



Take Note

- Advent begins Sunday, November 30th.
- Bishop Dean Wolfe visits St. John's on December 7th, 10:30 am service only.
- St. John's Choir presents Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 pm.
- National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service, Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 pm.
- Christmas Eve Family Eucharist 5:30 pm, Choral Concert 9:30 pm, Holy Eucharist 10:00 pm.
- Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10:00 am.

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The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe to Visit St. John's December 7th

Plan to join us for a Service of Confirmation on Sunday, December 7th, as our bishop, The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, visits St. John's. Also visiting will be the Venerable R. Charles Pearce, archdeacon. There will be only a 10:30 a.m. Rite II service on that date (no 8:00 a.m. service). An offering will be taken for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Bishop Wolfe will meet with those being confirmed before the service at 9:00 a.m. in the library. There are currently nine candidates who plan to be confirmed.

All are welcome and encouraged to stay after the service for a reception for Bishop Wolfe and the newly confirmed in the parlor, hosted by our Daughters of the King. At 1:00 p.m., the bishop will join our Vestry for lunch and discussion in the library.



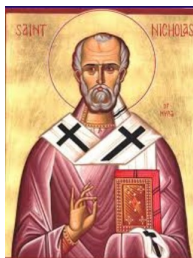
St. John's Advent and Christmas Services and Events

Nursery available for all services.



Sunday, November 30	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Advent I Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 7	10:30 a.m. only	Advent II Holy Eucharist
		<i>Service of Confirmation led by The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas. Reception following.</i>
Sunday, December 14	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Advent III Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Advent IV Holy Eucharist
		<i>Greening of the Church & Cookie Exchange following 10:30 a.m. service.</i>

Wednesday, December 24	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
	9:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Choral Concert
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Thursday, December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist



Quiet Day on the Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 am to Noon in the Library

Spend a few quiet hours in reflection and prayer in the midst of this busy time of the year. Stay for All-Church Clean-up Day and soup luncheon!



The Curate's Corner by The Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley

The Lectionary as a Resource for Communal Spiritual Formation

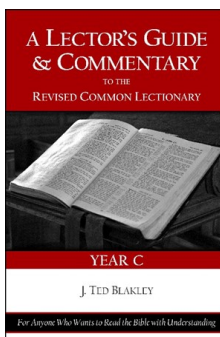
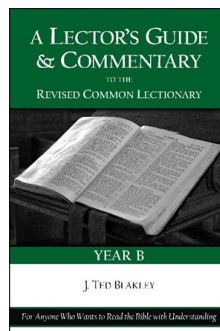
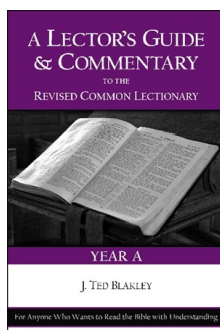
In 2010, I was invited to St. Paul's Cathedral, the Episcopal cathedral in Oklahoma City, to offer a daylong training for lectors. I talked about the vocation of a lector, what a lector is and does. I took them through an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, in order to provide a context for their reading of Scripture. And then we looked specifically at Hebrew poetry, and tips and suggestions for reading from the Old Testament prophets. That took place on Saturday, and about fifty to sixty people participated in the training.

Then on Sunday morning, I lead the Adult Forum at the cathedral, and the topic I chose was, "The Lectionary as a Resource for Communal Spiritual Formation." As you may or may not know, a lectionary is a list of readings to be used in worship. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three-year cycle of readings for Sundays. So, each week, the RCL provides four readings (or lections): an Old Testament reading, a psalm, a New Testament reading, and a gospel. One of the advantages of following a lectionary is that the scriptures are connected to the church year, and so they support our liturgical life. Another advantage is that the lectionary readings cover the majority of the Bible every three years, and so the people of God are confronted by texts that they may not normally encounter, especially if the choice of readings were simply left up to a few persons. And so, the lectionary helps support our spiritual formation, especially as a community.

