



Take Note

- Quiet Day on All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1st, 9am—noon.
- All Saints' Sunday, November 2.
- Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2nd (set clocks back 1 hour).
- UTO Ingathering, Sunday, November 2nd in both services.
- 2015 Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 16th.

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Commitment Sunday November 16th for St. John's 2015 Stewardship Campaign

Living Stones Grow is the theme for the 2015 Annual Stewardship Campaign for St. John's Episcopal Church.

Packets were mailed at the end of October to St. John's members and frequent visitors, stressing the importance of continuing regular proportional giving in support of the daily work of our parish, even as we have undertaken the additional financial goals of the Living Stones Building Campaign.

Also important is taking the time to communicate an **estimate** of your 2015 financial gifts to your parish leaders. This is an essential component for our finance committee and vestry members as they prepare budgets and make mission plans for the coming year.

Be sure to read Fr. Earl's letter, look through the information and calculating tools in your packet, and especially spend time in prayer as you consider your estimate of giving to St. John's for next year.

Commitment Sunday is November 16th in both services, when, as a parish family, we will ingather our commitment cards and offer our individual gifts of time, talent and treasure, and our ministry and mission as a church, to the glory of God.



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



The Curate's Corner

by The Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley

THEY'RE ALMOST HERE Jesus, Mark, and B

I am getting excited; I really am. The last Sunday of November is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a brand new Christian year. For those who are keeping track at home, we are currently in Year A of our three-year liturgical cycle. That means that Year B is just around the corner, and B is my favorite liturgical year for at least two reasons.

First, I did my Ph.D. research on the Gospel of Mark, which is featured in the gospel readings during Year B (Year A focuses on Matthew, Year C on Luke, and John is sprinkled throughout all three years). So I am very much looking forward to hearing, reading, and studying a gospel that I have spent so much time with. Second, Year B was the last book I wrote in my three-volume set, *A Lector's Guide and Commentary to the RCL*. And it was during that final year of writing when I discerned God telling me that it was time to engage my childhood calling to the priesthood. Finally, and most importantly, the advent of Year B means that we will once again celebrate the mystery of Christ's Coming, his second coming and his first coming... in that order.

Excerpt from Year B of *A Lector's Guide and Commentary to the RCL*

Jesus Is Adventing

The first season of the Christian year is the season of Advent, which is a season of eager anticipation and expectant waiting. The word advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means coming. Thus, during the four Sundays of Advent, we—both individually and as the worshipping Christian community—are preparing ourselves for the coming of God in Jesus, the Christ (that is, the Messiah). While we might associate Advent primarily with Christ's first coming as God incarnate, the readings for Advent I concern Christ's second coming at the end of history when he will complete God's work of redemption begun during his earthly life, nothing less than the restoration of all of creation. Therefore, today's readings prepare us to remember and

celebrate Christ's birth even, as they help us reorient our lives in the light of Christ's return.

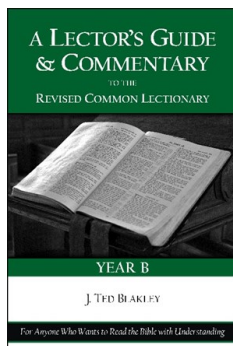
Mark 13:24–37

Today's reading is set in Jerusalem near the end of the last week of Jesus' life. At the beginning of this week, Jesus performed two symbolic actions. On Palm Sunday, he rode into Jerusalem as Israel's king (11:1–11). Afterward, he entered the temple and disrupted commercial activities (11:15–19). Citing the prophets, Jesus argued that the temple, which God had intended to be "a house of prayer for all the nations" (Isa 56:7), had been turned into "a den of robbers" (Jer 7:11). By temporarily disrupting such activities in the temple, Jesus was dramatizing the fact that temple operations would one day cease altogether.

The next day, Jesus returned to the temple where he was questioned about his authority to engage in these prophetic actions (11:27–12:44). As Jesus leaves the temple for the last time, his disciples express amazement about the grandeur of the temple complex with its massive stones and buildings. Jesus is not impressed. Since the temple is not fulfilling its God-ordained purpose, it will be destroyed. Its destruction will be thorough for "not one stone will be left hereupon another, all will be thrown down" (13:2). Within a generation, his predictions come true. In a.d. 70, the armies of Rome raze the temple as punishment for the First Jewish Revolt in a.d. 66.

