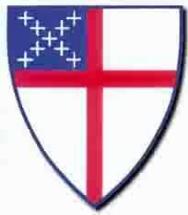


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From the Pastor's Pen

Greetings!

Almost two months has passed since I returned from my leave of absence to serving at St. Nicholas'. I feel as if I have been on a roller coaster ride. Our Lenten study series with Nativity; St. James, Newport; and Christ Church, Delaware City, was already underway. I jumped into the "car" and held on. Then Holy Week came suddenly, although not unexpectedly. How grateful I continue to be for all the folks who served in various capacities during my leave and during these two months! I believe I have been sustained during my leave and since I have returned by your prayers and your service. The Holy Spirit has blessed all our efforts.

Coming up—on Saturday, May 16 (Rain or Shine)—before the end of the program year, our parish yard sale will raise funds for our grants to local charities in the Newark area and beyond. We'll also have hotdogs, sodas and chips to sell, as well as baked goods. The beneficiaries of our grants include the Newark Area Welfare Committee, the Newark Empowerment Center, and Meals on Wheels at the Newark Senior Center. Please consider renting a table to sell the stuff you no longer need or contributing gently used items to the St. Nicholas' table. We need everyone's help to make this a success! Sign-up with Elizabeth Osborne to help with the yard sale. Sign-up with Carolyn Bowman or Lynn Grier to help with the food sales.

A week before the yard sale, if it isn't raining, Steve Hankins asks that we work together to get our grounds in good shape. Plan to come on Saturday, May 9th; to do the tasks that will make our grounds look "spiffy." There will be light duty, as well as heavy duty, tasks. Let Steve know if you will be able to join us.



May God continue to bless our efforts to create an outdoor spiritual oasis for our neighbors and our efforts to support the work of charities that serve our neighbors.

Peace, Elizabeth+

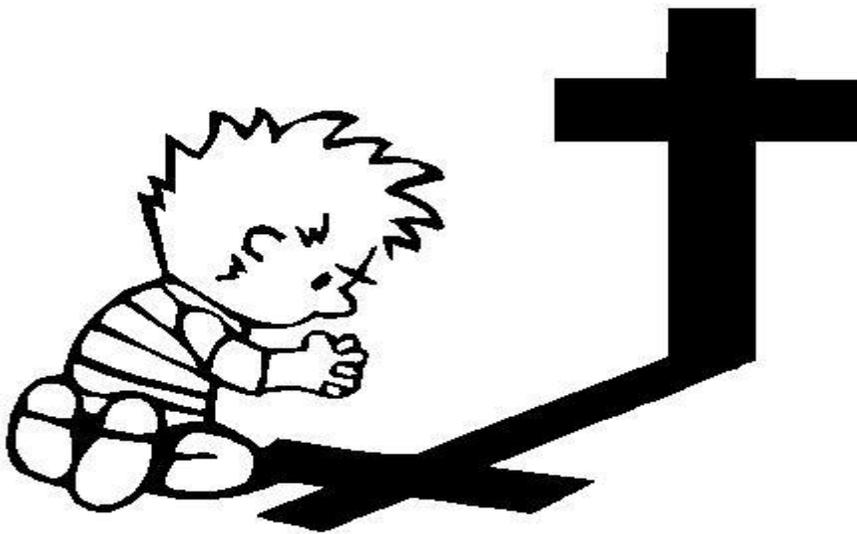
Announcements

Update: Children in the Life in Christ program

We now have four children in our Life in Christ program! Two of these little ones have siblings who were baptized here prior to the beginning of this program in 2013. The mentors are including the older children whenever possible. These children with their baptismal dates and mentors are:

- Danica Meredith Malafronti (has moved out of state), 6/30/13, Alice Edgell
- Max Nuoffer, 8/25/13, Alice Edgell
- Vivian Hileman, 9/14/14, Liz Hankins
- Travis Sylvester, 4/5/15, Adell Hileman

Please KEEP these little ones in your daily prayers.



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The Future of the former Cathedral of St. John in Wilmington—

Br. Ronald Giannone, Executive Director of the Ministry of Caring, and the Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware jointly made an announcement on April 9 about the future of the building and grounds of that historic and beloved property. Here is an excerpt from that announcement:

"We are excited to let you know that the Ministry of Caring is planning to purchase the Cathedral of St. John complex to create the *Village of St. John*, a community of affordable housing for seniors of low and moderate income . . . We look forward to investing in and preserving these stunning, historic buildings, and making St. John's a vibrant center of activity in the neighborhood . . . The Village of St. John will provide 53 apartment units that can accommodate 1-2 seniors each. 36 of these units will be created in a 3-story addition to the cathedral complex, and the remaining 17 units will reside in the historic buildings. The important communal spaces of the historic buildings—the nave, sanctuary, and the beautiful St. Mary's chapel—will be retained as communal space. Great care will be taken to preserve and bring to life all of the unique and historic architectural details of St. John's, inside and out."

The announcement with additional details can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Your questions can be addressed to Danielle Sullivan at 302-427-9181.

Caring for All God's Creation: A report from the Rev. Shannon Kelly, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's acting missionary for campus and young adult ministries.

"Young people encounter caring for the environment every day as they talk about recycling, upcycling, and conservation in their schools, at home and at church. Bringing this important subject into the life of the church and into the programs creates space for the children and adults to think, pray and experience how caring for the environment is caring for God's creation."

In Tennessee, exploring nature is becoming an integral component of learning to read. In early June, the Diocese of East Tennessee will offer "Reading Camp Knoxville" to third- and fourth-graders who are both living in poverty and struggling to learn to read. As part of the program, the children, who come from urban areas, will go on afternoon field trips, hiking in wooded areas working in gardens, said Cindy Coe, who is on the planning committee and working with afternoon extracurricular activities.

"All of these activities are geared to fostering a sense of connectedness and appreciation of the natural world. The best way to do this is to actually get children outdoors, exploring nature," said Coe, who last year received an environmental-stewardship fellowship from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Blessings on your . . .**MAY****Birthdays**

5 John Ferenz
 13 Gil Beckett
 16 Joe Redden
 18 Sue Corbett
 22 Brandon Kent

Baptisms

1 James Stafford
 8 Jevon Steven Johnson
 10 Dain Simons
 13 Elizabeth Simons Gleason
 18 John Ferenz
 20 Matthew Greenplate
 20 Jalen Davis

Marriages

20 Rachel (Bowman) & Curtis Davis
 27 Andy & Betty Dehel

Helping Out Folks in Need--

The effects of the 7.9 Richter scale earthquake that hit Nepal 80 km northwest of Kathmandu and the aftershocks have been "devastating," said the Rev. Lewis Lew, Dean of Nepal Deanery of the Diocese of Singapore of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Dean Lew asked for prayer for all those affected by the earthquake and for disaster and relief teams mobilizing to respond.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the ecumenical ACT Alliance in Nepal and local partners in northern India and southwest China regarding urgent needs and assessment efforts following the earthquake. To give go on the ERD website:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> Then click on "Donate Now" and then on the "Nepal Earthquake Response Fund."

The **United Thank Offering** is another way we help out people in need. Grants are made to projects in the United States and in other provinces of the Anglican Communion. These projects address compelling human need and the expansion of mission and ministry. We contribute because we are thankful for the blessings we have received. Then folks in need will be blessed through our generosity! Blue envelopes will be placed in the Sunday leaflets on May 10 and May 17 to receive our gifts.

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