That being said, it takes some work on our part to get the most out of the lectionary. Hearing the Scriptures being read once on Sunday morning really isn't sufficient. We need to spend more time with these Scriptures if they are to have their intended effect on our lives, if they are going to transform us and our faith. We need, in the words of Proper 28 (BCP 236), time to "hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them." One of the ways to do this is to attend the Adult Sunday School where we read, study, and discuss at the lectionary readings for the day. Another way is to spend some time with these readings during the week, reading them, thinking about them, praying about them. That way, when we come to Sunday morning, we have some familiarity with these texts, and we are in a better position to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church through Holy Scripture.

In order to support this ongoing, personal engagement with the lectionary readings, our Sunday bulletins list the next week's readings. In addition, we are making available some Lectionary Cards that will list all of the readings for the entire year. There are also some websites that not only provide a list of the readings, but they also provide the text of those readings as well.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the series of books that I published with St. Mark's Press. The books are entitled, A Lector's Guide and Commentary for the Revised Common Lectionary, but they are not just for lectors. They are for anybody who wants to understand the Sunday lectionary readings. For each reading (except for the psalm), I have written a brief commentary that situates the passage in its historical and biblical context, and then explains the reading itself. And so, this is just one resource that helps people engage and be engaged by Holy Scripture. We have a set of these commentaries in the church library for anyone to use. If, however, you would like your own copy, you may purchase them from me or from the church office. Each volume is \$25 individually, or you can purchase the entire three-year set for just \$60.





All-Church Clean-Up Day, Saturday, December 6th

Come lend a hand! We're meeting on Saturday, December 6th, at 12:30 p.m. to spend a few hours getting our lovely building and grounds ready for a busy Advent season and a visit from our bishop on December 7th. There will be projects for all levels of ability. We'll enjoy a hot soup lunch in the library before we begin.



145th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting & Luncheon

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 145th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting and Luncheon on **Sunday, January 25, 2014, after 10:30 am service.** St. John's will elect four Members to the Vestry with 3 year terms, one Member to the Vestry with a 1 year term, and will elect one Alternate Delegate with a 3 year term. The Annual Meeting will follow the 10:30 a.m. service in the undercroft after eating Lunch.

St. John's current members:

- ◆ Vestry Members: Tracy Anderson, Iola Crandall, Shari May, Racine Zackula, Pete McKernan, Mike Morrow, Scott Orr, Tish Seely, Bob Guenther, Mike McFerren, Mary Ohlemeier, Nicki Soice.
- ◆ Delegates: Beth Landrum, Sue O'Brien, Shari May
- ◆ Alternate Delegates: Sue O'Brien, Lura Unger, Paul Massaria



Deacon Barbara

On November 22, Saint Francis Community Services (SFCS) celebrated National Adoption Day with ceremonies at Exploration Place. Mayor Carl Brewer welcomed the families and friends, Saint Francis staff, judges, lawyers and clerks who came to celebrate adoptive families.

County Commissioner Karl Peterjohn, himself an adoptive parent, read the Proclamation proclaiming November National Adoption Month. The highlight of the event came when 56 children were joined with their 'forever families'. The adoptions in Kansas are well worth celebrating as part of a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 US children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. Kansas has over 7,000 children in state custody and 6,167 Kansas children are in foster families. Of those, 390 are in need of adoption.

There are many reasons a child may come into foster care, but it's mostly just good kids stuck in bad situations. When possible, SFCS professional teams work toward improving those situations and returning the children home to their families.

The St. John's Outreach Committee has established a \$800 goal to support the agency's Christmas For Kids project to see that children in foster care are receive presents on Christmas day. Christmas For Kids donations also provide resources for birthdays and school activities throughout the year.

We invite everyone to participate in this fund-raising drive at some level by taking an envelope home during the Sundays of Advent. If all envelopes are filled with at least the amount indicated on the outside, we will have \$800 quickly.

Make checks payable to St. John's; write "St. Francis" or "SFCS" in the memo. Saint Francis Community Services is faith-based, donor-supported child welfare provider with an Episcopal tradition. It has been a voice of hope for children and families since 1945.



