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Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church of St. John-in-the-Wilderness is a welcoming, inclusive Christian community. We joyfully worship God in Christ Jesus with heart, mind and spirit and share the Good News of God’s love and saving grace.

Our ministry is established by God in Baptism and is nurtured continually through the Eucharist.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we continue Christ’s work in the world.



John the Baptist said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord,” as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(John 1:23)

Update on the Downstairs ~



Several weeks ago we experienced a break in a water pipe downstairs, resulting in the flooding of two classrooms, the ECW room, the Outreach room, and the Parish Hall.

With the good and swift action of Tammy Moffett, vestryperson (who discovered the flood), LuAnn Watson, senior warden, David Reilley, junior warden, and Joe Janney, vestryperson, the waters were contained, the insurance company contacted, the affected areas dried and treated for mold; all dampened items discarded (we lost much that had been stored in the ECW and Outreach rooms).

We are now moving forward with restoring the downstairs, and the plans are thus:

the classroom and storage room floors will be sanded and painted, and area rugs placed in the classrooms. The parish hall will be re-carpeted, and matching carpet will be placed in the downstairs hallways, the stairway, and in the upstairs hallway and rooms.

Much work ahead; but a new face on things is coming!

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Kids' Connection ~

KIDS' CONNECTION COMPLETES JONAH ROTATION



We kicked off our classes on November 4, starting off with the Old Testament story of Jonah. After hearing the story, we took turns getting inside a big fish.

Then we went to the craft room to plan and cut out paper scenes from the story.

Week 2 was a puppetry lesson. First we videotaped a puppet skit of the story of Jonah. Then we made a music video, using a parody of the "Flipper" theme song (They call him Jonah, Jonah, prophet to Nineveh). We watched both videos and shared lots of laughs.

The following Sunday we met in the art room and reviewed the story of Jonah. For our craft, there was a choice of fuse beads or craft foam mosaic. Most of the children made fuse bead projects. All of the creations depicted symbols to remind them of Jonah, such as the whale or the boat. The kids really enjoyed the lesson.

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For our fourth and final lesson of the rotation, we met in the kitchen. There we made a story cake. The frosting on the cake represented God's love. Graham crackers were used to make the boat. Jonah got on the boat to try to get away from God. Is that possible? Fruit Roll Ups were used for the waves. Green gel seaweed reminds us of God's eternal love. The whale was cut from a piece of toast. The whale was a place of sanctuary for Jonah. He was held safe until he was ready to God's will. Gummi bear people remind us of the sailors who were frightened and learned that Jonah's God is the true God.

On November 1, we will start our new rotation on Psalm 23, beginning in the computer room.

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Annual Basket Auction ~

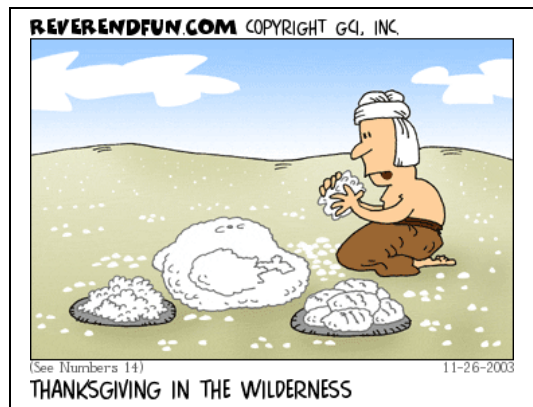
Our annual Basket Auction was Saturday, October 24, at the Gibbsboro Fire Hall. *Great thanks go to the Basket Auction Committee* (Margaret Cavanaugh, Marilyn Pereira, Marie Haines, Tracy Haines) who spearheaded the evening; Joseph Donahue and Gust Bages who helped to move tables to the fire hall; the ladies of the ECW who provided meatball sandwiches and other refreshments; and Joe and Karen Janney who kept the evening moving along by calling the basket numbers. **The Auction grossed \$6,422; and less expenses (\$1,165), netted \$5,257.00.**

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Mitten Tree

On November 13, the Mitten Tree will again appear in the Narthex of the church, and will be up through the first weeks of December. Please bring in mittens, knitted caps, scarves, etc. to pin on the Mitten Tree. All donations will go to benefit the Group Homes of Camden County. *Please see Dot Mueller for details.*

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Ham Dinner ~

The Annual Ham Dinner will be **Saturday, December 5, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Menu:

Adult (\$9.00): Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, cake, beverage.

