
St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Episcopaper

June 2010

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The June and July Calendars are posted on our website – please use the Monthly Calendar link along the right hand panel of our home page.

Sunday School & Youth Group Plan Sculpture for Fritch Farm

Subscribing to the theory that man can't live by bread alone, St. John's Youth and Sunday School groups will spend some profitable time this summer planning and erecting a sculpture that will tell all visitors that "here is a farm created for and dedicated to God".

Provided with colorful mosaic tile by artist Margaret Hays, youngsters of the Sunday School will also be given cardboard replicas of the "fish", the revered symbol of Jesus providing food to the multitudes. The colorful result will be taken by members of the youth group, transferred and glued to metal fish and attached to a five-foot concrete pole in the center of St. John's garden out at the Fritch Farm.

The attractive symbol will give new life to loyal members of the Creation Stewards and may attract more volunteers to work at the garden, which now dedicates much of its produce to the various food banks in Snohomish County.

Meanwhile another volunteer artist, Harlene Frohnen, has volunteered to help the youth in the intricacies of Batik or fabric art. The result will be a large banner which may someday soon hang out at the garden or some other appropriate place.

As far as the rest of the summer is concerned, members of the youth group hope to have one or more overnight camping trips, one of which would be at the Masonic Campground along the Stillaguamish River.

Celebrate Summer's Arrival At Fritch Farm, Monday June 21

The first day of summer, always a welcome arrival, will be even more joyful if you join young and old for a potluck picnic at the Fritch Farm starting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 21.

To Christians, the summer solstice is much more than a pagan ritual. In olden days, Christians melded St. John the Baptist Day (June 24) with the solstice to welcome the longest day of the year while looking ahead to the shortest day (December 21) and the coming birth of the Christ Child.

Bring family, friends, a stick for roasting "s'mores" and food to share. The church will supply the marshmallows, hot dogs and "smart" dogs for the feast.

Directions can be obtained at the church or by calling the office, 360-568-4622.

Grads, Students, Teachers To Be Honored June 13

In 2010, four of our parishioners are finishing high school and will be soon beginning the next phase of their education: J. D. Carter, Maggie Schroeder, Ellie First, and Sam Schelfhout.

A cross is given to each for their service as acolytes, and to recognize this transition in their lives. The crosses are provided by the David Albert Memorial Fund.

Sunday school students will be introduced by their teachers. Teachers are: Dottie Nelson, Dorothy Schroeder and Dawn Wheatley, pre-school; Jackie Grove and Mary Lee Tucker, grades one through three; Sherry Rapp and Erica Burt, grades four and five.

Introducing members of the youth group will be their leader, Jackie Grove.

In charge of the presentation will be Pat Chapin, Sunday school coordinator.

St. John's Scholarships for graduating seniors will be announced after the June Vestry meeting.

Congratulations to Liz Pynsky on her graduation from Eastern Washington University! Her Bachelor of Arts degree is in Studio Arts (photography).

Free Books! The rector's bookshelves are full to overflowing. On Sunday after church, a large number of them, many on theological subjects, will be available on a first come, first served basis. A rare opportunity for avid readers.

'Arsenic and Old Lace' Gets Better and Better

The Episcoplayers' second stab (oops, bad word) at "*Arsenic and Old Lace*" played to sellout audiences two nights running April 30 and May 1, delivering smooth, nearly professional performances both nights.

No one seemed perturbed when a few brave members of the large cast threw out a non-scripted ad lib or two, merely picking up the script with perfect aplomb and carrying on. The cast was greeted with standing applause. Unfortunately, the cast has not indicated it intends to take the production on to Broadway.

The cast included Candace McKenna, Jack Norvell, Mac Bates, Gary Ferguson, Gerry Vandenberg, Cathy Davis, Sarah Jusko, John First, Jerry Johnson, Eivind Nilsen, Rich Davis, Earle Beede, Casey Davis and Bob Knight.

The play was directed by Frieda Solie and Mary Nilsen, with Phil Sevenants as stage manager and technical director. Many thanks to all who contributed desserts, and a special thanks to Barb & John Macho and the tireless kitchen crew!!

Church Rest Rooms

The main church women's restrooms, downstairs from the narthex, have recently been renovated. Anne Sage contributed her design and architectural expertise, and Steve Kenagy and Al Mixon worked many hours to build the stalls, re-plumb, and install the fixtures. Mary Nilsen sanded, painted and did finish work.

In addition to the existing handicap-ready bathroom (men or women), the women's bathroom has been redone to include another handicapped stall. Thanks to all of them.

St. John's Men's Retreat

The second annual St. John's Men's Retreat will be held on **Saturday, June 26th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Masonic Park in Granite Falls. Our retreat leader will be the Rev. Steve Garratt, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in the University District in Seattle.

Sign up at coffee hour, or contact Jud Chapin at (360) 568-8976 or JudandPatChapin2@verizon.net if you plan to go. The gate fee is \$5.00 per car, so the more you pack in, the cheaper per person it will be. Look like a clown car and save big! The Masonic Park web site and directions to the park are shown below. Sign up early and reserve your spot, <http://www.masonicparkwa.org/>

Granite Falls is located on State Highway 92. If you are coming from the South the highway 92 entrance is found just north of Lake Stevens on State Highway 9.

WEEDERS WANTED!

