp family stays in the cabins and activities are in the gym and pool area, lodge and youth facility, with games on the recreation field. Come join in a camp where diversities are celebrated and understood!

Province IV Middle School Youth Event (PYE MS):

Tues., June 21 - Sat., June 25

Tread Lightly: Honor God, Honor Creation

What is PYE MS? It is for Province IV Young People and the Adults who accompany to serve God and can get to know other young people within the broader Episcopal Church. This is a mission based experience at Haw River Retreat Center where we will explore the vast gift of creation that God has given us. We will:

- Learn ways in which we can be ambassadors for stewardship of creation
- Become more attuned with nature and grow closer to Christ
- Learn about living sacramentally
- Learn how we can take creation care to our home parishes with practical and sustainable practices.

Mission projects will focus on actively participating to safeguard creation and reduce our footprint on earth.

Province IV High School Youth Event:

Thurs., July 28 - Mon., August 1

Province IV Youth Ministries is offering a four-day experience for 9th through 12th graders and the adults who accompany them on their journey of faith. We will immerse ourselves in the historical truths of the Civil Rights movement in Birmingham. We will work together to build an understanding of social injustice that will help all participants develop a vision and the skills to lead their dioceses' programming around race and inclusivity. We will, as is said in the Book of Common Prayer, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" (BCP p. 292, Baptismal Covenant).

Don't forget to check out the Episcopal sleep-away camps: Camp Henry, Camp Trinity and Camp Kanuga! I hope St. John's will be represented at one or more of these locations!

Joy Shillingsburg

In Our Prayers



Parishioners, Friends and their Families:

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Robert Lownes | Pat LaBarbera | Maren Channer | Bud Spalding |
| Jase Brown | Joe Cronin | Ariel Garner | Ann Marie Bateson |
| Virginia Olsen | Dewey Jordan | Carla Lovely | Katherine Ferguson |
| Milly Nelligar | Ellie & Karl Wolf | | |

Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:



| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Dylan Cate | Chris Jones |
| John Cooke | Charles Kelley |
| Michele Cooke | Tom Moore |
| Bryan Cooke | Kyle Weinel |



May Birthdays

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 02 Ballard Earley | 12 Carole Friedman | 19 Robert Bartholomew | 26 Sarah Bailey |
| Erik Larsen | 15 David Bennett | Milly Nelligar | 27 Benjamin Brittingham |
| 03 David Cooke | Lauren Demanovich | 21 Karen Demanovich | 28 Chandler Presson |
| Tom Lauria | Shane Morse | 22 Spencer Hill | 29 Pat Beedenbender |
| 04 Ava Benton | Delaney Thibodeau | Trevor Telenko | 30 Natalie Velthuisen |
| 05 Christine Knights | 16 Evan Graber | 23 Grace Edwards | 31 Ralph Ferguson |
| 10 John Blake | Laura Santos | Colette Larsen | |
| 11 Miriam Houtz | 17 Jean McCamy | 25 Jeannette Kettle | |
| Elizabeth McDuffie | | | |
| Ava West | | | |

From The Register

Baptisms on April 3, 2016:

Kennedy Grace Mamuschia, Rhett Allen Dodd, Afton Kent Dodd, Brandie Michelle Dodd,
Carson Tyler Ludlow and Juliana Grace Seiter

May 2016 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---|--|---|------------------------|---|
| 1 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School (E) No Hot Dog Sunday Today | 2 | 3 12pm Preschool Teacher Luncheon | 4 10am Alzheimer's Mtg (PH) 11:45am Holy Eucharist (S) | 5 8:30am-3:30pm Habitat House 7pm Grief Counseling (PH) | 6 Flower Cart (PH) | 7 |
| 8 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School (E) 11am Mother's Day Coffee Hour | 9 | 10 7pm Preschool Board Mtg (PH) | 11 6:30pm Handbells (S) 7pm Adult Choir (S) | 12 | 13 Flower Cart (PH) | 14 9-12pm Church Grounds Clean Up Day |
| 15 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School (E) EPISTLE DEADLINE | 16 | 17 | 18 6pm Girl Scouts (PH) 6pm Handbells 7pm Adult Choir (S) | 19 9am Preschool Moving on Ceremony | 20 Flower Cart (PH) | 21 10am Sophia Sisters (PH) |
| 22 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist & Sr. EYC Recognition Service 10am Sunday School (E) | 23 | 24 | 25 6pm Handbells 7pm Adult Choir (S) | 26 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL | 27 Flower Cart (PH) | 28 |
| 29 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School (E) | 30 | 31 | | | | 30 |

