



# ST. JOHN'S PARISH VISITOR

## August 2014 Newsletter

A Loving Family of Faith, United in Christ, and Equipped for a Ministry of Service

### Rector's Journal

St. John's Living Stones Campaign continues to progress and as we near autumn we thought now would be a good time for an update on what's happening. First, an update on the finances. As you may recall, we began with pre-campaign gifts of \$300,000, as well as a vestry-approved amount to be taken from St. John's Endowment of \$500,000, giving us a total of \$800,000 to begin with.



Restore • Renew • Rebuild

As of the publication of this newsletter, the good news is that pledges to the campaign that have been received since our June 22nd Commitment Sunday total just shy of \$170,000. This brings our overall total to **\$970,000!** This is a great start and many thanks to all who have made their pledge commitment. As I've said on numerous occasions, let me repeat: It is extremely important that every member of St. John's be part of this campaign. We have received pledges in the tens of thousands of dollars, and pledges of less than fifty dollars. **NO pledge is too big! NO pledge is too small! Everyone can play a part!** Also, please remember that pledges can be spread out over a three-year time frame, making it possible for people of every income range to make a commitment that works with their budget.

There is additional good news to report in that working with Bob Pike, of Conco Construction, our primary contractor, clarifying the scope of work with some of the subcontractors and making some minor changes to our original plans, yet keeping the overall designs intact, we have found cost savings that we estimate at around \$100,000, bringing our total funds very near the amount we now have on hand!

However, we have learned of a cost to the project that we had not initially planned for. The piping system from the boiler that heats the church sanctuary needs to be replaced. The cost for this work is \$127,000. Even so, as you can see, we are very close to achieving our goals.

**Work Progress:** Projects beginning in mid-August to September:

- Restrooms and Corridor of Education Building: paint, tile flooring, vinyl baseboards, and stair treads.
- Boiler piping repairs, insuring heat in the church in time for winter.

Please continue to pray for this project and let us be confident in God's provision!

+Peace,

Fr. Earl Mahan



## Comments on Kenya

During the season of Lent, many of us followed the “Love Life” series of daily videos offered by email by the brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. They continue to provide a “word” each day in seven languages. Last Sunday’s emailed word was “need.”  
*“Need: The only way we can see Jesus in others, in the hunger and thirst and nakedness and estrangement and imprisonment of others, is to have known him ourselves and to have met him in those very places in our own lives.”*

With my fourth trip to Kenya, I was able to look more deeply at a range of basic needs that we share with our Kenyan brothers and sisters. In conditions of scarcity and widespread poverty it is easy to notice material and physical needs. We all need safe water, clean air, food, shelter, clothing, and security from



More classroom space is needed, more (and sturdier) desks and more teachers

violence, universal access to basic education, health care and treatment when ill or injured. It is those needs that drive the decisions Kansas to Kenya makes when planning projects and programs for implementation in Kenya.

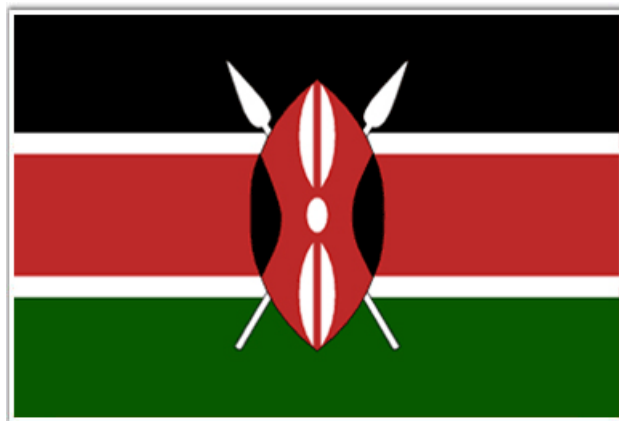
Some needs are obvious, but others are not so easily recognized. Even the most impoverished people have the need, the motivation and will to act with generosity by tending to the needs of their neighbors. Kenyans are responding not just to the physical needs for food, water and clothing but for the personal needs of acknowledgment and belonging. From the Christian communities that I have encountered, I have learned that Christ is easier to see in others when eyes are open to meeting him in everyday life. The body of Christ is alive while working and praying, walking and hauling, giving and in receiving. Any occasion is an opportunity to gather together and meet Christ.



