



The Eagle

St. John's monthly newsletter

Unity in the Community —

A Multi-cultural Event

Evie Brendle, Keith Butler, and I met at St. John's

Saturday May 7th. We loaded up Evie's truck with tables and chairs, the St. John's Banner, and lots of yummy baked goods. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who provided the baked goods. Once we arrived at Festival Park in Aberdeen, it was a gorgeous day with blue skies and puffy white clouds.

We set up our area. (Ask Keith about his ingenuity in putting up the St. John's Banner.)

Sarah had created flyers about St. John's, which we brought to give out. We also had Father Bill's St. John's business cards, and the "what do you see" cards, which were a big hit with the children.

Other vendors who were there included:

- Always House of Prayer, Aberdeen
- Scentsy Wickless Candles
- The Mormon Church
- Bethel Apostolic Church, Havre de Grace
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)
- Harford CROP Walk
- Harford County Health Department
- Face painting
- Food: hot dogs, chicken, fries (we were the only desserts!)



- Moon bounce (for kids)

There was music, too.

The Coordinator of the event, Steve, plans to have another day of festivities in September. I think we should attend this event, too. Not only did we make some money from the bake sale (\$90!), it was very nice to meet our neighbors in the Community.

by Saundra Pope

Baptism Announcement: Eric Christopher Bonavia

Vision Quest Ministry

The Vision Quest Ministry, which is discerning the future course & ministry for St. John's, is meeting on a regular basis. Please see Saundra Pope if you would like to share in the work of this ministry.



*** GIFT CARDS—** We are out of gift cards to give to the needy for food. If you can donate any from Weis, Shop Rite, Wal-Mart, or other local groceries, please bring them to the office. They are tax deductible.

June Birthday's

3 Ken Streb, 4 Elliott Clark IV, 6 Carlos Morales, 7 Carol Leatherbury & Marion Parker, 14 Erik Thompson, 16 Joseph Smith, 22 Matthew Gengenbach, 23 Ethel Sellman, 27 Keith Butler, 29 Olga Mapp-Stansbury

June's Anniversary's

18 Susan & Ken Streb, 19 Bruce & Stephanie Lyon, 20 Frank & Joanne Calder and Carol & Joel Thompson

Cursillo Weekend by Sarah Ingalls-Howard

This past weekend, May 19-22, I went on my first Cursillo Weekend. It is a weekend that is by Lay people in the community for adult Lay people in the community. It is designed to educate, uplift, and move forward the kingdom of God in the Episcopal church. If I had to compare it, it's like half the Christian Leadership course and half Revival. The Episcopal version for other age groups are "New Beginnings" (which I went to and teamed for several times) and "Happening". There are also versions in most other denominations and some that are for any denomination.

Cursillo weekends are chalk full of surprises that I can't share so I won't ruin the weekend for those that come after me. Let us just say that after this weekend I have come back renewed, energized, and ready to roll!! I was lucky enough to be on the 100th weekend for our Maryland Diocese. We had two members of the team that ran it from the very 1st weekend, Fran and Bowtie Bill (Mary White's father).

You may think that Cursillo would be just a weekend, the end, but it's not. It is followed by a program of "Grouping's" where you have a small bible study group weekly. It is also followed by a program of "Ultreya" which is a monthly Praise meeting. It gives a support system to those that do God's work. If anyone is interested in attending, please call the office. The 101st Weekend is in October.

A Word From the

St. John's Treasurer



This month, I'm starting off by asking you a favor to help those who count the collection plates. If you pledge with cash, can you please jot your last name on the envelope? Recently we've had a couple of envelopes with smeared numbers and we want to be 100% certain that we get the donation to the correct person. A smudged number can make it hard to read and thus, make it hard for us to know how to assign that donation. Also, make sure you seal the envelope! Over the past few months, we've sometimes found the cash sneaking out of unsealed envelopes. If the money falls out, we will have no way of knowing what you gave. It would just get mixed into the plate count, but then your 2011 donation statement could/would be wrong.

