

# *The Evangel*

## *October 2011*



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has truly been a privilege to attend our six “cottage meetings” this past month. I have been touched by the depth of affection I’ve heard people express for St. John’s Episcopal Church.

In response to my question, “What is St. John’s?” I have heard so many answers – here are a few:

“A place of peace.”

“A place of true welcome. I really think everyone is embraced.”

“My home.”

“A place of prayer.”

“A church that encourages me to think.”

“Outreach. The Goodrow Fund.”

For me, St. John’s is all these things and more. It is where I am encouraged and strengthened to do the work of Christ in the world. Where I am refreshed every Sunday *simply by being with you all in communion with God in Christ.*

The world is a broken place: Evil exists, famine is rampant, war seems endless. There are so many mouths to feed, so many bodies to clothe and so many to bury – we cannot solve the worldwide problem of poverty, we cannot end the war. It can all seem hopeless.

And yet – we *can* feed the hungry. We *can* wage peace. We *can* work as individuals and as a parish for a just, creative, good society. Really, we can.

It takes each and every one of us to pursue our vocation in the world. Shall I volunteer at the soup kitchen? Shall I write a letter to the President? Shall I join a protest march? Shall I sort used clothes, offer hospitality while someone washes their clothes, say a prayer of thanksgiving?

St. John’s exists in part to support each of us in our vocation, our ministry. We truly welcome the stranger. We bring jars and jars of peanut butter for the food pantry. We sing, we play, we laugh, and we cry.

We are a community. *We* are the Kingdom of God.

Be faithful tenants of the vineyard. Feed, clothe, visit, and cry for justice.

We are living in the Kingdom. We must act like it.

And we offer thanks.

In Christ,  
Wayne+



## Remember our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

**Jean Briggs** (Alice Louisell's sister)  
Tendercare, 1524 Portabella, Mt. P

**Maribeth and George Injasoulian**  
Prestige Centre, 5785 E. Broadway, Mt. P  
773-9421

**Shirley Robinson** (c/o her son, Richard)  
1002 S. Brown St., Mt. P - 773-9743

**Verna Schurr**  
Applewood Assisted Living  
55775 W. Isabella Rd. (M20) Mt. P  
772-1866

**Connie Smith,**  
1526 C Canterbury Trail, Mt. P - 772-4577



Elizabeth Ferden	1
Brandon DeLong	2
Alice Louisell	4
Pete L'Hommedieu	4
Matthew Alton	6
Spencer Kelly	7
Paul Rojas	9
Jeff Tierney	9
Ryan Kantak	14
Rod Leslie	16
Sandy Wood	21
Tim Brockman	24
Amy Redman	26
John Rousseau	26
Aaron Hartshorne	27
Anne Hiebert Alton	29

## Home Communion



Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive communion or a visit from either the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

## St. John's Prayer Group



The 16 members of the Prayer Group offer petitions daily for the church and for specific requests. All parishioners are welcome to become members of the Prayer Group or to submit requests by contacting Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office. The Prayer Group meets for 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Coffee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.



Mary Lou Nowicki & Gabriel Kney	3
Frank & Diane Benn	10
Peter Stanek & Daria Pidkorytoya	10
Bryson & Stacey Church	17
Jane Gilmore & Cindy Seger	30

## Ongoing Rummage Sale Info:

The St. John's Rummage Sale Committee is accepting good used clothing all year long! Please leave all contributions in the Parish Hall kitchen.



Thank you!

**Meijer Community Rewards Program**  
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## *Outside the Tent*

*For those whose cowardice  
destroys life and liberty:  
hear our prayer.*

As we prayed on September 11 for both the victims and the perpetrators, I thought of my hospice patient, Dan—not his real name—who died nearly ten years ago. I had been visiting Dan on Tuesdays for some weeks when the horrors of September 11 rained down on the nation. Dan was dying of cancer, but he had lived his adult life with another horror, post-traumatic stress from his service in Vietnam. Although he was physically strong, he had been unable to work in any regular way because of the emotional wounds he bore.

As I drove out to his house that Tuesday afternoon, I was apprehensive, wondering how Dan would be reacting to the attacks in New York and Washington, wondering whether he would have barricaded himself in the house. He had many guns in his garage—he was a hunter—and I had a vision of him standing inside the door, armed, ready to defend his home. Common sense told me to call a colleague to accompany me to his house, but I drove on, trusting that God would take care of the situation. When I arrived, much to my relief, Dan was sitting in front of the television set. He was angry, wanting the terrorists hunted down and punished, but he was also sad and thoughtful. We talked a long time about the events of the day, concluding, as we always did, with prayer: for those killed or injured, for their families, for this nation, and for those who had unleashed this devastation.

