

Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

Thanks for Moms

By Susan Shinn Turner

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, I am my mother after all."

I saw that in a cartoon somewhere, and yes, it is true.

Whether we want to admit it or not, mothers influence their daughters — a lot.

So in honor or memory of our mothers, for Mother's Day on May 8, here are some thoughts from the ladies of St. John's about their moms.

I asked two questions: What's the best advice your mom ever gave you? And what's the best memory you have of your mom?

I'll start.

Over the years, several times, my mother has said, "I am your mother. I am not your friend." That has informed the way I have raised my son, Andrew. I have always wanted to be the "cool parent" but have never quite managed it. Ah well.

My favorite memory is the fact that we were charter members of Pines Pool and Mom took me every day in the summer after she finished her morning chores. Of course, we had to be home in time for her to cook supper. Carol Everhart, Mom and I did the Long Swimmer. If you want to know what that is, you'll have to ask Mom.

Others:

Cora Shinn, youngest daughter of the late Elzie Lee Beam and Della Cora Borders Beam (and my mom).

Best memory: "It was mainly the life she lived. I knew what she expected of me. There was no question about going to church every Sunday and going to school every day."

Advice: "Daddy was large and in charge. And he took care of Momma. She deferred to him. I wanted to go to college so badly. And he told me, 'If you go the first day, you will go the last day.' And I did!"



Pastor Lori Carter visits with her mom.

Carol Everhart, the middle of Susanne Blume's three daughters: "My mom is not really an advice giver, but she always taught me to stand up for myself and speak my mind. My fondest memories of her are of family time spent at the beach on our annual vacations, and trips to Disney, along with holidays and other special occasions. Mostly, I remember her just always being there!"

Krista Woolly, the oldest of Joan Whitesel's three daughters: "My mom is a real trip. Strong, funny and oh so loyal. Some of her advice is: 'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all,' 'Sleep is the

best medicine, so go get a drink of water and say your prayers,' and 'Don't ever pass up the opportunity to use the bathroom!' (Probably because she had daughters.)"

"I am especially thankful for the gift of good health my mom provided for us. She had a huge garden (I never ate out of a can until I was a grown-up), and growing up in the Midwest, we had an egg lady and a milkman. I will say that being called

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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Friendship Folds are back!

I wasn't around when Friendship Folds became popular 20-ish years ago, but they hold lots of fond memories from folks who participated. When we were exploring ideas for how to re-engage the congregation, "friendship folds" kept popping up ... so here we go!

Friendship Folds are simple. Groups of eight people (couples, non-couples, or a combination — your choice) meet for fellowship once a month for four months. It's not rocket science! It's a simple concept that creates opportunity for our members to know one another on a deeper level.

What "fellowship" looks like is up to the group, as is the days they choose to meet. Most groups will decide to have dinner together. Perhaps a group of 4 couples will enjoy an evening at a different home during the four months. Some groups will find different restaurants to explore, or a combination of the two. A group of single adults could enjoy a hike and picnic at the top of Hanging Rock. It's up to you!

Carole Parrott told me that she and Jake met some of their very best friends in their first Friendship Fold. They had just moved to the area and joined St. John's. They didn't know anyone at all and were placed with a group of mostly older adults.

"We were disappointed at first," she said, "but I can't tell you how much fun we had. One couple became our very best friends at St. John's. What a gift."

Are you looking for a deeper connection with folks at St. John's? It's one of the great joys of being in Christian community, so I hope you'll give Friendship Folds a shot. I can't think of a better way to reengage after what we've all experienced these last two years.

Sign up online by May 22. You can let us know if you have some restrictions or special requests ... or you can allow us to choose your group for you. Simple as that.

Krista and I are looking forward to our first Friendship Fold. Sign up soon and join the fun!

+Pastor Rhodes



The Churchwide Retreat is back!

September 23-25 at Lutheridge

By Susan Shinn Turner

When I was 6, my parents took me to Lutheridge in the summer of 1973 for the very first time. Lutheridge is “our” Lutheran camp in Arden, just down the road from Asheville.

