

St. John's Episcopal Church
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Donation For July & August:

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St. John's Episcopal Church



"Our Doors Are Always Open"
Hope, Healing & Hospitality

July & August 2016

Sunday 9 a.m. - Holy Communion with Hymns



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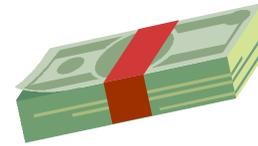
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Lois Carter
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Treasurer's Report

	May, 2016	YTD
Income:	\$ 4,188.93	\$ 15,620.30
Expense:	<u>2,331.68</u>	<u>12,481.19</u>
	\$ 1,857.25	\$ 1,445.63
Dividend:	\$ + <u>43.73</u>	<u>-1,279.12</u>
Total:	\$ 1,900.98	\$ 1,859.99

Don't Forget....

**Anyone can place flowers on the altar at any time.
What a great way to remember a special event or
that special someone. Sign-up in the Parish Hall.**



**We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts
Please sign-up in the Parish Hall !!**



If you are presently not serving on a committee or Vestry please consider speaking with Lois Bateman regarding these positions that are needed:

**Chairman of Sunday Cabaret for Community Missions
Parish Administrator**

Senior Sermon by John Carney...

Conclusion

In closing, I have a few verses that I found that really stood out to me and I could relate to with the events that are coming up in my life.

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.”

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Thank you all for training me in the ways that I should go, and as such, I will not depart from them later on down the road. And with that, I say goodbye to the past and, with your guidance and the grace of God, move headlong into the future and my life in the world God made.

Upcoming Community Events

The following is a listing of upcoming community events in the Village of Wilson for **July & August, 2016:**



July 2	8 a.m.—Noon	Electronic Recycling Wilson Town Garage
July 9	Dusk	Wilson Star Search Krueger Park
July 15 & 16	8 a.m.—4 p.m.	Wilson Town Wide Yard Sale
August 4	Dusk	Movies Under The Stars Clarks Park
August 5	5 pm.—10 p.m.	Bike Night Young Street
August 6	8 a.m.—Noon 2 p.m.—7 p.m.	Electronic Recycling Wine Fest & Farmers Market Young Street
	9 a.m.	Wet N' Wild Triathlon Tuscarora State Park
August 11	Dusk	Movies Under The Stars Clarks Park
August 13	9:15 a.m. Dusk	Harbor Hoops Tournament Wilson Star Search Krueger Park
August 14	1:30 p.m.	Car Show & Concert by Sanborn Band Wilson Historical Society
	9 a.m.	I-wacko 5K
August 18	Dusk	Movies Under The Stars Clarks Park
August 25	Dusk	Movies Under The Stars Clarks Park
August 26	6 p.m.—10 p.m.	Wilson Field Days
August 27	6 p.m.—10 p.m. Noon—10 p.m.	Wilson Field Days Wilson Field Days

Senior Sermon by John Carney...

Throughout our lives, we pass on from one thing to another on several occasions. From our first day of school, to the moving up ceremony between elementary and middle school, again into high school, and eventually to a day that Kevin, Kyle and I are fast approaching: Graduation. Now, although this doesn't signify the end of school for us, as we're moving on to go to college, it's still the most important step on our journey so far.

I have moved on through church as well. I started out moving from just being a kid sitting in a pew, to being baptized as a member of the church in which I would be raised. From there, I became a party of Sunday school, with numerous teachers along the way, and a lot to learn. It was there that I memorized the Lord's Prayer, gave my pennies to the thank you jar, and learned all the songs. I later moved up through the ranks, and with doing so, moved from coloring, to doing worksheets and listening to the readings and lessons, to where I am now, reading the scriptures myself and discussing the underlying meanings and what we thought of them. Later still, I went through Confirmation with some of the other kids from both St. John's and St. Andrew's, and together, we found a new life in our faith, and were able to strengthen both ourselves and each other.

Acolyting has had it's moving on moments, from moving up to the next size robe, which for me happened quite often, to holding the church and prayer card for birthdays and anniversaries, to moving on to become a crucifer, to being allowed to read the gospel on youth Sundays. For me, these events all allowed me to feel like I was an important, active member of the church.

