



# ST. JOHN'S PARISH VISITOR

## July 2014 Newsletter

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



### Senior Warden's Corner

By Mike Morrow

Right now our rector, Father Earl is finishing up a well-deserved vacation in Texas. (I told him it was OK for him to go back to his home state so long as he promised to return. :) Therefore, I wanted to update the parish on a couple of matters.

First, we had our **Commitment Sunday for the Living Stones Campaign** on June 22. I want to thank the many parishioners who turned in pledge cards on that day, or who have subsequently turned in pledge cards and/or checks. We look forward to receiving pledges from those parishioners who have not yet turned in a pledge. Pledge cards are available in the back of the church or can be obtained from the church office. If you want one mailed to you, please call Cathy Harris at the church office. We have already started work on many of the exterior repairs, and will be providing updates as those projects are finished.



**Restore • Renew • Rebuild**



Second, I am pleased to report that the **vestry unanimously voted in June to offer a position to Father Ted Blakley to be our full-time curate from August 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.** Father Ted was ordained a priest on June 7, 2014 at Grace Cathedral, and his work with us on a full-time basis will provide us with a valuable resource and an opportunity to expand our ministries. This will also provide Father Ted with an opportunity to be exposed to the many aspects of parish ministry. Father Ted's academic background has been and will continue to be a helpful asset as we plan educational programs for the next year. Be sure to congratulate Father Ted as he begins his full-time work at St. John's.

## The Ordination of the Reverend Dr. J. Ted Blakley June 7, 2014 at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas



The new priest is ordained by the bishop at the laying on of hands.



Above, the lovely interior of Grace Cathedral. Three deacons were also ordained on June 7.

At right, Fr. Ted celebrates Holy Eucharist.



One of the torch bearers was Fr. Ted's daughter Emma Blakley, below.



(L. to R.) The Rev. Vernon Jones, who baptized Ted as a child, the Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of the Kansas diocese, and the newly-ordained Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley.





Lining up for lunch at the library after worship

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. The brothers continue to provide by email a “word” each day in seven languages. Last Sunday’s word was the following:

*“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. It is those needs that drive the decisions Kansas to Kenya makes when planning projects and programs for implementation in Kenya. We all need safe water, clean air, food, shelter, clothing, and security from violence, access to education, health care and treatment when ill or injured.

What is not so easily recognized is that 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.

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 stories and information 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.



One of two family homes being constructed in 2014.



**St. John's Parish Office will be closed  
in observance of Independence Day on Friday, July 4th.  
Have a safe and happy holiday!**

### **Rev. Earl Mahan Interview to be Broadcast on Web Radio Series**

A four-week web radio series featuring interviews with priests from St. James', St. Stephen's, Good Shepherd and St. John's Episcopal churches begins airing on the Church Broadcast Entity (CBE) beginning Monday, June 23 at 10 a.m. as part of the CBE's "First Word" series. St. James' member Chris Robrahn will conduct the interviews; the series will be introduced by Dn. Peg Flynn of St. James'. Discussion will focus on the life and history of each parish, how each priest came to their parish, and their views on women in the church, gay "blessings" and marriage, decline in church attendance and what makes a parish "successful." Shows premiere on Monday, and will repeat at 10 a.m. each day the rest of the week. To listen, go to [www.the-cbe.org](http://www.the-cbe.org) and click the button on the right side of the screen.

**June 23:** The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt and The Rev. David Lynch, St. James'

**June 30:** The Rev. Mary Korte, St. Stephen's

**July 7:** The Rev. Andrew O'Connor, Good Shepherd

**July 14:** The Rev. Earl Mahan, St. John's



The Rev. Earl Mahan



### **OUR KIDS NEED YOU—To Help with Summer Sundays!**

Volunteers keep our Summer Sundays humming! The children's summer program continues with short films of New Testament stories. The art station is available as well, for children to use before and after the films are shown. Thanks to all who have volunteered to keep our summer program going, and to all who will volunteer!

In July, we begin planning for regular formation classes for our K-6th graders to begin in September. Once again we will be using the "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum. Anyone interested in helping choose lessons, or becoming a teacher or helper, please let Tish Seely (267-1483 or [dseely5@cox.net](mailto:dseely5@cox.net)) or the office know.