Meals in the dining hall were served family-style — still are. Sitting at our table was a boy named Rhodes Woolly, also 6, along with his parents, Judy and Don Woolly. Don was a Lutheran pastor.

We sat together all week, talking and getting to know one another. We’d all become friends for life.

Rhodes and I went to camp together until we were seniors in high school. Then Rhodes, Carol Everhart, and I served as camp counselors during college. Later on we all served as adult volunteers, along with Rhodes’s new wife, Krista. Not surprisingly, all of our kids ended up at camp, too.

See the pattern?

In the spring of 2009, I was driving down Fulton Street, minding my own business, talking to Carol on my cellphone. Her dad is also a Lutheran pastor, so she knew a “scoop” I did not.

“I guess you know who the new senior pastor is at St. John’s,” she said.

“No,” I said.

“You really don’t know?” she asked.

“Is it Rhodes Woolly?” I asked.

“YES!” she said.

Rhodes probably heard us screaming up in Winchester, Va.

Not long after, my family joined St. John’s, and not long after that, Carol’s extended family joined.

In the summer of 2009, Rhodes and I once again found ourselves at Lutheridge together.

“Hey, we are going to have a church retreat this fall at Lutheridge,” he said.

I nearly lost my mind with excitement. Each time I come to Lutheridge, it’s like coming home. When I drive past the gatehouse, I breathe a sigh of relief. Every. Single. Time.

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The 1st Retreat, 2009. That first retreat was a huge success. The congregation completely took over the entire 160 acre camp. It was so cool. Over 200 participants sang, played, enjoyed hayrides, laughed-til-we-cried during the hilarious talent show, and ate in Lutheridge’s enormous dining hall.



Participants gather at the end of our most recent retreat, 2018

As kids enjoyed their own programming, adults gathered on Saturday morning for an extended Bible study with Pastor Rhodes, and we worshipped together during some of the most meaningful worship experiences I’ve experienced.

And did I mention the fun had by all during our evening fellowship gatherings.

What a great, great weekend.

That tradition continued for several years, until of course, Covid struck.

I’m thrilled to tell you that the Churchwide Retreat is BACK! Woot!

It’s set for Sept. 23-25 at our beloved church camp in Arden. The year’s theme will be centered on Unity.

Donna Groce is chairing a large planning committee. If it’s possible, she is even more enthusiastic about it than I am.

“We’re excited to have Pastor Lori, Pastor James, and Ricky Howsare involved,” she said. “It’s all new to them.”

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Hello, Everyone!

Youth Group has had a strong showing since I have arrived at St. John's in March. We have met had two "regular" meetings where we got to know one another and learn a little bit about why we come to youth group: to help us focus on the relationships that matter in our lives, especially on our relationship with God.

All the antics of youth group have included breaking bread together, embarrassing games (Stinky feet *were* involved. Sorry if that smell is lingering in the Pit!), and even a small day trip. We had an especially fun gathering on 4/24 when we dusted off the church bus and travelled to Morrow Mountain State Park for a hike.

We look forward to more great times to come, especially this summer. If you want to get involved working with our youth or have a youth who'd like to come, you are invited!

Enjoy some photos from our first few gatherings...

Peace of Christ,

Pastor James

Confirmation

May 15, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

May 22, 2pm-3:30 in the Well

June 19-25 Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge. See Pastor James for details

Youth Group

May 15 - NO youth group

May 22. Youth group 4pm-Cookout at the Shafer's

Summer-stay tuned!



Graduation Sunday is May 15!

