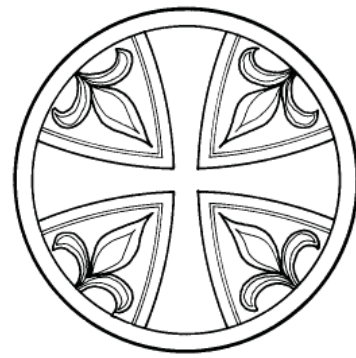


# St. John's Newsletter



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## Visits and Visions

*by The Rev. David C. Killeen*

Last year, I met on 10 occasions with small groups in homes and in the church in order to get to know you and hear your dreams for the future of St. John's. We called these gatherings Visits and Visions. Over a hundred people attended the meetings, and a good cross-section of the parish was represented.

In the beginning of each meeting, I briefly told the story of my spiritual journey. Then, I asked those gathered to share their stories. Listening to your stories was such a helpful compliment to the brief conversations that I am able to have with you on Sundays. It was wonderful to hear how God has moved and is moving in your lives.

Then, I asked the groups two questions: What do you value most about St. John's right now? And what do you believe God's dream for St. John's is in the future? A vestry member, present at each of the meetings, kept notes. I then prayerfully read those notes and looked for common themes and the movement of the Holy Spirit. Without vision, the Book of Proverbs tells us, the people will perish. The good news, as you will see in the following summary, is that God is moving powerfully right now at St. John's. We are a people alive in the Holy Spirit, and God has given us dreams for the future.

Before we get to the future, here is what you value most about St. John's right now:

- It's your spiritual home: We are a big church that still feels like a family church. Going through good times and difficult times has made us resilient.
- Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: This phrase from Psalm 96 describes our love of powerful and dignified worship and traditions.
- Our music program: Related to worship, but I heard so many comments that it merited a separate category. Thanks be to God for Betsy's leadership and our tradition of great church music.
- We are a 24/7 downtown church: St. John's opens its doors for worship, fellowship, and service seven days a week. Our downtown location makes it possible for a more public witness to the Gospel.

Now, for your visions of St. John's future:

- Commitment to ministering with children, youth, and young adults: I heard this more than any other dream for

the future. The good news: Mother Abi will be focusing her ministry on these age groups. Randy Winton is a gifted youth minister who is leading our youth ministry to new heights. To plant a seed: What would it be like if St. John's was to build in the future a dedicated youth center on our campus that would serve not only our own young people, but the youth and young adults of the region? One dream that I heard from you was to connect this building to the past of our diocese, with displays about the history of Camp Weed at St. Teresa Beach. I could see a contemporary worship space, beautiful meeting rooms — a building that tells our young people in concrete terms that we love and value them.

- Firm at the core, open at the edges: I used this phrase in my first sermon at St. John's and it resonated with you. I've borrowed it from the Rev. Bill Tully, a mentor of mine who serves as the rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan, which was my sponsoring parish for ordination. It means that we hold fast to essential Christian doctrines as summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene creeds; be clear about who we are as Episcopalians and our own history and traditions at St. John's; but remain open to meet people exactly where they are on their spiritual journey. It's an attempt to share the Good News with integrity and humility, trusting that the Holy Spirit is always more effective than our own machinations.

- Relational Mission and Service: Our financial support of other churches and organizations is crucial, but so is deepening our relationships with the people with whom we are ministering locally and abroad.

- Ecumenical and Community Partnership: You have a passion for ecumenical and community relationships. I heard you loud and clear during our meetings and began planning our Lenten series with the Rev. Brant Copeland, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. I am currently meeting with Rabbi Jack Romberg of Temple Israel about possible partnerships. I am participating in Leadership Tallahassee largely for the purpose of facilitating these partnerships.

- Vital small groups: As St. John's continues to grow, vital

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small groups will become even more important. We already meet for our Foyers groups. I could see in the future other prayer, Bible study, and devotional groups meeting as well.