When questioned by his disciples about the coming destruction, Jesus begins a lengthy discourse of which today's reading is a part. He talks about wars, rumors of wars, and the upheavals of creation (13:5–8); he talks about his followers being persecuted (13:9–13); and he talks about false messiahs and false prophets coming in his name (13:14–23). Then, in today's reading, Jesus talks about his own coming (13:24–37). He will arrive at an unexpected hour, so his followers will need to remain vigilant.

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In Advent, we celebrate the mystery of Christ's Coming, his second coming and his first coming... in that order.

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13:24–27. After all the political upheavals and persecutions, Jesus will come with the glory and power of a king, and he will gather all the citizens of his kingdom who have, by the grace of God, persevered. The image of the Son of Man coming in the clouds is taken from Daniel 7:13. In Daniel, one like a son of man comes to the Ancient of Days (that is, God) and receives a kingdom after having endured great suffering and persecutions. This is the perfect image for Jesus, who suffered the humiliation and pain of the cross and yet one day will receive a kingdom.

13:28–31. Unlike evergreens, which are so prominent in the land of Israel, fig trees can be used to interpret the seasons. When a fig tree goes into leaf, one knows that summer is just around the corner. Everything that Jesus has been telling his

disciples functions like the fig tree's leaves. When his disciples see all these things taking place, then they will know that the Son of Man—Jesus himself—is at the gates.

13:32–37. However, he wants to make clear that these signs will not be as precise as we might like. The signs might indicate that the end is near, but they cannot tell us the day or the hour of Jesus' coming. In fact, Jesus himself does not even know when he is coming; only the Father knows. The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour, so constant vigilance is required. Jesus has called and equipped his disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God by word and by deed (3:13–15). Instead of wasting their time with fruitless speculations, wondering when their master will return, his disciples ought to devote themselves to their apostolic mission. That is what it means to keep alert and awake.

“So Great a Cloud of Witnesses”

Saturday Quiet Day, November 1st, 9 am to Noon

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” - Hebrews 12:1

Spend a few morning hours “getting away with Jesus” at our Saturday Quiet Day on All Saints' Day on November 2nd, from 9am to noon in the library.

The morning begins with Welcome &

Orientation, Opening Office, and a presentation on this special All Saints' Day theme from 9–10 am. Then there is time for personal reflection through reading, prayer, creative pursuits or just sitting quietly before Gathering & Sharing and the Closing Office at 11:30 am.

Come join us for a morning of quiet, prayer and meditation on what it means to be members of the Body of Christ, witnesses past and present.

Bishop Wolfe to Visit St. John's December 7th



A Service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation will be conducted on Sunday, December 7th as our bishop, The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, visits St. John's. There will be a single 10:30 a.m. worship service.

A Service of Holy Baptism will also be available for that date, if there are any interested in being baptized, or having a child baptized. Please contact Fr. Earl

Mahan at 262-0897 if you are considering baptism.

Bishop Wolfe will meet with those being confirmed before the service. All are welcome and encouraged to stay after the service for a reception for Bishop Wolfe in the parlor, hosted by our Daughters of the King.

Please mark your calendars for this special date!



Deacon Barbara

Opening Remarks of the Presiding Bishop at the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church

“We have a dream as well, of a church walking together, doing and living justice, a church equipped and equipping all its members to do justice.”

On October 24, while we were at the Diocesan Convention in Topeka, the Diocese of Kansas was getting accolades from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori in Maryland. In her opening remarks she said, “As old models (*of seminary education*) become unsustainable in some contexts, dioceses are finding new ways to form leaders – like the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry in Topeka that serves students from four neighboring dioceses. Theological education is much in the news, with active conflict in several places, a result of deep anxiety over looming changes. We have excellent resources for theological education, yet they need to be redistributed to form and train leaders more effectively for new and changing contexts. In some ways, that current reality reflects the increasing economic inequality in the developed world, particularly in the United States. The wealthy have little difficulty in accessing those resources; the poor struggle, yet often the poor discover and create new possibilities out of necessity.

The average Episcopal congregation, with 60 to 70 members attending weekly worship, cannot afford the traditional model of full-stipend paid leadership, a building, and a sufficient program to support its members in their daily baptismal ministry. Nor can seminary graduates with educational debt afford to work in most of them.