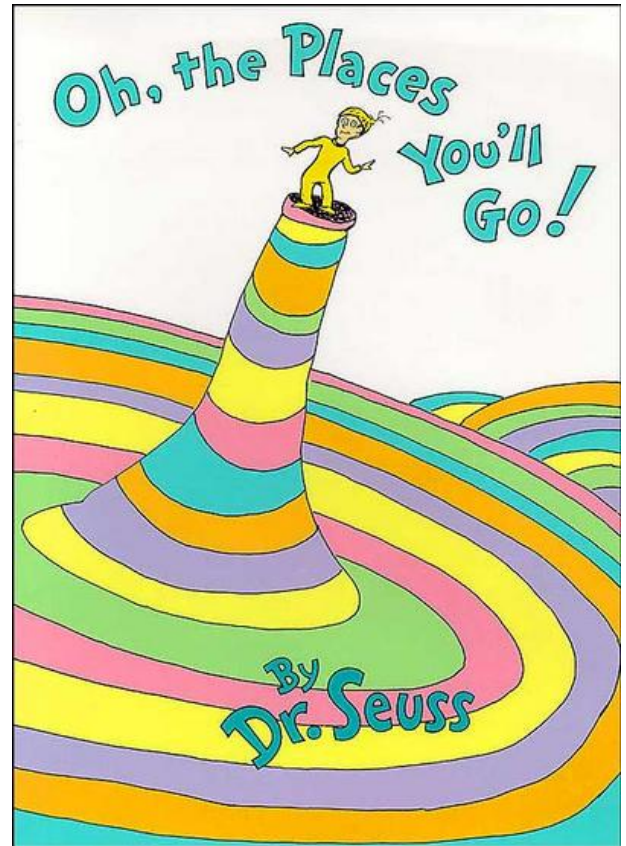
As we near the end of the academic year, we are preparing for our annual recognition of our graduating seniors on Sunday May 15

One of the ways we do this is by gifting each senior a copy of Dr. Seuss's *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* These books will be available for you to sign and write encouraging messages in Peeler Hall and in the Narthex of the sanctuary after each of our worship services on Sundays, May 1-15.

We will also present each of the seniors with a small gift from St. John's.

Look forward in our next issue of the Eagle's View to an article highlighting our seniors and their future plans.

If you know a senior who you'd like to have recognized please contact me at james@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

It's graduation season, and we so very proud of our many high school and college graduates! Let us know who you are — especially if you're finishing up your post-high school education — and we'd love to share your good news with the congregation. Send info to Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org.

One such member is Bethanie Stauffer, a lifelong member of St. John's, daughter of Shawne Stauffer, and granddaughter of Barbara Stauffer.



Bethanie is graduating from Vanderbilt in May with a BA in Chemistry and a BA in Medicine Health and Society, with a minor in German.

During her time at Vanderbilt, Bethanie was part of APO (Alpha Phi Omega) and became a Phi Beta Kappa her senior year. She worked as an undergrad research assistant for 2 years for RASR laboratory conducting Alzheimer's research. In 2019 she spent 6 weeks at the Altada Mount Institute in Morocco teaching English. Next year she is looking forward to teaching in Austria.

Congratulations, Bethanie!

Congrats to our 1st Communion Students

15 students received their 1st communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14, after four weeks of home-based and group classes at St. John's. A highlight each year is when students paint their own chalices at Pottery 101. Many thanks to Cheryl Goins for her guidance (and patience!)

This year's students are: Anelise Roy, Hannah Roy, Carter Willis, Emmett Stephenson, Waylen Jarrett, Maverick Moore, Isaac Schmiesing, Jackson Williams, Maddie Payonk, Benny Rathbun, Caleb Rathbun, Levi Shelton, Mary Masters Goodman, Jaylee Leader, and Noah Trick.



Discipleship



This month in **FIRST LOOK** (Birth to 4 years old)

Memory Verse:

"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good."

Genesis 1:31



This month in **252 KIDS** (K-5th graders)

Memory Verse:

"But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

Isaiah 40:31



The Order of St. John

Covid really put a stranglehold on our use of acolytes, crucifers, and other processionalists for the 11:00 worship service. This group of youth volunteers is what we call The Order of St. John.

Pastor James is in the process of reorganizing the Order of St. John. Be on the look-out about training and recruitment.

In the meantime, our thanks to those who have volunteered their time to participate in such a meaningful way, like Noah Young (left), who recently participated as an acolyte.

If you'd like to participate, contact Pastor James.

A graphic for VBS 2022. The left side shows a desert landscape with a river, cacti, and a large rock formation. The text "MONUMENTAL" is written in large, golden letters, with "CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS" below it. The right side is a dark red background with a white geometric pattern. It features the text "VBS 2022" in large, golden letters, followed by "June 13-17 | 9am-11:45am", "Volunteer Meeting", and "May 4, 6pm - Pit". Below this are two QR codes, one for "Wish List" and one for "Registration". At the bottom, it says "Contact stacey@st.johns-salisbury.org".