Lunch after worship and family celebration at  
All Souls Church, Maai Mahiu

What we are able to do in Kenya is share from our more abundant resources, not with a “hand-out” but with a hand up. We are able to see from year to year that improvements are being made and programs built on the foundations that we have started laying down. I thank the vestry and congregation for supporting me to make the trip again this year. I will be sharing more in the months to come and would be glad to see others have an opportunity to experience what Cora Olson and I experienced this year.

**THANK YOU**  
**FOR HELPING**  
**THE K2K MINISTRY**  
**Through Support of Mission Trip Expenses!**



# Reflections on Kenya

By Cora Olson

Forgiveness. It is a concept that we talk about often in our Christian communities. It is an idea we draw comfort from when we think of God's forgiveness. It is a precept we tote as theologically significant. How often though, do we practice radical and unconditional forgiveness?

June 17<sup>th</sup> of this year I was in Mirangine, Kenya, a small rural community nearly 9,000 feet up a mountain. The Kansas to Kenya medical team traveled many kilometers on roads of decaying tarmac and mud trenches to reach this village. We passed farms that are green this year because the rains had come and young children were on the side of the roads tending the family flocks.

We were working in the local health clinic compound for Mirangine. The campus has several buildings and grassy spaces encompassed by a stone and concrete wall. Our team of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and medical students had left for the clinic at 7 that morning, and as our watches passed 4pm we were beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel in the shape of our beds at the bottom of the mountain.

With the medical team I served as a general organizer of people. The registration table and triage tent greeted our patients before they were ushered inside to see a doctor and I became the coordinator for those volunteering there. What the Kenyans saw as they reclined on the grass waiting for their turn in triage was a white girl sprinting about replenishing supplies, attempting to address questions being asked in a language she did not speak, and transferring patients from registration to triage to the medical professional they needed to see based upon complaint. They quickly determined that I was the person to talk to about getting all their distant relatives in to see a doctor. They also learned that I could slip them ahead of others who were waiting. Thus I became used to dark skinned hands of varying textures touching my arms and drawing my attention to deep brown eyes and coy smiles of people who knew they were trying to work the system. I would like to think that my expression was one of gentleness and compassion as I reminded them that they needed to wait their turn in the queue and that we were moving as quickly as we could.

As our day was winding down, I was getting a chance to move at a slower pace and causally check on the doctors to see how their dwindling patient loads were looking. Coming out of a consultation room I found myself face to face with a young woman who was waiting for me. Her expression immediately caught my attention. Rather than the usual wanting look, I was met with a simple, direct, and honest gaze. Without any words exchanged she pulled back her jacket to reveal her forearm. As I took in the scene before me all I remember thinking was, "Your skin is the same color as mine. It is not supposed to look like that."

As I called for our triage paramedic to get his gear back out and found her a seat, I was trying to understand the clear fluid dripping from her forearm and her smooth white skin that transferred seamlessly to black. A burn perhaps, but I had never seen a burn such as this before. Then again, I was not sure I had ever seen someone who was not white badly burned. This realization surprised me given that I have spent 4 years working in a hospital, 1 of which was in the ER.



With the paramedic and translator, I recorded her medical history and present condition. Her story began to unfold. What we were looking at was indeed a burn. Second degree bordering on third. Her neighbor, and best friend, had been breaking into her house the past few days. When this woman went to confront her, her friend flew into a rage and grabbed a pot of boiling water and threw it on her. We were a bit stunned, angry on her behalf and thankful that only her arm had been caught by the liquid. As we consulted with

doctors and dressed her wounds, we talked with her about the importance of keeping the wound clean and dry to prevent infection, as well as the role rest played in the healing process.

These basic medical practices seem incongruous out there in Mirangine. This woman was going home to a crowded shack with a dirt floor, meals to prepare, and water to haul. She had multiple children to care for, the oldest of which was 8 and would be able to help with only some of her duties. Keep the wound clean, dry, and rest the arm. We might as well as have told her to fly to the moon.

The hubbub died down and while we were waiting for a script from our pharmacy to come through for her she continued to talk with the translator. Later the translator shared with me the woman's response to the suggestion of pursuing legal action against her neighbor. She said she felt like she needed to go home and forgive her friend, forgive her neighbor. Her mind was less on how she was going to make dinner to feed her children, or how she was going to keep her arm from becoming infected, or even how to deal with her neighbor so that she would no longer break in. Her thoughts were on how to seek justice through restored community and reconciliation with the one who had wronged her rather than by means of law enforcement, how to see healing come, not through time and a controlled sterile environment, but through the freedom and grace found in forgiveness.