Artwork by Children of SFCS

Presiding Bishop calls for prayer for Liberia, West Africa, on Advent II

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has urged Episcopalians to observe the Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, as a day of prayer for those in the Diocese of Liberia and the entire Anglican Church of the Province of West Africa, areas heavily affected by the current Ebola pandemic.

“The Diocese of Liberia was founded by Episcopalians in 1836, and was a diocese of The Episcopal Church until the early 1980s, when it joined the Province of West Africa,” noted Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori. “Today we continue in a covenant relationship of mutual support and fellowship.”

She continued, “Liberia is at the epicenter of the recent Ebola outbreak, and Episcopalians have turned Cuttington University (Suakoku) into a center for response in rural northern Liberia. The Anglican Province of West Africa includes all three nations (Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone) where the pandemic continues to develop. The suffering and death is enormous, the economy is devastated, schools are closed, yet the caring and compassionate response continues.”

The Presiding Bishop concluded, “I ask your prayers for the people of West Africa in the midst of this plague. Please include this in your intentions on the Second Sunday of Advent. With Isaiah, pray for comfort and strength for all God’s children; seek out the builder of straight roads and giver of healing balm for all on this difficult journey. Learn about this crisis, and instead of fear, let your hearts be moved to respond in generosity of spirit and of purse.”

Led by the Most Rev. Dr Daniel Sarfo, Archbishop and Primate, and the Most Rev. Jonathan Hart, Internal Archbishop, the Anglican Church in the Province of West Africa includes the dioceses of Accra (Ghana); Bo (Sierra Leone); Cameroon (Region Missionaire); Cape Coast (Ghana); Dunkwa-on-Offin (Ghana); Freetown (Sierra Leone); Gambia; Guinea; Ho (Ghana); Koforidua (Ghana); Kumasi (Ghana); Liberia; Sekondi (Ghana); Sunyani (Ghana); Tamale (Ghana); and Wiawso (Ghana). More info here.

Current efforts

Episcopal Church in Liberia and the Dioceses of Bo (Sierra Leone) and Guinea are participating in government-led task forces on all levels of government, and are coordinating activities, sharing information, and providing pastoral care.

Episcopal Migration Ministries is coordinating with its affiliates, the Department of State Bureau for Populations, Refugees and Migration (PRM), and the CDC in sharing information.

Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia and the Anglican Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone to offer care and support for communities affected by the Ebola outbreak. They are providing critical food, hygiene supplies and protective equipment as well as delivering key health messaging. For more information, visit here. Donate to Episcopal Relief & Development here.

The Liberian Episcopal Community In The United States (LECUSA) recently collected and shipped of container of food and medical items to Liberia, collected from Liberians living in the United States.

What churches are doing

Currently the Global Partnerships Office of the Episcopal Church is compiling a list of churches and congregations in which relief and fundraising work is underway for Liberia and West Africa. The Dioceses of Virginia and Northern California as well as churches in Washington, DC have shared their activities. To present your work, contact the Rev. Ranjit Mathews, Episcopal Church Network Officer for Mission Personnel and Africa, at rmathews@episcopalchurch.org.



“Expecting Jesus” Advent Bible Study Books Available

Focusing on the season of Advent through Epiphany, “Expecting Jesus,” by Danielle Tumminio will be available this month at the back table of the church, or contact the parish office at 262-0897. Each daily meditation includes scripture and questions to prompt personal reflection.