275th Anniversary Celebration Continues

By Doug Robinson

Celebrate the Story of Our Birthplace: *the Old Lutheran Cemetery*

Things might very well have turned out differently had the child lived. Land for a cemetery might never have been put aside, and thus, neither would there had been a place on that land for a community church. But the child did unfortunately pass away in 1768 and wealthy Salisbury landowner John Lewis Beard and his wife Christina (Snapp), both of German descent, had to bury their daughter, whose name is unfortunately lost to history.

Salisbury had been named the county seat a decade prior, prompting the little village to grow and become quite busy. The Beards wanted their daughter to rest in a peaceful and undisturbed place, so they chose the grove at the very edge of their property in East Ward, which they had previously purchased from William Temple Coles and his wife Sarah, as her burial place. That, in itself, would not ensure that the surrounding area would be protected from future residential and commercial encroachment, so they chose to give the property to the predecessor of St. John's, the German Lutheran Congregation, "to erect and build thereon a church, or meeting house" that would also establish and maintain a cemetery. Until that time, the German Lutheran Congregation had no physical space to call their own.

The deed for the property later specified "that any lawful minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, shall have liberty to preach in said church, if he can and do show a

sufficient testimonial, in writing, either from the High Church of England (Episcopal) or from the Reformed Calvin Ministers (Presbyterians)." A primitive log structure was erected to house church meetings, the cemetery grew, and the rest is history.

As part of our year-long celebration of the 275th anniversary of Lutheran worship in the region, you are invited to commemorate "Salisbury's First Church"

during an event at the "Old Lutheran Cemetery" on Sunday afternoon, June 26. Joining us will be our friends from St. Luke's Episcopal and First Presbyterian.

The cemetery is located at 515 N. Lee Street. The event begins at 4:00 and will conclude with Evensong and wine and cheese fellowship at St. Luke's. The Evensong liturgy is drawn from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which would have been in use at the time.



You will have an opportunity to peruse the graves of some of Salisbury and Rowan County's civic and governmental leaders of the time. Beginning at 4:15pm, retired Catawba Professor and St. John's member Dr. Gary Freeze will give brief comments about the history of the cemetery and its importance to not only St. John's but also the religious movement in Salisbury proper.

It's only fitting that the day end in worship service, giving homage to the three faith communities whose mutual working relationship can be traced back to that primitive log structure that once stood in the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

Please plan to join us!



A notice from the NC Synod: The first-ever Synod Gathering is happening this year, June 2-4, at Lenoir-Rhyne University!

Bring a group from your congregation for one day, two days, or all three days of fellowship, worship, and learning opportunities. Deacon Tammy Jones West, our Synod Gathering planner says, “The target audience for this event is ALL NC Synod Lutherans. Everyone! All are welcome. Bring a group. Congregations are not limited to two voting members like at an assembly. You can bring everyone!”

Here are some questions you might ask of yourself as you register:

1. How many days will you attend? One, two, or all three?
2. If attending multiple days, are you interested in a cost-effective dorm-style room, on campus? Local hotels are also an option.
3. You will need to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card showing you are fully vaccinated.
4. An event t-shirt is included with your registration. What size shirt (unisex) do you wear?

PLEASE NOTE: while dinner on Friday is free (provided by Lutheran Services Carolinas), you will still need to check the box at registration so we have an accurate head count.

Register by visiting nclutheran.org

Keynote Speaker: Jacqueline Bussie

Jacqueline Bussie is an award-winning author, professor, theologian, public speaker, and student of life in all its messy beauty. Her most recent book *Love Without Limits* (2018) won three major international awards: the 2020 IAN Outstanding Religion Book of the Year Award, the 2020 IAN 3rd Place Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award, and the Reader’s Favorite Bronze Medal Award for Christian Living. Her previous book *Outlaw Christian* (2016) won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award for Christian Living.

Jacqueline is the new Executive Director of the Collegeville Institute in Collegeville, Minnesota.

