

St. John's Good News



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From Rev. John...

The Joy and Blessing of Episcopal Relief and Development

In our September vestry meeting, St. John's decided to make a contribution to the Episcopal Relief and Development as a sign to the congregation that we are all called to be a light in the darkness (John 1:5). I will be sharing short stories of the work of ERD each Sunday during our worship to remind ourselves that there is much good news in the world.

The broadcasts which we call "News" are stories which fill us with fear and outrage. We are bombarded with hours of bad news daily. Our brains become saturated with the pain and cruelty which can be observed every day. It is important that, as a faith community, we remember that there is Good News which will never make the headlines and which bears witness to the courage and generosity demonstrated by people every day. We need to hear this, and the world needs to hear this.

The Episcopal Relief and Development has a simple mission statement:

"Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world."

Episcopal Relief & Development faithfully administers the funds that it receives from the church and raises from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

Episcopal Relief & Development cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people."

Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually: All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is now at 75. The service also continues to broadcast via Zoom, with weekly link options shared by email.

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Our mandate comes from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25:

Lord, when was it that

We saw you hungry and gave you food?

We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?

We saw you a stranger and welcomed you?

We saw you sick and took care of you?

We saw you in prison and visited you?

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these

who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

—Matthew 25: 37-40 (NRSV)

There is an old proverb which states "If you give a man a fish you feed him for a day. If you teach him to fish you feed him for a lifetime". In fact, we need to do both. It is hard to fish on an empty stomach. ERD therefore has a twofold mandate:

To respond to the natural and manmade disasters which cause hunger, disease, homelessness, and other human suffering. This is the work of relief. This tugs at the heart of all caring human beings and, when there is a crisis, generosity is very often forthcoming. It is incumbent upon those who administer relief aid to discern how to be good stewards of the generosity of others.

Development (using the proverb above) is the work of teaching a man to fish. It is working with communities to equip them to have autonomy over their own lives. It can be the building of wells, offering small loans for the establishment of cottage industries, and developing educational institutions to lift the next generation out of poverty. It is often more difficult to raise funds for development because the results can take some time be observed. Development aid, however, has a much more lasting effect than our relief efforts do.

St. John's church is contributing 300 dollars to the work of ERD on October 10th. Denise and I are happy to match this. We are also inviting any who feel so moved to join us in contributing to making this world a better place.

For those who would like more information, I invite you to read the brief stories which will be included in each of our bulletins or to look at the website (www.Episcopalrelief.org).

Peace,
John+

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Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you for all the donations made during the month of July, August and September! Your donations of food, toiletries, and everyday items have been gratefully received by the motel guests that Every Child Deserves to Smile serves.

Your outpouring of generosity has allowed us to send fruit, snacks and beverages to the motel during the summer months and non-perishable food items in September. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items, shelf-stable milk and individual drinks and snack items. Toiletries, and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.) are also always needed. Donations may be left in the *Every Child Deserves to Smile* collection container in the vestibule.

Back-to-School Supplies—Update

To date we have collected 3 medium-size boxes of school supplies for the children who are in need of assistance in the Saugus community. Donations will be delivered to the Superintendent's office for distribution where there is known need. We will also send supplies to the motel for the children who are served by our Every Child Deserves to Smile ministry. Many thanks to all who contributed! If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer at 781*662*4342 or email [jmseaboyer\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer(at)gmail.com)



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Annual Fair and Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 30th ~ 9am - 2pm

Baked Goods, Books, Candy, Card, Knit, and Jewelry Tables ~ Bid Board, Basket Raffle* and more! Items will also be sold online (Fair-day pick-up) – please visit St. John's website (see below) for links and updates.

*We are accepting donations for the raffle baskets until **Tuesday, Oct. 26th** – offering boxes are in Ashworth Hall. *Thank you!*

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Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 6th, 5:00-6:30pm

Pick-up and take out

Adults: \$16 Kids 7 to 12 yrs. old: \$9

Children 6 & under: Free (8 available)

Includes one serving of Roast Beef, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, Roll, Beverage, and Apple Crisp. Availability is limited - kindly RSVP to the church office no later than **Tuesday, November 1st**.

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