My prayer is that we might all be able to see our relationships in this light. That we might put forgiveness, freedom, grace, and hope above all that wounds, binds, and controls. May we be a people who live deeply in restoration of lives and communities as we are a people who come to know more and more about forgiveness as seen from Christ's vantage point on the cross. Amen.

Bishop Dean E. Wolfe today announced that the Reverend Meghan F. Froehlich, the diocese's Canon Interim, has concluded her time of service with the diocese. Meghan will be tending to family matters of immediate concern in Ohio and Virginia as she discerns her future ministry.

In making the announcement Bishop Wolfe said, "Canon Froehlich has been generous with her time and expertise in Kansas, extending an initial three-month agreement to almost a full year."

In reflecting on her time in Kansas, Canon Froehlich said, "The people of this diocese are dear to me. I am inspired by the dedication, creativity and faith of each person, congregation and institution. It has been a privilege to serve with Bishop Wolfe and be a part of the vibrant ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas."

The bishop said, "Canon Froehlich showed immediate competence in one of the most complex jobs in The Episcopal Church. She fulfilled our regular Canon to the Ordinary duties, along with key additional ones. We put her many gifts to their fullest use."

Froehlich said of her time in the diocese, "I will take the love and inspiring examples of the people of Kansas into my future ministry. I am a better priest for having served here and will always treasure and be grateful for our time together."

The bishop and Dave Seifert, Missioner for Transitions, will continue to work closely with parishes conducting clergy searches. Bishop Wolfe has established an advisory committee, led by Council of Trustees President Bob Skaggs, to assist him in the selection of a new Canon to the Ordinary.

## Bishop Dean Wolfe to Visit St. John's on December 7th, 2014

Mark your calendar for a special day with our bishop. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, will visit St. John's on Sunday, December 7th. There will be only a 10:30 a.m. service on this date, including a Service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. A reception for the bishop will follow the service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## Upcoming Opportunities for Baptism

There will be two opportunities for a Service of Holy Baptism in the coming months: All Saints' Sunday, November 2, 2014, and the visit of Bishop Wolfe on Sunday, December 7th (10:30 a.m. service only). Please contact Fr. Earl as soon as possible if you would like yourself or your child to be baptized on one of these dates.

## *Register Now for Fall Fun Fest!*

**When & Where:** September 20-21 @ St. Thomas, Overland Park  
**Who:** Students in grades 6-12 for 2014-15 school year; Diocesan youth events are NOT restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.  
**Cost:** \$40 (Scholarships are available)  
**Priority Deadline:** Thursday, September 4, 2014 (fee increases by \$15 after this date) *Note: registration by this date ensures that we can order the correct number of t-shirts in the correct sizes.*  
**Arrival:** Saturday, September 20, 1-2 pm  
**Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch Rd., Overland Park, KS  
**Departure:** Sunday, September 21, noon; participants will attend 10:45 am service at St. Thomas. Parents are invited to join us.

# Christian Formation at St. John's: Looking Forward to Fall



We will conclude our Children's Summer Sunday on August 31. Throughout the summer months, the children have enjoyed learning Bible stories told through short movies. Our wonderful volunteers have made it all go smoothly, and we appreciate you all! **We begin our regular Sunday school year on September 7 at 10:20 a.m.** in the lower level of the Ed. Bldg. We are again using "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum. We invite all who are interested, particularly those who might want to teach, to a **Teachers' meeting on Sunday, August 17,**

**at 11:45 a.m.** in classroom. Volunteers are also be needed to set up the class room during the week of September 1-6 (times flexible). If you can help, call Tish (267-1483 or 253-5686) or email [dseely5@cox.net](mailto:dseely5@cox.net).

## St. John's Teens Celebrate Summer, Prepare for Fall



On August 3rd, Episcopal teens from St. John's and St. James met for a cookout and scavenger hunt in Riverside Park. Twelve teens played games and found the clues and had a really great time. We would like to thank Deacon Peggy Flynn and her husband Tim Flynn for helping with the planning and grilling! This next year, we have three teens



getting ready for confirmation and we will meet on the second and the fourth Sundays starting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will not meet on August 10<sup>th</sup>! If you're an adult who would like to volunteer or help, please call Racine Zackula at 943-3423.



## Christian Formation for Adults

Opportunities for Christian education and learning will be offered this fall. **More information will be forthcoming next month**, so be watching for news about the following formation classes.