In her free time, Jacqueline loves to: read books, ride in the front car of roller coasters, take ballroom dance classes with her husband, and travel to any place she has never been before. She is a huge fan of long walks, laughter, the band Bon Iver, the smell of honeysuckle on a hot day, and her husband’s fantastic fajitas. Her favorite place to write is next to any body of water.



GIFT (“Girls in Faith Together”)

Dear Women of St. John’s,

On May 24th at 6:30 pm, you are invited to come together in Peeler Hall for a time of fellowship and discussion. We need your ideas of ways the church can help meet your spiritual needs.

What would help you grow in your faith? Do you need a place to explore ways you can be the hands of Christ in the community; learn new ways to grow in your faith, or do you need a place to speak openly about struggles in your life; maybe you need fellowship and friendship and a place to let down and relax with women who are just like you, be they young, old or in between?

Christ reached out to women and made them an inclusive part of His ministry. He appeared to a woman first after His resurrection. He recognized women and trusted them to share His teachings and to carry out His mission that God loves all and that no one be left out.

Please join us on the 24th to share your ideas of how we can make connections with fellow women of our church so we all have a place of belonging that is our spiritual home.

The GIFT Planning Team

Free Spirits

We are the ones with the messy hair, the
dirty feet and the wild sparkle in
our eyes... We belong amongst the wild
flowers,
Listening to the wind in the sea.
We embrace the arts.
Creativity is often our universal language,
Yet even with fire in our blood,
Unbridled spirit and wild heart, We do not
All wander
Some have found freedom in one place.
Home!

Author Unknown



Congregational Picnic on May 1!



Join Our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pastor Rhodes and Mike Connor are hosting a St. John's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, scheduled for March 7-17, 2023.

An informational gathering has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 24, at 7pm in the conference room (room 218). All are welcome!

Registration for St. John's members is ongoing. Registration for non-members will open up soon. Space is limited to 28 participants.

For more information, speak with Mike or Pastor Rhodes, or visit our website, stjohns-salisbury.org.



Coming up with Senior Seasons!

May 17: Strawberry Picking trip

Leave the church at 10 a.m. via church van. Cost of transportation is \$5. Let Diane know if you are interested.



May 31: May is National Salad Month,



... so let's celebrate with a luncheon, where everyone can bring their favorite salad to share (one per family). Arrive at 11:30. Serving starts at Noon.

- Participants' food containers will be lined up on a buffet table, but we will have servers putting the food on the plates.
- Each dish will have a number, and we will vote on our favorite one. The winner will win a prize!
- Please sign up by contacting Diane ... and be sure to let us know what you are bringing!

Men's Chorus Concert is May 15

By Rob Durocher

An **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** will be observed on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 12:15 pm in the St. John's Chapel. One of the earliest Christian festivals, Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season, and occurs 39 days after Easter. In its earlier days The Ascension was a part of Easter celebrations but was later separated from Easter, along with Pentecost which ends the cycle of Easter-related events in the Christian calendar. The Feast of the Ascension is known by many names - The Ascension of Jesus, Ascension Thursday, Holy Thursday, or Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is not only a special commemoration here but it is a Christian holiday that doubles as a public holiday in many countries like Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, as well as to our Amish and Mennonite brothers and sisters in this country.

CHANCEL CHOIR, CONSTRUCTION AND COHESION!

With all of the excitement of our G2G Phase 2 construction 'getting close' to its end – we still have a Music Department that is scheduled to be renovated within a short week or two. Construction will most likely begin the first or second week of May and that means that the entire content of the Music Department will need to be relocated mostly to the third floor! While

there is MUCH to move and to pack up we'll need the assistance of able bodies to help with this herculean task! We are in process of arranging moving days and times but could really use your help in getting this done cohesively! If you're able to lend a hand or a few muscles PLEASE contact either Rob Durocher, rob@stjohns-salisbury.org or Corinne Mauldin, corinnemauldin@gmail.com. All choirs will be given instructions as to where rehearsals will be along with gathering information.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will sing for Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the 11:00 am service. Women's Ensemble will gather at 10:00 am in the church that Sunday morning.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS FULL REHEARSAL for Spring Concert, O BE JOYFUL, will be on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10:00 am in the church sanctuary. The concert is at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 15, 2022 in the sanctuary. On Sunday, May 15th Men's Chorus will gather at 2:30 pm with gathering location to be announced.

