ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wichita, Kansas



October 2014 Newsletter

Take Note

- Adult Confirmation & New Member class, Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 11:45 a.m.
- 155th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kansas: Friday & Saturday, October 24-25, Topeka
- All Saints' Sunday, November 2.
- Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2 (set clocks back I hour).

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Rector's Journal: Living Stones Grow

"Give to God the things that are God's."

You may recognize the snippet of scripture quoted above as part of a larger statement by Jesus that comes to us from the twenty-second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. The Pharisees, attempting to entrap Jesus in his own words, ask whether it is "lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" Taking a denarius, a Roman coin of Jesus' day worth roughly the equivalent of the amount \$20 worth of bread in our culture, Jesus asks them whose image is on the coin. When they answer him, "the emperor's," Jesus tells them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperors, and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:15-22, Gospel reading for October 19, the 19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Just what are God's "things" and how, pray tell, do we" give" God those things which are already his?

One could construe from the gospel reading, that we are not told what is God's, merely what is not God's, and clearly money is not anything God is interested in. God, we might assume, is interested in things that really matter (faith, prayer, etc.) and really isn't concerned with the things of this world, such as money. I believe such an assumption to be false. The reality is that we human beings, God's children, are likewise things of this world, that is to say, God's creation. So, how we relate to God as it pertains to the other earthly things of our lives, money included, God is VERY concerned about.



The Rev. C. Earl Mahan

I raise this issue because it is that time of year when, like all the rest of the year, but with heightened awareness, we call upon the people of God, the Church, to think about our stewardship of all the things God has given us, including our money, and how such things intersect with lives that are faithful to God.

Surely, as most of you are aware, this has been a momentous year for us here at St. John's Church. The Living Stones Campaign, to RESTORE, RENEW, & REBUILD our beloved house of worship has asked each of us to go deeper in our commitment to the church and to give sacrificially, above and beyond one's regular Sunday offerings or tithes. Our stewardship campaign for 2015 will continue the Living Stones emphasis, asking every household to support both the regular annual operations and ministry of St. John's, AND, if you haven't yet made a pledge to the building campaign, to still consider making a onetime gift OR three year pledge to the Living Stones Campaign. Or, if you have already made a gift or commitment to Living Stones, perhaps you'll want to consider additional support to help us complete the building project.

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"Give to God the things that are God's." (Continued from page 1)
More information on the 2015 stewardship campaign will be forthcoming, so be watching your mailbox and inbox during the month of October.
Please consider what I've discussed here. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that you might discern how God is calling you to play a role in the

mission and ministry of St. John's parish as we begin our 145th year of serving the people of God in Wichita with the Good News of God's love for all, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You see, the answers to the questions are simple. Q: What are God's "things?"

A: We are.

Q: How do we "give" God those things A: We surrender our whole self.

Blessings and Peace,

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The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, Rector



Deacon Barbara



Being an advocate does not always involve drastic measures such as picketing, boycotting or marching in the street. Every day, we have the chance to stand up and speak when we see the need. Advocates have the opportunity to speak to their elected representatives, friends, family, and congregations about important issues. The example of lesus is our guide and inspiration. He had a special sense of mission to poor and oppressed people evidence that, in him, the messianic promises were being fulfilled. At the outset of his ministry, Jesus stood up in the synagogue at Nazareth and read from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

In thanksgiving for living in a democracy where citizens have a vote as well as a voice, we should not neglect our civic responsibility, as well as our privilege, to become informed and engaged voters. Our elections give us a method to "strive for justice and peace."

have to engage in the ministry of public policy advocacy through the **Episcopal Public Policy** Network (EPPN). The actions, programs, and ministry of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations are based entirely on policies approved by the Church meeting in General Convention or by the Executive Council. As Presiding Bishop Katharine lefferts Schori reminds us, "The voices of the people of faith must be a prophetic impetus for lasting change, toward healing the body of God." For more information on the public policy advocacy and policy positions of the Episcopal Church, go online to: http:// advocacy.episcopalchurch .org/home.

Diocesan Convention, October 24-25 in Topeka

The 155th Annual
Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of
Kansas is scheduled for
Friday through Sunday,
October 24-26 at Grace
Cathedral and Capitol
Plaza Hotel & Maner
Conference Center in
Topeka.

