

# ST. JOHN'S

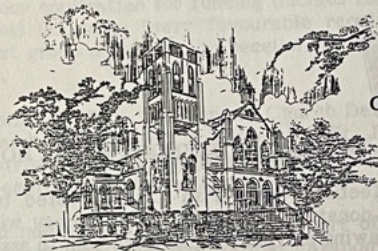


# CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 1988

*Faith  
In Action*



Our Parish and the Diocese

"So with faith, if it does not lead to action it is, in itself, a lifeless thing".

James 2:17

Faith in Action is a program of Parish and Diocesan partnership with a total objective of \$14,000,000: \$7,000,000 for Diocesan needs and \$7,000,000 for Parish needs. Faith in Action is a tangible program of ministry and outreach brought into being by bishops, clergy and laity at the last diocesan synod meeting.

A fundamental part of **Faith in Action** is an intensive program of Mission Awareness undertaken to provide parish members with an increased awareness and appreciation of the mission needs of parishes. The intent of Mission Awareness is to provide members with an opportunity to seriously consider the "whole issue of mission" — what it means today.

As the Body of Christ we are an incarnational people — a people concerned and committed to the **evangel** — the Good News in both word and Action. There are many pressing needs in our diocese: Logos (adult lay education), scholarship (developing Canadian theologians), the building of new churches in expanding areas, ministry in the inner-city, our missionary endeavours in the North, and many more.

At our annual Vestry Meeting at St. John's we decided to undertake the development in principle of a Day Care Centre as a tangible incarnational expression of our ministry and mission in our local community in West Toronto. This ministry to children and parents is vitally needed in our area. Both the Provincial Government and the Diocese of Toronto have promised to help us in this outreach ministry.

The **Faith in Action** program through our Bishop is asking St. John's to covenant and raise \$55,700 over the next five years: \$27,850 for parish ministry and \$27,850 for diocesan ministry. On a yearly basis over the next five years we would need to raise \$11,140 a year; \$5,570 for the Parish and the same for the diocese. This is a realizable accomplishable goal for St. John's.

**Faith in Action** is a capital funds raising program, but is also much more than that. as a diocese and as a parish we need to keep before us the vision and opportunities for ministry as our Gospel imperative. In the Fall, I would propose a "Teaching Mission", a four evening proclamation of "The Faith of the Church" as we Anglicans understand it. Father John Rye, a former missionary and friend of St. John's, has agreed to be the Mission Preacher. This again is another way to re-inforce our Christian Education Program for adults, to compliment our Lenten Study Program, and third Sunday guest speakers, and our participation in the Logos Institute. We as laity need to be able to articulate our faith in practice as a people in Mission.

St. John's is unique as a parish with a participatory Sunday Liturgy, ministries at Glendonwyn House, Runnymede Hospital, support of STOP 103, support of our theological colleges,





### Faith in Action:

support of the O.H.C. Farm Project in West Africa, support of A.A., and support of Scouting and Guiding in the use of our facilities, as well as individual lay ministries. Our willingness to share, be open to the inclusion of new people, and our concern for each other is indeed the reason for our being.

Bishop Finlay has asked me to be the Action Group Director for Faith in Action in West Toronto. I will be meeting with the clergy and lay representatives from St. Martins, St. Olave's and St. Pauls' as well as in our own parish.

Please pray for our parish, the area parishes, as well as the diocese as we begin this "Faith in Action".

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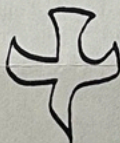
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### NEWS FROM GLENDONWYNNE HOUSE

At our last Advisory Meeting, the Parish Council voted to give our outreach project, Glendonwynne House, a donation of \$100.00. This money will be spent to pay for an art therapist who will use drawing and painting as a medium to assist the boys in gaining insights into their personalities.

This special programme complements the on going Tuesday evening art lessons given to the boys by Anne Kastanis, who has a degree in art and is known to many of us at St. John's through her work with Sharon Barnes in our Brownie group. People's Warden, Kathy Gower, is an enthusiastic volunteer, assisting Anne in this worthwhile and fun project.