St. John's Chancel Choir will continue to rehearse each Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Chapel as the Music Wing is being renovated.



“My Goodness, that’s beautiful!”

What you may not know about the St. John’s Seasonal Decorations Team

Every Easter season, the beauty of St. John’s is enhanced by the symbolism of palms, lilies and other flowers. The Saint John’s decorating team begins preparing for Easter months before Easter Sunday. But, the real work (and fun) happens the Saturday before Easter.

The decorating team and other volunteers gathered to prepare our worship areas for Easter worship. Lilies and Palms were placed, flowers and supplies were gathered, and the work began. Did you know that it takes over 450 water vials and flowers to create the large flowered cross in the faith center? Thank you to Cheryl Van der Poel and her workers for preparing this beautiful cross. It’s an all day project, and we are so thankful to these ladies for their time and devotion.

We want to thank Clyde for arranging the Glorious sanctuary altar flowers. These flowers certainly brought our attention to the altar and the cross of Christ. They were a lovely representation of new life, the new life

given to Jesus when he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

And what about the amazing tomb displayed below the pulpit. Did you know that was handmade by Jane Britt? She spent hours making sure every detail was just right. Thank you, Jane.

Something we added this year were pretty spring baskets for the Sanctuary front doors. Thank you to Elayne McCoy for making these.

As you can see, there is a lot that goes into preparing for Easter Sunday. It takes a lot of hands! If you are interested in helping out next year or for other seasonal events, please contact Sandy Jordan @ sandygayjordan@gmail.com. You don’t have to be a part of a committee. You are welcome to just come and help out on the day we decorate. It is such a special way to honor our church and our Christ.



Dementia Care Training Team visits Bethlehem

A partnership between St. John's, Dar al-Kalima, and Lutheran Services Carolinas

By Susan Shinn Turner

A dementia care training team worked with nearly 50 individuals over four days March 14-17 at Dar Al-Kalima University College in Bethlehem.

Michael Connor led the team, and Deana Burris and Deb Tillman, two certified dementia care trainers from Trinity Oaks, led the training.

(My husband Jim and I went along as informal members of the team to provide communications and logistics support — and Jim supported Michael in working with a group of three ladies!)

In all, 26 healthcare professionals and 14 caregivers completed the training — there were two days of training for each group. This exceeded Connor's goal of 38 participants. Another goal under the "equip" category was that students increased their knowledge of dementia treatment and management. Under "empower," all of the caregivers and 90 percent of the medical professionals committed to train others within the rest of this year, well exceeding Connor's goal of 30 percent.

Under "enlighten," the team is working to complete articles and social media posts about the experience. Two additional training sites within two years are under consideration in the "expand" category.

Raeda Mansour, the intergenerational manager at Dar Al-Kalmia, was the on-site contact for the training. Her mother is in the final stages of Alzheimer's. Both of Mansour's sisters — all three are nurses attended the caregiver training segment.

"We have received good feedback within the community," she said April 20 during the post-training



The team visited with pastors Mitri Raheb and Munther Isaac following worship at Christmas Lutheran Church

meeting via Zoom.

The meetings were posted on Facebook Live and could be accessed throughout the West Bank and Gaza. The event was written up in five local newspapers, and Mansour was interviewed on local radio about the training.

"We had wide marketing about the training and what was going on," she said. "I'm looking forward to continuing together for future plans."

Mansour tentatively plans to visit the U.S. in September 2023 to attend a parish nurse conference. It is our hope

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The retreat will follow the same schedule as in past years: a fun gathering Friday night, Saturday morning Bible study for adults, separate activities for children and youth, free time Saturday afternoon with a service project option; another gathering Saturday evening, and closing worship on Sunday morning.

“We want to have something for every age group,” Donna said. “I’m excited to get the whole church family back together.