St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

October 2014

	Actual October 2014	Budget October 2014	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - Oct. 2014	Budget Jan. - Oct. 2014	Difference from Budget	2014 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	10,022.40	16,311.00	-6,288.60	113,272.09	132,486.00	-19,213.91	175,015.00
Contributions	1,823.21	4,563.00	-2,739.79	24,453.14	40,071.00	-15,617.86	55,970.00
Investments Interest & Dividend	8,597.25	8,889.00	-291.75	86,791.14	72,196.00	14,595.14	95,371.00
Additional Income	4,890.00	2,144.00	2,746.00	36,452.98	21,279.00	15,173.98	26,200.00
Total Income	25,332.86	31,907.00	-6,574.14	260,969.35	266,032.00	-5,062.65	352,556.00
Expense							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	319.19	325.00	-5.81	3,146.25	2,767.00	379.25	3,550.00
Outreach Ministry	6,064.51	5,943.34	121.17	66,723.80	65,063.34	1,660.46	81,886.00
Christian Formation Ministry	138.38	220.00	-81.62	3,916.26	2,815.00	1,101.26	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	453.54	1,290.00	-836.46	9,976.55	4,915.00	5,061.55	5,500.00
Building & Grounds	1,217.83	1,507.88	-290.05	26,492.20	24,316.12	2,176.08	29,318.00
Utilities	603.47	1,536.50	-933.03	19,939.78	19,796.50	143.28	23,600.00
Office	469.01	480.00	-10.99	5,651.82	3,535.00	2,116.82	4,100.00
Personnel	28,889.69	19,109.57	9,780.12	205,809.88	185,783.98	20,025.90	217,355.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,573.89	2,250.00	323.89	25,691.35	22,500.00	3,191.35	30,200.00
Total Expense	40,729.51	32,662.29	8,067.22	367,347.89	331,491.94	35,855.95	398,759.00
Net Ordinary Income	-15,396.65	-755.29	-14,641.36	-106,378.54	-65,459.94	-40,918.60	-46,203.00

Living Stones Update by Tom Pott

With the recent Thanksgiving season, each of us need to thank our fellow parishioners for contributing to the Living Stones Building Campaign.

- * The Education Building is sparkling with shiny new floors, fresh paint, new glass and additional lights in the hallways.
- * Behind the new red doors, we can enjoy quiet heating in the church.
- * You can't see it, but there is a new roof on the west crosswalk.
- * The protective glass for our stained glass is almost complete, the stonework is complete and much of the exterior painting is done—Now that's a lot to be thankful for!
- * In the very near future, work on the north entrance to the undercroft will begin, with a new roof, chair lift, drainage and more (there will be a real mess for awhile, so bear with us).

Please continue to pray for the additional funds required to totally complete the project. We have so much to be thankful for!

**Children's Sunday School Focuses on Advent in December**

The children will be studying Advent lessons this month, beginning with the birth of John the Baptist through Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Volunteers always needed; see the sign-up sheet in the west walkway.

Daughters of the King to Host Bishop's Reception, December 7th

DOK will not have a regular monthly meeting in December. Since we will be providing the reception for the Bishop on December 7th, we will also collect funds from our members to donate to the Outreach Committee's project "Christmas for Kids," providing gifts for the foster children in St. Francis Community Services. This will be our Christmas project for the year. Regular meetings resume in January.

**Circle of Care (COH) Meets for Christmas Luncheon, December 14th**

Members of Circle of Care (COH) will meet at Deacon Barbara Gibson's home in Newton on Sunday, December 14th, for lunch and time together following the 10:30 a.m. service. This replaces the previously scheduled meeting for December 20th.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| 02: Kody Stareck | 25: Jeff Orr | 17: Samantha McQuiston |
| 06: Connie Condray | 27: Marlene Franklin | 17: Zachary McQuiston |
| 07: Jessie Bitler | 29: Cad'n Downing | 17: Cheyenne McQuiston |
| 07: Larry Heeren | 30: Max Williams | 18: Deanna Waggaman |
| 08: Bob McQuiston | | 24: Jacob Marr |
| 11: Jim Wilson | Wedding Anniversary | 27: Marlene Franklin |
| 12: Edwin McCrillis | 28: Bob & Sue Guenther | 30: Ann Jenell Williams |
| 15: Ann Jenell Williams | | 30: Dylan Maccarone |
| 19: Bridgette Hille | Baptismal Anniversaries | |
| 19: Cheyenne McQuiston | 07: Shari May | |
| 19: Courtney Poynter | 17: Bob McQuiston | |
| 24: Max Johnston | | |