**Lectionary Study:** Weekly discussion of the Sunday scripture readings meets in the library on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

**Centering Prayer:** Weekly centering prayer experience, that will consist of both practice and discussion, meets in the library Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm.

**Bible Study:** Weekly small group bible study, meets in the library Wednesdays at 11:30 am.

**Confirmation / New Member Class:** Four-week conversational experience for those new to St. John 's, as well anyone else who wants to attend. The life of Christian faith and discipleship will be the topic for discussion. Class will meet the four Sundays in October, following the 10:30 service, in the library. Light lunch will be served.

**Education for Ministry:** Four-year program of study through Sewanee: The University of the South, School of Theology, covering Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology. Those interested should contact Mike Morrow, (316) 258-4834. Class meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library.



## CALLING ALL SINGERS!

September is fast approaching and that means our choir will soon be back! Our first Sunday is September 7th. To get the season off to a good start we're having a **Choir Kickoff Potluck on Wednesday September 3rd**. We will be meeting at 6:30 in the undercroft. Whether you are a current choir member, new choir member or maybe thinking about joining the choir, please come join us on September 3rd and check us out! There will be plenty of good food, fellowship and, after our meal, a chance to read through some of the music we will be singing this fall. So bring a dish to share, a healthy appetite, and your voice and plan to have lots of fun! Watch the weekly newsletters for more details.

We also need to set a date for our first rehearsal. Please email me at [kenbreeden@stjohnswichita.org](mailto:kenbreeden@stjohnswichita.org) and let me know which of these dates you prefer: Sunday August 31st at 9:00 (our regular rehearsal time) or Saturday September 6th at 10:00. I will let you know the date as soon as I have heard from everyone.

-Ken

## EYE14 Gathers Teens for Urban Mission, Dialogue

The **2014 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE14)** was held July 9-13 at Villanova University in suburban Philadelphia for youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. EYE14 was held in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Attending from St. John's were Trevor Mahan and his dad, the Rev. Earl Mahan.



The Kansas diocesan delegation at EYE14

Trevor Mahan is shown at right with the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Daughters of the King will resume their regular monthly meetings starting Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Reminder: the annual dues (\$40) for DOK should be paid prior to this meeting if possible. Make your check payable to St. John's with "DOK Dues" written on the memo line. Any question regarding dues should be addressed to our DOK president, Tish Seely (267-1483 or 253-5686; email [dseely5@cox.net](mailto:dseely5@cox.net).) or treasurer, Shannon Mahan ([mahanset@yahoo.com](mailto:mahanset@yahoo.com)). If you are not a current member, please feel free to visit on September 8th to see if you'd like to join us!







# at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite  1:00 PM Seely Baby Shower for Terri West in undercroft
<b>3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13</b> <b>8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Summer Sundays <b>10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</b> 5:00 PM Episcopal Youth Cookout & Scavenger Hunt	4	5	<b>6 The Transfiguration</b> 3:00 PM Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM Evening Prayer</b> led by Mike Morrow	7 No Outreach Meeting	8	<b>9</b> 11:00 AM Altar Guild meeting in library 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church
<b>10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14</b> <b>ESS Presentation</b> <b>8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Summer Sundays <b>10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch	11	12	<b>13</b> 3:00 PM Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Rite II with Fr. Earl Mahan</b> Celebrant and Preacher	14	15	<b>16</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
<b>17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15</b> <b>8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Summer Sundays <b>10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Circle of Care (COH) 11:45 AM Sunday School Teachers meeting	18	19	<b>20</b> 3:00 PM Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM Evening Prayer</b> led by Fr. Ted Blakley	21 4:00 PM Budget Meeting 5:00 PM Finance Meeting 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	22	<b>23</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
<b>24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16</b> <b>8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Summer Sundays <b>10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch <b>3:30 PM Georgetown Worship Service</b>	25	26	<b>27</b> 3:00 PM Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM Evening Prayer</b> led by Ben Kittrell	28	29	<b>30</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Aldersgate UMC
<b>31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17</b> <b>8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 10:20 AM Children's Summer Sundays <b>10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</b>						