### rites of passage

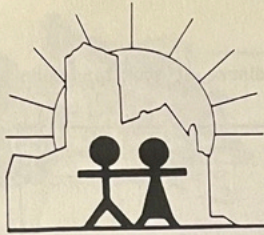
Baptism - Christine Elizabeth Kormos will receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Trinity Sunday, May 29th at the Sunday Eucharist. Christine is delighted to have water poured on her hair though she is a bit hesitant about standing up in front of all those people. She is the proud caretaker of a family of gerbils, two goldfish and a fluffy cat named Spicy. Her parents, Jim and Barbara will be her sponsors.

Marriage - During the coming months several members of our parish will be united as husband and wife in the Sacrament of Christian Marriage. Please share their joy and pray for them.

Harry Newton and Cynthia Westbrook	-	Saturday, May 14, 3 p.m.
Shan Mugarajah and Dushy Navaratnam	-	Saturday, July 9, 4 p.m.
Victor Rocha and Diane Nowicki	-	Saturday, August 13, 4 p.m.
John Giovanni and DeeDee Vanderhart	-	Saturday, Sept 24, 3 p.m.
Christopher Bray and Laura Xamin	-	Saturday, October 8, 4 p.m.

Birth - We rejoice with Steven and Linda Craine on the recent birth of their fourth son, Leith.





# ST. JOHN'S DAY CARE CENTRE

## DAY CARE PROGRESSING

In January Vestry voted unanimously to support "in principle" the forming of a day care centre at St. John's. The day care steering committee under the guidance of Jim Crummey have been working to realize this goal. Two recent news items in this project are as follow:

1. We have been contacted by the Provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services to say that our application for funding (monies for renovations, equipment, and start-up expenses) has been "very favourable received" and that St. John's is included in the first group of agencies to receive funding. We have not, however, been told the amount.
2. At a recent meeting with the Rev. Don Bone of Church Development for the Diocese of Toronto, Robert and William were told that the St. John's project falls within the priority of ministries supported by the Diocese and that there is a very good chance that we will receive a substantial capitol grant.

These developments followed many hours of work on the part of the committee. We are expecially grateful for the work our Rector's Warden, Anthony Ruta, did in preparing a projected operating budget for the new centre. Basing his information of provincial and metro guidelines, as well as consulting with other church sponsored day care centres, Anthony has given us a realistic projection of what we may expect with regard to finances.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO ST. JOHN'S?

**Ministry and Outreach** - It has been said of the province of Ontario that "it is easier to find care for a horse than for your child". In our neighbourhood there is only one facility that provides day care for infants. That facility has only 10 spaces and a very long waiting list. Our proposed day care would provide 10 additional and much needed spaces for infants in our neighbourhood. Though not as extreme as infant care, there continues a crucial need for quality care of toddlers and pre-scholers. Our centre will be able to care for 44 children in these categories.

**Membership** - A day care centre at St. John's will provide us with the opportunity in the years to come of touching deeply and substantially, the lives of literally hundreds of people living in our neighbourhood. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing and quaint, the tower of St. John's parish will be a symbol of a people who care about people.

**Buildings** - With a day care facility in place and operating, the maintenance of our buildings, now 65 years old, will be insured. Repairs to and maintenance of our buildings are needed at the present time; in the coming decade they will be no longer a matter that can be put off. By sharing this expense, day care will relieve our congregation and the diocese of many very costly projects within the realm of "bricks and mortar".

I could go on, but I won't. These are only a few of the benefits that the day care project will give us at St. John's. I urge your continuing support and prayers for the fulfillment of this project. It is our project and our ministry, and we can be proud of what we have done and are doing.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

Dr. James Crummey, Family Physician  
Mr. Anthony Ruta, V.P., Chief Financial Officer, D.M.B.B.  
Dr. Peter Judd, Pediatric Dentist, Hospital for Sick Children  
Mrs. Jane Judd, Speech Language Pathologist  
Mr. Garnet Devitt, Lawyer, Willard and Devitt  
Mrs. Joan Devitt, Law Clerk  
Mrs. Elizabeth Berg, Outreach Chairperson, former Day Care owner  
Mrs. Kathy Gower, Secretary, Kilborn Eng., former Day Care owner  
Mr. Dennis Richardson, Peel Regional Public School Board  
Mrs. Cynthia Webster, President, C. Webster and Associates  
Mr. John Bateman, Office Manager, St. John's Church  
Mrs. Sheila Crummey, Lawyer  
Br. William Sibley, O.H.C., Prior, Holy Cross Priory  
Mr. Alan Waters, Teacher, Toronto Board of Education





The St. Ann's group of the ACW will be having their annual dinner at the Canadiana Restaurant on Monday evening May 30, at 7 o'clock.