• **Stability through stewardship:** You used the word “stability” to describe your dreams for the future. Leadership stability. Financial stability. I believe that we will achieve stability in the future if, and only if, we become even better stewards of all that God has blessed us with. As Jesus said: “If you want to find your life, then you must first lose it.” Translation, as the Very Rev. Sam Candler has pointed out: whatever we want most in life we must first learn how to give away. If we want love, then we must first give our love to others. If we want to be a financially stable parish, then

we must first sacrificially and cheerfully give of our money.

This was the outline of my presentation to the parish on Wednesday evening, September 7. I will schedule at least one more presentation in the future so that I can hear your thoughts on this summary in person. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me and share your thoughts.

You might be wondering about next steps. This fall, I will begin work with the vestry on a five-year visioning plan that will be as prayerful as it is “professional.” The process will take about a year, and the whole parish will be invited to participate. I am confident, to take a more positive approach to the verse from Proverbs, that with God-given vision, we will thrive as a parish.

## Finance Committee Report September 7, 2011

*by Jerry McDaniel, Chair of the Financial Committee*

The last Financial Committee Report (July 31, 2011) stated, “We are turning the corner,” which meant that during the first six months of 2011, we saw growth on the revenue side and good expense control management. Unfortunately, July and August results are disappointing. Revenue comprised primarily of pledges and plate offering for these two months was below budget by \$9,975.83, and expenses exceeded budget by \$15,515.34. This leaves us with a deficit for July and August of almost \$25,500.

Many thanks to the Market Committee for its generous offer of contributing one-half of this year's market profits to the general fund of St. John's. It is desperately needed.

We encourage all our St. John's family and friends to support the market on November 19.

The Finance Committee will meet later this month to begin the 2012 budget process.

## Vestry Notes

*from Kathy Bye, Senior Warden*

At its August meeting, the vestry:

Discussed and approved a part-time priest associate position.

Current financial statements were reviewed.

The junior warden presented information on repairs to the bell tower.

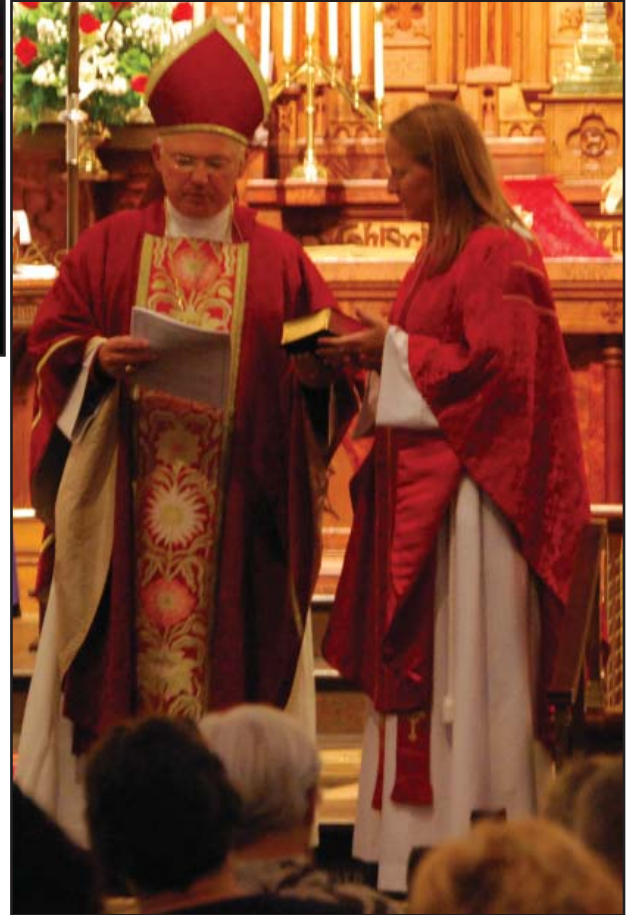
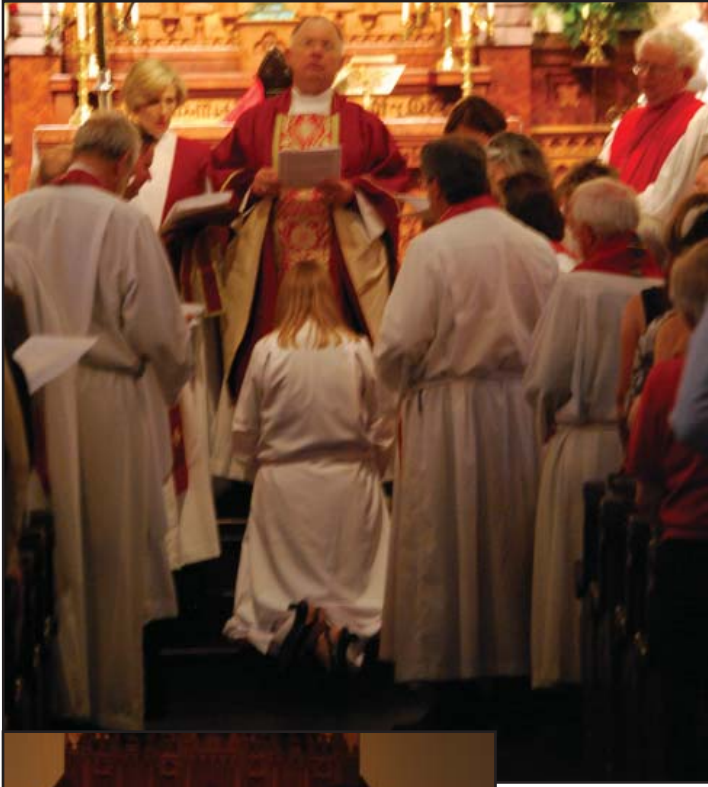
An additional fundraiser in the fall was discussed but tabled for now because of the number of activities currently scheduled.