Students today can be trained for ordination to the priesthood anywhere, if they can foot the bill. If not, they have much more limited resources in residential seminaries – a couple of them can provide sufficient aid to graduate students with little or no additional debt. Increasing numbers of ordination candidates and lay leaders are being educated in programs like Bishop Kemper School, which require minimal displacement from job and family and produce graduates with little or no additional debt. In order to provide effective formation, those more local institutions and programs work closer to home to gather a community for formation.”

For more information on **Bishop Kemper School for Ministry** to: <http://www.bishopkemperschool.org/> or find them on <https://www.facebook.com/bishopkemper>

She concluded: “We have a dream as well, of a church walking together, doing and living justice, a church equipped and equipping all its members to do justice. We have a duty to all the members of this body, and to those beyond it who need justice. We are asked for the highest and best gift we can offer, in loving our neighbors as ourselves. We’re not going to settle for anything less, whether it’s the work we do here or what we ask of the people of this church. We cannot walk alone, and we cannot encourage others to walk alone. Together, the stony road our ancestors trod flattens out before us – or rises to meet us – and that road leads to justice, love incarnate for the world.”

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St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

September 2014

	Actual September 2014	Budget September 2014	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - Sept. 2014	Budget Jan. - Sept. 2014	Difference from Budget	2014 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	10,235.72	12,426.00	-2,190.28	103,249.69	116,175.00	-12,925.31	175,015.00
Contributions	1,429.03	3,478.00	-2,048.97	22,629.93	35,508.00	-12,878.07	55,970.00
Investments Interest & Dividend	7,388.63	6,771.00	617.63	78,193.89	63,307.00	14,886.89	95,371.00
Additional Income	1,300.00	1,895.00	-595.00	31,562.98	19,135.00	12,427.98	26,200.00
Total Income	20,353.38	24,570.00	-4,216.62	235,636.49	234,125.00	1,511.49	352,556.00
Expense							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	327.53	289.00	38.53	2,827.06	2,442.00	385.06	3,550.00
Outreach Ministry	5,927.48	5,848.33	79.15	60,659.29	59,120.00	1,539.29	81,886.00
Christian Formation Ministry	221.31	215.00	6.31	3,777.88	2,595.00	1,182.88	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	1,202.44	1,290.00	-87.56	9,523.01	3,625.00	5,898.01	5,500.00
Building & Grounds	707.21	1,159.88	-452.67	25,274.37	22,808.24	2,466.13	29,318.00
Utilities	2,913.77	2,266.50	647.27	19,336.31	18,260.00	1,076.31	23,600.00
Office	638.23	225.00	413.23	5,182.81	3,055.00	2,127.81	4,100.00
Personnel	21,408.48	17,575.33	3,833.15	176,920.19	166,674.41	10,245.78	217,355.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,582.29	2,250.00	332.29	23,117.46	20,250.00	2,867.46	30,200.00
Total Expense	35,928.74	31,119.04	4,809.70	326,618.38	298,829.65	27,788.73	398,759.00
Net Ordinary Income	-15,575.36	-6,549.04	-9,026.32	-90,981.89	-64,704.65	-26,277.24	-46,203.00

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

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our **Lessons and Carols** service on Sunday December 14. The service starts at 4:00 and features not only our St. John's choir but singers from several other parishes in our convocation.

Hear God's message in scripture, glorious anthems, and your favorite carols. You won't want to miss this beautiful and inspiring event! What a wonderful way to welcome Christmas!

"A Night to Remember," November 7, Overland Park KS

You are invited to "A Night to Remember" on Friday evening, November 7, 2014, at St. Thomas the Apostle, 12251 Antioch Rd. in Overland Parks, KS, 66213-1517. This is a gala event celebrating the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and its first Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas Hubbard Vail, who served 1864-1889.

Dinner will be prepared by Culinary Cornerstones, a ministry of Episcopal Community Services, and live music will be provided by the Michael Beers Band.

The evening begins with cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m. and dancing from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Black tie apparel is optional.

