

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Ivy Fall 2016 Newsletter

Senior Warden Report Bettie Hutcherson

God is good to us. St. John the Baptist has been especially blessed in the last few months.

Five months ago when our dear Reverend Kathleen Sturges left St. John the Baptist, we were left with heavy hearts and an uncertain feeling of what would happen to us. Under the leadership of your very competent vestry, our parish carried on with dignity as usual.

Thanks to The Reverend Mary Thorpe, transitional minister for the Diocese of Virginia, she sent us the name of The Reverend Jane Barr to fill in as interim. Jane was retired and now living in Orange, Virginia. She has been a blessing to all of us here. We loved her from the very first Sunday and now feel she is part of our family.

Of course, we can not go without singing the praises of our own Kevin Hensley. He led the morning prayer service six times during the last five months. We are so grateful for Kevin and the role he has played throughout this transitional period. I am sure God is not finished with Kevin yet—what a gift.

On July 19, 2016, your vestry (search committee) met with The Reverend Emily Rowell Brown. After introductions, discussions and concerns, and a question and

answer period, I believe the vestry was satisfied with what they were hearing. At the vestry meeting immediately following, your vestry members decided to make the call to Emily to come to St. John the Baptist as our Vicar.

Her first service will be on Sunday, October 2, 2016. This, of course, is Homecoming and will be a perfect time to make introductions to all who love St. John the Baptist.

She was most recently the Associate Rector at St. Mary's Goochland in Richmond, Virginia. Before that she was Assistant Rector at St. John's Georgetown in Washington, DC. During that time she was the campus minister at Georgetown University. She and her husband live in Charlottesville.

We are looking forward to welcoming The Reverend Emily Rowell Brown and her family to our beloved St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church.

To the vestry, again we all appreciate all the help you have given us to get this process accomplished. Thank you Kevin Hensley, James Jones, Nancy Sprouse, Ed Strange and also Michelle Sprouse and Beverly Bivens for your commitment as

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Church Leadership

2016 Vestry

Bettie Hutcherson, Sr. Warden
Nancy Sprouse, Jr. Warden
Kevin Hensley
James Jones
Ed Strange

Activities/Altar Guild
Nancy Sprouse

Secretary, Treasurer
Michelle Sprouse

Sunday School
Tracy Strange

Youth Director
Bettie Hutcherson

Organists
Paul Fisk & Boo Dulaney

Bulletins, June Tate

Newsletters, June Tate

Cemetery, Jeff Sprouse

Flowers, Bettie Hutcherson

Hospitality, Bettie Hutcherson

Web Site Coordinator
Kimberley Barker

ECW
Dale Kingrea, President
June Tate, VP
Bettie Hutcherson, Sec./Treas.

Junior Warden's Report Nancy Sprouse

Building and Grounds

- *Thank you, June Tate for donating a mirror for the Ladies restroom.
- *We have had cooling problems all summer at the church. We are working on it. Hopefully this will be corrected before Winter sets in.
- *We will have all the grounds freshened up before Homecoming.
- *Logan and Jeff kept the mowing at a cost saving by mowing every other week. The temperatures were running so high, we owe them a big Thank You. It takes 5 to 6 hours to mow all the grounds.
- *Memorial Flags to fly over the Cemetery are in desperate need.
- *Let me know if you see something that needs my attention.

Cemetery

- *As soon as it starts to get cooler, Jeff and I will work on the records of the cemetery.
- *If you need burial plots call Jeff Sprouse at 434-531-4673.

Activities Report Nancy Sprouse

Sept. 11th We held our annual Church Picnic. Thank each of you for donating your favorite dishes. Thank you Jeff, with the help of Logan and Jordan, for catering and setting up the buffet. We had great food, great conversation and a beautiful day with big blue skies. We missed each of you who could not make it.

Oct. 2nd Homecoming 2016 (126 Years) See flyer for details.

Oct. 7-9th Yard Sale (Call me if you have questions, 434-823-4666 or 434-531-4671) Anything goes. We never know what the customer is looking for when they come through the door.