The next week I found Dan eager to talk again about the events of September 11. He had come to a conclusion that had brought him peace: he did not want this nation to go to war, because a new generation would suffer as he had. He believed it was better to forgive, for the community of nations to find a way to work for peace. Dan died two months later, so he did not see his fear come true: a new generation terribly wounded, both physically and emotionally, in a quest to impose our own notion of governance on tribal lands. He did not see us live once again with an endless war, a conflict that will undoubtedly sow the seeds of the next one.

October 7 is the tenth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan. We are in the slow process of drawing down troops there and in Iraq, but I wonder when we will next rush off to war, heedless of the cost to body, mind, and spirit. And, as Christ teaches, heedless of the great sin of taking the life of another person. I offer to you a collect I wrote for September 11 as a way to mark October 7 and to ask God's help in working for a world that lives in peace.

*Compassionate Creator,  
we ask that you gather up your wounded children  
as a hen shelters her brood under her wings.  
Strengthen us with your healing presence  
as we grieve the loss of life and innocence.  
Guide us with your wisdom as we move into an uncertain future.  
Reassure us with your promise that you are with us always,  
in this life and in the life to come,  
and that, in time, all your people will live together in love and peace.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.*

In peace and hope,  
Nancy



**The Blessing of the Animals  
Friday, October 7th, 6:00 p.m.  
In the Church Garden**

**Bring your animal friends!**

**St. John's** recently received a check from the



**Community Rewards Program for \$142.11!**

Please continue using your rewards card whenever you shop at Meijer.

It really does make a difference!

St. John's Account Number is **972219**



# October 2011 Sunday Lay Ministry



DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
<b>October 2</b> <b>16 Pentecost</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ralph Baber	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Eileen Swinehart <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Joan Kadler	Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger, Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46						
<b>October 9</b> <b>17 Pentecost</b> <b>Evensong</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Barbara Sheperdigian <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Nancy Hartshorne	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Kiesgen	Tim Brockman and Harold Cook	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger, Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14						
<b>October 16</b> <b>18 Pentecost</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Steven Berkshire <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Joan Kadler	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Jo Redman	David and Jennifer Dingman	Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem	Zach Dearing and Kendall Klumpp	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu, Martha Rarick
<b>Lectionary:</b> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22						
<b>October 23</b> <b>19 Pentecost</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Harry Kelley	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Eileen Swinehart <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Nancy Hartshorne	Ford and Pamela Dingman	David and Paula Shirley	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu, Martha Rarick
<b>Lectionary:</b> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46						
<b>October 30</b> <b>20 Pentecost</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Kiesgen	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Joan Kadler	Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh	Harriett White and Sandy Wood	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu, Martha Rarick
<b>Lectionary:</b> Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12						
<b>November 6</b> <b>Pentecost 21</b> <b>All Saints' Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Barbara Sheperdigian <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Karen Varanauskas	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Kiesgen	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12						

# October 2011 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>October 2 Pentecost 16</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist</p> <p><i>LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY BENEFITTING THE GOODROW FUND</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon</b> Daughters of the King</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>St. Francis</i></p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Compassionate Friends</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. EFM</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>William Tyndale, Priest</i></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. Choir</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals (in our Garden)</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9 Pentecost 17</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist</p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> Evensong for Teresa of Avila</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Vida Duton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace</i></p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>Philip, Deacon and Evangelist</i></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group Morning Prayer <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Vestry</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Noon Eucharist <b>5:30 p.m. EFM</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Staff Morning Prayer <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 p.m. Choir</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Samuel Schereschewsky, Bishop</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Teresa of Avila, Nun</i></p> <p>Red Tent Gathering</p>
<p><b>16 Pentecost 18</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary</i></p> <p>Noon Eucharist <b>5:30 p.m. EFM</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. Choir</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>St. Demetrios Worships at St. John's</p>
<p><b>23 Pentecost 19</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer with Choir <i>The Rev. Dn. Nancy Casey Fulton, Officiating</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>St. James of Jerusalem</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Alfred the Great</i></p> <p>Noon Eucharist <b>5:30 p.m. EFM</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. Choir</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude, Apostles</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30 Pentecost 20</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist</p>	<p><b>31</b> <i>All Hallows' Eve</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Blessing of Ghosties and Ghoulies</p>	<p><b>November 1</b> <i>The Feast of All Saints</i></p> <p><b>9:00 p.m.</b> Compline for the Vigil of All Souls</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Commemoration of All Faithful Departed</i></p> <p>Noon Eucharist <b>5:30 p.m. EFM</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Richard Hooker, Priest</i></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. Choir</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>

