

St. John's Good News



May 2018

From Reverend Sarah...

*God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth." God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be **responsible** for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth." (Genesis 1:26-28 Message)*

Dear Friends,

Every year we welcome spring in March and celebrate Earth Day in April but it isn't until May that we experience the full beauty of the earth. As the weather finally gets warmer we try to get outside and celebrate in the sunshine planting trees, weeding our flower beds and digging our fingers and toes into the earth. Though we only celebrate Earth Day one day each year we should be celebrating God's created world every day. Along with that celebration we also need to ask the earth's forgiveness for all we, humanity, have done to it. Yes for all we have done and continue to do to creation. We pour chemicals into the earth, water systems, and air. We clear cut forests to build more homes and farm land for our growing population. We have failed in our vocation as good stewards of God's creation.

So what can we do individually and as a community of faith? As one youth reminded me it is "cool to be green" and take responsibility for the Earth once again. The following are ways we can go green personally, as families and even as a congregation.

- * Get together with people interested in making some moves to go green.
- * Talk together about the stewardship of creation.
- * Conduct an energy audit. Check with your local utilities for help.
- * Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- * Change out your light bulbs.
- * Recycle everything you can.

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Winter Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning
8am Rite I
10am Rite II

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- * Think about your purchasing policies. Do you buy in bulk avoiding plastic packaging?
- * Cut down on printing and copying, and use both sides of a paper.
- * Calculate your home's carbon footprint. Check out *Cool Congregations.com*

As you and your family reflect on how to better care for our planet, "our fragile island home" (Eucharist Prayer C) I invite you to pray this prayer from The Book of Common Prayer:

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace,
Sarah

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**TRAVELING JESUS—SIGN UP TO BRING JESUS HOME FOR A WEEK OR TWO!**

Starting on Sunday, on May 20, the St. John's Traveling Jesus will be ready to visit with individuals and families in their homes and summer trips. Traveling Jesus is available for week or two-week long visits and we ask that you take lots of photos and shares stories for our Facebook page. Please sign up in the Ashworth Hall and ask Rev. Sarah for more questions.

**JOIN US FOR YOUTH WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 6 AT 10AM.** Thank you to all who supported our teens with donations of monies and food for their 30 Hour Famine. On May 6 the teens will reflect on their experiences of fasting for 30 hours and exploring the on-going crisis of global hunger. Through spoken word and song we will worship and praise God all led by our teenagers.

**CONFIRMATION AND/OR RECEPTION?** On Sunday, June 23 our Diocesan Bishop Alan Gates will be at Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester to confirm and receive new members into the Episcopal Church! Once confirmed or received you are a full member and can (depending on age) serve on the Vestry, vote at Annual Meeting, and be a delegate to Diocesan Convention. Please speak with Rev. Sarah if you are interested ASAP!

**PENTECOST, MAY 20: HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!** This month we read the story of Pentecost when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and gives birth to the church. As a congregation we will celebrate Pentecost in lots of fun ways:

**Bring birthday gifts for the church**—gift wishes are in Ashworth Hall.

**Wear RED!**

**Special procession**

**Celebration of Church School Students and Teachers**

**Birthday Cake at Coffee Hour**

**Pot-luck with True Vine at 5pm**—please sign up and note what you will be bringing so that we can ensure we have a variety of food.

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 27.** In recognition of Memorial Day, we will honor and give thanks for the men and women who died while serving our country in the military. If you would like to pray for a particular person(s) please email the name(s) to the Church Office at [stjohnssaugus@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnssaugus@gmail.com)

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THE REV. ROGER E. NELSON SCHOLARSHIP

Any active, contributing member of St. John's Church who is graduating from high school and plans to continue his/her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are available by contacting Rose Holt @ 781-727-6879 or mamarosie119@aol.com.

Completed applications must be returned no later than June 1st. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rose Holt.

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**~ Lobster Roll Sale ~**

As this newsletter goes to print, our proceeds so far are over \$850! Many thanks to everyone involved in buying supplies, baking brownies, assembling and delivering orders, and of course, for the wonderful support of members and community friends who purchased lobster rolls. We continue to be blessed through a great team effort!

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🌸 Plant Sale 🌸

Saturday, May 12th ~ 8am-2pm

Geraniums ~ Begonias ~ Impatiens ~ New Guinea Impatiens

Individual Pots (4") \$5/ea Hanging Planters (10") \$25/ea

To pre-order, please contact our parish office (pre-order deadline is 5/7/17):

Phone: 781-233-1242 or Email: StJohnsSaugus@Gmail.com

We need volunteers to assist with set-up Friday and the day of the sale. If you can lend a hand, please contact T.J. Martin, Donna Manoogian, or the parish office.

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**\* Contact Forms \***

Please help us keep St. John's church directory current. If you have not already completed a contact information form, kindly submit one to the parish office so we can update your name, address, and other pertinent info for our records. Forms are available in Ashworth Hall or one can be sent to you through the mail—feel free to call or email the office. Thank you!

## Word Search

Can you find these words, names and places from the Bible?

N A H U M U S A Y Z C G W S K H V  
 G B N B C R S U S A M A R I A B Z  
 F I O D F A J I W I G I J R P N S  
 D K E E H R Y Z V T A X A D I X H  
 H V M F B I A Z V K P U J I C B A  
 A J W Z R M A T C G A L I L E E B  
 E Z R A T E S U D A M A S C U S B  
 O J U R G T C Z G A G M J U D E A  
 B U M E N H E M C L N E P M P V K  
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Alleluia ~ Arimethea ~ Ascension ~ Canaan ~ Damascus ~ Ezra ~ Galilee  
 Habbakuk ~ Hebron ~ Judea ~ Lamentations ~ Litany ~ Nahum ~ Nazareth  
 Obadiah ~ Philemon ~ Samaria ~ Zarethan

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