ACW  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TEA AND  
BAKE SALE  
IN THE PARISH HALL  
SATURDAY, JUNE 25



Adults \$3.00

Children \$1.00

JENNIFER LAMARCHE, OUR NEW ORGANIST

St. John's is happy to welcome our new organist, Miss Jennifer LaMarche. Jennifer recently finished her courses of studies in music at Queen's University in Kingston. She will be working with Sandi Nemenyi, the choir, the liturgy committee and the congregation to achieve a programme of music worthy of our call as a worshipping people. Speaking as the Priest-in-Charge, it is wonderful to have Jennifer on the staff. She's excited, competent, and eager to learn as our music team continues to offer an array of liturgical music, drawing upon the best in our Christian tradition, both past and present.

I am very grateful to those who have pitched in to help during the interim since Kevin Docherty's resignation in November. To Sandi Nemenyi, Elizabeth Berg Tobin, Bruce Chalmers, David Harrison, Robbie Beaumont and Brother Michael Stonebreaker, OHC, we are very grateful. A big and very special thank you to our parishoners, Ann and Erroll Gay for their free will offering of talents. They have, indeed, both astounded and pleased us with their musical abilities and performance.



**THANK YOU CHOIR**

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the congregation, to thank the choir for the many hours they give to insure that our worship is reverent, beautiful and enjoyable—"a sweet smelling sacrifice" indeed.

"JUST AN OLD FASHIONED LOVE SONG"

During the summer months, we will be relying on the congregation to insure and maintain the volume and quality of the "joyful noise" we are called to make at our Sunday worship. As we sing best what we know best and we probably know best what we like best, the choirmistress and I are asking you to fill out the form provided below. Take time to think about your favorite hymns and list them by first line and, if you have it, the hymn number from either the red or the blue hymnal.

These slips may be placed in the offering plates and should be in by the 3rd Sunday in May. If you chose to sign your slip, we will try to contact you to tell you the date your selection will be sung.

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Summer Hymn Request

First Line

Hymn #

Hymnal (Red or Blue)


Name





## SUMMER HOME EUCHARISTS 1988

ALL WELCOME

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Informal Eucharist, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

July 6	Kathy and John Gower 2 Althea Road	769-8183
July 13	Sheila and Jim Crummey 270 Kennedy Avenue	762-9274
July 20	Nan and Cy Weston 19 Hillsview Avenue	766-6663
July 27	Marilyn Shortt 380 Willard Avenue	769-8574
August 3	Adrienne and Lucas Roffey 382 Glenlake Avenue	766-7147
August 10	Mabel Anne and Alan Waters 426 Gladstone Avenue	537-5308
August 17	Anne and Anthony Ruta 505 Windermere Avenue	763-2876
August 24	Laura and Dean Samaras 37 Birchview Crescent	763-5288



## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Marilyn Shortt, Chancel Guild head, has arranged for a flower arranging workshop to be held in the North Room on Thursday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock. Everyone interested is invited and we hope that all the members of the Altar Guild will show up for this informative and practical evening. Flowers and containers are being provided.

## THE NEED FOR RE-CREATION

BY

WILLIAM, O.H.C.

Most of us live busy and often hectic lives. Many of us border on workaholism or are workaholics. Most of us need a strong dose of re-creation if we are to be balanced men and women who are productive in our work, our communities and in our families.

Summer in Canada is a time for re-creation, a time for refreshment, a time for renewal. The weather is good and the pace is slower. Summer is a time for re-creation in our personal lives with all its tensions and anxieties, in our family life with all its business and in a more relaxed schedule in our parish life.

