

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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*The Seasons of Easter and Pentecost
May 2012*

Easter Egg-citement!



Photo by Betsy Rawles

And they're off! St. Mary's children commence the annual Easter egg hunt as their parents enjoy their enthusiasm. Hundreds of candy-filled eggs had been placed in the churchyard early on Easter Morning.

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03 April 2012 Heather Elizabeth Swinson from
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Baptisms:

15 April 2012 James Russell Parker, V
15 April 2012 Noah Charles Perry Greenbaum, Jr.

Burials:

03 April 2012 John Mackenzie Tabb, Jr.

Summer Worship Schedule

New St. Mary's
10:00 a.m.

Little St. Mary's
5:00 p.m.

from Sunday, May 27 through
Sunday, September 2

Summer Sunday School
Ages 3-6
beginning
Sunday, June 10
10:00 a.m.

Nursery is open every Sunday.

Rolling Stones (Away)

A Sermon for Easter Day

Year B - 8 April 2012

John Edward Miller

Rector

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- Mark 16:1-8

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

"Who will roll away the stone for us?" That's what the women were wondering as they sadly retraced their steps back to the tomb of their beloved Jesus. Just three days earlier they had watched as their Lord was hastily laid to rest there before the Sabbath began. Joseph of Arimathea had tried to give Jesus a decent burial after he had been tortured and humiliated by Roman crucifixion. Joseph had borrowed the cave-like burial chamber hewn out of the soft stone near Jerusalem. There he saw to it that Jesus' lifeless body was wrapped in linen and sealed inside the tomb until after the Sabbath. The women returning to that place

of death were carrying spices to anoint the body, as was the custom. However, they were unsure of how they could carry out their task. Joseph had made sure that the tomb was securely locked. The stone stood in their way.

So they fretted, "Who will roll the stone away for us?" Their quandary was about a practical problem, but their query still resounds twenty-one centuries later. It strikes us with considerable force at a deep and personal level. Although we weren't there when they crucified and buried our Lord, we recognize this question. We know that it gives voice to a universal longing to overcome the power of death.

All of us have stones that need to be rolled away – stones that imprison, stones that limit our freedom, stones that entomb, blocking out light and life. Some things are just too big, and weigh too much, to move by ourselves. To us they are megaliths that won't budge, no matter how hard we bear down and push with all our might. Defeated, we walk around with "Help Needed" signs posted over our heart.

The stones vary in size, and weight, and composition, but their common characteristic is heaviness. Guilt, doubt, grief, anger, fear, and indecision all fit the description. These and other stones are crushingly heavy. They push the air right out of us in great sighs, and they cripple our attempts to live a whole life. Stones like these must be rolled away, or else we will remain entombed. But who will do that for us?

When I was a young priest, I received a call from a lady who identified herself as a church member, but I had no clue who she was. I would learn later why she was a mystery. At that moment, though, I had a mission to attend to. Her husband had just died, she said, and she needed me to come by. So away I went, arriving at the lady's doorstep as requested. She was quite elderly, and very shy. But I could tell that she was grateful to see me, even though it was for the first time. "Please come in, Dr. Miller," she said. "My husband is in his room."

I followed her through the house and came to a door, which creaked open at her push. And there lay her husband. I drew near, and opened my prayer book and began to pray. Finishing the ritual, I offered a blessing, tracing the sign of the cross on his forehead. Then the lady and I withdrew into her living room, where she told me her story.

She said that her husband had been a wonderful, bright man with a promising future. And yet, as the pressure of his profession

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mounted, he simply did not have the resilience necessary to bend and to adapt to stress. One day, she said, he just broke emotionally, and had retreated to his home. Their bedroom soon became his private preserve, from which he would never emerge for the several decades until his death. He received his meals, his fresh clothes, and his necessary items through a doorway that otherwise remained shut – always. The door was the stone sealing him within a tomb of isolation. He didn't have the strength to remove it, and neither did his wife.

The reason why I did not know her is that she could seldom leave the house, for fear that he would slip further into his dark world. Getting groceries or prescriptions from the pharmacy was a tolerable thing, but church was out of the question. Thus two souls had been entrapped, sequestered away from life's possibilities of refreshment and renewal. I could only hope and pray that there would be no door now that would separate either the deceased or his exhausted wife from new being. But, of course, that was why I was there. I had been called to represent Christ's community, and to serve as a channel of life, and love. By the grace of God, a new creation was made possible. A heavy stone was removed; now her task was to walk out of that tomb, with God's help and ours.

What does it take, whom does it take, to get that kind of stone rolling? Clearly someone stronger than I, and yet in Christ I know that I was included in the team of transformation that we call the Church.

Rolling stones away takes power. That's the truth; and the good news of Easter is that God has the power to remove them – a power that's stronger than death. It's called "love" – as in, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son . . ." God freely and completely loves, enduring crucifixion and overcoming death with us and for us. As one three-year old preschool child told me last week, "Jesus died on the cross to give us a second chance." Amen to that! Our shared ministry of love is about offering the power to live again to those who suffer under the weight of deadly stones.

And on this day, we behold love's power in action. The text tells us that the women came back. That's significant. They took a risk to do so. The rest of the disciples were cowering behind closed doors, fearing arrest for being Jesus' accomplices. The crucifixion was horrible to witness; Jesus' agony was etched into their consciousness. The remaining disciples had run for cover. It was up to braver souls, namely the women, to chance getting nabbed while checking on their late master.

The trio of Mary Magdalen, James' mother Mary, and Salome approached the tomb, knowing that they weren't strong enough to give that stone a shove away from the door. And yet, in that they made the effort, they became essential parts of the resurrection story on that first Easter.