Office Hours: 8am - Noon Monday-Thursday PH=Parish Hall, S=Sanctuary, E=Educ. Bldg., PS=Preschool, EYC=Educ. Bldg

May 2016 Ministry Assignments

| Calendar | Acolytes | Readers | Chalice | Greeters | Ushers | Flower Guild | Altar Guild | Lessons | Sermon |
|----------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|-------------|
| May 1 | | Cathy Plaut | Mike Morse | | Jean Leppek | Christine Knights | E. McDuffie, E. Melvin, K. Bierline | Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 Psalm 67 | Mid Wootten |
| | Ethan Chapman TBA TBA | Donna King Maggie Shalar Sheryl Friedrichs | Bill LaBarbera Elizabeth McDuffie | Gail Calhoun Joe Paulonis | Roger Melvin Harold Davis | | | | |
| May 8 | | Bob Bidwell | Katharine Ferguson | | Monica Brewbaker | Louise Howard | A. McCullough, D. Munz | Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, John 17:20-26 Psalm 97 | Mid Wootten |
| | TBA Mary Allen TBA | Kenille Baumgardner Christine Knights Al Hinton | Peter Thibodeau Joe Paulonis | Rita Caputo David Caputo | Barbara Kwiatek TBA | | | | |
| May 15 | | Katharine Ferguson | Bob Bidwell | | Larry Demanovich | Betty Bland | K. Osborne, L. Hayes, K. Laukhart | Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, (25-27) Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Mid Wootten |
| | Graham Campbell Ryan Fitzpatrick Mary Allen | Jack Presson Henry Allen Chandler Presson | Brian Benton Harold Davis | Patti Davis Harold Davis | John Rich Bob Nelligar | | | | |
| May 22 | | Eleas Ottley | Emily Graney | | Alton Hare | | | Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15 | Mid Wootten |
| | Jayne Bennett Tyler Bennett Mary Allen | Vivian Jones Joe Paulonis John Rich | Christine Knights Kenille Baumgardner | Arlene McCullough Dorie Allen | Durbin Goodwin Spencer Renfrow | Sharon Davenport | C. Friedman, B & B LaBarbera | Psalm 8 | |
| May 29 | | Emily Graney | Tom Baker | | Mike Morse | | | 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10 | Mid Wootten |
| | Michael Warriner Danny Warriner TBA | Kitty Kovacs Barbara Kwiatek Carole Friedman | Bill LaBarbera Henry Allen | Vivian Jones David Bland | Michael McDuffie Al Hinton | Pinky Cooke | C. Knights, K. Bamgardner, K. Demanovich | | |



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Preschool News

It's hard to believe we only have a few weeks left of school this year. We have had a full year of learning, growing and making memories! We will be sad to say goodbye to our 24 four year-olds who will be "Moving On" this year. We wish them and their families the best of luck as they venture on to their new school. I know our teachers have prepared them well! We sincerely thank all our wonderful families for enriching our school, supporting our efforts and giving us the privilege to teach your children. Thank you to all the church members who have supported our preschool especially our "Church Buddies." The children have loved getting to know you and have enjoyed the relationship you have built.

The preschool is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. We currently have openings in the Playgroup (12-24 months); 2 day, 2-year-old class (T-Th); 3 day, 2-year-old class (MWF); 4 day, 4-year-old class (M-Th) and 5 day, 4-year-old class.

Contact Tracy at preschool@stjohnswf.com or call 919-562-8619 to schedule a tour or to get more information. If you know of any friends or neighbors looking for a preschool, please let them know we have spots available. Have a restful summer and see you in the fall!

Tracy Painter, Director



All of the 2, 3 and 4-year-old classes painted "frog houses" that are being displayed in the Natural Habitat Learning Garden.