**Morning Prayer is held Monday-Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. For Updates: Visit the Parish Website and Click on "Calendar"**

**This is our Greeter/Coffee Hour Host Schedule—If you cannot serve on the date you were given, please exchange dates with someone else on the list and call the Parish Secretary at 773-7448**

**Greeter Rotation**



**October**

- 2 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 9 Tim Brockman and Harold Cook
- 16 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 23 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 30 Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh

**November**

- 6 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 13 Lynne L'Hommedieu & Sandy Wood
- 20 Rod & Zach Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 27 Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem

**Coffee Hour Rotation**



**October**

- 2 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman
- 9 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 16 Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem
- 23 David and Paula Shirley
- 30 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

**November**

- 6 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 13 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz
- 20 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 27 David and Carrie Blackburn

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes—September 13, 2011**

1. The meeting opened with prayer at 5:30pm.

**2. Minutes from August** move to be approved by Karen, seconded by Jane, unanimously approved.

**3. Mission and Outreach** The Goodrow Fund Director call for applications has been advertised. Their goal is to have a director in place by October 1.

Wayne expects an increase in requests to his discretionary fund from social services and individuals, with state cutbacks to assistance.

**4. Building and Grounds** Kendall Klumpp presented information on the back door – it has been ordered. The original hardware for the door can be re-used, and the door will be galvanized steel. The price will be less than 3600, with the price to the church (minus donations) will be around 1300-1400. There is no estimated installation date, most likely within 6-8 weeks, with 3-4 days of installation time. Kendall also suggested having a building and grounds maintenance fund, separate from the building fund. Harold said that that line was already there on the budget.

David Dingman has gathered quotes for the carpet for the undercroft, and will set up a date for installation. Estimated installation date is the beginning of October.

Mina Son has requested to stay in the apartment through January. The vestry has suggested that she make a donation of \$300/month to do this. The fire inspector has inspected the building – the inspection is good through March.

**5. Liturgy and Music** The new set of musicians is working out wonderfully. Wayne will ask Jeremy to introduce new members of the choir through photographs on the bulletin board. This is also an opportunity to have regular features of people of the church on the bulletin board. The choir will be actively recruiting new members from the congregation.

The psalms will be chanted in a new way, with more emphasis on the way they would be chanted in a cathedral. The point is to participate in the quiet reading of the psalms. Wayne will announce this before the services, so that the congregation can join in.

**6. Stewardship** The personal reflections during the services have been thoughtful, reflecting how the St. John's community has supported them in several ways.

Cottage meetings will take place next week, September 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, at various people's homes every evening plus Saturday morning.

**7. Finances** Harold Cook will be sending out a call for budgetary requests to each committee for the coming year. He went over the financial reports for the month, and the reports that he includes in the Evangel.

**8. Upcoming events and programs** were announced. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, at 5:30pm. The Unitarian Universalist congregation will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Jane moved and Wayne seconded that Karen would draft a letter of congratulations from the Vestry. It was unanimously approved.

The in-gathering will be on October 2 for the entire congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Cochrane

# Don't hurt If you can't help them.



*We continue this month with Part 2 of Jim Thurston's reflections from his mission trip to the Dakotas. Thank you, Jim, for generously sharing your thoughts with us.*

If you can't help them then don't hurt them.

Journaling of my Pine Ridge Reservation trip  
July 2, through July 8, 2011

Saturday July 2, 2011. Up at 6:30am for my continental breakfast. Good eats and conversed with others. I enjoy interacting with people I don't know - I normally make them relax. I have many traits of my grandfather and my dad in me. We've been given the gift of humor so that people can relax and get comfortable. My male Applebee dinner mate came in for breakfast and sat alone. Not sure if he was uncomfortable with me, or he didn't want to interrupt my discussion with my African American acquaintance. One person I met during breakfast was introduced to me as Rosemary. I asked if she had the time and she fumbled to look at her watch. I said no.... do you have the T-h-y-m-e – R o s e m a r y.... We became instant friends. I love getting people to think about what I say - they're listening. Her companion got my number instantly and we became mates. God has given me a gift and I use it and very grateful for it. I tell people I'm the most unique person they will ever meet. And what they don't know is that I would give my life for them, even for my dinner mate from the night before; I'm here to serve.