Love infused their common purpose. It helped them overcome fear of their own death and propelled them forward. The women worried about how they might accomplish their mission, but they were not deterred. When they arrived at the tomb, they were met by God's power to roll the stone away. Resurrection happens like that. Courage and compassion ready us to give, and to receive, newness of life. God's message at every opened tomb is, "Don't be afraid. . . He is risen." The power of love is so strong that it amazes even the faithful.

There's an independent film playing these days that delivers

just such an Easter message. At least, it appears to me that it does. The film is "Jeff, Who Lives at Home."¹ And it's about the renewal of life experienced by people brought together by an awful accident, which was perhaps an occasion of God's providence.

Jeff is a young man who has never summoned the courage to leave home. Instead he lives in the basement of his mother's home. His days and nights are filled with eating, drinking, pot-smoking, and watching TV. It's pretty clear that he's depressed, and it's also obvious that his mother is at her wit's end. The reason is that she's frustrated by his lack of initiative, and he's languishing in fear after his father's untimely death. Something's got to give. And the action begins after Jeff's mother orders him to get off the couch and board a bus to buy some wood glue to fix a shutter in the kitchen of her house. It's her birthday, she reminds her son, and this is the only present she wants from him. Jeff reluctantly goes forth, but he's weighed down by a strong sense that he's receiving signs of an impending event of huge importance.

Along the way, he gets mugged, and beaten, and loses the means to get home. His bedraggled path then intersects with that of his older brother Pat, who views Jeff as a slacker who has no life. Ironically, Jeff thinks the same about Pat, but for a different reason. He can't understand why Pat is so clueless about everything, and so self-centered and materialistic that he is losing his marriage.

Well, after running from pillar to post all over town chasing after "signs" of universal meaning, the two brothers find themselves standing near a cemetery. It dawns on them that this is their father's burial place, and they cease their bickering for a moment to walk over to the grave. In a moment of reverie, the older brother lets down his guard and shares a private thought with Jeff. He says that he's been having a dream about their father – one in which his Dad smiles and asks, "Pat, what's the most important day in human history?" Nodding in recognition, gentle giant Jeff answers, saying: "It's today. The most important day in human history is today. I had the dream too." They stare at one another in amazement.

Now Jeff, who lives at home, feels as though he is on the verge of something momentous. But his older brother is dubious. He believes that Jeff has been hallucinating again, or is simply falling into some sort of rabbit hole of madness.

And yet they press on, until Jeff convinces Pat to recommit to his estranged wife, and they try to intercept her by car. When they get stalled in a massive traffic jam on a bridge, Jeff suddenly feels impelled to rush to the cause of the snarl. And there he finds that a crash has pushed an auto off the bridge and into the Gulf of Mexico. Without hesitating big old Jeff jumps into the water and dives to the sinking car. Soon he pops to the surface carrying two little girls. But they cry that their Daddy is still down there, and Jeff submerges again into the green salt water. After a few moments a man bobs up. It is the girls' father, but there is no sign of Jeff.

When Pat realizes where his brother has gone, he too jumps under the water. Finally, he struggles to the surface carrying the lifeless body of his brother. The Coast Guard rescue team pounds Jeff's chest and tries to resuscitate the drowned man. Meanwhile Pat is screaming and crying for Jeff to live. Death has him firmly in its grim grasp. The sweet dreamer, who has been so out of step with the world, has saved a family by his heroics, but he did so at the loss of his own existence. It is as dark as Good Friday.

All of a sudden, the efforts of the EMTs and the passionate pleas of a distraught brother lift the stone of death from Jeff's

chest. His body convulses, vomiting the salt water and allowing him to cough and breathe. It is *the* moment – the most important day in human history for the two brothers, who realize that their differences are minor compared to the gift of life, and for their widowed mother, who that very day has gone from despair to joy, and is able to celebrate her birthday with renewed hope. It is the moment of new life for a marriage that was on the verge on death. And it is the moment when a father and his two little girls have been snatched from the depths to enjoy a loving, living embrace. To this Christian, it is “the day that the Lord has made,” a day of transformation, wherein we should rejoice and be glad.

Easter is the resurrection story. Love has defeated death, and Christ is risen. Don't be amazed; it's why we are here. We are his

risen body. And we are charged to share the power of love, and work with our Lord to keep rolling stones away from tombs. Easter is the eternal now, as well as then; for as Paul Tillich preached, it matters little whether it happened long ago in Jerusalem unless resurrection is happening today. But thanks be to God, it is. So let's get on with it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed! How about you?²

¹ “Jeff, Who Lives at Home” (2011), an independent film directed by Jay & Mark Duplass, with Jason Segal, Ed Helms, Judy Greer, and Susan Sarandon, www.imdb.com/title/tt1588334/. The film's website is www.jasonwholivesathome.com.

² This response was originally coined by the Rev. Christopher M. Brookfield in an Easter exchange with our late Rector Emeritus, the Rev. W. Holt Souder. Since that time, it became a customary greeting among the clergy of our parish.

Process Theology Revisited with Rector John E. Miller

Wednesdays, May 9 & 16

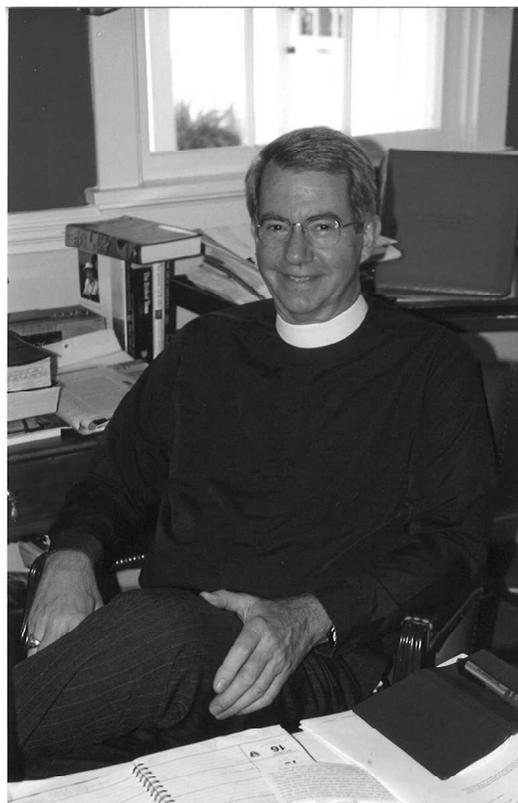
7:00 p.m.