## Serving the LORD with Gladness

**AUGUST 2014 (Year A, Tract 1)**

<b>Preacher</b>	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Earl Mahan
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley
	<b>August 03</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 31</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. Service</b>	<b>Pentecost 8</b>	<b>Pentecost 9</b>	<b>Pentecost 10</b>	<b>Pentecost 11</b>	<b>Pentecost 12</b>
	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	P. Karr	C. Harris	A. Wallace	M. Morrow	P. Karr
<b>Lector</b>	C. Olson	C. Harris	A. Wallace	M. Morrow	P. Karr
<b>10:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	P. Karr	L. Dunlap	K. Davidson set up & M. Morrow clean up	L. McKernan	P. Heeren
	M. Franklin	R. Zackula	B. Kittrell	K. Davidson	M. Puii
	C. Olson				
<b>Acolytes Server</b>	M. Morrow	J. Burkholder	B. Kittrell	J. Alfred	T. Mahan
<b>Crucifer</b>	M. Mahan	P. Steele	E. Blakley	Caleb Oswell	M. Carvalho
<b>Torch</b>	~~~~~	E. Blakley	M. Mahan	E. Blakley	Caleb Oswell
<b>Torch</b>	~~~~~	T. Blakley	Caitlan Oswell	T. Blakley	Caitlan Oswell
<b>Lector</b>	K. Pott	B. Kittrell	T. Breeden	T. Mahan	R. Carvalho
<b>LEMs Lay Eucharistic Ministers Chalice Bearers</b>	T. Breeden	B. Kittrell	K. Pott	T. Breeden	A. Wallace
	Deacon	Deacon	T. Pott	Deacon	Deacon
<b>Childcare Nursery</b>	C. Harris	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes
	G. Davis	S. May	P. McCabe	K. Davidson	B. Dozal
<b>Children's Summer Sunday</b>	N. Dietrich	Gracyn Ross	Need Volunteer	Mary Grimes	Need Volunteer
	L. Dunlap	Emerson Ross	Jillian McKernan	Jillian McKernan	Jillian McKernan
<b>Teen Ministry</b>		R. Zackula		R. Zackula	
		Need Volunteer		Need Volunteer	
<b>Daughters of the King</b>	B. Landrum	J. Wikle	J. Morris	T. Seely	L. Unger
<b>Refreshments</b>	M. Morrow	Dietrichs	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Parish Breakfast
<b>LEV Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	~~~~~	P. Massaria	A. Wallace	~~~~~	~~~~~



### August Birthdays

- 01 Lucy Hadley
- 04 Tish Seely
- 07 Vern Herrman
- 09 Curtis Downing
- 13 Gail Davis
- 13 Santana Dozal
- 14 Cass Charlton
- 14 Phil Dietrich
- 14 Dana Castor
- 18 Judy Morris
- 19 Darlene Herrman
- 19 Kelley Davidson
- 19 Judy Nelson
- 20 Iola Crandall
- 23 Jessica Bitler
- 23 Alex Morris
- 25 Ron Mueller
- 27 Cynthia Rutherford
- 27 Scott Thome
- 29 Dustin Schwartz
- 30 Ireland Perry Dozal

### August Wedding Anniversaries

- 03 Brian & Jennifer Westhoff
- 21 Larry & Pat Heeren
- 31 Charles & Sara Lloyd

### August Baptismal Anniversaries

- Tim Phares
- 07 Tom Pott



We are blessed to welcome **Aaliyah Ann-Renée Rakayla Monk**, born July 28th to Theresa West & Anthony Monk, sister to A.J., Amar'e and Armani, granddaughter of Taby West, great-granddaughter of Tish & Dan Seely.



## THREE ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AWARDED 2014/15 PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients for the St. John's Parish Scholarship for 2014/15 were announced in services on July 27. They are:

**Rachel Carvalho**, who will be attending Fort Hays State University, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in clinical psychology;

**Jazmin Montes**, who is a student at Butler Community College, working on a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing; and,

**Cora Olson**, who is working on a Master's degree in public health at University of Kansas Medical Center in Wichita.

*We congratulate all our scholarship recipients!*

## Safeguarding God's Children Training Available at St. Andrew's Derby

Sunday, August 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Teresa Rogers will lead a training session for any adult who will be working with infants through youth up to age 18. This is essential training for staff and volunteers at St. John's. If you have not been certified, or haven't renewed your certification in the last 6 years, this is for you!



**The Mighty One, God, the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.**

Psalm 50:1, NIV



## FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR AUGUST



*You may dedicate altar flowers in memory of loved ones,  
or in thanksgiving for your blessings.*

A minimum donation of \$25 is requested.

Sign-up notebook is on the back table of the church,  
or call the parish office at 262-0897.