“There’s just something extra special about getting all of our St. John’s generations together in a place we hold so dearly — especially after these last couple of years. The Spirit is definitely up to something.”

She pauses and adds what we’ve all been thinking: “It’s just been too many years.”

Donna encourages all members to get the retreat on their calendars and make it a priority.

“You just never know what kind of fun you’re going to get into,” she said. “The first time my husband Doug and I went, we walked away with a lot more people we could call our church family.”

Members of the retreat planning committee include: Barbara Jo Corriher, Ashlee Dangerfield, Michael DeNise, Carol Everhart, Carol Hair, Marian Hough Schouweiler, Celia Jarrett, Penny Moss, Cyndii Owen, Dave Roof, Micah Roseman, Stacey Shafer, and Sally and Gary Taylor.

Online registration begins in mid-May. A registration form will be included in the June-July issue of the Eagle’s View.



Community Ministry



WinShape – Rowan: June 27 – July 1

WinShape Camps was created by the founder of Chick-fil-A®. Have the Summer of a Lifetime close to home! WinShape Camps for Communities brings the ultimate day camp right to your neighborhood, combining fun, faith, and friendship into an action-packed week. Campers cultivate their God-given skills and talents in a mix of indoor and outdoor moments, physical activity, and creative play, with epic adventures at camp all day and sleep soundly back at home at night. At the end of the week, we provide a yummy lunch from Chick-fil-a for the whole family. The schedule runs from about 8am – 5pm and has over 20+ skills and activities for campers to choose from. Your student can attend WinShape – Rowan for only \$99. That is \$125 off the regular price. Register now and don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the best, greatest, and ultimate day camp EVER! Campers age: Rising 1st graders through Rising 9th graders. Volunteers age: Rising 10th graders through Adults. Campers and Volunteers register at milfordhillsumc.org/winshape.

Contact Kathy Rusher from St. John's with any questions, karusher@carolina.rr.com.



Did you know?

The research is clear: Sleeping better will boost your happiness, productivity and life span. It will help you eat better, exercise harder and more easily cope with stress. Below are a few sleep myths and facts that might be keeping you up at night: This information is from CNN's latest series on sleep, part of the "Life, But Better" special series. <https://www.cnn.com/specials/health/sleep-life-but-better>

- **If you lie in bed long enough, you'll fall asleep—*Myth***
- **You shouldn't check your smartphone if you wake in the night—*Fact***
- **You shouldn't let your dog or cat sleep in your bed—*Actually, it depends.***
- **Exercising in the evening will disrupt sleep—*Myth***
- **You can catch up on sleep on the weekends—*Myth***

Dementia Care Team Visits Bethlehem, *from page 14*

she will be able to visit St. John's. There are also plans under way to begin a caregiver support group for those who attended the training and others.

Tillman is in the process of sharing materials with Mansour, so that she can in turn share with others.

"The training was wonderful," Mansour said. "We greatly appreciate your passion and your love. I pray we continue in this ministry. I'm sure you felt it was a very needed ministry in our community. Four days of training is wonderful but it is not enough."

"They really made me feel like what I was saying was valued and important," Tillman said. "I was surprised by the lack of resources in dementia care."

Since she's been home, she's also been surprised that a lot of people don't know what resources are available here.

Burris agrees.

"The information was soaked up like a sponge by participants," she said. "I didn't expect so many people on our Trinity Oaks campus to ask for more information. There are a lot of opportunities for us to educate people here."

It's not only about educating families, Burris and Tillman agree, but also providing ongoing support.

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home from playing in the neighborhood to snap beans ... well, that wasn’t fun at all.”

Pastor Lori Carter, daughter of the late Jo Ann Vaughn.

“My mom loved to be silly. In the photo you see, this is the last time we were silly together before she died.”

Advice: “As a child, she would say, ‘You are strong. You can do it.’ Later in life: ‘Always have a funeral dress.’”

Carolyn Byrd, daughter of the late Anne Loeblein: “I remember her love of cooking so that her family could be around the table together, including her extended family at reunions. That’s when she was happiest.”

“Her biggest legacy she left for me is family. Her love of family was what she modeled.”