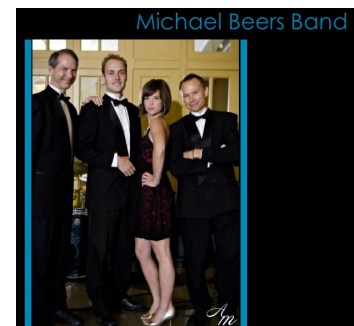
Tickets are \$65 per person, and may be purchased by check or credit card. Make checks payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and mail to:

Jay Currie
835 SW Polk Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Or visit <http://tinyurl.com/mkx34af> to purchase tickets by credit card.

For questions, contact event chairperson:

Jerry Malone
at (316)-688-1590 or jmalone17@cox.net.



November Dates to Celebrate!

Birthdays

04: Gabriel McFerren	27: Mary F. Hathaway	01: Tevin Dozal
06: Jim Schwartz	28: Yamilez Dozal	04: Ireland Perry Dozal
09: Charles Lloyd	30: Landon Bitler	04: Santana Dozal
13: Nikki Mueller		04: Nicholas Hizer
14: Marjorie Annis		04: Yamilez Dozal
14: Carol Neighbor		05: Gabriel McFerren
16: Jaaron Alfred		06: Peyden Chronister
18: Heath Hadley		06: Jessica Bitler
21: Arland Wallace		25: Jan Mueller
22: Pat Stone		26: Tish Seely
24: Laura Wagnon		
25: Dee Johnson		



Wedding Anniversaries

17: Ron & Jan Mueller

Baptismal Anniversaries

01: Melissa Downing

01: Jennifer Downing

01: Curtis Downing

01: Amanda Downing

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.

11/02/2014 All Saints Sunday Pentecost 21	Morgan Elizabeth McFerren Jean Wikle	Thanksgiving for the birthday of her brother, Gabriel Christopher McFerren In memory of her husband, William Wikle, Nov. 7
11/9/2014 Pentecost 22	Vern and Darlene Herrman	Thanksgiving for birthdays of son-in-law Jon Hesse, 11/2, and granddaughter Kimberly (Ward) Nye, 11/11
11/16/2014 Pentecost 23	Ken & Tammy Breedon	In thanksgiving for Granddaughters Rhy's 4th Birthday
11/23/2014 The Last Sunday after Pentecost	Nancy & Phil Dietrich	Thanksgiving for the birthday of their Daughters Lynda & Michelle.
11/30/2014 The First Sunday of Advent	Shirley, Cathy and Mike Harris	In loving memory of husband and father, Paul Harris and in memory of brother and uncle, David Robison on the anniversary of their births, Nov. 30th




Altar Flowers

Parish Notes

- * **Good Shepherd Episcopal Church celebrates their 25th Anniversary** on Saturday, November 1. Holy Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Evening Social Gathering from 6:30 –8:30 p.m. (childcare provided). Your presence and prayers are requested.
- * **All Saints' Sunday is November 2nd**, as well as **Fall Ingathering for UTO**, and the end of **Daylight Savings Time** ("fall" back 1 hour Saturday night).
- * **Childrens' Sunday School needs 2 volunteers to teach** on individual Sundays (lesson already prepared). Volunteer teachers are needed in the classroom from 10:15 am to the Peace, when the children join their parents. A sign-up sheet is in the west walkway.
- * **Daughters of the King** will meet Monday, November 10th, at 6 pm in the library.
- * **Choir has begun rehearsals for "Lessons & Carols,"** to be performed December 14th at 4 pm at St. John's. See Ken Breedon if you would like to take part! Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room.
- * **Celebrate a special date by providing refreshments for Sunday Coffee Time!** See the sign-up sheet in the parlor.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1> 						
2 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 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	3	4 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	5 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	6 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting in library	7	8 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Ellington-Kilgore Families
9 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	10 6:00 PM Daughters of the King in library	11 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	12 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	13 5:30 PM Finance Meeting in library	14	15 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
16 <u>STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY</u> <u>THIRD 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 Circle of Care (COH) in library	17	18 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	19 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	20 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in library	21	22 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
23 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 3:30 PM Georgetown Worship Service	24	25 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	26 11:45 AM Noonday Prayer Service 12:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Eve 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	27 Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	28 Parish Office Closed	29 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Aldersgate UMC
30 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist						