The counters and I thank you all in advance!

As always, if you want to review the most recent financial reports given out at vestry, feel free to contact me. I'll gladly meet with anyone that would like to see exactly where we are. Email is kallie67@comcast.net and home phone is 410-939-1203. (We're still in the red, in case there was any doubt, but our investments are slowly creeping up. Good news!)

In other news, we are living in exciting times!! No, I'm not talking about the rapture that didn't happen on 5/21 or any world news event. I'm talking about right here at St. John's!

We now have a full time parish administrator who is already doing amazing things for us. Welcome aboard Sarah!

We also have newcomers and returning parishioners in our pews on Sunday. How wonderful to see new faces and to get to meet new friends! I think new people bring a vitality and energy that is important when growing and there are also lots of ideas flowing to and fro. This makes me excited about our future!

I was thinking the other day that I hope I live to be in my 90's. I want to be around for St. John's 250th anniversary. I want to be sitting there, thinking about how despite the struggles we had, we soldiered on into a bright and wonderful future!! This is my vision and my prayer!

God's peace to you all!

Kallie Lyons



Congratulations Graduates !!!!!

Erica Boyd, Laura Brandon, Jessica Calder, Rebecca Eikenberg, Amber McCutcheon, Nick Pileggi, and Jennifer Retzlaff Smith

From Jackie Brandon



Safe Church Training

June 11 @ 2pm in Parish Hall

If you are a leader in the parish, or want to work with children, Safe Church is a **required course** in our diocese. We have asked our local Trainer, Father Brad Ingalls, to come and do this specifically for us. We will be starting back up the nursery school this month. If you are attending, please let Sarah know so that she can give a headcount to Father Brad to ensure enough materials are brought for all. Other area churches have been invited as well if one of their parishioner's needs the training. If you cannot make this training for any reason, please let Sarah know and she will find another training session for you to attend.

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Grand Opening of St. John's Towers

June 21 @ 11am

Reader's for June & July

6/5 Jan Biondo, 6/12 Keith Butler, 6/19 Jackie Brandon,
6/26 Mary White

7/3 Susan Streb, 7/10 Sandra Pope, 7/17 Carlos Morales,
7/24 Jan Biondo, 7/31 Mary White

A Relational View of the Baptismal

Covenant (Part Two)

by Buddy Coffey, Diocesan Lay Evangelist

ABSTRACT

God is calling everyone, everywhere, at every time, and in every way. The calls are all calls to relationship, and it is always God who takes the initiative to call us. As we answer those calls, we are drawn into closer relationship with him, with each other, with ourselves, and with society. The Baptismal Covenant provides a framework through which we can hear the calls, relate to the calls, and respond to the calls.

This month's article continues with the call to relationship with ourselves.

HOLINESS: CALL TO RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES

"Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?"

Like so many of the others, it's easy to read this affirmation and be left with the wrong impression, or at least an incomplete impression. What is evil? What is sin? What is repentance? What is return? We won't be able to answer these questions until we come to a loving relationship with ourselves.

Again, God takes the initiative, this time not as dramatically as the manifestation of the Holy Spirit or Peter's Pentecost sermon, but it's his initiative all the same. God holds up standards – the tried and true – through scripture, tradition and reason: our Episcopalian "three-legged stool." As we depart from those standards we begin to fall out of relationship: with God, with our faith community, and most vividly with ourselves.

If "the glory of God is the human person fully alive" and if as Paul reminds us "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:23), then sin is where we are not "fully alive." It is where we are not being true to the beautiful person we are created to be. By extension, sin is where we cause others to be less than fully alive.

How can we know any of this if we don't have an honest relationship with ourselves?

Looking into our own hearts can be a fearful thing, because we know what lurks there, and it's not all pretty. God calls us to holiness, not first, but third. One reason is to emphasize that our level of holiness

can never earn us salvation or qualify us for the Kingdom of God. Another is that he knows we need practice in opening our hearts to him and to each other before we have the courage to open our hearts to ourselves.