8:45am we're on the road again. I'm not driving so I'm the front seat navigator - what a joke. I'm the king of getting lost the GPS has my name plastered on it. Finally we cross into Nebraska; another state I've never been to. Is a bit like Iowa but flatter farm fields that need irrigation systems where Iowa I saw no watering devices. Nebraska turns into prairie with changing trees and vegetation then back to farm land with more watering systems then eventually prairie that goes deeper into prairie and sparse farm fields. Ranches pop up, cattle appear then horse farms then sparse vegetation and then the foothills sprout up. Some wind turbines but not like Iowa.

We stopped for a lunch break that was a continuation of yesterday's noon meal. Still good and so is the company. We are relaxing more with each other. Boys still sleeping during the trip - must be growing. We travel on and then someone says they wanted to visit Ashfall National Park - here's the link: <http://ashfall.unl.edu/>

Really neat place toured for 1 plus hours and saw the fossils and how they're being preserved. It seems the kids think I'm not married or I play around. I interact and mix with male and female yet I am more comfortable with females and I gravitate to them and them me. Some men can accept it while others can't. Seems like a hold over from other days when males have male friends and females have female friends and if you're married neither should mix. Don't get it so this might be why the kids' thought my marriage was not the best or something like that. Maybe their parents relationship is not good or there has been some turbulence and no longer together or they are very into each other and don't have outside of marriage friendships. Don't know. After 38 years of marriage neither one of us has stepped outside our relationship. We've been through a lot; much more than others. Our match is not perfect and it has been rough the past few years, but I'd give up my life for her. Our destination check in time is between 2 – 4pm. Its 3:30pm and we still have 50 plus miles to travel. Asking about a time zone change everyone thought one wouldn't be at mid-state. Got the map and sure enuf .. Mountain Time changes a few miles ahead. We pick up another hour – I won't be late. I hate being late to anything. We got there at 3:59pm even with the extra hour.

The road sign to the left on a post says: RE-MEMBER  
Visit the site: <http://www.re-member.org/>

*To be continued...*

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## Anglican Worthies

251. De Quincey, Thomas (1785-1859)  
Essayist

De Quincey belongs among our Worthies because, we are told, he was "a rigid moralist, a sturdy Tory, and a faithful champion of the Church of England," though his ecclesiastical views are not evident in any well-known essays, nor does he seem to have figured prominently in the crisis of the Church that began with the Oxford Movement of the 1830's. Moreover, though De Quincey is deservedly known in his own right and distinguished for his writings, his personal life was a shambles; he was frequently unsettled, chronically destitute, and distressed by an addiction to opium. It is amazing that he lived as long as he did and wrote so much. More than 150 essays have been ascribed to him.....

As a child he suffered from poor health, perhaps inherited from his father, a merchant, who lived apart in the West Indies because of tuberculosis. De Quincey's mother was a staunch Evangelical, under the influence of the self-righteous Hannah \*More. Orphaned in 1793, De Quincey showed astonishing abilities as a schoolboy in Manchester, especially in classical languages. But the precocious boy could not abide school discipline and ran off to

London where he lived in poverty, befriended by young prostitutes, begging funds from moneylenders against his father's inheritance, and seeking shelter wherever he could find it. He was just sixteen. The following year he was reconciled to his widowed mother and his guardians, and enrolled at Oxford. He had read the *Lyrical Ballads* in 1799, met people who corresponded with that fantastic genius, Samuel Taylor \*Coleridge, and wrote to \*Wordsworth. The poet invited him to Grasmere.

While at Oxford De Quincey took opium for toothache. As I have said before, opium was the only drug for pain that medicine knew then. Its addictive properties were not taken as seriously as they are now. (The poet George \*Crabbe admitted he took a small dose before bed; he probably was not alone.) De Quincey continued with the drug because of "the abyss of divine enjoyment." Opium became significant in his life; so too was coming into his inheritance in 1806. At this time he met his much-admired Coleridge, who was no better off financially than De Quincey had been. De Quincey gave the poet a "loan" of £300. Then he moved to then Lake District near the Wordsworths.

De Quincey's life from this point would consist almost entirely of the composition of literary essays and memoirs--of himself and of the notables he came to know. Like Coleridge De Quincey was something of an authority on modern German literature, which made him an attractive contributor to magazines. In spite of fairly regular employment, however, he soon used up all his inheritance. While at Grasmere he got involved with Margaret Simpson, a woman of modest means, and got her pregnant, much to the disapproval of the Wordsworths. (The following year he married her. It was a good marriage, if one makes allowances for what living with someone like De Quincey could be like. She bore him eight children.) But by 1812 he was almost crippled with opium use (laudanum) and unable to manage his life.