Altar Flower Dedications

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

12/07/2014 Second Sunday of Advent	Shari & Michael May	In loving memory of Clyde P. May, husband and father, and Dorothy Moody and Mari Sanders, Shari's mother and sister
12/14/2014 Third Sunday of Advent	Nancy & Phil Dietrich	In loving memory of Ada & Richard McFadden, mother and father of Nancy
12/21/2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Shari May	In loving memory of Dorothy Moody and Mari Sanders, mother and sister
12/28/2014 First Sunday after Christmas	Vern & Darlene Herrman	Thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Stephanie Ward, on December 29th



Calling All 2015 Commitment Cards!

The Finance Committee and Vestry are working on the 2015 Operating Budget. It is essential to gather as much information as possible about our income and expenses for the upcoming year. Please return your 2015 Annual Stewardship Commitment Card; this is an estimate of your 2015 gifts to the church. Cards are available at the back of the church and in the parish office. Or you may contact Cathy Harris, Parish Administrator, at 262-0897 or email cathyharris@stjohnswichita.org. The Vestry is thankful for all who have turned in or will be turning in their Commitment Card.



LIVING STONES GROW
St. John's Episcopal Church
2015 Stewardship Commitment

St. John's Choir Presents Lessons & Carols, December 14th

Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m., will feature not only our St. John's choir, but singers from throughout the Southwest Convocation, directed by Ken Breeden. Organist will be Dr. David Childs. Don't miss this beautiful holiday event! A wine & cheese reception will follow in the parlor; all are welcome!



LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Advent I 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Parish Breakfast 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist	1	2 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	3 11:45 AM Noonday Prayer Service 12:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	4	5	6 9:00 AM Quiet Day 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Menonite Church 12:30 PM All-Church Clean-up Day in the library
7 <u>Advent II and Visitation of The Bishop</u> (no 8:00 AM service) 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Bishop meets with Confirmation Candidates in the library 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist and Service of Confirmation 11:45 AM Bishop's Reception in the Parlor 1:00 PM Vestry Lunch Meeting with the Bishop in the Library	8	9 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	10 11:45 AM Noonday Prayer Service 12:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	11 5:30 PM Finance Meeting in library	12	13 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church
14 <u>Advent III and 3rd Sunday for Doorstep</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch 11:45 AM Circle of Care (COH) at Deacon Barbara's home 4:00 AM Service of Lessons & Carols	15	16 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	17 11:45 AM Noonday Prayer Service 12:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	18 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in library	19	20 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
21 <u>Advent IV</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Greening of the Church 3:30 PM Georgetown Worship Service 7:00 PM Memorial Service for the Homeless	22	23 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	24 Christmas Eve 5:30 PM Family Eucharist 9:30 PM Choral Concert 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Rite II Holy Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the Nativity of Our Lord Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
28 <u>The Holy Innocents—Christmas I</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Breakfast 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 9:45 AM Acolyte & Server training 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 5:30 PM Evening Prayer			