When we have begun answering our call to salvation, we can ask God to help us see ourselves more accurately. When we have begun answering our call to fellowship, we can ask our companions to help us see ourselves with clarity.

As we see ourselves more accurately and more clearly, we begin to identify those areas in which we are not "fully alive." When we decide to change our journey's path to depart from that "deadness," we are repenting. And as we repent we "return to the Lord," not that he ever left us: we just had our vision diverted.

EVANGELISM: CALL TO RELATIONSHIP WITH "OUR" WORLD

"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

"The" world is a very large place. "Our" world is a lot smaller. "Our" world consists of our friends, neighbors, family, business associates, and others with whom we already have a relationship of some kind. After salvation, fellowship, and holiness, God calls us to proclaim the Good News "by word and example" – in other words, evangelism.

The very word evangelism unsettles us. It's something we sort of know we should do but never get around to. After all, we affirm our desire to do so every time we recite the Baptismal Covenant... and then so quickly forget.

I think there are two reasons for this. The first comes from all the bad examples of evangelism we've encountered: people accosting you on the street or coming to your door just as your favorite football team is about to score a touchdown. It could be the "scare tactics" that some will use end up seeming irrational at best and destructive at worst. "I never want to inflict that on somebody else," you may have thought.

With some modeling, mentoring, and companionship, we can overcome the first objection, only to face the second: "how can I do any of this?" And the simple answer is that you can't. Again, it is God who takes the initiative in calling us to situations and personal encounters where we have the opportunity to share our faith. But this won't happen until we've spent some time on the three prior relationships: with

God, with our faith community and with ourselves. That's because evangelism is really just sharing with somebody else our relationship with God, our relationship with others of faith, and our relationship with ourselves. We learn to open our hearts to God when he calls us to salvation. We learn to open our hearts to our close companions when he calls us to fellowship. We learn to open our hearts to our selves when he calls us to holiness. By using our prior experiences in opening up, we are enabled to do so with others.

(to be continued next month)

Spring Cleaning Days

Come Join the Fun

Wednesday June 1st at 9am

Coffee and Donuts provided

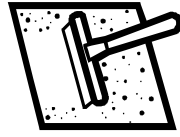
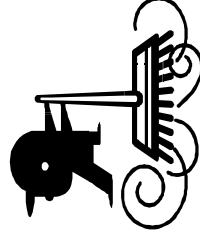
Saturday June 11th at 10am

Lunch Provided

* Indoor and Outdoor "Honey-do" lists

Everyone's invited

If you would like to donate to Madeline's Meditation Garden, call the office.



Father Bill's Corner

It seems like only yesterday that I received a call from Jan Biondo to inform me that you had selected me to be your next rector. Time certainly flies when you're having a good time; as of June 15, I mark the end of my first year of service to you. I have to say that I'm more deeply in love with all of you and this place than I could have imagined! We have a splendid future ahead of us together!

Speaking of time flying, wasn't Easter just the other day? How could Pentecost be so fast upon us? Pentecost, which is second only to Easter in importance, celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church, the day when the earliest followers of the Risen One were given their marching orders to go and spread the good news.

After over 2,000 years this charge hasn't changed but—at least for us as Episcopal/Anglican Christians—the mission field has. Instead of the far reaches of the globe our mission is right in our own backyard, among our very neighbors who may be hungering for a church where they can be themselves and offer what they have to God and to each other. But how do we do this?

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach this Gospel everywhere; if necessary, use words." In other words, the Gospel is not just a set of words to believe, it is a set of actions to be taken for the good of all humankind. Although our city of Havre de Grace is a lovely place, it should come as no secret that there are plenty of people who need a hand up. Actions always speak louder than words, don't they?

Pentecost Sunday is June 12th this year... wear something red!