Summer is a time for reading, gardening, swimming, getting out of town. Summer is a time for a change of pace, of quieting down and of relaxing. Summer is a time for playing for adults as well as children. Both flowers, children and adults can grow if they relax in re-creation.







### ARCHBISHOP TUTU: A HOLY MAN

The last week in April I met a holy man, a living saint of the Church. Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Johannesburg, conducted a retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York, for the Primates, Archbishops, and selected bishops from Canada, the West Indies, Central America and the U.S. Robert and I were invited to attend to supplement the monastic choir, wash dishes, as well as hear Archbishop Tutu's addresses and participate in discussions.

Desmond Tutu is a man of prayer whose spirituality and theology are deeply rooted in the scriptures. His commitment to "the Church's option for the poor" and to non-violence is demonstrated by his actions as well as his words. He believes the Bishops and the Church cannot opt out of political involvement if the Old and New Testaments are to be taken seriously. He is a man who reads the Daily Office, prays, and makes regular silent retreats in the midst of his many administrative, pastoral and prophetic ministries. He knows many humble people, as well as the "principalities and the powers of this world".

His addresses to the retreat group can be summed up by saying that the Bishops of the Church must, because of their calling, be people of vision, leaders in every sense of the word, as well as people of prayer who live by Gospel principles.

Desmond Tutu's belief in non-violence is not a passive belief but one which leads to direct action in the development of justice and the dignity of every human being. "Terrorists are the bad guys, freedom fighters are the good guys". Whites in South Africa and in North America often call the African National Congress terrorists; and the Contras in Nicaragua, freedom fighters. The Archbishop says the real perpetrators of violence and terror in South Africa is the government. His chaplain who accompanied him, a priest with a wife and two children, spent three years of his life in jail.

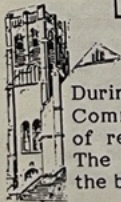
The Archbishop has a Christian view of reality which is lived out liturgically, politically and biblically in his life as a Christian, an Anglican and a bishop.

I met a holy man whose feet are firmly planted in the earth. Desmond Tutu is a person who gives me hope for the Church.

#### Recommended Reading:

Hope and Suffering; Desmond Tutu - Anglican Book Centre

Hammering Swords into Ploughshares; Essays in Honour of Archbishop Tutu; edited by Tlhagale & Mosala - Anglican Book Centre



During the last few months, Cy Weston, Chairman of our Property and Maintenance Committee, has worked getting estimates on the cost of stopping our many leaks and of repairing the roof. After several roofers, the Wardens settled on Britannia Roofers. The cost for all the work comes to approximately \$17,000.00. This includes repairs to the bell tower, the side entrance, slate replacement and other wet spots.

The work will be completed in several different stages. In April Britannia carried out work to do the bell tower portion. This piece of the action cost us \$5,200.00 but has saved us the cost of eventually having to replace the flooring in the narthex.

We owe Cy a great deal of thanks for this work and for his continuing interest in the fabric of our building.



Everyone is going to miss one little red head. Because of a change in jobs, Susan Weston and Amanda have moved to St. Catharines. Hopefully, they will have many weekends in Toronto to be with us on Sunday morning, but they will be greatly missed.

With Amanda in St. Catharines, Stephen Allan is going to have to work twice as hard to see that Nan and Cy aren't idle.







The parish will honour its children on Sunday, June 5th, as we have our annual Church School Convocation. Our children work hard in our Church School and it is appropriate that their efforts are recognized by all of us.

We can be proud of our children. They have a profoundly deep appreciation and knowledge of their Christian faith and of the joy of our life together at St. John's. Indeed, Sunday after Sunday, their presence in Church, whether up or downstairs, is one of our parish's most effective means of proclaiming the renewing power and joy of the risen Christ.

Be present this Sunday to support and uphold our children and their teachers in their very important ministries.



#### rites of passage: the funeral liturgy



A Christian attitude to death is inseparable from the biblical accounts of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his followers' experience of the saving power of his renewed presence. The fourth Gospel sees the whole of Jesus' ministry as an expression of glory in which death itself is an act of triumph and resurrection its inevitable conclusion. The cry of abandonment in Matthew and Mark and of resignation in Luke reflect another perception of Jesus' experience of death.