Serving the Lord

Celebrant	Bishop Wolfe	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley
Preacher		Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan			Fr. Earl Mahan
8:00 a.m. Service	December 07 Sunday Advent II	December 14 Sunday Advent III RITE I	December 21 Sunday Advent IV Greening of Church RITE I	December 24 Wednesday Christmas Eve Family Eucharist 5:30 p.m. RITE II	December 25 Thursday Christmas Day! 10:00 a.m. RITE I	December 28 Sunday St. John Apostle & Evangelist RITE I
Altar Guild	Bishop Visitation One service today at 10:30 a.m.	~~~~~	~~~~~	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	~~~~~
Acolyte		P. Karr	A. Wallace	t.b.a.	T. Breeden- Chalice	M. Morrow
Lector		C. Lloyd	C. Olson		T. Breeden	M. Morrow
Childcare Nursery		~~~~~	~~~~~	Jazmin Montes	~~~~~	~~~~~
				Choral Concert 9:30 p.m.		
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. RITE II		RITE II
Altar Guild	P. Karr	L. Dunlap	M. Morrow	t.b.a.		L. McKernan
	M. Franklin	R. Zakula	B. Kittrell	t.b.a.		K. Davidson
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<b>Acolytes</b>						
<b>Server</b>	M. Morrow	B. Kittrell	J. Burkholder	A. Wallace		J. Burkholder
<b>Crucifer</b>	P. Steele	J. Burkholder	Caleb Oswell	M. Mahan		M. Carvalho
<b>Torch</b>	E. Blakley	Caitlan Oswell	Caitlan Oswell	E. Blakley		M. Mahan
<b>Torch</b>	T. Blakley	Caleb Oswell	M. Mahan	T. Blakley		T. Blakley
<b>Lectors</b>						
<b>Old and New Testaments</b>	T. Mahan	T. Breeden	K. Pott	M. Morrow		R. Carvalho
<b>LEM's</b>	T. Breeden		B. Kittrell	K. Pott		A. Wallace
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	T. Pott		Deacon
<b>Childcare Nursery</b>	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes		J. Montes
	P. McCabe	S. May	B. Dozal	t.b.a.		K. Davidson
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	T. Seely	S. Mahan	T. Seely	~~~~~		R. Zackula
		T. Anderson				N. Dietrich
<b>Teen Ministry</b>	~~~~~	R. Zackula	~~~~~	~~~~~		~~~~~
<b>Daughters of the King</b>	L. Unger	S. Mahan	N. Dietrich	~~~~~		~~~~~
<b>Refreshments</b>	Daughters of the King	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	~~~~~		Parish Breakfast
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	~~~~~	P. Massaria	A. Wallace	~~~~~		~~~~~



## A Look Back at St. John's History

By Katie Pott, Parish Historian

### 120 years ago

Wichita Eagle, December 25, 1894: The Christmas exercises of St. John's Sunday school will be held in the basement of the Episcopal church on Christmas evening at 7 o'clock sharp. There will be a musical program and a Christmas tree with remembrances for all little ones. All members and friends of the Sunday school are cordially invited to be present.

### 115 years ago

Wichita Beacon, December 30, 1899: A beautiful church wedding was that which united for life Miss Georgia Parr, the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Parr of this city, and Mr. Dante Babbitt of Hutchinson last Wednesday morning. St. John's Episcopal church had been most beautifully decorated by Mr. Culp as his gift to the bride and was filled with the friends of the contracting parties. Palms, smilax, holly and other Christmas greens were used with splendid effect about the altar and made a pleasing background for the wedding party. A few white and red roses were used to add to the effect of the decorations. Above the altar ropes of evergreen were hung centering above the wedding party and tied with a true lovers knot of pure white roses. ~ Archdeacon Watkins of Ellsworth performed the beautiful Episcopal ring ceremony which made one these popular young people. Mrs. Fred Hellar presided at the organ and Miss Edna Stillwell with her violin played the ever beautiful Mendelssohn wedding march. ~ In winning Miss Parr, Mr. Babbitt secures one of Wichita's brightest and most talented girls. Ms. Babbitt is especially talented as an artist and her paintings on china and in water colors and in oils, have long been known and admired not only at home but in other cities as well. . .