### **Meet St. John's New Music Staff**

**Ken Breeden**, choir director, grew up near Great Bend, KS. He attended Wichita State on a music scholarship, receiving a BME in 1971. Ken taught for 5 years at Bishop Carroll, and at Clearwater for a year before finishing his MME in 1977. He spent the rest of his professional career teaching middle and high school vocal music at Bluestem High School in Leon, KS, where he was named Teacher of the Year for USD 205 in 2002. He has served as choir director &/or organist for several area churches, including St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Ken and his wife Tammy have been married for 43 years. Their son Josh, his wife Monica and their children, Rhys and Kai, live in California.

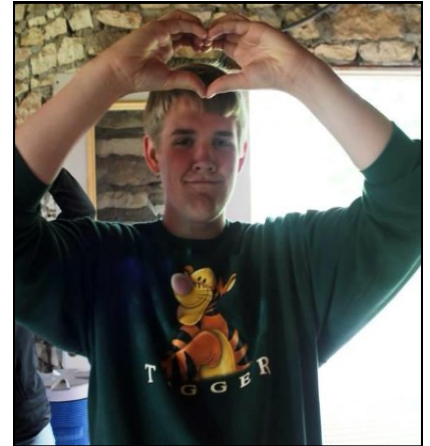
**Dr. David Childs**, organist, grew up in Baptist parsonages in upstate New York, enjoying hymns and gospel music. He studied piano as a boy, sang solos, and enjoyed playing his own compositions. At Houghton College, David studied church music where his organ teacher, Dr. Finney, related his experiences as organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wichita, KS. David received MA and PhD degrees in music and a degree in divinity at Peabody College (part of Vanderbilt) in Nashville, TN. He moved to Wichita to teach at WSU, also preaching in Presbyterian churches for a time until 1967, when he came to St. John's as organist and choir director. Fifteen years later he was confirmed in the Episcopal church. In 1988, he left WSU to chair the music department at Concordia in Moorhead, MN. Upon retirement, David and his wife Jeanette returned to Wichita, where he has continued to play.





## Scenes from Mega Camp 2014

Seven youth from St. John's attended Mega Camp at Camp Wood YMCA, June 1-7: Jaaron Alfred, Mikayla Mahan, Trevor Mahan, Caitlan Oswell, Caleb Oswell, Gracyn Ross and Max Williams.



### Priority Registration Deadline for MissionPalooza is July 7!

Register now for MissionPalooza, an urban mission trip close to home. It trains teens to put their faith into action. For five days youth come together with youth from the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri in community, mission, fellowship, and worship. Students spend four days in the urban mission field heeding Christ's call to feed the hungry, visit the sick, and comfort those in need. Youth get to select where they would like to serve from a list of options like Habitat for Humanity, Wayside Waifs, Operation Breakthrough, Kansas City Community Kitchen, and Bishop Spencer Place (which can all be used for required school volunteer hours!). See the complete list of worksite descriptions.

In the evenings we gather for a yummy dinner, prepared by volunteer churches in the Kansas City area, then fun activities like arts & crafts, games, movie night, a trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, a cook-out and swimming night and worship. On Saturday, youth can select between going to see a new movie in the theater or a day at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun.

**When:** Monday, July 21, 6 pm, to Sunday, July 27, 11:30 am, 2014

**Where:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Day School, 11 E. 40th St., Kansas City, Missouri

**Who:** Students finishing grades 8-12 of the school year prior to the event (and their friends!).

**Fee:** \$160. Go to <http://edokoyouth.wordpress.com/missionpalooza/> for forms or to register on line.

**Priority Deadline: Monday, July 7, 2014** (price increases by \$15 after this date).





## Parish Dates & More

### July Birthdays

- 9th Ben Kittrell
- 11th Larry Soice
- 14th Peggy Karr
- 17th Candy Robbins
- 19th Barbara Thompson
- 23rd Dylan Maccarone
- 31st Morgan McFerren

### July Wedding Anniversaries

- 2nd Arturo & Bridgette Dozal
- 7th Jack & Kelly Burkholder
- 9th Kent & Marilyn Kindsvatter
- 11th Duane & Jill Poynter

### July Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11th Darlene Herrman
- 18th Peggy Karr
- 22nd Ted Kindsvatter
- 28th Kevin Morris
- 29th Tammy Breeden

In memory of  
**Margaret Moss**



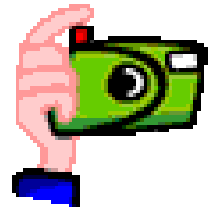
September 14, 1930—June 8, 2014

# EPISCOPAL YOUTH COOKOUT AND PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, August 3rd, 5:00 to 7:30 pm

Riverside Park

Bring your camera and a friend!