Guidelines for the 2012 budget were presented. Commission leaders and staff were asked to prepare budget materials.



The Angel Ministry met recently for their annual preparation of food. Thank you to these ladies for their time and energy. Angel Ministry is for those who, due to life's circumstances, are in need of a meal.

# Ordination of The Reverend Abigail W. Moon, September 6



# St. John's Market News

by Laurye Messer and Susanne Murphy

Fall is almost here. Can the St. John's Market be far behind? Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19, 2011, and join us for this traditional, festive harbinger of the holiday season. Discover attic treasures, bring home casseroles, cakes, and pies for the holidays, shop the Children's Closet for adorable Sunday kids' clothes, indulge your sweet tooth, cruise the Silent Auction, and much, much more!

And you don't have to wait until November 19 to join in the fun. Market needs you! Do you bake or sew? Do you have some used treasures you've been meaning to donate? Are you looking to get more involved in the life of the church? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please join us. We are a fun group of people, serving God joyfully and we'd be glad to have you

among us!

This year, we've added something new. There will be a Preview Party the night before market. Enjoy a cool evening in Eve's Garden, sipping wine, and sampling cheese while perusing the best donations to the market's attic and book collections. Remember, all proceeds go to worthy causes, both within the church and out in the community. So, bring your checkbook, credit card, or cash to market and do some shopping while supporting good causes! To donate, volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurye Messer at 893-0602 or [Lsmesser@embarq-mail.com](mailto:Lsmesser@embarq-mail.com) or Susanne Murphy at 893-6976 or [auntsussy@yahoo.com](mailto:auntsussy@yahoo.com).



**Hope to see you at St. John's Market!**

## Youth Ministry Programs Are Gearing Up for a Busy Fall

by Randy Winton, Director of Youth Ministries

After a wonderful and rewarding summer of trips and events, our youth ministry programs are ready to move to a great new school year. We are blessed to have such an incredible group of young people who love to come together for fellowship, worship, study, and outreach ... as well as have fun together. St. John's youth are on the move!

This fall is a great time to get involved with our EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) programs. Our JR EYC is for 6th – 8th grades and our SR EYC is for 9th – 12th grades. Every Sunday our groups meet in the downstairs youth rooms for programs, singing, and just a great time getting to know each other and more about God. We have a monthly calendar that you can find on the bulletin board outside the double doors heading past the kitchen into Eve's Garden. You can also find registration forms, photos, and information about diocesan and local youth ministry events. If you're not at church, you can find the same info on our youth website at [www.saint-johnyouth.org](http://www.saint-johnyouth.org).