Old Parish Hall

They say that one of the constants in life is change. British philosopher Alfred North Whitehead clearly concurred, and his thoughts about change took shape in his famous book, *Process and Reality* (1929). Whitehead's philosophy also influenced the world of theology, as a host of Christian thinkers recognized its value as a lens to interpret everyday experience. Theologians such as John Cobb and David Tracey were drawn to process thought because Whitehead's system included God.

According to Whitehead, God the Creator is supreme, but is also affected by change. This idea flies in the face of traditional theism, which holds that deity is beyond all change, and is impassive – unaffected by what happens in creation. Whitehead's bold proposal is that God's nature “feels” what is happening at all times and in all places. God's deity, he said, is moved by our experience, and is constantly in touch with the direction of our life. As change occurs God is continuously aware, and compassionately responds. Our suffering becomes God's suffering with and for us.

Please join Rector John E. Miller for two Wednesday evenings – May 9 and 16 – at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall to revisit (or to take a first look at) process theology. Participants may pre-register online at info@stmarysgoochland.org or by calling the Parish Office, 784-5678.



Unlocked Doors

*A Sermon for the Second Sunday of Easter
Year B - 15 April 2012*

David Hathaway Knight
Priest Associate

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear . . . , Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

On this Second Sunday of Easter, it is important to remember that last Sunday, the Sunday of the Resurrection, was only the beginning of the seven weeks, the great fifty days of the Easter season. We refer to these Sundays not as the Sundays *after* Easter, but rather the Sundays *of* Easter. For these fifty days the emphasis of our worship centers upon what it means to be a community that is shaped by the death and resurrection of Jesus. For these fifty days our focus is on the reality of life that is victorious over death. All too often in our culture, we think of Easter as what we celebrated last Sunday alone, and then all is back to the way it was, but not so. But even on that first Easter Day, the impact of Jesus’ resurrection upon the disciples could not be sustained even until that night, or until the following week. In today’s gospel reading we find the disciples huddled in fear behind doors that they had closed and locked. We remember that only that morning they had heard from the women who had discovered the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb that was now empty, but it had not sunk in and still they were in fear. That first Easter hardly sounds like the brass, the drums, the organ and voices that broke out last Sunday across the landscape of Christianity in joyful “Alleluias!” for the lives of the disciples were attended by doubt and uncertainty. Like the disciples, for most of us in one way or another, our lives so often are also attended by doubt and uncertainty. We live each day wanting to have hope. We want to walk as children of light, but the path ahead for us is often unclear. We, like the women at the empty tomb, and like the disciples, have our doubts and our fears.

In last week’s sermon, you recall that John spoke of the stone that in the Gospel was rolled away from the entrance to the empty tomb. He then spoke of the stones in our lives that are rolled away, stones, he said, that imprison, stones that limit our freedom, stones that entomb, blocking out light and life. Some things, he reminded us, are just too big and weigh too much for us to move by ourselves. It is in the presence of these huge stones, that the risen Jesus meets us just as he met the women at the empty tomb, and how he removes our fear, just as he removed their fear. When he meets us, and when he removes those heavy stones, you and I can experience how light and life can dawn upon us and we can have glimpses of hope once again.

In this week’s gospel, we see that even the locked doors could

not and did not keep Jesus out. When he came and stood among them they heard his familiar voice and that greeting they had heard so often when he said to them, “Peace be with you.” They could not wait to tell Thomas who was not with them that first night. But then, yet a week later we find them still huddled in that same room. It all still had not sunk in. The gospel does not say that the doors were locked; why, we can only guess, but Jesus appeared again and this time Thomas was there. Jesus, sensing his doubt, reached out to him with compassion and met him where he was in his journey of doubt. What Jesus did empowered Thomas to believe once again. Thomas, with great relief exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” His faith and we can only imagine, his hope, returned.

It is the power of the risen Lord that removes heavy stones from our path and lights our way forward once again. It is the power of the risen Lord that comes to us even when we are locked behind the doors of doubt and grief and despair.

It is power of the risen Lord who comes to us even at times we least expect, times when most we need to have hope once again.

As I was thinking once again about how Jesus appeared to his disciples, and especially to Thomas behind those locked doors, and how he gave them hope, what came to me was something that has been etched forever in my memory. It is a conversation I had with our oldest son, David, some years ago in which he told me about something that happened to him in the weeks after his brother Jamie had been killed. I asked David if I could share with you this morning the experience he had. He said I could. At the time, David was working as a teacher at the Grafton School in Maryland. He had been working out of another Grafton office here in Chesterfield while spending time down in Richmond. It was during those days in 1997 when he lived virtually every waking hour in despair over the loss of his brother. I think we often do not fully comprehend the devastation that a sibling experiences upon the death of a brother or sister. He told me that on that day after leaving the office in Chesterfield he was beginning his drive home and feeling very low, wondering, even, if he could go on. He was approaching a bridge about to cross the James. There was still afternoon sunlight, yet he was in the deepest and darkest of despair. As he began to drive across the bridge, he suddenly became acutely aware of something he had not felt since his brother died. It was, as he was later able to realize upon reflection, the dawning of a realization. It was the realization that he could either live the rest of his life in despair and bitterness, or, he could go on trying to live again knowing full well that life would forever be changed, but that it would be possible somehow to go on. As that realization began to dawn upon him, did his grief leave? No, of course not. Did his bitterness leave? No, not immediately, but later and in time, it would. But what did happen at that moment on the bridge as he was crossing the James River, was that he began