DATE	FLOWER DONOR	FLOWER MEMORIAL / THANKSGIVING
<b>8/3/2014</b> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:	Vern and Darlene Herrman Carroll Hadley	Thanksgiving for their children Darla Leeann (Ward) Hesse and John Travis Ward, and in memory of Darlene's husband, Ernest Lee Ward, all born August 5th. Thanksgiving for Lucy's Birthday
<b>8/10/2014</b> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:	Peggy Karr Jean Wikle	Thanksgiving for her family, past and present In memory of her father, Ernest Johnson
<b>8/17/2014</b> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:	Nancy Dietrich	In celebration of Phil's 70th birthday and our great-granddaughter Toni's birthday.
<b>8/24/2013</b> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:	Tom & Katie Pott	In loving and grateful memory of their parents, John & Lelia Pott and Carl & Myretta Eisenbise, on the anniversaries of their weddings.
<b>8/31/2014</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Charles Lloyd	In thanksgiving for his wife, Sara, on their wedding anniversary

### St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

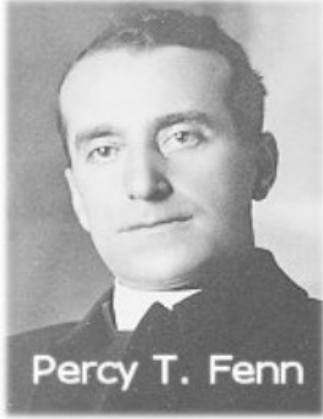
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	Actual June 2014	Budget June 2014	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - June 2014	Budget Jan. - June 2014	Difference from Budget	2014 Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Pledges	13,553.25	12,076.00	1,477.25	72,497.32	77,777.00	-5,279.68	175,015.00
Contributions	2,486.35	3,380.00	-893.65	16,727.14	24,763.00	-8,035.86	55,970.00
Investments Interest & Dividend	9,745.70	6,581.00	3,164.70	57,158.49	42,383.00	14,775.49	95,371.00
Additional Income	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>2,173.00</u>	<u>-473.00</u>	<u>15,990.10</u>	<u>13,379.00</u>	<u>2,611.10</u>	<u>26,200.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>27,485.30</u>	<u>24,210.00</u>	<u>3,275.30</u>	<u>162,373.05</u>	<u>158,302.00</u>	<u>4,071.05</u>	<u>352,556.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	155.69	308.00	-152.31	3,237.03	1,728.00	1,509.03	3,550.00
Outreach Ministry	12,058.29	10,948.33	1,109.96	41,938.86	41,480.00	458.86	81,886.00
Christian Formation Ministry	83.02	215.00	-131.98	3,671.77	1,850.00	1,821.77	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	667.28	290.00	377.28	8,035.86	1,750.00	6,285.86	5,500.00
Building & Grounds	1,041.77	1,509.86	-468.09	17,623.21	14,783.48	2,839.73	29,318.00
Utilities	1,589.99	1,516.75	73.24	12,413.50	12,010.25	403.25	23,600.00
Office	607.73	300.00	307.73	4,059.49	2,245.00	1,814.49	4,100.00
Personnel	18,220.50	16,785.34	1,435.16	114,632.28	111,670.16	2,962.12	217,354.97
Professional Fees & Accounting	<u>2,569.94</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>319.94</u>	<u>15,343.13</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>1,843.13</u>	<u>30,200.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>36,994.21</u>	<u>34,123.28</u>	<u>2,870.93</u>	<u>220,955.13</u>	<u>201,016.89</u>	<u>19,938.24</u>	<u>398,758.97</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-9,508.91</b>	<b>-9,913.28</b>	<b>404.37</b>	<b>-58,582.08</b>	<b>-42,714.89</b>	<b>-15,867.19</b>	<b>-46,202.97</b>

# St. John's History ...

by Parish Historian, Katie Pott

From The Rev. Dr. Percy T. Fenn's "The Official Hand-Book of St. John's Church and Its Missions, 1914"



100 Years ago...

## Our New Heater [Page Thirty-eight]

At the close of the Epiphany season our church boiler burst in two different sections, and for three Sundays we were compelled to worship in the Guild room. But the congregations were large, and nobody complained of the discomfort. The new boiler was installed in time for Lent, and the work was splendidly done, thanks to the untiring energy of Mr. Henry Comley, and Mr. John C. Kelly, the committee in charge. The work has cost over \$350, and this, added to our annual deficit, has called for unusual sacrifice on the part of our good people.