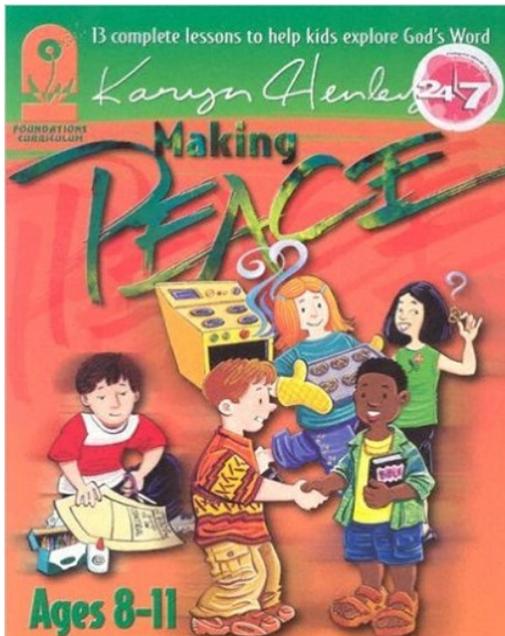
Dec. 4th Annual Christmas Craft Sale (Holiday Bazaar)

Dec. 8th Annual ECW Christmas Dinner and exchange of gifts

Dec. 18th Annual Christmas Luncheon following 10:00am Service

Sunday School Report Tracy Strange

Making Peace: The Foundation For Living In Fellowship



We are excited to start working with a new program this fall.

The course focus is making peace. It will help kids understand what it means to be at peace with God and others, provide biblical examples of people who were peace makers, and guide kids in ways to confront, apologize and forgive biblically.

The book includes discussions and activities to help kids deal with anger, make peaceful choices, and live in harmony.

Our mini-morning service will continue with Ms. Boo leading us in song.

As always, I invite you to share any questions, concerns, or ideas that you may have with me.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Strange

Altar Guild Nancy Sprouse

We are in need of new hangings for the altar, pulpit and lector. After sharing that with you in the last newsletter, we had a generous offering from Frances Loose (one of our past altar guild directors). Frances has always said to us her heart is still with St. John's. We would like to say a big Thank You to her. We are in the process of ordering a green set. They are quite expensive. The next color will be white. Frances, our many blessing are with you and your family.

Our church has looked beautiful this summer and well maintained. Thank you Boo and Paul for being there each Sunday morning playing the organ. Thank you Kevin Hensley and Jane Barr for holding our services. Both of you did a wonderful job. We will miss you Jane. You were not only our fill in priest, you became a close friend to us all. We all wish you a happy retirement. Blessings from all of us.

Please see Bettie to sign up for altar flowers in honor or memory of your love ones. The flower chart is in the back of the church.

The most important thing is Thank You for coming to our services each Sunday Morning. God Bless each of you.



Episcopal Christian Women *Bettie Hutcherson*

The ECW is gearing up for our busy fall season. We will be continuing our annual projects and need your help.

We will again be filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There are boxes with instructions and labels in the Parish Hall for pickup at your convenience. If each family could fill a box it would be most appreciated. This is a good project to involve your children in. The following is a list of items that could be placed in the boxes.

Toothbrushes	washcloths	bar soap	sunglasses
Combs	socks	t-shirts	hats or caps
Pencils	pens	notebooks	coloring books
Crayons	dolls	cars	stuffed animals
Puzzles	jump ropes	jewelry	deodorant
Sewing kits	rulers	musical instruments	

If you would rather donate money, we will use it to cover the cost of the shipping. Each box cost \$7 to ship. Please return the filled boxes by **Sunday, November 6, 2016.**

The ECW would love to continue our **Holiday Bazaar** this year. However, we would need **everyone** to help. If you can donate any hand-crafted items, homemade baked goods or greenery to make wreaths and centerpieces, please let June or Bettie know as soon as possible.