to have a glimpse, if only a glimpse, of hope for the very first time. It was as if that stone blocking his path was beginning to move aside. It was as if living behind a locked door in despair, that door was beginning to open a bit ever so slightly and he could see a ray of light ahead along his path once again. It would be a long journey and continues to be for him, yet something happened that afternoon crossing that bridge over which he probably had little or no control. What happened crossing the bridge over the James was the dawning of hope. To this day he remembers that bridge crossing as one of the turning points in his journey. It was a gift to David. Was that not the power of the risen Lord who came to him as it did to the women at the empty tomb and to the disciples in that room behind locked doors? Was that not the power of the risen Lord who comes to you and to me in our despair and in our doubts? Was that not the power of the risen Lord that lights our way once again and, most of all that gives us a ray of hope we need on order to live again?

In the gospel, we see yet another dimension of the power of the risen Jesus. We note that it is in the company of the other disciples that Jesus meets Thomas in his grief. When Jesus appears behind the closed doors once again Thomas is surrounded by his friends. Surrounded by them he is uplifted and given hope once again. That experience gives testimony to the fact that when we are surrounded by love and support, we can experience hope once again. I remember once reading what William Sloane Coffin, the famous preacher, chaplain at Yale, and then Senior Minister at the famous Riverside Church in New York City once told about what happened to him on a Sunday morning. It was some time after his son Alex had died in a car crash. Even as a preacher, his struggles were no different from the struggles of others. At one point in his despair he found that the ancient words of the Creed confirming the beliefs of Christians throughout the ages had become for him difficult to recite. Somehow they had become so remote after his son's death. He would find himself standing there before his huge congregation with the words sticking in his throat. For some weeks this is how it was. Then, one Sunday, something happened. As he stood there with the words caught in his throat, suddenly he became aware of several hundred voices in unison saying the ancient words, words such as "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven..." and then he heard the words, "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." *We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.* As he heard those voices around him, began to have the powerful sense that he was being uplifted by those around him. These words he had so long spoken and believed, but that, in his despair had lost their power, once again came alive as he stood there in the

presence of others who believed and who also loved and were supporting him. He would once again be able to recite these words himself. That moment for William Sloane Coffin was a gift. Was that not the power of the risen Lord moving the stone in his path to hope, unlocking the door that was keeping him in despair? Was that not the power of the risen Lord bringing yet some light to the path before him?

Each of you has your own stories to tell. Has not the power of the risen Lord at some time moved a stone that was in your path? Has not the power of the risen Lord come and stood in your midst and said to you, "Peace be with you?" The truth of it all is that the power of the risen Lord is a reality. The risen Jesus brings to each of us, and to those we love, and to the world, hope in the midst of all that life brings. The risen Jesus lights the path that lies before us as we heard in the First Letter of John a few moments ago.

There is that powerful service, the Great Vigil of Easter, which in many places is the first service celebrated at the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. As the Easter fire is lighted and the procession enters the dark church, the cantor sings three times, "The light of Christ." And the people respond by singing, "Thanks be to God." Then follow the words contained in what is called the Exsultet, words that ring out in the darkness, "This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave... How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen and joy to those who mourn..." How Holy is this night. Then Easter breaks and the Easter hymns resound in great joy as the First Eucharist of Easter is then celebrated.

It is in that spirit that we celebrate the power of the risen Lord during these Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is the light of the risen Christ that illuminates our path and gives us hope once again, for as in the words of the hymn we sang a few moments ago,

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

It is appropriate that in this Easter season today that we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism of James Russell Parker, V and Noah Charles Perry Greenbaum, Jr., for through the Paschal mystery we and they, their sisters and their families, and all of us, are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to the newness of life. May they be filled with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

May this Easter season for you be a time of blessing. Let us all find hope in that love which never dies, and may we find peace in the grace that is around us, and always will be. *Amen.*

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We are a community of faith that worships and learns together, welcomes all people, and serves the needs of others in gratefulness for God's love and grace revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Children's Ministries

Anna T. Johnson
Minister to Children



ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCES SKY VBS PROGRAM

Ages 3 thru Fifth Grade
July 9-13
9-11:30 a.m.

Dear Parents, We are so excited to offer five days of fun-filled activities during Vacation Bible School this year and hope you will sign up to have your children ages 3 through rising (in the Fall) 5th graders participate! The theme this year is "Sky" where everything is possible with God! "Sky" is filled with incredible experiences. Kids will focus on Bible-point crafts, team-building games, Bible-learning experiences, music, drama, outdoor recreation and more! *Please know that this is not limited to children of St. Mary's parishioners.* The cost for all five days is \$35 per child. Please return the form as soon as possible with your check payable to St. Mary's Church. If you have any questions about participation or if you can help us out during these five days, please contact Anna Johnson (784-5678 ext. 18 or ajohnson@stmarysgoochland.org). Thank you so much!



On Saturday, March 24th, 3-5th grades got together for an afternoon of bowling and fun! Stay tuned for details on the next Jr. Youth event. It's a great way to connect and enjoy the company of your St. Mary's friends and classmates outside of Sunday School.