## Our Back Seats in Church [Page Sixty-five]

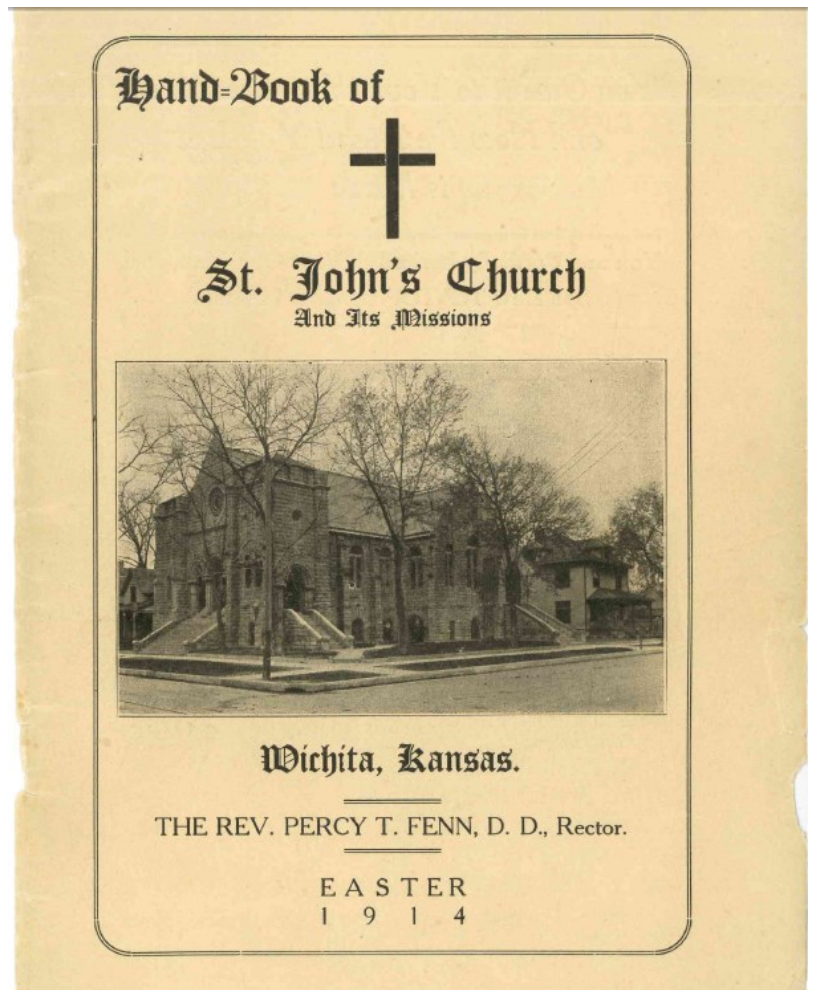
Isn't it strange that so many people love the back seats in the church? Some of the young people like them because they can "cut-up" there occasionally. But, fortunately, most of them are very reverent.

Some people start in at the front seats and then work backward. They keep the back seat for a time, and then they desert that, and we see them no more. The back seats, therefore, are often occupied by the lukewarm and indifferent. But we cannot understand why people should like the back seats. The Altar is God's throne. Most of us like to be as near the Altar as possible—if the life be right.

If we dislike to be near God's throne on earth, I wonder whether we shall have the same dislike for His throne in Heaven!

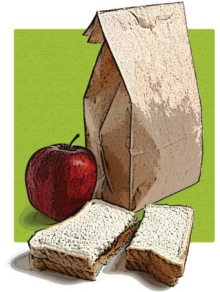
Are we to suppose that those good people who cling tenaciously to the back seats on earth—will keep as close to the door of Heaven? We hope not.

What is the reason for this love of our back seats? Is it humility? Not in many cases. If it were humility we should come to you and say, "Friend, go up higher."



## Sandwich Saturday: A Ministry of Hospitality

Sandwich Saturday is a ministry that was started fourteen years ago by St. John's members Jim & Kathy McCoy, as members of a group to end chronic homelessness. Rain or shine, this show of concern for those in need continues every single Saturday, and the churches, listed below, that provide the sack lunches are as devoted today as they were at the inception of this ministry.



1st Saturday: Hope Mennonite Church

2nd Saturday: Riverwalk Church of Christ, Kilgore family or Ellington family (rotating schedule)

3rd Saturday: Holmes Andres from Pathway Church

4th Saturday: churches of the Lutheran Synod

5th Saturday: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Volunteers from partnering churches gather on Fridays to assemble sack lunches for about 200. On Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., guests are greeted and lunches are served under the east portico. The ministry has grown to include a lending library, and sometimes necessities (like warm hats and gloves in winter) are donated to give as needed. Mary Ohlemeier, who coordinates the ministry, is a regular "greeter" at Sandwich Saturdays, and welcomes anyone who would like to join her in providing help and hospitality to our guests and partnering churches. If you are interested in being involved in this rich and rewarding service to our community, please contact the Outreach Committee through the church office (262-0897).