We have two awesome youth interns on board this fall – Sarah Beal and Andrew Chafin. Both Sarah and Andrew are sophomores at FSU and love to be with our groups. Sarah is from St. Peter's in Fernandina Beach and Andrew is from St. Mark's in Jacksonville. I'm very excited to have them as a part of our youth ministry family here at St. John's.

There is a buzz of excitement about our programs and God is moving and working in the lives of so many of our teenagers. We have youth involved in many aspects of St. John's and in our diocese. I can't wait to see them all involved here every week.

If you have ideas for our programs, please contact Randy at the church office. And especially, thank you for your prayers for us.

## St. John's Church Calendar\* October

Sat., Oct. 1 - Diocesan Stewardship Workshop

Sun., Oct. 2 - Classical Guitar Concert

Thurs., Oct. 5 - Cafe Garden Concerts

Sun., Oct. 9 - Newcomer Orientation

Pet Wash

Blessing of the Animals

Thurs., Oct. 13 - Cafe Garden Concerts

Sun., Oct. 16 - Organ Recital and Evensong

Thurs., Oct. 20 - Cafe Garden Concerts

Fri., Oct. 21 - Senior Luncheon

Sun., Oct. 23 - Blood Drive

Fri., Oct. 28 - Organ Spooktacular Concert  
and Reception

Sun., Oct. 30 - Classical Guitar Concert

E.A.Y. Episcopal Area Youth

\* Please see The Chimes for a detailed calendar of activities and meetings.

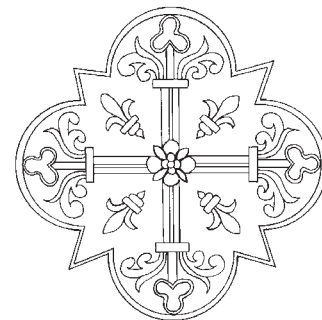
# St. John's Choristers and Adults Sing Choral Evensong

## Sunday, Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m. Organ Recital

Jonathan Hehn, organist at Trinity United Methodist Church and FSU doctoral organ student, will play works by Sweelinck, Scheidt, Alain, and Boëllman.

## 4 p.m. Choral Evensong

Combined choirs will sing music of Sumsion, Durufé, and others. Childcare provided for the recital and service.



# Concerts in the Garden Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

## Oct. 6 Asian Festival Dancers

Dancers from the Asian Coalition of Tallahassee will share traditions and practices from China, Japan, and other Eastern countries.

## Oct. 13 Bagpipes and Drums

Joe Ashcraft, official piper for the Tallahassee St. Andrew's Society, will play tunes from Brittany, Anadalusia, and Scotland on the Great Highland Bagpipes and Scottish Smallpipes. He will be accompanied with drums played by parishioners Bill and Malinda Blevins.

## Oct. 20 Royal Garden Dixieland Band

This eight-piece band, including a torch singer, plays traditional New Orleans jazz such as "Basin Street Blues" and everybody's favorite, "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," as well as other toe-tapping tunes.



The Tallahassee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
presents  
**A Spooktacular ORGAN CONCERT**  
Friday, October 28th, 7:00pm  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee  
Come in Costume... if you dare!

## Seven Hills Guitar Series at St. John's

### Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3p.m.

Adam Kossler and Jon Paul Yerby perform music spanning five centuries and four continents.

### Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m.

Morgan Stuart and Justin Hoke perform works by Albeniz, Rudnev, Barrios, and others.

# Rhythms of Life

by Elizabeth Crowe



Life starts with rhythm, a heartbeat. And life continues to be surrounded by rhythm, both fast and slow, predictable and unpredictable. The rhythm of the seasons of nature and the seasons of the church, the start of school and football season, the growth of children, holidays, and beautiful sunsets are predictable and something I find comforting; things I can count on. There are also unpredictable rhythms mixed in this music of life, both good and bad, like unexpected smiles, warm hugs, or compliments as well as storms in life, like hurricanes and the loss of a job. They all flow together to make the music of our lives.