Attending from St. John's will be the Rev. Earl Mahan, the Rev. Dr. Ted Blakley, the Rev. Barbara

Gibson, Senior Warden Mike Morrow, and Delegates Shari May, Sue O'Brien and Beth Landrum. Trevor Mahan will attend as a youth delegate.

A convention book with information about nominees, the proposed mission plan and other information has been posted on the diocesan website's convention

page: http://www.episcopal-ks.org/life/convention.php. Scheduled for the weekend is a Thursday night pre-convention "tailgate" party, business meetings, workshops, meals, worship, an award banquet and Taize service led by the youth and Campus Ministries.



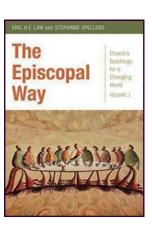
Four-Week Class Will Explore "The Episcopal Way"

A four-week New Member, Confirmation and Inquirers class begins Sunday, October 5, at 11:45 am in the library and will continue October 12, 19 and 26. The class will read and study "The Episcopal Way" by Eric Law and Stephanie Spellers. Copies will be available at the first class. Father Earl Mahan will lead the class, which will serve as

a preparation for those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or wishing to reaffirm their membership when Bishop Dean Wolfe visits St. John's on December 7th.

The class will be of interest to those new to the Episcopal church, as well as

acquainted with the practice and traditions of our faith. A light lunch will be provided. So that we may order books and prepare enough lunch, please RSVP to the parish office at 262-0897 if you'd like to attend.



Sunday Formation Classes for Children, Teens & Adults

longtime members who

would like to be better

Children's Sunday School meets at 10:20 a.m. in the lower level of the Ed. Bldg. We started the school year with the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Esau, and learned about St. Francis before the Blessing of the Animals at Woofstock, taking place on the Feast Day of St. Francis, October 4th. In October, we'll explore the stories of Joseph (from his coat to his reunion with his brothers in Egypt), Moses, and

Ruth and Naomi. A special thank you to all who make sure the children attend. All guests and friends eagerly welcomed. Anyone wishing to help is also welcome.

Teens meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month at 11:45 a.m. in the lower level of the Ed. Bldg. for lunch, fun and study together. We will include preparatory study for those planning to be confirmed when

Bishop Wolfe visits on December 7th.

Bring your cup of coffee and join us for Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the library. Our discussions will center on the day's lectionary readings, enriching your worship experience. Come give it a try!

The Nursery is available from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.



| St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report |
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| August 2014 |

| | Actual | Budget | Difference | Actual | Budget | Difference | 2014 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | August | August | from | Jan Aug. | Jan Aug. | from | Annual |
| | 2014 | 2014 | Budget | 2014 | 2014 | Budget | Budget |
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Pledges | 10,665.55 | 11,463.00 | -797.45 | 92,903.27 | 103,749.00 | -10,845.73 | 175,015.00 |
| Contributions | 3,007.81 | 3,208.00 | -200.19 | 21,175.90 | 32,030.00 | -10,854.10 | 55,970.00 |
| Investments Interest & Dividend | 6,326.28 | 6,247.00 | 79.28 | 70,805.26 | 56,536.00 | 14,269.26 | 95,371.00 |
| Additional Income | 3,080.00 | 1,831.00 | 1,249.00 | 30,262.98 | 17,240.00 | 13,022.98 | 26,200.00 |
| Total Income | 23,079.64 | 22,749.00 | 330.64 | 215,147.41 | 209,555.00 | 5,592.41 | 352,556.00 |
| | 23,079.64 | 22,749.00 | 330.64 | 215,147.41 | 209,555.00 | 5,592.41 | 352,556.00 |
| Expense | | | | | | | |
| Worship Ministry & Altar Guild | 295.54 | 318.00 | -22.46 | 2,499.53 | 2,153.00 | 346.53 | 3,550.00 |
| Outreach Ministry | 6,339.69 | 5,848.33 | 491.36 | 54,731.81 | 53,271.67 | 1,460.14 | 81,886.00 |
| Christian Formation Ministry | -126.40 | 310.00 | -436.40 | 3,556.57 | 2,380.00 | 1,176.57 | 3,250.00 |
| Parish Life & Fellowship | 81.73 | 295.00 | -213.27 | 8,320.57 | 2,335.00 | 5,985.57 | 5,500.00 |
| Building & Grounds | 5,559.07 | 6,107.00 | -547.93 | 24,567.16 | 21,648.36 | 2,918.80 | 29,318.00 |
| Utilities | 1,286.50 | 1,866.75 | -580.25 | 16,429.92 | 15,993.50 | 436.42 | 23,600.00 |
| Office | 294.71 | 380.00 | -85.29 | 4,544.58 | 2,830.00 | 1,714.58 | 4,100.00 |
| Personnel | 18,948.75 | 16,594.97 | 2,353.78 | 155,511.71 | 149,099.08 | 6,412.63 | 217,355.00 |
| Professional Fees & Accounting | 2,597.27 | 2,250.00 | 347.27 | 20,535.17 | 18,000.00 | 2,535.17 | 30,200.00 |
| Total Expense | 35,276.86 | 33,970.05 | 1,306.81 | 290,697.02 | 267,710.61 | 22,986.41 | 398,759.00 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Net Ordinary Income | -12,197.22 | -11,221.05 | -976.17 | -75,549.61 | -58,155.61 | -17,394.00 | -46,203.00 |