You are invited to join us for

## A Day at the Cathedral

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women's Board, for

Every woman in the Diocese of Kansas—Please invite your friends!

September 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, KS

Cost (includes lunch): \$15

The day includes a service, tour of the cathedral, with special focus on the windows and needlework; lunch and a short meeting, organ presentation and tour of Bethany Place.

Reserve by September 15 by mailing your name, address, phone and parish church, along with your \$15 check to Sharon Atherton, 10206 W. 20th St. N., Wichita, KS 67212. If you attend an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Kansas, you are a member of the Kansas Episcopal Church Women.

We hope you will join us for this special day!

## Diocesan Convention Offers Opportunities for Youth and College Students

Attending Diocesan Convention is a great opportunity to see some of the inner workings of the Episcopal Church and meet other youth and adults from around the diocese.

**Delegates:** Four high school youth are elected at Camp to be full, voting delegates at Diocesan Convention. This is a great honor and privilege and a rarity in many diocese.

**Pages:** Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to be pages at Diocesan Convention in Topeka. Pages pass out and collect ballots during the business session of convention.

**Acolytes:** Youth are also needed to be acolytes at the convention opening Eucharist on Friday morning.

**Compline:** Youth and college students together offer a Compline service with Taize music on Friday night.

**When:** Friday, October 24, 9:15 am – Saturday, October 25, noon

**Where:** Upton Hall Conference Center, Grace Cathedral, and the Capital Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

**Who:** Youth currently in grades 8-12. **Fee:** There is no cost to attend. All meals are provided.

**Priority Deadline:** Monday, September 22. **Registration forms:** [Click Here](#)

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## A Letter of Thanks from Our Partner in Ministry

### Episcopal Social Services Venture House | Breakthrough Club

July 10, 2014

St. John's Episcopal Church  
402 N. Topeka St.  
Wichita, KS 67202

Dear St. John's Episcopal Church,

On behalf of our neighbors in need, thank you for supporting the work of Episcopal Social Services through your kind donation of \$3,000.00.

Through your contribution, you are sharing the hope, and tools, for transformational life changes with those suffering from crisis in their lives as well as those working through life with severe and persistent mental illness. You are helping young mothers in our community, like Cindy, work toward a more stable future for herself and her children.

Cindy was referred to our Employment program as a new resident in Wichita, in an unstable relationship, without friends, without money, without a job, car, and without a HS diploma or GED. After participating in our program, she landed a job but the hours did not work with the bus schedule and she could not miss work or be late for the first 90 days. We provided her with transportation until she was able to make a connection with a co-worker and neighbor. She was liked so much at work by her supervisor that she also assisted Cindy with transportation. She set goals for the year regarding employment, transportation and education. A couple of months ago, she came to visit us and told us that she completed driving lessons, bought a car, received a raise, has benefits at work, and is working with a program we recommended to receive her High School diploma.

We are a registered 501(c)3 organization; therefore, your donation is fully tax deductible. Please keep this letter for your tax records to claim your deduction. Again, thank you for your support in helping to move our community in positive directions.

Thank you,

*Barbara Andres*  
Barbara Andres, PhD, LMSW  
Executive Director

*Your parish is amazing  
and your gift helps  
so many people in need. I  
look forward to visiting soon.*



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### Generosity

3rd Sunday loose plate offerings and checks to Doorstep Ministry.

Free will offerings at parish breakfast with proceeds for ministry.

Regular UTO Blue Box deposits to nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God.

***"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:6-7***



## St. John's Episcopal Church

Come and Join Us.....

402 N. Topeka, Downtown Wichita

- Sundays:**           **8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist**  
                          9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
                          10:20 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
                          **10:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist with choir**  
                          (Nursery is open 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.)
- Wednesdays:** **11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
                          11:30 a.m. Lunchtime Bible Study  
                          **5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist OR Evening Prayer**  
                          6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study

**Mailing Address: 402 N. Topeka St., Wichita, KS 67202**

**Phone: (316) 262-0897**

**Website: [stjohnswichita.org](http://stjohnswichita.org)**

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appointment**

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The Rev. Barbara Gibson — Deacon  
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