Celia Jarrett, daughter of the late Shirley Ritchie.

Advice: “No matter how things seem, you’re gonna be all right.”

“I also learned from Mother that if there is something to be done that’s a just and righteous cause, if you step out on faith, you won’t be alone because people will meet you there. You just have to have faith and miraculous things will happen.”

Favorite memory: Celia and Shirley often stayed at the Peeler-Tatum family cabin at Lutheridge and took day trips from there. Celia in particular remembers trips to Craggy Gardens, and the time they hiked at Roan Mountain, only to get drenched in a summer storm.

“We got in the car and dried ourselves off with Dairy Queen napkins!” Celia says.

Linda Safrit, daughter of the late Juanita Williams.

“The main thing she taught me, in one word, was patience.”

“After my girls’ father died, it was all up to me. I learned from Mother that you do it yourself. That’s what she taught me. I encouraged my girls to go to school and get a good education, so you can support yourself.”

Rosalind Hines, daughter of Barbara Waggoner.

Advice: “Just give it to the Lord and trust His plan.”

“My favorite memory is the wonderful visits with my parents when my kids were little. Lunches at Spanky’s followed by a visit to Dan Nicholas Park.”

“Also the exciting games of Beach Bingo with all the grandchildren. Mom and Dad would go to the Dollar Store and stock up on prizes that the grands would love. The best year was when they got toe rings for all the grand-girls!”

Mary Willis Page, daughter of the late Reba Jones.

Advice: “Always use good skincare products and good haircare products.”

“I come from a long line of women with strong backbones. Always prepared. Always ready. Don’t really care about petty concerns. That backbone has you covered through good times and bad. My mom modeled that. She believed in me.”

Carole Parrott, daughter of Yvonne Yost

Advice: “Always do the right thing, even if it is hard. Be honest. Be trustworthy.”

“My mom and I are very close. I had two friends in school who were also adopted. They did not find out until they were in junior high school, and they had a hard time with it. I always knew I was adopted. It was never a secret, nothing that was hidden. My parents celebrate my real birthday as well as the day they adopted me. She call it my ‘gotcha’ day. I love that.”

Child Development Center Receives \$39,000 in Local Grants

By Susan Shinn Turner

Thanks to \$39,000 in local grants, an after-school tutoring program at the Child Development Center will continue this summer.

The project received \$18,000 from the N.C. Synod's Peeler/Casey Fund; \$10,000 from the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation; \$6,000 from the St. John's Endowment Fund; and \$5,000 from the Salisbury-Rowan Community Foundation.

The majority of the grant money will be used for salaries for two tutors, and half-scholarships for students. Additional funds will be used for resources and materials.

The two tutors are Otoneil Torres-Solano who works in the preschool during the morning, and the Rev. Thomas McDonald, a local pastor. Torrres-Solano, from Colombia, is bilingual, which has been a godsend, said Paula Levianu, the CDC's executive director. Both men have helped the students — ages 5 to 12 — with their homework as well as language and reading skills. Also on the agenda are educational games and word games such as Boggle.

"We have summer tutoring because we got a late start with the grant," Levianu said. "We want to combat that summer slump. Since the children won't have homework this summer, we'll be putting together book packs with books, workbooks, and other activities. We want to keep them reading."

Levianu said the program is going well so far with the 21 students who are enrolled.

"We won't know about test scores until later," she said, "but the kids love these tutors and look forward to them coming. They're a real asset. We all want to alleviate pressure on parents by trying to help our children get their homework done. I think the test scores are really going to show a difference."

The two men have also served as role models, and built relationships with the students, she said. "It's been great to have them here. It is needed for men to be in the childcare field and it's wonderful they're here."

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Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating May birthdays:*

*Eleanor Andrews, James Bradshaw, Harold Deal,
Diane Everhart, Bud Graeber, Perry Hood, Connie
Hurlocker, Tom Hurlocker, Cora Shinn, Tom Smith*

Welcome, Fisher!



William Fisher began on April 25 as the congregation's new custodian. He works alongside facility manager, David Ellenburg, to make space available for ministry and extend warm hospitality to those who visit. Welcome aboard, Fisher!



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