Serving the Lord

Celebrant	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley
Preacher	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan
	November 02 Pentecost 21 RITE I	November 09 Pentecost 22 RITE I	November 16 Pentecost 23 RITE I	November 23 Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King RITE I	November 30 Advent I RITE I
Acolyte	C. Harris	P. Karr	A. Wallace	C. Harris	M. Morrow
Lector	C. Lloyd	P. Karr	C. Olson	C. Harris	M. Morrow
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
	P. Karr	L. Dunlap	M. Morrow	L. McKernan	M. Puii
	M. Franklin	R. Zackula	B. Kittrell	K. Davidson	P. Heeren
Altar Guild	C. Olson	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Acolytes	B. Kittrell	J. Burkholder	M. Morrow	J. Alfred	J. Burkholder
Server	J. Burkholder	P. Steele	Caleb Oswell	E. Blakley	M. Carvalho
Crucifer	E. Blakley	Caitlan Oswell	E. Blakley	Caitlan Oswell	M. Mahan
Torch	T. Blakley	Caleb Oswell	T. Blakley	Caleb Oswell	T. Blakley
Lectors					
Old & New Testament	K. Pott	T. Mahan	B. Kittrell	T. Breeden	R. Carvalho
LEMs	A. Wallace	B. Kittrell	K. Pott	A. Wallace	T. Breeden
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon	Deacon	T. Pott	Deacon	Deacon
Childcare Nursery	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes
	C. Harris	G. Davis	P. McCabe	K. Davidson	B. Dozal
Children's Sunday School	R. Zackula N. Dietrich	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Teen Ministry	~~~~~	R. Zackula	~~~~~	R. Zackula	~~~~~
Daughters of the King	N. Dietrich				
Refreshments	R. Zackula	M. Ohlemeier	Potts	Need Volunteer	Davidsons
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	C. Lloyd	P. Massaria	A. Wallace	~~~~~	~~~~~

Acolytes - If, at the last moment, you are unable to serve, please notify Fr. Ted.

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Everyone - If not able to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and notify the parish office of the change.

A Look Back at St. John's History

By Katie Pott, Parish Historian

100 years ago . . .

Annual Parish Meeting November 23, 1914: Outreach Reports—Expenditures: For the poor: \$75.60. **Woman's Auxiliary Report:** St. John's Wichita Branch has the past year been studying "the Emergency in China" which proved to be a most interesting topic. Although we have had but few new members, great interest has been taken by all the ladies. **Offerings:** box clothing sent to the Rev. Mr. Seigfriedt and his mother at Millbank, So. Dakota, also altar linen, stoles and St. John's old communion service, total value \$249.54. Barrel canned fruit and jelly sent to St. Luke's Hospital, Wellington \$21.25. Mite box fund sent Board of Gen'l. Missions \$16.64. St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Japan \$10.00. Dr. Storer, Missionary Physician to China \$10.00. Jennie C. Wright Box devoted to Indian work in So. Dakota \$9.30. Patterson Industrial School in No. Carolina \$5.00. Georgian Girl School \$5.00. Scholarship for native girl at St. Andrew's, Honolulu \$50.00. ~ Junior Auxiliary to the Board of Missions: St. Mary's School Shanghai, China \$10.00. General Missions \$5.00; Diocesan Missions \$2.50; box to the missions field So. Dakota, valued at \$10.00

65 years ago . . .

The Eagle of St. John's, November 19, 1949: Following the recommendation of the San Francisco General Convention that the parishes of the Church enter the **Church World Service program of settling some of the displaced persons of eastern Europe**, St. John's committee on displaced persons decided that St. John's Parish can accept the responsibility of placing a family and one individual. . . It was pointed out that four requirements are necessary preliminary to introducing a family or individual into our country: that suitable employment be found for the wage-earner, which will not deprive an American of work, that a house be rented for them to live in, that their transportation be paid from port of entry, and that furniture be obtained for housekeeping. . . the whole parish will be "mobilized" in an attempt to find suitable employment for the husband and father. . . It is hoped that the immediate requirements may be met this week.

55 years ago . . .