B'Shalom,

Fr. Bill

A Word from the St. John's Senior Warden

The 227th Annual Convention

Fr. Bill and I attended the Diocesan Convention at the Hunt Valley Marriott on May 12-14th. There were only four resolutions this year and three of them passed. The one that failed was Resolution 2011-1 which would have changed the wording of an article of the constitution of the Diocese of Maryland concerning the manner in which the secretary to Convention is chosen.

The three which carried were:

- 1) Resolution 2011-2 on clergy and lay employee compensation. This helps ensure fair compensation and benefits.
- 2) Resolution 2011-3 which establishes a task force to re-examine the assessment formula of the Diocese of Maryland. This concerns the way assessment fees are calculated. Each parish is required to pay assessments to the diocese.
- 3) Resolution 2011-4 on consciousness raising for search and transition committees and vestries. This will offer workshops to the committees and vestries to help combat discrimination in hiring.

Congratulations to our parish administrator Sarah Ingalls-Howard who is now a member of the Diocesan Council! Harford County will be well-represented, with one other lay member and two clergy representatives on the Council.

The Diocesan Convention is not all about resolutions and ballots. There is a dinner the first evening and, of course, breaks for coffee and lunch. These are times of wonderful fellowship, reconnecting with friends from conventions past and meeting new people. There are vendors selling everything from church vestments and books to pottery and jewelry. This year I bought items from African Team Ministries and From Israel to You. The second day begins with Holy Eucharist and a presentation from the Keynote Speaker. This year it was Dr. Mark

Chaves who is a professor at Duke University. He spoke on Trends in American Religion. Past speakers include The Rt. Rev. Tom Butler, retired Bishop of Southwark in London, and The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold when he was the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. There are some light-hearted moments, too, with funny video presentations and the famous All God's Peeps competition. This is exclusive to the Diocese of Maryland and parishes use shoeboxes, Peeps candy and imagination to create dioramas of Bible stories, psalms or parables.

This year is the first time the Convention has spanned three days, with registration beginning at 4:00 on Thursday afternoon. Also for the first time, workshops were offered on various topics on Saturday at St. Paul's School for Girls. I was unable to attend that day due to illness which meant I also missed the Bishop's address. This and other information is available online at :

<http://episcopalmaryland.org/>

I enjoy representing St. John's at Diocesan Convention and continue to learn a lot about the many wonderful ministries of the Diocese of Maryland. People in need are fed and housed. Their children are educated and taken to summer camp. Volunteers minister to those in prison and their families; to seafarers who are often away from their homes for months at a time and are unable to leave their ships in Baltimore due to workload and/or security; to immigrants who are trying to learn a new language and adapt to a new culture. We should all be very proud to be a part of this Diocese and I urge you all to learn more about it at the above website. If you are interested but have no internet access, please speak to me and I will do my best to provide you with the necessary information.

With love and blessings

Jan Biondo

Senior Warden

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Photo's For Directory: June 19th and 26th

After Both Services

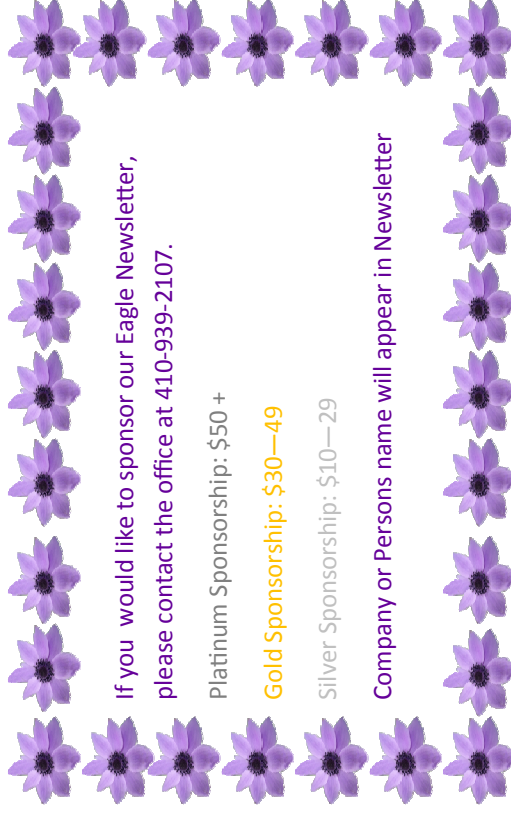
Please bring the whole family if possible