Thanks to John First and other volunteers, the parking strip and grounds in front of the church are looking better than ever, with new plantings and many flowers in bloom. Unfortunately, along with flowers have come the weeds.

Two or three volunteers, working together or separately on their own time, could make the yard look even better. Any takers? Get in touch with John, Jud Chapin or Fr. Miller.

Hearing Improving? Give Credit to the Episcopal Church Women

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the Episcopal Church Women, the vestry was able to buy and have installed an upgrade to our speaker and sound system. As a result, speech and song can now be heard everywhere that people congregate: in the pews, the narthex and the parish hall.

Our thanks to the ECW!

“Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life” is the intriguing title of the book currently being studied by members of St. John’s Saturday Morning Book Study Group. Written by James Hollis, the book explains how, after the early search for “who am I”, the later life is a search for the soul. The group meets weekly at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Room.

Vacation Bible School: “Growing In Grace”

All ages are welcome. There is something for everyone!

Dates: August 2nd – 6th

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 (snack included)

Where: The Fritch Farm

Registration Ends: July 18, 2010

~3 and under: Welcome with parent in attendance

~4 year olds thru children entering 5th grade:

Drop-off is fine

~Children entering 6th grade on up: Helpers

Discover the Holy Spirit’s active presence in the World around us. Experience God’s wonderful gifts of the Sun and Wind, Water, Soil, Birds and Insects and all of the Animals. Invite your Friends to join you for a week of fun; singing, investigating, creating, exploring, and building friendships. Learn of God’s Love for the Earth and for us and how we can be Stewards of God’s Creation. Leave with wonderful memories and a journal to remind you of your adventure.

Registration Forms available in the Communications Center in the Lower Entrance at Church, or with Ann Sage at wakearch@verizon.net or 360-862-1361. There is no fee, this event has been graciously funded by St. John’s Church.

Spring Gardening Notes from St. John’s Creation Stewards

Yes, the rain has set back the planting schedule. But it hasn’t set back plans for the St. John’s garden at the Fritch Farm. Starting June 1 we will have regularly-scheduled events at the Farm. On Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. moms with young children, nature lovers, bird watchers, and gardeners can come by for a picnic. Bring a brown bag lunch. While children play adults can chat and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings, children can play in the area set aside for them.

Birders can add to the bird list; so far we have spotted bald eagles, swallows, killdeer, and red-winged blackbirds. On Fridays from 10 a.m. on we will be gardening. Right now the push is on to get everything planted. After that it will be tending the various beds and, eventually, harvesting the vegetables and taking them to local food banks. Check the Creation Stewards’ bulletin board or the St. John’s website for a list of weekly tasks.

At the Clayton garden we will continue to monitor the growth of flowers for the altar and the growth of tomatoes growing on red mulch. Judy Scheuffele received a grant from the Master Gardeners’ Foundation to install a watering system for this garden. She will need help installing the flexible pipe and setting up the system so please volunteer to help her.

Outreach Committee Supports Hospice, Food Bank, Kitchen

At the May meeting of St. John’s Outreach Committee, Fr. Miller reported on the diocesan banquet held recently to raise money to support the work of a modern children’s hospice in St. Petersburg, Russia. Following his report, the committee voted to allocate a total of \$3,000 in support of the work there.

Other donations approved: \$1500 to support Community Kitchen for one year; \$1500 to the Snohomish Food Bank; \$500 each to the Sky Valley, Sultan and Concrete food banks.

The committee discussed a request from the principals of Central and Emerson schools that the committee consider sending money in the future rather than buying school supplies for the lower grades. Such a change, they explained, would give them more flexibility in making use of the funds. Craig Church, principal at Emerson, will be invited to the next meeting to explain the request.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 10:00am Eucharist & Bible Study 4:30pm Community Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	2	3 9 am Outreach Committee
Independence Day 4 after Pentecost VI 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School	5 <i>Vladimir of Kiev,</i> <i>1015</i> 4:30pm Community Kitchen	6	7 7:30pm Al-Anon	8 10:00am Eucharist & Bible Study 4:30pm Community Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	9	10 9:30am Adult Education Committee
Seventh Sunday 11 after Pentecost 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School	12 4:30pm Community Kitchen 7:00pm Endowment	13	14 <i>Bonaventure, Bishop</i> <i>of Albano</i> 7:30pm Al-Anon	15 10:00am Eucharist 4:30pm Comm. Kitchen St. John's Cooks! 5pm Evening Prayer 5:40pm Youth Group	16 <i>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</i>	17 <i>William White, Bishop</i> <i>of Pennsylvania, 1836</i>
Eighth Sunday 18 after Pentecost 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School	19 4:30pm Community Kitchen 7:00pm Vestry	20	21 7:30pm Al-Anon	22 SAINT MARY MAGDALENE 10:00am Eucharist 4:30pm Comm. Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	23	24 <i>Thomas a Kempis,</i> <i>Priest, 1471</i>
Ninth Pentecost/ 25 St. James 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School	26 4:30pm Community Kitchen	27 <i>William Reed</i> <i>Huntington, Priest</i>	28 7:30pm Al-Anon	29 <i>Mary and Martha</i> <i>of Bethany</i> 10:00am Eucharist 4:30pm Comm. Kitchen 5pm Evening Prayer	30 <i>William Wilberforce,</i> <i>1833</i>	31 <i>Ignatius of Loyola,</i> <i>Priest, 1556</i>