May Sunday School Schedule

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| May 6, 11 a.m. | Sunday School (Philip Tells the Ethiopian about Jesus) |
| May 13, 11 a.m. | Wee Worship and Children's Chapel |
| May 20, 11 a.m. | 11 a.m. Sunday school and Youth Sunday/5 th Grade Graduation (Barnabas Encourages Christians in Antioch)-12 p.m. Parish Family Picnic with Family Fun (Bounce houses, face painting and more!) |
| May 27, 11 a.m. | No Sunday school for Memorial Day Holiday** |

** Sunday school will resume on Sunday, June 10th at 10 a.m. for children ages 3-6. Nursery care will be provided. All other children may attend church with families.

Scenes from Easter Sunday



St. Mary's children and youth enjoyed fellowship and special Easter projects.



Eazy Milligan gave a lesson on Easter and Holy Week to our First thru Fifth grade students on a beautiful, sunny Easter morning.

Youth Ministries

Sara Grattan
Minister to Youth

THE INS AND OUTS OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday, May 6
10:15 am in the 8th grade classroom

Sara Grattan, our Minister to Youth, will have an information session for our rising 8th grade students and their parents. She will describe the expectations of our confirmation program—including Sunday School, evening youth group, service projects, and our Shrine Mont weekend.

MOTHER'S DAY CASSEROLE AND BAKED GOODS SALE

Sunday, May 13

The youth participating in our Summer Mission Trip to Petersburg are selling casseroles and baked goods on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th. If you are interested in reserving a delicious casserole to serve your Mom for Mother's Day, please email Sara Grattan at sgrattan@stmarysgoochland.org.

PARISH FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m.

Join us as we recognize our High Schools seniors and our 5th grade students as they transition from the children's program to the youth program. Music will be provided by a joint effort of the St. Mary's Children's choir and the Peter Paul Development Center choir. Picnic to follow on the church lawn.

TRANSITIONING TO THE YOUTH PROGRAM

Sunday, May 20
10:15 a.m.
Education Building

Sara Grattan, our Minister to Youth, will have an information session for our 5th grade students and their parents. You will learn all about the Youth Program—Sunday School, Evening Youth group, special activities, and service opportunities.



TUBING ON THE JAMES FOR GRADES 5-8 JUNE 2

5th - 8th grades are invited for a two hour tubing trip on the James with Riverside Outfitters. We will meet at 2:30 pm at Riverside Outfitters office on 6836 Old Westham Road Richmond, VA 23235. Cost of trip is \$15. Please go to our website and print off the Waiver form.

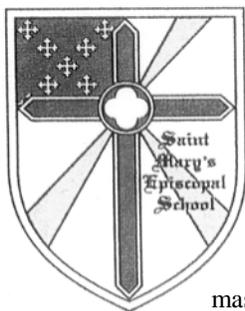
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH

Vacation Bible School
July 9-13
from 9-11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars now for an exciting week of fun and service. We will plan some fun youth oriented activities for several afternoons.



Easter Sunday was a festive day for everyone at St. Mary's. Our youth helped in the classrooms, during the children's services, and with the crafts and activities provided for our children in the Parish Hall. Our youth are integral parts of our successful Sunday School program for children ages 3 to 5th grade. Thank you St. Mary's youth for all your help.



St. Mary's Episcopal School

by Susan Rawls, Director

Spring has sprung at St. Mary's Preschool! The children have come alive and are busy exploring all of the things that the season of spring brings: butterflies, ladybugs, flowers, vegetable gardens, trees.....the list is endless! We are blessed with a God who in His perfect timing has created His masterpiece for us to enjoy! What a joy it is to watch these little ones learn through exploring their world.

We will soon enter our final month of our school year, wow! We will "graduate" 24 young children to kindergarten. How exciting it is that we have had the opportunity to watch these little ones grow and flourish and be ready to 'soar' to new heights in elementary school! We will miss these precious children and their families and look forward to hearing all of the wonderful things that they accomplish in "big school."

Summer camp will be held the first two weeks of June. Applications may be acquired through our school office at 784-2049. We have camp for 2 year olds to 6 year olds.

We still have a few openings in our program for next year. There are several openings in our 2 year old program and in our 3 year old and 4 year old classes. Again, if you need information you may contact the school office at 784-2049 or use our website at www.stmarysschool.net.



World Pediatric Project Update

by Sara Desvernine Reed

Merlik has recovered beautifully since his surgery, as I'm sure many of you witnessed at church on Sunday! His eye surgeon, Dr. Donna Brown, would like for him to stay here until May 3rd so that he can go home with his new glasses. Therefore, the WPP office is working toward that goal.

Even though you all have been so amazing spending so much time with the Cobbes, I know they are anxious to get home to see the rest of their family and friends! If you have time to take them to lunch/dinner or to an activity during this upcoming week, I know they would love it! Please email me (s.desvernine@att.net) if you would like to schedule something with them. And, I will keep you posted on their departure as soon as I hear more information.

As we wind down on this outreach project, I would love to hear more about your experience and how we might make it even more enriching in the future! Thank you again!

PARISH • NEWS • IN • BRIEF



Going Away For the Summer?

The easiest way to continue your support for St. Mary's while you are away is to sign up for an automatic draft. Simply fill out the form on the back of the calendar, attach a voided check, indicate the amount of your monthly offering, and send it to me. Every month your bank will make a wire transfer to our bank for you. You never have to try to remember if you wrote a check or not!

Should you have any questions I would be happy to talk to you about setting up your automatic draft.

Gina Alexander,
Parish Administrator

2012 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Goal: | \$870,000 |
| Cards Sent | 575 |
| Cards Returned | 358 |
| Pledge to Date | \$784,650 |

Please remember to make your 2012 pledge. Make your pledge on-line via our web site: www.stmarysgoochland.org.