All Saint's Sunday, November 2nd

Contact the parish office at 262-0897, or email connieshawver@stjohnswichita.org with the names of your dearly departed to be read in the prayers at both services. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the back table of the church starting October

12th.



Great Spaces Concert

J.S. Bach's Motets by The Spire Ensemble

Friday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas

Following on a successful debut performing Bach's B-Minor Mass last season, this world-class ensemble returns fro the first of two performances at the Cathedral this season. Bach's Choral Motets are considered by some his most demanding vocal works and symbolize the pinnacle of the Baroque genre. Experience eight of North American's finest early music vocalists perform these extraordinary pieces one-to-a-part. Tickets are \$20. Advance tickets for students and seniors are \$15 available on the Great Spaces website.

The American Guild of Organists, Wichita Chapter, presents

Choral Evensong
Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
East Heights United Methodist Church
4407 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS

Special guests: The Trinity Choir of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (Kansas City, Missouri)

with John Schaefer, conductor and Leora Nauta, organist Free admission; an offering will be taken.

You are invited to

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

A gala evening celebrating the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and its first Bishop Featuring

Dinner by Culinary Cornerstones, a ministry of Episcopal Community Services, and live music by the MICHAEL BEERS BAND

Friday evening
November 7, 2014
St. Thomas the Apostle
12251 Antioch Road
Overland Park, Kansas 66213-1517

Cocktail hour 7:00 p.m.
Dinner 8:00 p.m.
Dancing 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

\$65 per person Black Tie optional

Purchase tickets 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 imalone17@cox.net.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

04: Pamela Bitler16: Bob Hodges04: Michael Dietrich17: Cody Bitler

06: Trevor Mahan17: Nicole Ulrich07: Andrew Thorpe18: Julia Haury

09: Jay Davis19: David Childs10: Marshall Pickarts29: Linda Jaynes

10: Kaman Johnson
10: Beth Landrum
12: Sue McClain
29: Kent Kindsvatter
29: Tyler Madison
30: Landon Bitler

13: Vern Herrman14: Nicki Soice

16: Mike Morrow

October Wedding Anniversaries

13: Jim & Susie Schwarz

14: John & Nicole Ulrich

18: Jared & Ann Jenell Williams

October Baptismal Anniversaries

06: Morgan McFerren

16: Cathy Harris

16: Jennifer Westhoff

18: Bob Guenthner

28: Phyllis McCabe



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.

| Date | Donated By: | In Memory Of, or In Thanksgiving For: |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Oct. 5, Pentecost 17 | Racine Zackula | In loving memory of her mother, Eileen Zackula |
| Oct. 12, Pentecost 18 | Darlene Herrman | Thanksgiving for husband Vern's birthday on Oct 13 |
| | Charles & Sara Lloyd | In memory of Charles' mother, Helen Rogers Lloyd |
| Oct. 19, Pentecost 19 | Nancy Dietrich | In memory of Sue Campbell & her parents |
| Oct. 26, Pentecost 20 | | |



Parish Notes

Midweek Bible Study at noon will not meet on October 8. We'll resume October 15.

