



# *Cares, Prayers and Current Affairs*

A Newsletter from St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

September 2018

Greetings church family and our neighboring community of believers! This has been a time for celebrations! We say good bye to summer and begin looking forward to Autumn and cooler temperatures Young children are back in school while Graduates begin a new chapter in their lives.

I trust all had a wonderful Labor Day with family and friends. Children have reconnected with their school friends...their favorite teachers as well as making new friends and becoming acquainted with new teachers and the challenge of learning new and exciting things about this big world in which we live.

We also celebrate life, good health, and the love of family and friends. A few Sundays ago, our priest made an announcement regarding managing our prayer list and the blessing of celebrating the renewal or the return to good health. For example, if you find yourself on our prayer list for the "Possum Flu" ( I just made that up...at least I hope there is no such thing! ) you've made the 6:00 news, and you make a miraculous recovery...then we should celebrate your return to good health and give thanks! That's awesome!



Vacation is over and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are back at work. They meet on Wednesday at 4:00. The men have collected school supplies and delivered them to T.C. Berriens just in time for the beginning of school. It doesn't take much to make a child smile. Some parents cannot afford all the items on the list to bring on the first day ... especially if they have multiple children. This lifts burden off the parents and relieves the tension of the back to school jitters. The men also donate snacks for the children to take home. It is hard to imagine that some kids may not get another meal until they arrive at school for breakfast... but it happens in more homes than you think. KUDOS to the men of St. Joseph's for providing a need to the community.



The Enid Ferguson Chapter of the Daughters of the King are collecting school supplies, non-perishable foods, making baby blankets and caps, maintaining our prayer list and participating in the care of the altar each Sunday. We will also adopt a family at Christmas and participate in Thanksgiving for Thousands. We are thankful for our leader, Karen Washington for keeping us all together. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00. Anyone interested in dedicating their life to prayer and helping others...please see Karen.



CWU  
Church Women United  
The Church Women United - NC State  
assembly will have a Leader's Council at

Haymount United Methodist Church in October. The location is 1700 Ft. Bragg Rd here in Fayetteville. The Speaker is Mrs. Lena Johnson. 2nd Vice President of Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC. The theme is " Christian Women Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God's People". The Early Bird Registration is \$30 per person if paid by August 18th. Registration after the 18th will be \$40.00. This program begins at 8:00 with registration and ends with a choice of workshops , lunch and closing remarks from 1:45 - 2:00.

Checks or money orders for registration made payable to Church Women United to Ms. Phyllis Morrison, 3245 Barksdale Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28301.



### ECW

Now that the Rainbow Tea is behind us... our next big event is not until "Woman's Day" in November. In the meantime, every member of the Episcopal Church Women are involved in other organizations of the church... choir, ushers, altar guild, the vestry, Daughters of the King, servicing organizations outside the walls of St. Joseph's and some while still employed.



### Bible Study

Each Wednesday we have Bible Study in the Parish Hall beginning at 11:00. We tip-toed through Genesis and now we are slow walking through Exodus. This is a good thing! Our teacher has a knack for opening the doors of a totally

different way of thinking...outside the box. Moses has led the Israelites out of Egypt and bondage and they are now in the wilderness at the foot of God's Mountain. We are asked....where do we see God in this process....is He out front leading the masses or is he in the rear.. pushing the people forward averting problems as they arise. There is never a wrong answer. It is fascinating to hear the different perspectives and broaden our thinking. So... come join us...see for yourselves!



### Morning Prayer

Wednesday morning at 10:00

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

Why should we come to Morning Prayer? What better place to be than to be in God's presence, showing our faithfulness, through prayer, meditation and the reading of His word. All are welcome! Come and bring a friend!



### Unsung Angels!

A special thanks to all who have heard the call for more angels and are quietly stepping up in donating water, and food items for fellowship hour. God loves a cheerful giver and so do we!



### Cursillistas Amongst Us !



St. Joseph's has formed nine Cursillo members and meet and meet over lunch and share the goodness of God. We are encouraged by hearing individual testimonies. Thanks to Samuel Lloyd for orchestrating this

gathering. This group meets every third Saturday at 12 noon. The next meeting will be Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIES FOR THE MONTH OF Sept.

These are the lucky babies who at age 5 are just the right age in in time to enroll in kindergarten and first grade when they turn six!

### **September**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Cecilia Newland
- 14<sup>th</sup> Akeil Francis
- 19<sup>th</sup> Janice Butler
- Akeijah Francis
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annabelle Nebolisa

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## Bible Humor/Trivia

### Bible Humor

How did Job's life get even harder one day?

Answer: He was fired from his job

### Bible Trivia

What was the name of Jesus famous cousin?