Outreach Opportunity for Goochland Food Pantry

DON'T FORGET...to pick up your **BLUE BAGS** for packaged foods for the Goochland Food Pantry. You can pick up a bag the **First Sunday of EVERY MONTH** and **Return it the Following Week!** Announcements will be made the First Sunday of the month to suggest which foods are reaching critical supplies at the Food Pantry, in addition to other standard fare which appears on the foods list on the bag's tag.



The Rev. Canon Susan E. Goff Elected Bishop Suffragan

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia is pleased to announce that the Rev. Canon Susan E. Goff was elected as bishop suffragan of Virginia at a special Electing Council of the Diocese held on Saturday, April 21 at St. George's, Fredericksburg. Goff was elected on the fourth ballot, with 148 votes in the clerical order and 164 votes in the lay order. An election required 104 votes in the clerical order and 130 votes in the lay order. A suffragan is a bishop elected by a diocese to assist the diocesan bishop.

"We are most grateful to all six of the candidates for journeying with us through this process," said the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, bishop of the Diocese. "They all displayed an immense amount of faith, dedication and good spirit." The other candidates were the Rev. Randy Alexander, the Very Rev. David May, the Very Rev. Dr. Hilary Smith, the Very Rev. Shirley Smith Graham and

the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer.

"I am excited to be able to welcome Susan to the Virginia episcopate," added Johnston. "In her work as canon to the ordinary, she brings much wisdom, grace and discretion, qualities that I know will translate well in the role of bishop suffragan."

Goff, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, is canon to the ordinary of the Diocese of Virginia. She and her husband, the Rev. Tom Holliday, live in Richmond.

The bishop suffragan elect will be consecrated on July 28 at St. Paul's, Richmond, pending consents of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in early July.

(reprint of an article posted on the Diocesan website: www.thediocese.net)



Hospitality in the house! Fellowship committee volunteers gather before serving supper to our parish family on Wednesday, April 18. The members of these monthly teams enjoy “the fellowship of fellowship,” as they get to know one another in the planning, preparation, and serving of delicious meals. Many of our cooks work virtually every parish supper event including high school senior Patrick Gorrell (pictured on the far right), who has delighted us with his culinary skills, devotion to service, and heartwarming smile month after month.

Post EfM Study with Christopher Brookfield

The Rev. Christopher M. Brookfield, retired associate rector of St. Mary’s has been offering courses in continuing education for members who have completed EfM or have had experience in that program of study. Leaders of the post-EfM group are forming plans for upcoming courses, and are interested in feedback from prospective students.

A prerequisite for the studies is some EfM experience. Exceptions to this standard are possible, depending on the nature of the course. There is a tuition fee for participation. At present, the course content is to be decided.

Length of the study will be determined by course content. Courses will likely start the middle of September and terminate at the end of November.

Possible meeting times: Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and/or Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. IF there are enough participants to fill two classes.

Course Options:

1. The Restored New Testament, Willis Barnstone with the Five Gospels commentaries (6, 8, or 10 weeks)
2. Elaine Pagels, the Gnostic Gospels and The Origin of Satan (along with the Book of Job and a re-examination of the Gospels of Thomas and Miryam) (6 or 7 weeks)
3. Existential Literature - religious and non-religious as in Dostoevski, Kafka, Camus, Beckett, Sartre, Eliot, Buber, Buechner (10 weeks - mid Sept through November)
4. “The Face of God in Literature” - whichever novels and plays that can be found appropriate to the theme (10 weeks - mid Sept through Nov.)
5. “The Struggle with God and Mishpat: What Would You Have Done?” Jeremiah; Waugh, Brideshead Revisited; Camus, The Stranger; Kafka, The Trial; Dostoevsky, “The Grand Inquisitor”; Landay, Defending Jacob. (for 10 or 12 weeks, mid Sept. through Nov. or early Dec.)

If you are interested, and for final plans and cost, please contact: Jane Covington at e-mail address: Janeonthreehopt@gmail.com Indicate whether you are a “yes” or a “maybe”!!! Also, indicate the course of study that you would prefer.

Adult Ministry Offerings

Rector's Weekly Bible Study

The Bible Study meets on Wednesdays in the Library from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through May 30. Led by Rector John E. Miller, each Bible study session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the succeeding Sunday. Members are encouraged to bring a Bible in a translation or version that they enjoy reading. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and participate. While no prior biblical training is required of group members, an open mind and readiness to learn and share insights are always welcome! *Note: Class will not meet on Wednesday, May 23.

Joseph Campbell:

The Power of Myth

Considered one of the greatest interviews ever recorded, the encounter between mythologist Joseph Campbell and journalist Bill Moyers covers a galaxy of topics related to Campbell's writings on mythology. The quintessential storyteller, Campbell describes a wide spectrum of myths from throughout history (Japanese, Native American, Egyptian, Mayan, and many more) to illustrate humankind's eternal quest to grasp the mysteries of creation.

An astute interviewer, Moyers finds the perfect hook for a global audience, examining Campbell's admiration of George Lucas's *Star Wars* saga as a popular tapestry of ancient myths, and Lucas himself is interviewed in the video series. Campbell's seemingly endless well of knowledge reaches a simple conclusion: we need myths to survive like we need oxygen to breathe, as a life force with which to understand our existence—past, present, and future.

Class will meet on Wednesdays—May 2, May 16 and May 30 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will need a copy of the book *The Power of Myth* which we will read in conjunction with watching the video series of Bill Moyers interviewing Campbell.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This group of spirited knitters will meet in the Library of the Education Building on May 17th at 10:00 a.m. The following meeting will be on September 20th, where they will resume the schedule of meeting on the third Thursdays of the Month. Its purpose is to knit, weave, or crochet shawls as the ministry's participants pray for God's blessing on those in need of pastoral care. The end product is not only a lovely source of warmth, but it is also a tangible means of comfort. Each shawl represents the loving witness of prayer offered by a community knit together by the Spirit of God.