Daughters of the King will meet Monday, October 13th, at 6 pm in the library. We hope to begin study of the **St. Helena's Psaltery** if our copy has arrived, and will continue reading from **Holy Women, Holy Men.** We will discuss a new, more-efficient flower delivery schedule to begin in October, and begin planning the reception for the Bishop's visit December 7th. We're a busy bunch! Visitors are always welcome! Hot beverages are provided, and you are welcome to bring your dinner if you care to.

New Beginnings for grades 6-8: Register online by October 23. The event is at Good Shepherd Wichita, November 7-9.

Choir will begin rehearsing Lessons & Carols in October, to be performed December 14th at 4 pm at St. John's. See Ken Breeden if you would like to take part! Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room.

Coffee & Conversation: Would you like to provide refreshments for our Sunday morning coffee time to celebrate a special date? See the sign-up sheet in the parlor.

Worship Design meeting on October 30th at 6 p.m. in the library. You are welcome to join us as we plan worship through Advent, Christmas and the end of the year.

You're invited to **Good Shepherd Episcopal Church's 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.





| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | Detake | | 11:45 AM Midday Prayer service 12:00 PM Midweek Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer service 6:15 PM Centering Prayer | 2 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting | м | 4 6:00 AM Diabetes Walk in west lot 11:00 AM Altar Guild meeting 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Hope Mennonite |
| 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 Adult Confirmation & New Member Class 1:00 PM CROP Walk at Sedg. Co. Park | o | 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's | 8 11:45 AM Midday Prayer service (No 12 Noon Bible Study today) 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer | 9 5:30 PM Finance Meeting | 10 | 11 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Riverwalk Church |
| 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 Adult Confirmation & New Member Class 11:45 AM Teen Ministry meeting & lunch | 13 6:00 PM Daughters of the King in library | 14 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's | 15 11:45 AM Midday Prayer service 12:00 PM Midweek Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer service 6:15 PM Centering Prayer | 16 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting | 17 | 18 11: 00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Pathway Church |
| 19 THIRD SUNDAY FOR DOORSTEP 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 Adult Confirmation & New Member Class 11:45 AM Circle of Care (COH) in library | 20 | 5.45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's | 11:45 AM Midday Prayer service 12:00 PM Midweek Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer | 23 | 24 Annual Diocesan Convention in Topeka | Annual Diocesan Convention in Topeka 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Lutheran Synod |
| 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Breakfast 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Adult Confirmation & New Member Class 11:45 AM Teen Ministry meeting & lunch 3:30 PM Georgetown Worship service | 27 | 5.45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's | 11:45 AM Midday Prayer service 12:00 PM Midweek Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer service 6:15 PM Centering Prayer | 30 6:00 PM Worship Design Meeting— all welcome | 31 | 1 Daylight Savings Time ends (Sunday 2 AM) |