Child (\$2.50): Hot Dog, Mac & Cheese, cake, beverage.

Tickets will be available in advance through November at Church, or on the day, at the door.

If you would like to help with the dinner, or donate food and supplies for the dinner, *please contact Joe Janney.*

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Christian Cupboard

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS



Thanksgiving is a time when we stop and thank God for everything we have been given. At St. John's, we have a tradition of sharing our abundance with families in a time of need through the Christian Cupboard. We ask your help to give these families a Thanksgiving feast and food for a week.

Your Neighbors Need:

- Canned or Dried Beans ~ Canned fruit and vegetables ~ Cold or Hot Cereal ~ Cranberry Sauce ~ Desserts (Cookies, brownie mix, Jello, pudding) ~ Macaroni and Cheese Pasta and Pasta Sauce ~ Rice, Dried Peas Soup (Canned or Dried) ~ Tuna fish Canned Meats ~ Peanut Butter and/or Jelly Pancake mix & syrup ~ Stuffing mix Sweet Potatoes / White Potatoes

Turkeys / Turkey Breasts
Supermarket Gift Cards

Please bring your donations and place them in the Christian Cupboard basket at the back of the church.

If you have any questions, please see Deacon Marty.

OUTREACH NEWS:

PAPER PRODUCTS/TOILETRIES DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Having another opportunity to help on Distribution Saturday in October, I reflected back to a bitter-cold January morning when I had my first chance to serve. The weather did not discourage folks from coming out...the need was too great. This same need was apparent on the rain and wind-swept morning in October, especially since we could not serve these families in September due to the flood in our basement.

Although aware of our own troubles with clean-up and repair in the space below (we were serving in our Narthex), most only took the "Basic Bag" with just a handful who could use "some extra". Even with a two month lull, they seemed relieved and comfortable with the fact that St. John will be there no matter the weather or troubling circumstances we ourselves are going through.

Let this be a reminder to continue the work God has given us to do.

The third Sunday of this month is designated for the collection of paper products and toiletries, and **the third Saturday of the month** is the day of distribution of these items. **The next ingathering will be on the day of Sunday, November 15th, and distribution will be Saturday, November 21st.**

Baby Supplies

(ALL items need replenishing)

- Disposable Diapers: Sizes 1 & 2 and especially Sizes 3, 4, 5; Pull-ups Training Pants
- Baby Wipes, Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion and Powder

Other (ALL items need replenishing)

- ~ Liquid Dish Soap ~ Liquid Laundry Detergent ~ Toilet Paper ~ Paper Towels ~
- ~ Tissues ~ Napkins ~ Shaving Cream & Razors ~ Toothbrushes w/covers ~
- ~ Toothpaste ~ Bath/Bar Soap ~ Deodorant (Unisex) ~ Shampoo ~
- ~ Feminine Hygiene Products ~

\$ \$ \$ Monetary Donations are also greatly appreciated. \$ \$ \$










If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Marty.

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NOVEMBER Calendar

See below

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 All Saints' Day</p> <p>8 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM ~ Festal Eucharist 10:45 AM ~ Coffee Hour & Kids' Connection 11:30 AM ~ ECW Meeting</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 6 PM ~ Bible Study</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist & Healing</p> 	6	7
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<p>15</p> <p>8 & 9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist OUTREACH Ingathering 10:45 AM ~ Coffee Hour & Kids' Connection 11:30 AM ~ VESTRY Mtg.</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 6 PM ~ Bible Study</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist & Healing</p> 	20	<p>21</p> <p>10 AM ~ OUTREACH Distribution</p>  <p>(Won't you help "Fill 'er up"?)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8 & 9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 10:45 AM ~ Coffee Hour & Kids' Connection 11 AM ~ VESTRY Meeting</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 6 PM ~ Bible Study</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist</p> 	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>8 & 9:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist 10:45 AM ~ Coffee Hour & Kids' Connection</p>	30		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>“Do not get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.” ~ Galatians 6:9 ~</p> </div>			