For One Who Has Lost a Sibling

A SAFE PLACE TO SHARE YOUR JOURNEY

Interest has been expressed for a group for those who have lost siblings to meet together for mutual support and for sharing of their journey. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call David Knight here at church at 784-5678 or e-mail at dknight@stmarysgoochland.org. The group will start as soon as we have even a small number of participants and will be held at a time convenient for all.



May Adult Education Series Will Address The Biblical Witness on Wealth and Poverty

Dr. Samuel L. Adams, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, will present an adult education series on Sundays May 6, 13, and 20 at 10:10 a.m. in the Education Building's 8th Grade classroom. The series is entitled, "The Biblical Witness on Wealth and Poverty," and the individual sessions are as follows: Session 1, May 6: A Matter of Justice; Session 2, May 13: The Economics of Family Life; and Session 3, May 20: Borrowing, Lending, and Bribery.

An ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister, Dr. Adams is a graduate of Davidson college (B.A.), the University of Chicago (M.Div.), and Yale University (Ph.D.). He specializes in Wisdom literature, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Egyptology, biblical theology, and the issue of economics in the biblical world. His first book, *Wisdom in Transition: Act and Consequence in Second Temple Instructions*, concerned death and the afterlife in the Wisdom literature. A

new book on the subject of the bible and economics will be published next year.

His personal interests include spending time with his children, running, golf, and telling and hearing silly jokes. Dr. Adams' wife Helen is a physician in town and grew up in the Episcopal Church.

DOWNTOWN RICHMOND HISTORIC TOUR
SPONSORED BY ST. MARY'S SENIORS
WEDNESDAY MAY 9, 2012

Please join us on this pleasant day to review all that is past and to view all that is going on in Downtown Richmond. On Wednesday May 9, we will board the 47-seat Pax Deluxe Motorcoach of "Let's Get Frank" Tours at 12:45 in the front St. Mary's parking lot. At 1:00 p.m. sharp, we will depart for an enjoyable and informative tour of the old and the new Richmond, returning to St. Mary's at 4:00.

This tour will mirror (and update) a highly successful one taken 6 years ago, and again our docent will be Frank Williamson, a congenial, enthusiastic, history-oriented, expert-in-his-craft. Frank is a certified guide for the Historic Richmond Foundation, a certified welcome host for Richmond Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a member of Richmond Motorcoach Network, as well as a certified guide for Williamsburg-Yorktown-Jamestown. He will begin his participation shortly after we get underway and will distribute materials to supplement the narrative.

The fee will be \$23 per person which will cover the motorcoach, the docent, a modest tip, bottled water and some mid-afternoon "cheese and crackers". Walking will be very minimal; the coach is equipped with a restroom. We will not be providing lunch. We hope you will be with us. Please complete and submit the request form with check ASAP. There is no restriction on age or affiliation. We desire to fill the bus! If your request will not arrive before April 25, we suggest that you call Gina (784-5678) to make sure that seats are available.

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YOUR NAME _____ DATE OF REQUEST _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____ NAMES OF TRAVELERS COVERED:

Make check payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church; put "Seniors Bus Trip" on memo line. Send your request to St. Mary's Church, 12291 River Road, Richmond ,VA.23238, ATT: Gina Alexander

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC ON THE CHURCHYARD

**Sunday
May 20**

Following the 11:00 a.m.
Service of Holy Eucharist

* * *

Bring a side dish or salad
(in a disposable container)
and a blanket

Please leave the food in the kitchen
before the 11 a.m. worship service.

St. Mary's will provide chicken,
biscuits, desserts and drinks.

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Casual dress for worship and picnic
In case of rain, we'll go indoors!

PARISH BREAKFAST

**Mother's Day Sunday
May 13 - 10:00 a.m.**

New Parish Hall

Menu:

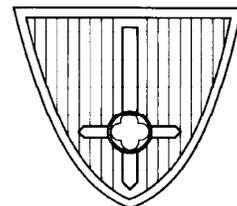
Shrimp and Grits
French Toast with warm syrup
Bacon and Sausage patties
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits and Jam
Assorted Fresh Fruit
Smoothies
Cinnamon Rolls
New York Style Crumb Cake

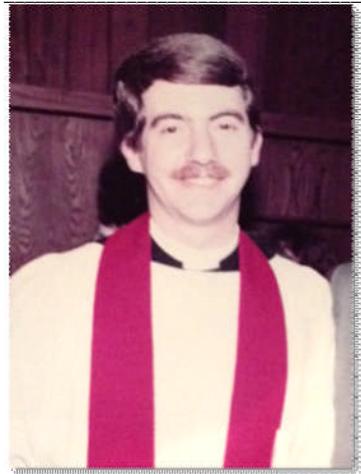
*Requested Donation: \$5.00 per person
Family maximum of \$20.00*

*If you would like to help, please contact
Sarah & Bruin Richardson at 740-9060 or
srichardson@stmarysgoochland.org*

12291 River Road Richmond, Virginia 23238

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH





Has it **REALLY** been 30 years??
Come **CELEBRATE** John's ordination
milestone!

When: Thursday, June 7th

Where: Outside at St. Mary's

What time: 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Who's invited: All Adult Parishioners
(Dress casually!)