Our annual ECW Christmas dinner and gift exchange is always a fun night. We will keep you informed about all our upcoming events. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Bettie

September

- 9 Liam Kinney
- 11 Alayla Jackson
- 11 *Chris & Tracy Strange Nelson*
- 19 Bobby Thomas
- 19 Bonnie Woodson
- 20 Janiya Johnson
- 23 Schuyler Hall
- 26 Abagayle Shaver

October

- 4 David Wayland
- 8 *Eric & Tracey McFarlane*
- 9 Karen Hutcherson-Douglas
- 11 *Chris Kinney & Kimberley Barker*
- 17 Lauren Sprouse
- 24 Ethan Williams
- 29 Sherri Gibson
- 30 *Bill & Faye Williams*

November

- 2 Gary Stevens
- 6 Allen Miller
- 8 Tamra Harrison-Kirschnick
- 8 Haley Crawford
- 8 Hunter Loose
- 8 Sonny Sprouse
- 12 Justin Gibson
- 25 Bettie Hutcherson
- 26 Robert Harrison

December

- 5 Bill Williams
- 6 Tracey McFarlane
- 9 Dale Kingrea
- 9 Nancy Sprouse
- 13 Howard Morris
- 13 Kimberley Barker
- 14 Lindsay McFarlane
- 19 Judy Morris Hollopeter
- 22 *Robert & Jane Harrison*
- 23 Kendra Hall
- 25 Gary Miller
- 28 *Brian and Amy Hutcherson*

Baptisms

On September 18, 2016
St. John's welcomed into the Body of Christ
Rex Christopher Hainstock
Son of Michael & Lisa Hainstock
and little brother of Ivy Hainstock

Bus 13 Keeps the Sabbath

Lately our church, St. John the Baptist, has come on hard times. Our wonderful Vicar left after Easter, and with her most of our congregation, but there are loyal souls who have kept coming. Jane Barr has been so loving and giving of her time to come and preach, and she has been backed by Kevin Hensley's dedication.

Among the loyal few who continue to come there is a group whose bonds go back sixty years or so. All of us are connected by School Bus 13, the bus that started in Batesville and went all the way to Meriwether Lewis School and back again daily.

In 1959 my daughter Kathy and I waited for the bus, Kathy's first day of school ever and the beginning of the school year. When the huge yellow bus pulled up, Kathy looked very small indeed. The wheels of the bus had hardly stopped rolling when a lovely teenage girl hopped off the bus and helped Kathy up the steps, and off they went.

When Kathy got on that bus she entered a world of love, friendship and even fun. So many of that wonderful community are now gone, but there still remains a goodly number of us who were touched by it, and remember. Here are some recollections of mine, and I know there are many more from this fellowship.

Charlotte Gibson, who contributed so much to St. John's, was one of Kathy's good friends, along with her brothers Thomas and George. Judy and Pam Morris were Kathy's age and near neighbors, as was June Farish, who also has contributed so much. Dale's daughter was often Kathy's seat mate. Peggy Evans and her brothers were on the bus, all gone, but the connection has not been broken, as Peggy's daughter Tracey continues to attend with her family.

Some of the older girls are the heart and soul of the remaining few, Nancy and Bettie Sprouse and Faye Gianniny, and Nancy's husband Sonny drove the bus! They have all been so strong and loyal and supportive. Sonny keeps the building and grounds going. Charlotte Gibson's family keeps coming. If you wanted cheering, Larry Gibson would dance a jig for you!

All this became more of a community with the bonding of the mothers into a kind of sorority. Vivian Morris was Superintendent of the Sunday School for so many years. Dale and Carrie and I are still left from that fellowship.

Carolyn Elliot returned to St. John's in later years and also contributed so much. Her husband Allen Miller faithfully attends now.

There were so many more to remember. Happily, Nancy and Bettie have vibrant children and grandchildren involved with the church, and with all these witnesses, God willing, I believe St. John the Baptist will return to full strength.

May Bus 13 continue to roll.

Boo Dulaney



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vestry leaders to St. John the Baptist. Your expertise and leadership has proven to be invaluable.

Bettie



Turn your clocks back one hour
Saturday night November 5th.



to St. John's
Reverend Brown!

We are very happy to have you with us!

Homecoming!!

Sunday October 2, 2016
Information flyer enclosed!

St. John the Baptist, Ivy Mission Statement

The purpose of St. John the Baptist is to create an environment, through our acceptance of God's love in Christ, wherein we can become a faithful community, committed to sharing that same love by seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

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