It is entirely fitting that Christian funerals reflect these various dimensions of the experience of death. Faith is not only belief: faith embraces even its own shadow, which is death.

The note of thanksgiving even in a time of tears explains, in part, the ancient association of Christian funerals with celebrations of the eucharist. Thanksgiving for the death and victory of the Christ vibrates with different and more basic tones at the time of the death of a disciple. Further, the bread and the wine of holy communion, that foretaste of the messianic banquet, carry an experience of the solidarity of the Christian community which is particularly appropriate to the moment.

It is important to note that funerals are the property of neither undertakers nor clergy. They belong to the circle of family and friends of the person who has died and, when that circle is Christian, they find an appropriate setting in the larger Christian fellowship. The family and friends who come to bury their dead should be encouraged to take an active role in the liturgy.

The norm for the funeral for a Christian should be in the parish church with the parish priest as the officiant. Other clergy may be invited to assist. White, the symbol of the resurrection, is the appropriate colour. A pall is used to cover the casket symbolizing that we all enter the church as equals and we all leave the church on earth as equals. Flowers near the altar are permitted with the consent of the incumbent.

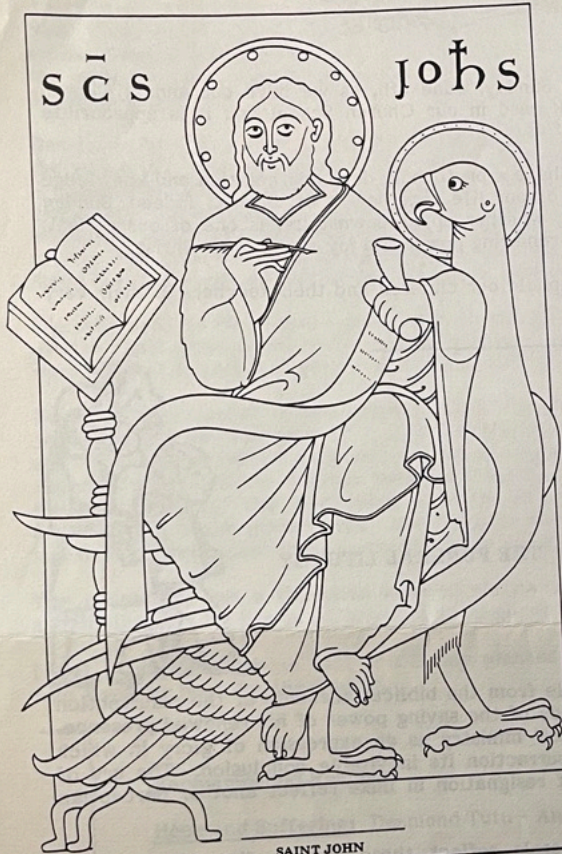
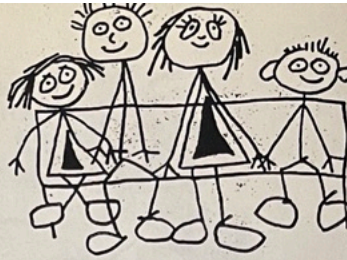
When death occurs, the parish priest should be notified as soon as possible and before any arrangements are made. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to the Church or some other worthwhile cause as a living memorial.

The above has been paraphrased from the Funeral Liturgy (pages 565 to 605) in the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. I recommend that all of us read this important section of the B.A.S., especially the theological introduction to this rite of passage.

William, O.H.C.