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Serving the Lord

| Celebrant | Fr. Ted Blakley | Fr. Earl Mahan | Fr. Ted Blakley | Fr. Ted Blakley | |
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| Preacher | Fr. Earl Mahan | Fr. Ted Blakley | Fr. Earl Mahan | Fr. Earl Mahan | |
| | October 05 | October 12 | October 19 | October 26 | |
| 8:00 a.m. Service | Pentecost 17 | Pentecost 18 | Pentecost 19 | Pentecost 20 | |
| 5.00 d.iii. Service | RITE I | RITE I | RITE I | RITE I | |
| Acolyte | C. Harris | P. Karr | A. Wallace | M. Morrow | |
| Lector | C. Lloyd | P. Karr | C. Olson | M. Morrow | |
| 10:30 a.m. Service | RITE II | RITE II | RITE II | RITE II | |
| | P. Karr | L. Dunlap | M. Morrow | L. McKernan | |
| Altar Guild | M. Franklin | R. Zackula | B. Kittrell | K. Davidson | |
| | C. Olson | ~~~~~~ | ~~~~~~ | ~~~~~~ | |
| <u> Acolytes</u> | | | | | |
| Server | B. Kittrell | J. Burkholder | J. Alfred | T. Mahan | |
| Crucifer | J. Burkholder | P. Steele | Caleb Oswell | M. Carvalho | |
| Torch | T. Blakley | Caitlan Oswell | E. Blakley | M. Mahan | |
| Torch | E. Blakley | Caleb Oswell | T. Blakley | Caitlan Oswell | |
| <u>Lectors</u> Old & New Testament | K. Pott | T. Mahan | T. Breeden | R. Carvalho | |
| LEMs | A. Wallace | K. Pott | B. Kittrell | T. Breeden | |
| Lay Eucharistic Ministers | Dn. Barbara | T. Pott | Dn. Barbara | Dn. Barbara | |
| Childcare Nursery | J. Montes | J. Montes | J. Montes | J. Montes | |
| cimacare warsery | P. McCabe | S. May | B. Dozal | K. Davidson | |
| Children's Sunday School | T. Seely | TBD | T. Seely | TBD | |
| Cililaten 3 Sunday School | | | | | |
| Teen Ministry | ~~~~~~ | R. Zackula | ~~~~~~ | R. Zackula | |
| Daughters of the King | J. Morris | T. Seely | L. Unger | S. Mahan | |
| Refreshments | Mahan family | need volunteers | | | |
| Lay Eucharistic Visitor | C. Lloyd | P. Massaria | A. Wallace | ~~~~~~~ | |

Acolytes - If, at the last moment, you are unable to serve, please notify Mike Morrow or Kelley Davidson.

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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

144 years ago . .

Vidette, October 13, 1870: A meeting of the Protestant Episcopal church was held on Tuesday evening, October 4th, for the purpose of organizing a parish and electing Wardens and Vestrymen. On motion the Parish was named 'St. John's Church,' after St. John the Evangelist. After signing the charter the meeting adjourned.

120 years ago . .

Wichita Eagle, October 21, 1894: Churches St. John's: Sermon, "Amusements — The Theater, Dance and Other Things." Music by the quartet choir. Solo offertory by Harry McClung, with cello obligato by Harry McClung. A part of Shaw's orchestra will be at Sunday School at 9:30. Young People's chapter meets at 6:30 p.m., led by Rev. Von Herrlich. The church will be beautifully decorated. . . Harry McClung will render the beautiful baritone solo "Forgiven," by Hyatt Brewer, with violin cello obligato by Ralph Dunbar, for offertory at St. John's this morning. The Rev. J.F. Von Herrlich will leave tomorrow evening for a four or five weeks trip through the principal eastern cities in the interest of St. John's church and for recreation. Mr. Von Herrlich will make New York City his principal stopping place. October 25: The Merry Milkmaids At the rehearsal last night everything went so smoothly that some strangers who were spectators could not believe but that it was a company of professionals instead of a company of the best amateurs of the city. ~ The principals are all well up in their parts and the chorus is made up of the very prettiest of Wichita's many handsome young ladies. It will certainly make a person's heart glad to go and see the array of beauty that will be upon the stage tonight. ~ The ladies of St. John's church have gone to guite a large expense to secure calcium light. This feature alone, with the soft changing lights, will add a hundred per cent to the beauty of the dances, which are the prettiest ever presented on this stage. ~ In the delsarte dance of twelve beautiful girls dancing in the ice cave, will be seen one of the prettiest scenic effects ever produced here. The dude's dance is "out of sight," and when the full chorus comes in in the perfect harmony of "Vesper Bells," the hearer is just carried away with it. ~ the hard work and careful study of the principals and chorus tells its own story and certainly deserves the patronage of the people—who will see an opera with all the advantages of a traveling company, with the addition of a young and beautiful chorus instead of some of the chromos that are often seen. ~ Tonight is the opening night of the operetta at the Crawford Grand and it is hoped that the attendance will be as large as the entertainment deserves, and that means a full house. October 26: The opening operetta at the Crawford Grand last night was a success in every term. The audience was large, enthusiastic, cultured and appreciative. The numbers were well rendered and not a single person connected with the opera but did themselves and their manager proud. . . October 27: "The Merry Milkmaids" at the opera house last night was a more pronounced success than even the previous night. . . the operetta was received with such favor that a request amounting at most to a demand was made for a repetition of it this afternoon and evening. .