### 105 years ago

The Kansas Churchman, December 1909: In acquiring a larger membership considerable was accomplished at the Church Club of Wichita banquet given in the parlors of the St. John's Episcopal church last night. ~ The club was organized early last fall. Among its meritorious purposes is the promoting of the social life of the church member's life. Four or five banquets such as that of last night will be given every year, at which speakers of local note and occasionally speakers of foreign prominence, will address the club on important topics of the day. ~ The club affords to its members the opportunity of becoming more intimately acquainted with their fellow parishioners. Those becoming members at the first meeting and those taking advantage of the opportunity last night are the charter members. Every one joining in the future will be elected. ~ Following the dinner Clifford Hunt entertained with a song and an encore which was appreciated by everyone. Dr. Percy Fenn then introduced with a tinge of humor peculiar to himself the speaker of the evening, Congressman Victor Murdock. ~ His was a heart-to-heart talk with his listeners. He gave them a comprehensive description of the house of representatives, its appearance to the spectator in the gallery, as it appealed to one of its members and dwelt extensively upon the intricate procedures of the committees and the mechanical workings of the house as a whole. In a few words he outlined the changes in the house rules, which he considered inevitable. ~ Casper Hains rendered an enjoyable vocal selection. President McCausland gave a short talk on the purpose of the organization and extended the invitation to the new members. With another vocal selection by Clifford Hunt the evening's entertainment ended. Wichita Eagle

### 95 years ago

The Rev. Percy T. Fenn's Handbook of St. John's Parish, 1919: Our Choir We are justly proud of our present choir. We thought at one time that we could never be induced to give up our male vested choir. But the difficulties of maintaining such a choir were many, and the expense too heavy for a parish of this size. So we have given it up altogether. ~ We hope to keep as many boys as possible in the choir, and we want our choirmaster to do his utmost to attract them, and to hold them; but we are going to fill up with women and girls. ~ And what a devoted set of women and girls are now in the choir! They have splendid voices, sweet dispositions, and they are always in their places. And our men are some of the best alive, and absolutely dependable. Your rector loves his choir, and he considers himself fortunate in having such a bunch of men, women and boys to assist him in the services.

## Volunteers needed for Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

St. John's will host the **Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Service on Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Several volunteers will be needed to direct visitors to the service and to the reception following. We would like to station greeters in the atrium, and in the upper level of the Education Building near the East and West walkways. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Ohlemeier at 267-1362.

## St. John's to provide hot meals for Overflow Shelter

St. John's will be providing suppers for the Warming Meals Overflow Shelter the first week of March. Vestry has agreed to prepare a meal on Monday, March 2nd. If you have a group that would like to take on another of the evening meals for that week, please contact Mary Ohlemeier at 267-1362.

## Gift Envelopes Available for SFCS "Christmas for Kids"



Help the Outreach Committee as they participate again this year in Christmas for Kids with Saint Francis Community Services. Pick up your gift envelope at the back of the church to help provide presents on Christmas day and resources for birthdays, school activities, and special needs to foster children throughout the year.

SFCS serves children and families through family preservation, foster care, reintegration, adoption, a psychiatric residential treatment center facility for children ages six to eighteen, emergency intervention in situations involving human trafficking, and a host of counseling and other services aimed at improving the lives of children and families in Kansas,

## Parish contributes over \$200 to United Thank Offering

St. John's parish contributed more than \$200 in gifts of thanksgiving during the Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) on November 2 and successive weeks. The UTO provides grants to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

## A Note of Thanks from Kansas to Kenya

Kansas to Kenya thanks you for your contributions in support of Agatha Amani House and the Five Talents program. A dairy cow was purchased for the women's safe house. More than 900 individuals have joined as members of the Nakuru Community Development Trust. Through your generosity, you have had a hand in transforming communities, in transforming lives. Thank you.

- N. Kelley, K2K Assistant



## Episcopal Relief & Development Gifts for Life

Episcopal Relief and Development offers their [Gifts for Life catalog](#) online, providing a way for you to give meaningful gifts for families and communities around the globe. Donations to the 75th Anniversary Fund between October 30 and December 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar as part of the 2014 Matching Gift Challenge! This year's \$750,000 match is the largest ever, meaning an even bigger impact as ERD strives to tackle poverty, hunger and disease with local partners in nearly 40 countries. Donate today and send your help where it is most needed.

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**We welcome you!**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist</b>
	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>10:20 am</b>	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist</b>
(Nursery available from 9:15—11:45 am)		
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Midday Prayer Service</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer Service</b>
	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>Centering Prayer</b>

**Staff and Vestry**

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