Parish Visitor, November 1, 1959: The Women of St. John's will serve a Business Men's Luncheon on next Thursday, November 5th, in the Undercroft between 11:30 and 1:00 o'clock. This luncheon will feature homemade chili, vegetable soup, chicken and noodles, sandwiches, salad, pies, and cakes. Those of our people who work in nearby offices, stores, and shops are asked to tell their fellow-employees about this delightful luncheon. Proceeds from this luncheon will be used to furnish the parlor in our new Parish House. ~ Vestry Minutes, November 12, 1959: . . . informal discussion concerning criticisms of the preliminary plans of the Parish House [ed building] as prepared by our architects, which were received from several members of the Parish as a result of the informal dinner on November 3rd. After much discussion, the Chairman of the Building Committee will confer with our architects and request them to come up with a different treatment of the exterior, simplifying the exterior by eliminating the grill work, glass and some of the other gingerbread features.

50 years ago . . .

Parish Visitor, November 1, 1964: The Women of St. John's will serve a public Turkey Dinner on Tuesday, November 3rd, in the Undercroft at 6:00 o'clock. This dinner includes all the trimmings, including the traditional pumpkin pie. Tickets cost \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under twelve. Tuesday is also Election Day. First vote, then enjoy a sumptuous turkey dinner, after which you may return to your homes for the election returns.

45 years ago . . .

Parish Visitor, November 9, 1969: We are finally getting around to telling our people about the **extensive as well as expensive work recently done on the exterior of our church**. Some of the work is quite obvious and visible, such as the repairs on the steps leading into the church and the removal of the unsightly stains from the stones. However, the most important work done to preserve our beautiful and historic House of Worship is not so evident. Much of the mortar holding the ancient stones together had badly deteriorated . . . and had to be chiseled out and replaced with new pointing. Also, several stones were quite flaky and these were replaced by the installation of new stones. ~ While the damage done was by no means "critical", your Wardens and Vestrymen wisely and prudently decided to proceed with the "program of preservation" without further delay. . . to postpone such repairs for a few more years would definitely increase the cost by several thousand dollars because of creeping inflation. . . In addition, a crew of craftsmen was employed to remove the several years accumulation of dust from all the elaborate woodwork inside our House of Worship. It was a real treat to watch those crafty cleaners climb 50-ft. ladders to reach the highest points of the wooden beams which are such a distinctive feature of St. John's Church. Also, the lights or lanterns as well as the windows (outside and inside) in the church were cleaned. All this is further evidence of the care and concern with which the Wardens and Vestrymen attend to their duties.



Don't Forget! Bring UTO Blue Boxes on Sunday, November 2

Our Fall Ingathering for United Thank Offering is Sunday, November 2. Please take home a UTO Blue Box from the back table of the sanctuary, in the hallway, or contact the church office to have one mailed to you. As you realize a blessing in your life throughout the year, put an offering in your UTO Blue Box and watch the blessings grow as you give so others may be blessed. You'll find you are nurturing your habit of giving thanks to God each day and reaching out to support UTO grants for mission and

ministry supported by the Episcopal Church worldwide. Your prayers and offerings have built and repaired churches and schools, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, sheltered the homeless and provided care for people who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged. As you help through UTO, you will find your own life changed as you become more aware of the abundance of God's daily blessings of joy and His presence in your life. So please place a coin in your UTO Blue Box as you offer thanks and prayers for your life in Christ.

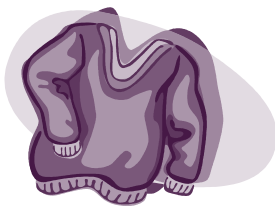


Outreach Partners with SFCS for "Christmas for Kids"

The Outreach Committee has agreed to participate again this year in Christmas for Kids, with Saint Francis Community Services. Our gifts will provide presents on Christmas day as well as resources for birthdays, school activities, and meeting special needs 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,

Outreach Opportunities in our Community



Wichita Alternative Gift Market

Partners for Wichita will be hosting a booth at this year's Alternative Gift Market to benefit Filling the Gap. The Market Day takes places **Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church** located at 5002 E. Douglas in Wichita. For more info visit: <https://www.facebook.com/WichitaAlternativeGiftMarket>

Got unused winter clothing? Donate to **Salvation Army Warm Hearts**

The Salvation Army will be hosting the Warm Hearts winter clothing distribution on **November 5th & 6th, 2014**. Types of items given to people in need include coats, sweaters, and blankets. Click here for more info: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5fa5e03c6ddc29c891b673588/files/Warm_Hearts_Flyer.doc

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We welcome you!

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

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