100 years ago . .

Vestry minutes, October 15, 1914: Motion that the Vestry give Mr. Kelly a vote of thanks for collecting money and paying for concrete floor in the boiler room. Carried unanimously.

55 years ago .

Vestry minutes, October 15, 1959: The Rector reported that a total of 15 families, who live in West and Northwest Wichita, had requested transfers from St. John's to the new Missions of St. Matthias and St. Marks, recently established by Bishop Turner in West and Northwest Wichita.

Parish Visitor October 25: Next Sunday night we shall begin our discussion [Fall Information Class] with the question: "What is the difference between the Holy Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church?" Is it true that the only difference between the Episcopalians and the Roman Catholics is—that the Episcopalians "flunked" Latin? . . ~ The active and alert Episcopal Young Churchmen of St. John's Parish will offer home-made cakes, cookies, and pies for sale in the Undercroft following the 11 o'clock service Sunday. Perhaps you will find just what you will need to round out your Sunday meals. Most important, however, is that we make our youth feel and know that we consider them an important factor of St. John's Parish Family. ~ Plans for the proposed new St. John's Educational Building are beginning to jell. Anyone having had experience in planning for such a large undertaking as this will readily understand that it takes much time to consider and reconsider such important items as the floor-plan as well as overall design. ~ At the Vestry meeting last week the architectural firm of Schaefer & Schirmer presented a preliminary sketch of the new building. The Vestry was favorably impressed with the philosophy of the architects.

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CROP Walk October 4th at Sedgwick County Park

The Wichita CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will take place at

Sedgwick County Park Sunday, October 5, 2014, at the Horseshoe Shelter.

Registration starts at 1:00 pm at Horseshoe Shelter. The walk begins at 2:00 pm.

Twenty-five percent of all receipts from walkers stays locally to help the hungry at: First Baptist Church Neighborhood Fellowship, United Methodist Open Door, Inter-Faith Ministries Food Programs, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Community Breakfast Last year's walk had 30 teams, bringing in over \$14,200.

UTO Ingathering Sunday November 2: Boxes of Gratitude



Wichita

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.

(St. John's History, continued from page 8) With pardonable pride we can tell you that the architects regard St. John's Church as the most distinctive and attractive type of architecture in Greater Wichita. The burden of their concern is to blend the new building into the beautiful lines of our church building. This, we believe, meets with the consensus of all the people of historic St. John's Parish. ~ At a free parish dinner on Tuesday, November 3rd, the Vestry will unveil a water colored painting of the new Parish House, with the art work being done by Mrs. Harry Saums. We hope all our people will respond to this "unveiling dinner" with the same high enthusiasm with which the Vestry will present their Progress Report to the people.

50 years ago . .

Vestry Minutes, October 8, 1964: Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the exterior window sills of the church had been caulked and repainted at an expense of \$88.40. He further reported that there were some leaks in spots in the Educational Building, and that he had called the Construction Company to make an inspection and repair the same. ~ It was suggested that for next year's Canvass we might stress a drive for a mortgage burning to secure additional funds to retire the mortgage indebtedness on the Educational Building.

35 years ago ...

Parish Visitor, October 14, 1979: Have you noticed? The new toilet seat in the men's room in the undercroft, the replaced floor tiles in the entrances to the ed bldg., the trimming, edging & weeding done around our building? What would you say if we told you it was done by lawyers, engineers, architects, housewives, grandparents, mayors, & even clergy? Well, it was — and a great big "thank you" to all. If you missed out on the fun, watch this epistle for news of the next "work evening." ~ O' happy day on Friday last when men and machines arrived and began the task of repairing the southeast corner of our church roof. Their absence on Monday we attribute to "Columbus Day," on Tuesday, I'll guess the "cold north wind," but soon, he said, proving his undauntable faith, it will be done and we shall have the plaster cracks in the north ambulatory and women's choir vesting room refinished by Christmas.

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

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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