Anna's House

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Transitional Housing Program for homeless women and children. They are doing not only good work, but are doing successful work in getting women employed and into permanent housing. They have asked us to help them continue this work. If you would like to donate to this cause, please submit your donation to the address given. If you have questions about their program call 410-803-2130 or e-mail pjackson@cc-md.org



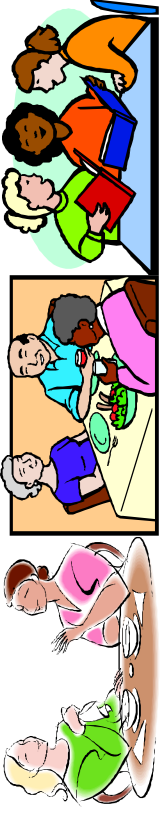
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Coffee Hour	6 Morning Prayer 9:30 am Birthday = Carlos Morales	7 Grace Place 11:15-12:30 NA mtg 4:30 pm AA mtg 8:00 pm Birthday = Carol Leath-	1 Spring Cleaning 9:00am (coffee and donuts) Evening Prayer 5:30 pm	2 AA meeting 8:00pm Choir 6:00 pm	3 NA meeting 7:30 pm Birthday = Ken Streb	4 Birthday— Elliott Clark, IV
12 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Coffee Hour Global Day of Prayer	13 Morning Prayer 9:30 am	14 Grace Place 11:15-12:30 NA mtg 4:30 pm AA mtg 8:00 pm Birthday Erik Thompson	8 Evening Prayer 5:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	9 AA meeting 8:00pm Choir 6:00 pm	10 NA meeting 7:30 pm	11 Spring Cleaning 10:00am (lunch provided) Safe Church 2:00pm
19 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Coffee Hour Photo's for directory (between & after service) Anniversary Bruce & Stephanie Lyon	20 Morning Prayer 9:30 am Anniversary— Frank and Joanne Calder, Carol and Joel Thompson	21 Grace Place 11:15-12:30 NA mtg 4:30 pm AA mtg 8:00 pm Vestry Meeting 7 pm	15 Evening Prayer 5:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	16 AA meeting 8:00pm Choir 6:00 pm Birthday = Joseph Smith	17 NA meeting 7:30 pm	18 Anniversary—Susan and Ken Streb
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Community Events:

- * Zumbathon Fundraiser—\$10—June 3rd from 6-8pm @ Tidewater Marina. The address is 100 Bourbon St. in Havre de Grace.
- Kim Carruth is a single mother with Stage 4 Breast Cancer. She is friends with women in our parish. This is to help cover her medical expenses.
- * Farmers Market—Saturday, June 4th—9am-12pm
201 N Washington St., Havre de Grace
- Art Walk in Havre de Grace—Sunday, June 5th—12-5pm
116 N. Washington St., Havre de Grace
- Company, The Musical—8pm June 10,11,17,18
- 3pm June 12, 18
At Harford Community College, Adults \$18, Kids \$9, Seniors Matinee \$9
- Pentecost Ride: Rugged Cross Motorcycle Club—June 11th
Midas, 1908 US1, Fallston. Registration from 9-11am.
- Jerico Bridge Concert: June 17th, 7:30-9pm
Millard E Tydings Memorial Park: Commerce St. and Washington St.
- Weekly Bingo—Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm
Elks Lodge, 940 Pulaski Hwy, HDG

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