His worst problems occurred when he tried desperately to reduce his dependence. This coincided with his involvement with the Tory *Westmoreland Gazette* in 1818. But he was dismissed after a year because he could not meet deadlines. He then began a relationship with *Blackwood's Magazine* in Edinburgh. This proved touchy at first, and he switched to the *London Magazine* in 1821. Here he published more than twenty essays, including the earliest drafts of the memoir that would make him famous, *The Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* (1822).

Those who believe Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* (1825) signifies the extreme in exotic Romantic expression should submit themselves to De Quincey. The initial section of *The Confessions* deals with his destitution in London; pt. ii is entitled "The Pleasures of Opium." The third section, "The Pains of Opium," deals with his grotesque and frightening nightmares. His deliriums took several forms. There was the ability to create whatever images he wished, but they were often architectural, consisting of endless staircases, like the drawings of M.C. Escher. These would be accompanied by deep-seated anxiety and melancholy. "I seemed to descend. . . literally into chasms and sunless abysses, depths below depths, from which it seemed hopeless that I could ever reascend." Perception of space was exaggerated; everything loomed gigantic and time seemed endless; visions of huge oceans

overwhelmed him. Incidents of childhood returned, with them the horror that he was destined to forget nothing. And the agony of paranoia--of Asian populations--and animals. "I was compelled to live with [the crocodile] for centuries." And always the sensation of helplessness.

*The Confessions* was a huge seller, both in England and America. From this point our author was always employable, though often no better than a hack-writer, and one step ahead of the importunate creditor. (In 1824 he fled to France; in Edinburgh he often took sanctuary at Holyrood.)

By 1830 his long-suffering and faithful wife, managing the house in the Lake District alone, complained that this manner of living had become too difficult for her, so they were all moved permanently to Edinburgh. By this time he had published his most famous ironical essay, "On Murder Considered one of the Fine Arts." By 1834 he was writing for another magazine in London. He continued with more biographical essays on Shakespeare, Pope, Schiller, Coleridge, and Goethe. In 1837 Margaret died, and De Quincey's daughter Margaret, took over the family finances. From that point on there was always food on the table, so to speak.

Back with *Blackwood's* he penned one of his most famous essays, "The English Mail Coach" (1849) and another memoir, *Suspira de Profundis* (1845). Certain firms sought to publish "complete" editions of all his work, though the author thought this impossible, as he probably could not remember everything he had written. But his health eventually caught up with this gentle, courteous, but feckless man and he died in Edinburgh, attended by Margaret and Elizabeth, two faithful daughters.

Since his death, *The Confessions* has influenced the poetry of Baudelaire and the Symbolistes as well as writers of crime-novels. He became a major biographical source for the Romantic period. His discussion of addiction is a famous case-study. --hlf

## Pledge Campaign and Financial Report

The stewardship campaign and pledge drive were recently started. If you have not received a pledge card, please pick one up at church or contact Senior Warden, Karen Varanauskas. Pledge cards are to be placed in the collection plates on Sunday, October 2. Vestry will then begin using the information from the pledge cards as it prepares a financial budget for 2012.

With a slight modification, the financial report from the September Evangel is repeated here. The report is for the first eight months of 2011, or 66.7 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$109,982	(about 65.7% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>120,450</u>	(about 68.2% of year's budget)
<b>Excess of operating expenditures over receipts.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,468</b>	<b>(9.5% above the receipts)</b>
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011.....	<u>28,075</u>	
<b>August 31, 2011 operating fund balance</b>	<b>\$17,607</b>	

The year-to-date total receipts are a little less than the budgeted amounts, and expenditures are a little above the budgeted amounts. The year-to-date deficit has grown to \$10,468. The weekly analysis shown below indicates that the actual weekly receipts are about \$300 less than the actual weekly expenses. While we have had the cash to cover these differences, they obviously cannot be sustained.

One way of looking at our finances is to compare the average weekly year-to-date receipts with the average weekly expenditures. These two numbers are as follows:

Actual average year-to-date weekly receipts (includes rummage sale).....	\$3,142
Actual average weekly expenses.....	<u>3,442</u>
Actual weekly deficit.....	\$ 300

Questions about details of the church's finances may be directed to Pam Dingman or Harold Cook.



**Please remember to keep your Pledge Contributions up-to-date! Thank you!**

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## **Our Mission:**

St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Anglican tradition, lives to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by ministering through worship, outreach, fellowship and education. We welcome all who enter our doors, and we support the diverse callings of each member as we seek to serve Christ in every person

### **Rector:**

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203

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The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

### **2011 St. John's Vestry Officers:**

Senior Warden: Karen Varanauskas, 506-3750

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