Menu:

BBQ and buns
Baked Beans
Cole slaw
Cake

Beverages:

Beer
Wine
Water

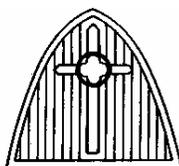
Music:

Bluegrass Band

RSVP to the church office OR online by May 31st

May 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | <i>1</i> 9:00 AM Newcomers Committee 3:30 PM EFM | <i>2</i> 9:00 AM Fellowship Committee 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:45 AM Power of Myth 7:00 PM Inquirer's Class | <i>3</i> 7:30 PM Adult Choir | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> 10:00 AM A.A. 11:00 AM Holy Baptism |
| <i>6</i> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:10 AM Bible Class on Wealth & Poverty 10:15 AM Confirmation Info Class 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist II 12:45 PM Holy Baptism 5:00 PM Evening Prayer II - Holy Communion | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> 3:30 PM EFM | <i>9</i> 9:00 AM Outreach Committee 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Morning Prayer 12:45 PM Seniors Bus Tour 7:00 PM Process Theology | <i>10</i> 7:30 PM Adult Choir | <i>11</i> 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal | <i>12</i> 10:00 AM A.A. 4:00 PM Wedding New St. Mary's |
| <i>13</i> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:00 AM Parish Breakfast 10:10 AM Bible Class on Wealth & Poverty 11:00 AM Holy Baptism - Wee Worship - Children's Chapel 5:00 PM Evening Prayer II - Holy Communion <i>Mother's Day Bake Sale</i> | <i>14</i> 11:00 AM Calendar Meeting | <i>15</i> 3:30 PM EFM <i>Summer Newsletter Deadline</i> | <i>16</i> 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:45 AM Power of Myth 7:00 PM Process Theology | <i>17</i> 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 PM Adult Choir | <i>18</i> 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal | <i>19</i> 10:00 AM A.A. 5:30 PM Wedding New St. Mary's |
| <i>20</i> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:10 AM Bible Class on Wealth & Poverty 11:00 AM HE I - Parish Family Service 12:00 PM Parish Family Picnic 5:00 PM Evening Prayer II - Holy Communion Youth Program Intro for Grade 5 | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> 3:30 PM EFM <i>School Field Day</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> 7:30 PM Adult Choir <i>School Graduation</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> 10:00 AM A.A. |
| <i>27</i> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II 5:00 PM Evening Prayer II - Holy Communion <i>No Sunday School</i> | <i>28</i> <i>Office Closed Memorial Day</i> | <i>29</i> 5:00 PM Vestry | <i>30</i> 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:45 AM Power of Myth | <i>31</i> | | |



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUTOMATIC DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

To initiate an automatic draft for your pledge, complete the information below and attach a voided check.

- Full Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
- E-mail: _____
- Gift Amount: _____ Start Date: _____
- Withdrawal date will be the 20th of each month.

I hereby authorize an automatic draft on the day(s) of each month and in the dollar amount specified above, starting on the date shown above, from the account designated below. I may discontinue the use of this automatic draft at any time by giving notice at least 5 days before the next scheduled processing date. I also understand that drafts returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will be presented a second time unless I notify St. Mary's Episcopal Church not to present them again.

Signature Date

Name(s) on Account

- Bank Name: _____
- Bank Routing # 9 digits): _____
- Account #: _____

NOTE: If you bank at a Credit Union, you must verify with your institution the correct routing and account numbers to use with pre-authorized drafts on your account.

Return this completed form along with your voided blank check to:
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Attention Administrator
12291 River Road
Richmond, VA 23238

Should you have any questions, please contact Gina Alexander at 804-784-5678.

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH
 "Sky"
 Monday, July 9th -Friday July 13th, 2012
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 For children ages 3 through rising 5th graders

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to offer five days of fun-filled activities during Vacation Bible School this year and hope you will sign up to have your children ages 3 through rising (in the Fall) 5th graders participate! The theme this year is "Sky" where everything is possible with God! "Sky" is filled with incredible experiences. Kids will focus on Bible-point crafts, team-building games, Bible-learning experiences, music, drama, outdoor recreation and more! *Please know that this is not limited to children of St. Mary's parishioners.* The cost for all five days is \$35 per child. Please return this form as soon as possible with your check payable to **St. Mary's Church**. If you have any questions about participation or if you can help us out during these five days, please contact Anna Johnson (784-5678 or ajohnson@stmarysgoochland.org). Thank you!

Parent's(s)' Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Cell Phone Number _____ (Mom's) _____ (Dad's)
 e-mail Address _____ (Mom's) _____ (Dad's)

Each child participating in VBS:

| Name | Birth Date | Grade Entering in Fall |
|----------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Important information continues on the back of this form)

Any problems with **allergies or medical conditions** that would affect participation in any VBS activity? No _____ Yes, please explain, especially food allergies _____

Emergency contact if you are unable to be reached:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

Family Physician:

Name _____ Phone # _____

St. Mary's has permission to seek medical treatment for my child, if necessary, if I or my emergency contact cannot be reached: Yes _____ No _____

PARENT/ADULT Volunteers

Vacation Bible School cannot happen without your help! Please sign up for days for which you are available and for activities in which you are interested. Thank you!!

Name _____ Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Which days will you be available to help? Mon _____, Tues _____, Wed _____, Thurs _____, Fri _____

Would you be interested in **leading** any of the following activities? We have great resources to help you with any of the following and it is SO much fun:

Recreation _____ Crafts _____
Snacks/Movie Time _____ Decorating _____

Would you be interested in **helping** with any of the following activities?

Recreation _____ Crafts _____ Snacks/Movie Time _____ Decorating _____

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (rising 6th graders and older)!! Please come help make VBS as much fun for the kids as it was for you!

Name _____ Age _____ Phone # or email _____

Which days will you be available for help: Mon: _____ Tues: _____ Wed: _____ Thurs: _____ Fri: _____

Area of interest: Crafts _____ Snacks/Movies _____ Recreation _____ Where Needed: _____