

The Eagle

The Newsletter of St. John's
Episcopal Church
October 2010 Edition

The Rector's Corner



Happy October, family!

We have put a great deal on our collective plate for the upcoming months that I'd like to share with you.

First, the bull roast, which was originally scheduled for November, will be postponed to the start of March. It was felt that this would give us time enough to plan, advertise and really do a job worthy of our best efforts. Besides, it will come right before Ash Wednesday, so we can make a Mardi Gras party out of it too.

In the meantime, there is the annual Graw Days celebration on Oct. 9. We plan to have a baked goods table. Hope you can help!

On November 6, we will be hosting a concert by "Expressions of Faith," an African-American choir from St. James Church, Lafayette Sq., Baltimore. Tickets will be available, hopefully by mid-October. Talk this event up in the community, get the word out and let's fill the church with

sound and a happy audience! They will also return to lead the music for our 10:15 Eucharist on November 14.

These events will show the surrounding community that St. John's is not only still here, but here to stay and grow! But there is the spiritual part of our endeavors, which is and should always be first. Because we are a community of people who pray, there need to be more opportunities for us to gather to do that. To that end, we will be offering two additional services for anyone who wants to come:

1. Morning Prayer. We'll be reinstating this gem of the Anglican tradition. Sometimes there will be a brief message and sometimes there won't. This will be a "said" service without music and should take no more than 15 minutes out of the morning. We'll start doing this on October 4 at 9:30 am.

2. Mid-week Evening Prayer and Eucharist. Again, these will be "said" services, one flowing into the other. As with our Sunday Eucharists, all visitors are warmly and cordially welcomed. These will begin on Wednesday, October 6. Service will begin at 5:30 and continue with Eucharist.

3. Weekly Bible Study. Starting on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm immediately following the mid-week Eucharist. For the first 7 weeks, we'll be looking at the first 15 chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using the book, *Matthew for Everyone*, by Bishop N.T. Wright. We're going to try something a bit different. The first session will be held in the rectory and snacks will be provided. If people are interested, we could develop this into a weekly pot-luck.

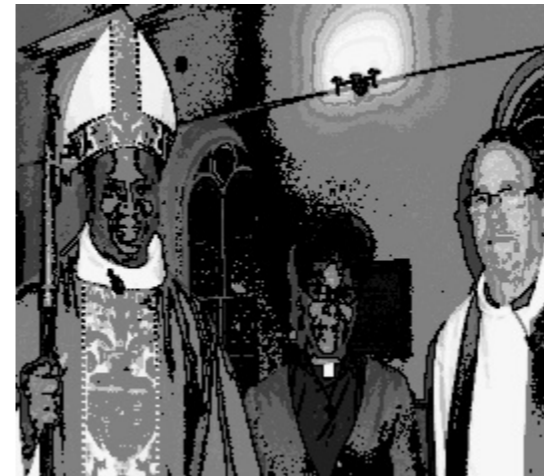
We have a pressing need to attract and keep youth at St. John's. To that end, I will be looking into volunteer opportunities for myself and anyone else interested at the local Boys and Girls Club and other venues around town.

There's a great deal to be done but, the great joy is that we're not alone: We have Christ with us everywhere we go.

B'Shalom,

Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill's Celebration of New Ministry and Institution held on Sunday, September 26 was a wonderful success. Thanks to parishioner Bill Sudbury and Fr. Bill Smith from St. Margaret's in Emmorton for providing flag bearers and alter people who added to the pageantry of the event. During the service, John "Caden" Burkey was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal faith. The Reverend Petrina Pyatt, a personal friend of Fr. Bill's, presented a message of hope and faith. The Bishop pointed out that there are churches he has yet to visit, but he has had the pleasure of being at St. John's three times. The banquet, organized by Kallie Lyons and Anne Shinn, was delicious and plentiful. Thanks to all who contributed to make this a very special event.