Grace Mission's music keeps on beating at a fast pace, despite the current world-wide debt crises that has greatly impacted us financially. On October 15 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Advent Episcopal Church, the Friends of Grace Mission bring you the Big Band Sounds of Tallahassee's own Thursday Night Music Club. The evening will combine great food with outstanding entertainment, fun, and fellowship to benefit Grace Mission's ministries for "the least of" our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please join us for a toe-tapping evening of The Rhythms of Grace to help us keep the music flowing to those in desperate need of God's love.

For more information on Rhythms of Grace, including ticket sales and sponsorships, call 224-3817 or visit [www.gracemission.net](http://www.gracemission.net). We thank you for your support and commitment to Grace Mission.

## Baptism September 4



Everyone is beaming after the baptism of Jackson Raymond Bye, grandson of Raymond and Kathy Bye, and son of Philip and Catherine Bye.

## A Fond Farewell



In September, we gathered to thank Betty Kummer for the time that she has served as the bookstore manager. While she is not retiring and leaving, Betty is taking a well deserved break from managing. We welcome Leslie Johnson as new bookstore manager!



# Blessings, Blessings, and More Blessings!



In September, we said special blessings for our Sunday school teachers and facilitators, praying for them as they prepare for the year. We also took a moment to bless those backpacks! While all of us are students, growing in our faith, we wanted to say a special prayer for those wearing a backpack everyday.



# The Lawrence M. Anderson Windows Revisited

by Joe McElrath

Recently in our *Newsletter*, Virginia Perkins reminded us of six stained-glass windows installed at St. John's in 1885 by the John G. Anderson family. The family did so in memory of the son who did not return from the Civil War. Unfortunately, they are situated at three widely separated locations in the church, and only two are immediately identifiable as associated with the death of their 21-year-old son, Lieutenant Lawrence Mel Anderson. Even those two located beneath the choir loft on the west wall of the church tell us little about the young man known as "Laurie." Given only are his name and the date on which he died in southwestern Tennessee at the Battle of Shiloh.

The path to Shiloh for Laurie was largely determined by economic and political factors producing their effects from the colonial era through the presidential election of 1860. In North Florida following the election of Abraham Lincoln, Bishop Francis Rutledge advocated secession, and at St. John's, so did Rector William Ellis. Parishioner John Beard was one of the two Leon County representatives attending the January secession convention at Tallahassee. He was one of the 62 out of 69 who cast his vote for Florida's departure from the U.S. In April 1861 at Chattahoochee, Private Anderson was mustered into Company D of the First Florida Infantry for 12 months' service, along with fellow-parishioners Lieutenant William Gaither Poole and Lieutenant Colonel William Kelly Beard.

Company D's first assignment was far to the south of Tennessee — due west at Pensacola. As was Fort Sumter at Charleston, Union soldiers occupied Fort Pickens across Pensacola Bay on Santa Rosa Island. On the mainland the Confederate soldiers immediately seized the Naval Yard, Fort Barrancas, and Fort McRae. They also hoped to end in short order the North's occupation of Fort Pickens. Despite an initially promising infantry attack on the fort in October and artillery bombardments through early 1862, though, the Confederate forces did not prevail. Indeed, in May that year, Pensacola's mayor surrendered the city to the Union.

In the meantime, what had become General Braxton Bragg's "Army of Pensacola" had been absorbed into the Confederacy's Army of the Mississippi. By March, Laurie's Company D of the First Florida Infantry had become Company A of the Florida Battalion. As April began and his 12 months' enlistment was due to expire, Laurie found himself continuing his service at Corinth, Mississippi, in what would become known as the "Western Theatre" of the war. Company A was then a short dis-

tance from the Tennessee border that it soon crossed. On April 6 the two-day Battle of Shiloh commenced at daybreak.

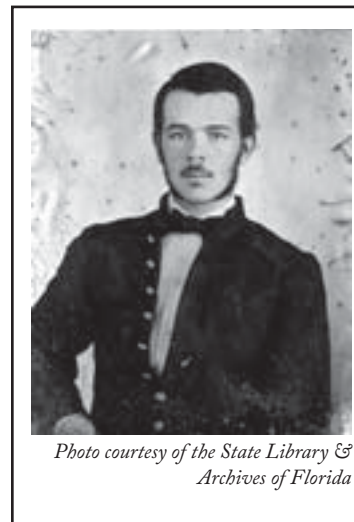
On the eastern war front, in Virginia, Tallahasseean David E. Maxwell wrote to his mother of what he heard about Shiloh from the son of one of St. John's founders: "Frank Baltzell

has just received a letter from his father saying that Lawrence Anderson was killed at the Battle of Shiloh. It will be a dreadful shock to his family."