Anyways, here we are. My last days as a High School student, and the last days of my youthful innocence. Starting this summer, and on into next fall, I won't always have someone there to hold my hand through the line for communion, or someone to read the lessons to me when I couldn't, or lines to color in on our worksheets anymore. It's time to move on once again.

Just like in the first reading today, we're going to go through some tough times, but with God, all things are possible. Just like the widow, we need to have faith that all things are possible, and even though it seems like the worst is yet to come, we must persevere, pushing ever onward into the unknown world ahead of us.

Another lesson can be taken from the story of the widow of Zarephath, and that is learning that even the smallest thing can have a great impact, even when it may not be obvious. We all have heard the big stories of the bible, of Moses and the Ark, of John the Baptist, of the Passion, and others of that caliber, but how many can

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confidently say that they know the smaller stories, such as this one, by heart? The drought was caused by King Ahab's poor decisions and his departure from his faith in God, something that some people struggle with to this day. Elijah was threatened with death if he was found after the drought hit, as well as any other prophets of that time. Despite all this, the widow was willing to take Elijah into her home, and on top of that, was willing to share what she thought was going to be her last meal with him, a traitor to the crown, and a man who she didn't know. Despite all this, her tale of generosity is still told 3000 years later to millions of people across the globe.

We should all take a page from the widow's book, and learn that generosity can go a lot farther than we may think, as helping someone may allow them to pass on that help to others, and create a chain reaction of kindness. The main moral here is to learn that a few words, a generous donation, a helping hand, or simply someone to talk to is not something to be underestimated. When we move on from one phase of something to the next, we could all use a little help, and I have all of you to thank for helping me along my path when I needed it most.

On that note, I would like to thank a person who was able to help me write this sermon today, and though I can't do so physically, I know he is watching down on me and on all of us. I'm sure we all remember Nick's sermon a few years ago in which he talked about his toy tractors in the pew all the way up to when he was getting ready to graduate. I was looking through the files stored on my computer a few days before writing it, and realized that I had a recording of it. I was very happy to find it, as I remembered that I really liked what he had to say, so in honor of him, I'd like to borrow a few things he said.

God made the world in only six days, and on the seventh, was able to sit back, look upon his creation, and say "this is very good." Though the awesome power of God would be far out of reach of even the most powerful or influential humans, we were created in his image, and maybe we're going about attaining the power the wrong way. We aren't meant to create a universe like He did, yet we still have the power to help and be kind to others, the power to be compassionate and love our neighbor, and the power to make a difference.

Everyone here has helped me on my journey in faith and in the struggles of everyday life, and as such, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for where I am. You've taught me things that I will carry with me forever, and one day I hope to pass your knowledge on to others.



St. John's will be participating in the Wilson Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, July 16th. Bring your own table. We are asking that 10% of your profits be tithed to St. John's.

Come & Join The Fun.....

Dates to Remember

St. John's will be having tables at the Town Yard Sale on Saturday ONLY, July 16th. Please see Marcia Sabey if you would like to set up a table. We are asking that 10% of your sales be tithed to the church.

USHERS	JULY:	Gil & Nancy Thompson
	AUGUST:	Linda Miller
	SEPTEMBER:	4th & 11th: Jim & Nicole Alessi 18th & 25th: Kevin & Wendy Brown
COUNTERS	JULY:	Jacquie Rodgers & Sharon Rhodes
	AUGUST:	Lois Carter & Sharon Rhodes
	SEPTEMBER:	Jennifer Farwell-Puskas & Vicki Jancef



Happy Birthday To...

Lois Bateman	July 11
Sandy Beukema	July 12
Jim Puskas	July 12
Nicole Alessi	July 15
Aidan Freischlag	July 31
Kyle Doty	August 1
Courtney Brown	August 2
Jeff Pyskaty	August 4
John Carney	August 4
Ryan Carter	August 26
Kirsten Rodgers	August 28
Donna Kopeck	August 30

Happy Anniversary To...

Jim & Jennifer Puskas	July 7
Bob & Ellen Colangelo	July 18
Kevin & Wendy Brown	August 22

Please make sure that your birthday and/or anniversary is on file in the office so that we can include you on our monthly celebration list. See Jennifer Farwell-Puskas, Parish Administrator for all updates or changes.