The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Fr. Bill Burt



John "Caden" Burkey and the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton

See the website for more pictures. www.stjohns.org

October Calendar

Happy Birthdays:

2 Helen Zengel
4 Nadine Anderson
4 Martin Burch
4 Bob Brandon
7 Joyce Burch
8 Beth Brendle-Williams
11 Dottie Erickson
12 Nicole Thompson
18 Danielle Fisher



23 Offie Clark, III
26 Sarah Ashby
31 GayLynn Price

Happy Anniversary:
23 Jackie and Bob Brandon

Dates to Remember!!!!

- October 4: Morning Prayer begins 9:30 am in the church
- October 6: Evening Prayer and Eucharist begins 5:30 pm in the church
- October 6: Bible Study begins 7:00 pm in the Rectory
- October 9: Graw Days Bake Sale 10-2

ST. JOHN'S COMMONS

After seven years of planning, the groundbreaking ceremony for St. John's Commons will took place at 10:00 on Friday, September 17th. Fr. Bill provided the blessing for the ceremony. This was a very exciting time for the Commons Board, St. John's Church and the community of Havre de Grace! Our parish is privileged to be the sponsor of this new senior housing facility which is much-needed in our rapidly growing city.



Breaking Ground. Sharon in the middle.



Fr. Bill blesses the Commons Project

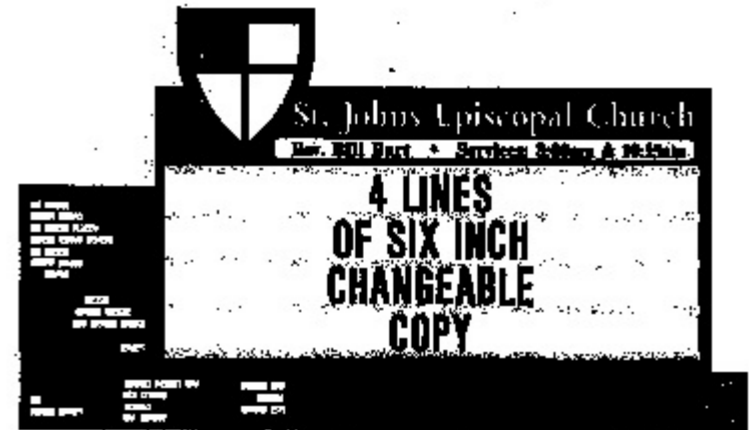


Virginia , Evie, and Sandra

Baking for Graw Days

St. John's is going to have a bake table at the upcoming Graw Days Festival October 9th to raise money for our new church sign. We participated in this event two years ago and sold everything on our bake table! We have a great spot reserved this year on Washington St. with all the other vendors. The Graw Days Festival is a major event for the town of Havre de Grace and a great opportunity for our church to be involved with the community. Please donate baked goods for the table. Individual baked goods should be wrapped and packaged to be sold for \$1 each. If you bake cakes, pies, etc. Donna will price them that day. Baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday when the office is open from 11-2. It would be especially helpful if you could bring your donation to the table after 9 and before 10 on that Saturday. People are also needed to man the table that day.

Please contact Donna Patnode for more information and/or to volunteer. Donna's number is 410-591-4621. Her email is Donna.graphics@comcast.net.



Our Proposed New

Sign!

Joe Smith and
are in the process

4'X8' Sign

Donna Patnode
of designing

and getting built a new lighted sign for the front of our church. Vestry is excited about the attractive design and the prospect of adverting our church events without using the clumsy sandwich board sign. Much needs to be done to bring this sign from a design to a reality! If you feel able, please donate to the fund. Specify your check to go to the Sign Fund. More importantly, though, will be the need to do fund raising. Join Joe and Anne Shinn in a Fund Raising Committee to raise money to build the sign. They are presently planning a Bull/Oyster Roast for November. This is not a two person job, however, so please join them in bringing this event to Havre de Grace. Call the office (410-939-2107) for more information, or speak directly to Joe or Anne.