- A. Saul of Tarsus
- B. John the Baptist
- C. Paul

Answer: B. John the Baptist



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOMING VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS are now at the beginning of the service!

The Rev. Ralph Clark has begun his doctoral studies in Psychology at NC State University.



### Homecoming Sunday

It was suggested we combine our Memorial Sunday with the upcoming Homecoming in March 2019. Current Plans are to have a large Homecoming weekend on March 29-31, with events such as fellowship on Friday and Saturday culminating with the Bishop visitation Eucharist on Sunday. Our members will be memorialized during this weekend. Much more info will follow. Plans are in the making for A HOME COMING OF EPIC PROPORTIONS!. We will need a host of faithful volunteers to lead committees so be thinking of your strong suit and how you can use your talent for the good of the church and this grand event. Details will be forth coming. So contact your family members and plan to join us. St. Josephs' church family...let us begin praying for the fruition of this grand plan. We will also be recruiting members to head committees so please....think about your talents and strong suit and how you can help make this event as grand as the honor it's due.



### Episcopal Campus Ministry at FSU

We had a very successful day at the Fayetteville State University Community Fair at which we had a booth. We greeted the students, told them about the ministry, gave

away door prizes, and invited them to attend our first event. We are pleased to announce that the kickoff for was a grand success. Many students have signed up to attend our kick-off event on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>. We ask our members to help provide transportation that day.

Our Hats are off to Donald LaHuffman, Mary Mac Shields, Tyrone and Chandra Francis and Sam Lloyd for spear heading this event and to FSU who graciously answered the call to our mission.



## Rainbow Tea

This was a Grandiose Event! I hope you can go on our website or face book and view some of the pictures! For those unfamiliar with the celebration... this is a yearly fundraiser. This use to be an event sponsored by the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) but we have so much fun... the ECM (Episcopal Church Men) wanted in on the fun too. Members team up and select one of the 7 colors of the rainbow. The day before the event....team members get together and decorate their table in their color. All deserts must match the table and everyone participating is welcome to sample the desert from other tables.

Each member receives 10 tickets with which to sell for a donation of \$10 per ticket. Though it is not a requirement many come dressed in their selected color. We pool together our best recipes... and favorite foods. A soloist always sings the famous song from the Wizard of Oz.... "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". This year, Bernice Motley favored us with her lovely soprano voice and regaled the audience to join in! In the reading of the scripture, we are reminded of the first rainbow made by our creator as a promise to mankind never to destroy the earth again by water. The food is blessed and shortly thereafter the fun begins! We have a load of prizes to give to whomever answers the a riddle or fit the requirement given. The questions are prewritten for fairness. These are some of the questions and answers.

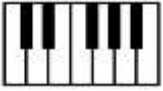
Who is driving the oldest car? There was a 1995 in the lot. No one would admit to wearing sandals and socks. The highest number of keys on a ring was 9. The most unusual item any one could pull from their purse was a pin wheel. The strangest food anyone had eaten was dog food decided by the group even though there were some close contenders such as alligator tail, and a scorpion! YUK! The couple that had been married the longest was 53 years!. The highest number of children was eight. The highest number of great-grandchildren was 15. No one would admit to driving to church on a donut!

Though there was no reward or prize for the grandest table...had there been one, it would have gone to a new-comer to the Rainbow Tea. The table that received the highest number of accolades that I heard including myself would go to Mary Mac Shields of Holy Trinity, who



is doing her diaconate internship at St. Joseph's. Her color was violet. She made origami lilies that adorned the length of the table. Her centerpiece was a tall funnel style clear vase bearing a tree filled with origami cranes. It was breath taking!

Thanks to all who participated, donated prizes, food and especially those who so graciously help to clean up afterwards.



Purchase a Piano Key!!!  
Piano Keys Update!

As you may recall that members of the church are symbolically purchasing the keys to the Baby Grand with donation of \$88 per Key! There are many keys still available. Let's get your name on the chart! You are welcomed to purchase as many keys as you like. Thank you to all who have participated thus far!



### International Day

St. Joseph's will be hosting it's own International day on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

See Chandra Francis, Christine Flores and Xenia Phillips if you are willing to assist.



### CALENDAR

Birthday Celebration: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Vestry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

Healing Sunday

and Visitation : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

DOK NEW INDUCTEES:	EVERY SUNDAY except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday until otherwise notified
DOK:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
Knitting & Crocheting Min.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday @1:00
Brotherhood of St Andrew:	Every Wednesday @4:00
Choir Rehearsal:	Every Thursday @ 4:30
Cursillo Reunion Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 12noon
Campus Ministry Initial Gathering	Sep 8 <sup>th</sup> 12 Noon
International Day	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>
Women's Day	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Cantata	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
All Sunday Meetings are held immediately after service	