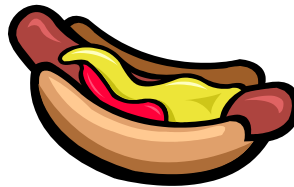


Calling all Episcopal Youth (entering 6th grade through high school seniors)! Come hang out with other Wichita Episco-Youth!

We will have a scavenger hunt and other games. Hot dogs and condiments will be provided; just bring a side and drinks.

Please RSVP with Cathy or Connie at St. John's (phone: 262-

0897) so we will know how many are attending. If you are an adult who can attend this event, call or text Racine Zackula (Teen Minister at St. John's) at 943-3423.



### **CAMPUS INTERNSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE AUGUST 1, 2014**

Do you know a graduating college student passionate about their life of faith and looking to engage in a year of service offering ministry to others and gaining leadership skills before embarking on the next chapter of life? If so, consider encouraging them to apply to become a Campus Intern and staff member of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. Beyond the ministry opportunity to deepen one's own faith and share their formation, leadership, and pastoral skills at one of our two Canterbury Houses in the diocese as the intern working with local Peer Ministers, this internship also offers the participant the space to explore more deeply their own vocational discernment. This service year begins August 1, 2014 and has the potential to be a two-year internship. Compensation includes a monthly stipend and lodging. For more information regarding this opportunity please visit our website, [www.edokcampusministry.wordpress.com/campus-intern-application/](http://www.edokcampusministry.wordpress.com/campus-intern-application/), or contact the Rev. Stephanie Jenkins, Campus Missioner, at 785-766-7435 or [sjenkins@episcopal-ks.org](mailto:sjenkins@episcopal-ks.org).

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

May 2014

	Actual May 2014	Budget May 2014	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - May 2014	Budget Jan. - May 2014	Difference from Budget	2014 Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Pledges	10,807.40	10,116.00	691.40	58,944.07	65,701.00	-6,756.93	175,015.00
Contributions	1,483.13	2,831.00	-1,347.87	14,240.79	21,383.00	-7,142.21	55,970.00
Investments Interest & Dividend	7,396.88	5,512.00	1,884.88	47,412.79	35,802.00	11,610.79	95,371.00
Additional Income	1,440.00	2,048.00	-608.00	14,290.10	11,206.00	3,084.10	26,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,127.41</b>	<b>20,507.00</b>	<b>620.41</b>	<b>134,887.75</b>	<b>134,092.00</b>	<b>795.75</b>	<b>352,556.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	608.16	243.00	365.16	3,081.34	1,420.00	1,661.34	3,550.00
Outreach Ministry	5,899.26	5,948.33	-49.07	29,880.57	30,531.67	-651.10	81,886.00
Christian Formation Ministry	1,653.95	220.00	1,433.95	3,588.75	1,635.00	1,953.75	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	2,406.05	295.00	2,111.05	7,368.58	1,460.00	5,908.58	5,500.00
Building & Grounds	4,252.52	957.88	3,294.64	16,581.44	13,273.62	3,307.82	29,318.00
Utilities	1,350.88	1,511.75	-160.87	10,823.51	10,493.50	330.01	23,600.00
Office	940.51	380.00	560.51	3,480.77	1,945.00	1,535.77	4,100.00
Personnel	22,346.72	17,434.09	4,912.63	96,411.78	94,884.82	1,526.96	217,354.97
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,554.79	2,250.00	304.79	12,773.19	11,250.00	1,523.19	30,200.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>42,012.84</b>	<b>29,240.05</b>	<b>12,772.79</b>	<b>183,989.93</b>	<b>166,893.61</b>	<b>17,096.32</b>	<b>398,758.97</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-20,885.43</b>	<b>-8,733.05</b>	<b>-12,152.38</b>	<b>-49,102.18</b>	<b>-32,801.61</b>	<b>-16,300.57</b>	<b>-46,202.97</b>

### Scholarship Recipients to be Announced July 20th

On Sunday, July 20th, the names of St. John's scholarship recipients for the 2014/15 school year will be announced in church, and will be printed in the August Parish Visitor. Any member of St. John's planning to attend college or other institute of higher learning was eligible to apply. The deadline for 2014/15 applications was Tuesday, July 1st.



### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

*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>7/6/2014</b> The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:	Vern and Darlene Herrman	In thanksgiving for the birthdays of grandson David Michael Ward, July 10, and son Christopher Ernest Ward, July 11
<b>7/13/2014</b> The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:	St John's Parish Family	In honor of Father Earl Mahan's Anniversary at St. John's
<b>7/20/2014</b> The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:	Memorial Fund	In loving memory of Maude Davis
<b>7/27/2014</b> The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:	Gabriel Christopher McFerren	Thanksgiving for the birthday of his sister, Morgan Elizabeth McFerren



## St. John's History ... by Parish Historian, Katie Pott



### 115 years ago

Wichita Daily Beacon, July 1, 1899: St. John's Episcopal church is undergoing great improvements. An elegant new carpet of a rich, ruby red and black color covers the entire floor and chancel. The church walls have been elegantly frescoed. The costly and beautifully carved pews are now being placed in the auditorium of the building. The church will be entirely finished by Thursday of next week.

Wichita Daily Eagle, July 20, 1899: At the meeting of the vestry last night, held to investigate charges preferred against Rev. J. F. von Herrlich, of the Episcopal church by Mrs. S.N. Fuller, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That we the vestry of St. John's church, have carefully

investigated the charges made by Mrs. S.N. Fuller against the Rev. J.F. von Herrlich, and we find them entirely unfounded, and we exonerate him therefrom." July 23, 1899: CHURCHES St. John's — Morning subject: "Made Perfect Through Suffering."

The Kansas Churchman, July-August, 1899: The fortieth annual Convention of the diocese of Kansas will be held in St. John's Church, Wichita, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 27th and 28th of September, 1899. [ . . . ] The opening services of the Convention will be held on Tuesday evening, the 26th, when will occur the consecration to Almighty God of St. John's Church, Wichita, by the Bishop of the diocese. All the clergy are expected to be in the chancel at this service.

### 65 years ago

Vestry Minutes, July 5, 1949: The first matter of business was the matter of purchasing the organ pipes offered by the First Methodist Church for \$350. The rector explained why they were suitable for the organ we plan to build. [ . . . ] After much discussion the vote was cast and the motion carried unanimously.

### 60 years ago

Vestry Minutes, July 7, 1954, 12:15 p.m., Lassen Hotel: The matter of the Sunday service had on July 4, 1954, was brought up by the Rector [The Rev. R. L. Whitehouse] and by the Vestry for discussion. Messrs. [ . . . ] all stated that they had received numerous complaints by telephone and otherwise from members of the parish concerning the services of Sunday, July 4, 1954, all protesting the type of service had; many stating that they would not support an Anglo-Catholic type of service and if that was to be the practice in the future they would withdraw from St. John's. Messrs. [ . . . ] spoke in favor of the type of service rendered. [One] stated that he had received several telephone calls protesting the service, while [one] stated that he had received only one. ~ The Treasurer further stated that he had received communications from 25 different persons, all contributors to St. John's, who were either cancelling or reducing their pledges, which reduced our potential income for the remainder of the year in the approximate sum of \$2000. ~ The majority of the Vestry stated that for the sake of the church, they preferred not to have any further Anglo-Catholic type of services and asked the Rector what his intentions were in this regard. ~ The Rector in reply, frankly stated that he would continue the use of Sanctus bells and all other practices available to the church — this contrary to the wishes of a majority of the Vestry. The Rector further stated that during the penitential season the services would be low church.