A fuller account of what happened appears in an official report filed by the man who would in 1870 become the second husband of Laurie's widowed sister Augusta and in 1871 the father of Lawrence Anderson Poole. Captain Poole submitted on April 12 the description of the action, relating that early on April 6 the Florida battalion found itself in the advance against the Union soldiers "where for some time we were exposed to the galling fire of the enemy. It was at this time that our battalion suffered most. First Lieutenant L.M. Anderson, [commanding] Company A, was shot in the forehead and instantly killed."

As unsettling is the account of Lieutenant Colonel William K. Beard, himself severely wounded at Shiloh: "As I rode down the lines I shook hands with many Florida boys, Laurie's among them. When the order was given cheer after cheer rent the air & could be heard above the roar of the musketry as the column was put into motion. . . . I later learned of Laurie's death. He was killed by a minnie ball. He was in command of his company & bravely leading the men. The Regiment fought most gallantly & suffered very much. Out of respect for him, the officers and men of the company wore mourning badges for thirty days."

One may visit William Kelly Beard's gravesite at the St. John's cemetery. William Gaither Poole rests there as well, within the same family plot as Laurie's father, John G. Anderson, and paternal grandmother, Sarah Dunn Anderson. John Beard and Maria Anderson Beard, like their sons George and Charles, are also interred there among many other parishioners who were witnesses to the Civil War. Laurie's is an unmarked grave somewhere in the vicinity of Shiloh, and thus the high importance of the memorial windows contributed by his family.



*Photo courtesy of the State Library & Archives of Florida*

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## Sunday Celebrations of Holy Eucharist

8 a.m. Rite I

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Rite II

5:30 p.m. Rite II (Chapel)

Childcare available Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

# Fran's Best Loved Recipes

*Parish favorites from Fran Doxsee, Culinary Director of The Lively Café at St. John's*

## Bourbon Pecan Praline Pork Tenderloin

Marinate one package of pork tenderloin (containing two tenderloins) in the following:

- 1 Tbs. salt
- 1 Tbs. pepper
- 1 Tbs. sugar
- 1 Tbs. dried thyme
- 1 Tbs. lime juice

Mix and place in a plastic bag with the tenderloins to marinate at least one hour and up to three hours.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, make a glaze from the following:

- ¼ cup orange juice
- 3 Tbs. lime juice
- ¼ cup dark corn syrup
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbs. Dijon mustard
- 2 oz. bourbon
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon



Bring ingredients to a boil and add: 1 Tbs. butter and ¼ cup pecans.

In a hot skillet, sear pork on all sides. Pour 3 Tbs. glaze over the pork and bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Pour the rest of the glaze over the pork after it has rested for 15 minutes and slice.



The Annual Fish Fry was a swimming success! Thank you to all those who faithfully fileted and cooked fish so that many could eat and be filled with not only the scrumptious meal but also the stories of the mission experience from our youth who went to Cuba this past July.



# Did You Sign Up for a Lay Ministry?



## Transitions

### Births

Harriet McGillivray Devereaux and Carolyn Witte Devereaux, August 23 — twin granddaughters of Melissa Devereaux.

Benjamin Warner Crumpler, August 4 — grandson of Pete Mallison and Lindsay Hardy

Palmer Avery Corzine, May 28, and Olive Carol Lyman, July 2 — grandchildren of Michael Corzine and Betsy Calhoun.

### Baptisms

Liam Crowley, infant daughter of Matthew and Ashley Crowley, August 21

Jackson Raymond Bye, infant grandson of Ray and Kathy Bye, September 4

### Deaths

Esther Davey Keirs, August 9

### Transfers

Scott Meachum, Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield, WV

Beverly Hand, St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA

Stephen, Susan, and Lindsay James, St. Philips Episcopal Church, Coral Gables

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