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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear sisters and brothers,

I know we have at some time in our lives wondered what God looks like. It doesn't overwhelm me as it used to when I was a child. I could never get a clear picture even then. As much as the Holy Spirit can be understood, this is what I understood God to look like: the whooshing breeze that gives soft kisses to our cheeks and rustles our clothes. This time of the year it seems as if we can particularly get a glimpse of God's face—all the changes that are happening and the feeling in the air that something is different. God can be seen in so many things that we never even think about. Look and see how many of them you can see. You won't be sorry! Keep your eyes open!

Blessings,

Denni +

Prayers & Sympathy:

- Marcia Jenkins, always in our hearts.
- Mary's son Matthew Randall, in therapy and healing.
- David Hagins, recovering from surgery.
- Jeffrey Barker (cards welcome; office has address).
- Pray for our special people in the Military: including Andrew, Michael, and others in our hearts.

Praise:

- For the safe birth of Alexander Gabriel Sylvester on September 16. His parents are Jeff and Angel Sylvester, his grandmother Sara Baldwin.

TAKING NOTE

- October and November Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour (except on Nov. 8; see below).
- October 10 Blessing of the Beasts at 11 am.
- October 12 Vestry Meeting at 6 pm.
- Bible Study on Mondays at Noon.
- November 5-7 Diocesan Council.
- November 7 Elberton Fall Festival. Watch for us on the square after the SafeHouse Walkathon.
- November 8 Bishop's visit. Worship at 10 am, followed by lunch at the Country Club.
- November 9 Vestry Meeting at 6 pm.

**LESSONS &
CAROLS,
MEDIATOR,
DEC. 20**

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3:14



Highlands Trip

On August 27-28 Denni led an overnight trip to Highlands, North Carolina, to hear a lecture by Barbara Brown Taylor. A good time was had by all. They report that they ate well, slept well, and heard an excellent speaker. Five of the Highlands travelers are shown below; from left to right are Carole Oglesby, Vivian Barnett, the Reverend Dr. Denni Moss, Marilyn Slocumbe, and Ann Minshew. Carol Webb was also along but does not appear in the photo.

The success of the Highlands expedition has led Denni to start planning another venture. She would like to gather together a group to go to Sewanee, Tennessee, on the weekend of February 12-14, when Bishop Alexander will be there. So start making space on your calendars now!



Blessing of Beasts

The blessing of the beasts has become a tradition at St. Alban's. The photo above shows the 2007 blessing.

This year's event will have some different twists: animals for adoption and refreshments for owners and pets. Those who wish to do so are urged to bring pet food for the Animal Shelter.

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