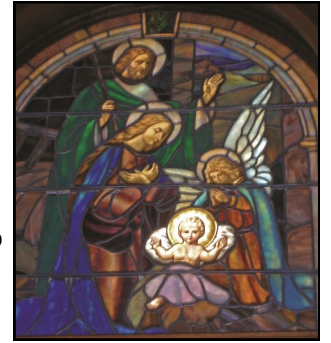
### 55 years ago

The Rev. Frederic J. Raasch's Parish Visitor, July 15, 1959: How much do you appreciate the three art glass or stained windows above the Altar in St. John's Church? This past week a representative from a large church window firm called on us. As we slowly walked through our church to examine each window, the representative paused a long time to



## (St. John's History ... cont'd)

behold the beauty of the three stained glass windows. So we casually asked him how much it would cost to replace one of the windows in case of damage. His considered judgment was that it would cost no less than \$3,000 per window. While your Rector has no opportunity to gaze upon these beautiful windows while conducting the services in the church, he often enters the church during the week for meditation and inspiration. He finds that everything in St. John's Church testifies to the fact that this is verily a beautiful House of Worship. Small wonder that so many people are willing to drive so many miles in order to offer their worship to God in beautiful and churchly St. John's! After all, in these days of modern transportation distance is measured more in terms of minutes than in miles.



### 50 years ago

Parish Visitor, July 8, 1964: Chapel Veils Especially during the summer the women and girls may leave their homes and go to church without their hats and bonnets. Then, when they arrive at church they remember that they forgot. But don't let this excite you, ladies, because we have a supply of chapel veils for just such instances. These neat, lacy veils were made by the girls of the Sixth Grade in our Church School. Just ask the ushers for a veil. You may even have a choice of colors!



## Thank You to Our Recent Sandwich Saturday Volunteers!

St. John's parish hosted Sandwich Saturday on June 28, providing a nourishing lunch for our neighbors. This caring ministry takes place every Saturday under the portico on the east side of St. John's, and is hosted on a rotating basis by a partnership of local churches. On Friday evening, volunteers gathered in the undercroft to slice meats, prepare sandwiches and pack paper sacks with chips, bananas and cookies, along with bottled water. Saturday morning, several were on hand to greet folks and distribute the meals. **THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers - the work that you do, the time that you give, and the love that you demonstrate MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

## Children and Youth in the Wichita Area Look Forward to "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids"

Many children are at risk of hunger during summer vacation - especially after the summer meals program ends and before school begins. **All of us together make a difference. Will you take part?** Congregations, groups, business places, and caring individuals can reach out to the hungry children in our midst, for health meals on weekdays July 28 - August 8. Vacation Bible Schools and youth groups may collect "noisy offerings" of coins as a project, or collect healthy snack foods to supplement the lunches.



### How to help now:

\* **Donate funds** to Partners for Wichita (925 N. Waco, Wichita KS 67203) or to Kansas Food Bank (1919 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67211) designated for "Filling the Gap Lunches." Each meal costs \$2.50. We hope to serve 700 a day!

\* **Donate healthy snack items** to supplement the free meals - like individual beef sticks, crackers, snack bars, fruit cups and fresh fruit. Last year some groups donated over 500 items to meet the need (one package of 6 = 6 items). That's a challenge! Bring your snack donations on Monday, July 14th from 12:00 - 4:00 at First Presbyterian Church located at 525 N. Broadway. Funds for snacks are especially welcome, so we can purchase the healthiest snacks at the best prices.

\* **Volunteer** with "Filling the Gap." We are accepting and scheduling volunteers now.

Coming together we can meet important hunger and health needs in our community - and serve together with others who care. **For information and volunteer scheduling**, please contact Danielle Ramirez ([danielle@partnersforwichita.org](mailto:danielle@partnersforwichita.org) or [316-263-1389](tel:316-263-1389)). Thank you!



## 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

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

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

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The Rev. C. Earl Mahan — Rector  
The Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley—Curate  
The Rev. Barbara Gibson — Deacon  
Cathy Harris — Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper  
Connie Shawver—Parish Communication Coordinator  
Dr. Dean Roush — Director of Music  
Mike Morrow — Adult Christian Education  
James Adams — Sexton / Security  
Jazmin Montes—Nursery Coordinator

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Mike Morrow — Sr. Warden  
Mike McFerren — Jr. Warden  
Tracy Anderson — Treasurer  
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