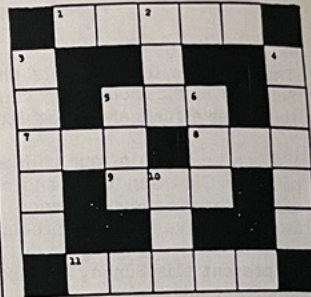
# TO The KID IN The PEW



SAINT JOHN

- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 3/4 cup peanuts or sesame seeds or sunflower seeds
- 32 large marshmallows or 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup raisins
- 4 cup Cheerios

In a large pot melt margarine and marshmallows over low heat. Stir in peanut butter until melted. Stir in seeds or nuts. Fold in raisins and cereal stirring until evenly coated. Pour into greased 8 x 8" pan. Pat evenly with a wet spoon. Chill.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 The thirty-second book of the Old Testament.
- 5 It is not yet (Mark 13:7).
- 7 The Egyptians are \_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 31:3).
- 8 \_\_\_\_ cannot come between them (Job 41:16).
- 9 A \_\_\_\_ of robbers (Jeremiah 7:11).
- 11 The writer of the twenty-first book of the New Testament.

### DOWN

- 2 The father of Joshua (Joshua 1:1).
- 3 The brother of John (Mark 1:19).
- 4 God created it (Genesis 1:1).
- 5 The opposite of beginning (Revelation 21:6).
- 6 A son of Jacob (Genesis 30:6).
- 10 Kill and \_\_\_\_ (Acts 10:13).



## Bible verse

Use the code below to read the Bible verse.

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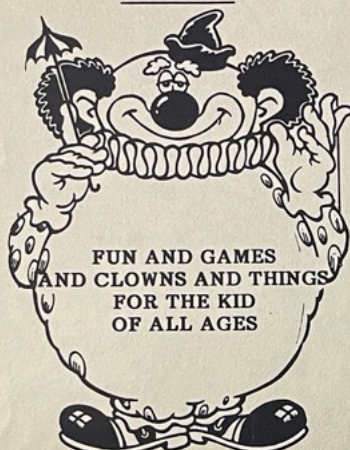
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1 John 4:19



COME TO THE PARK  
FOR  
THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Parish Eucharist in the Park  
begins at 10:30

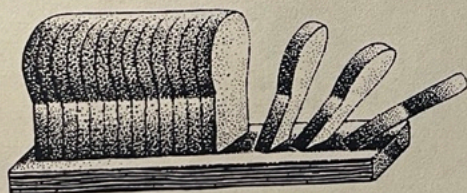


Lot # 16 across from the pool.  
(Maps will be available from the sides persons on Sundays prior to the 12th.)



SPRING IS HERE !

Again this year and before the picnic, the parish, through John Gower, will be selling St. John's tee shirts. They'll come in all sizes. Get your order in now.



NEVER  
FORGET  
STOP  
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LOOKING AHEAD

The annual Wardens' Bar-be-que and opening fall session of the Churh School will be after the Sunday Parish Eucharist on September 11th

The is a wonderful opportunity to invite freinds and relatives to to share in the joy and fellowship of our Christian Community.



VACATION

Robert and William will be away from the parish from 14 June to 16 July for work and vacations. Work includes the annual meeting of the Chapter of the Order of the Holy Cross which, this year, will be held at Mount Calvary Retreat House and Monastery, the Order's house in Santa Barbara, California. These meetings will be held the week of the 20 June. After the meeting they will spend time with Pat and Don Jones, whom some of you met while they were on vacation in Toronto, and then hopefully, Robert will see the Grand Canyon and Vancouver. They will be back in the parish on Sunday the 17th of June.





#### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL IN JULY



St. John's Church will participate with St. Martin-in-the-Fields in a Vacation Church School, Monday through Thursday, July 4-7, from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

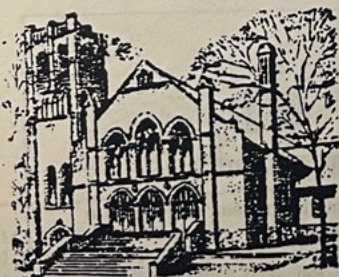
The theme of the VCS, to be held at St. Martin's Church, is "ADD SALT TO SEASON", featuring bread and food seasoning projects. There will be games and singing and crafts along with storytelling and teaching by Brother Michael.

The four-day summer program is for boys and girls, ages 4-9. Older boys and girls are needed to assist in the activities.



Our appreciation to Chelsea Mohler for inviting us to her third Birthday party after Church on May 8. Also, to her parents Ann and John, as well as her brothers, Colin, Craig and Kyle and her baby sitter, Rita.

Again, from all of us a very Happy Birthday!



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