



ST. JOHN'S PARISH VISITOR

September 2014 Newsletter

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

Rector's Journal: **WHY RED??**

According to a post in the Archive of The Episcopal Church, to the question, "Why is the church door red?" one finds the following:

"The red door tradition goes back to the beginnings of cathedral architecture in the Middle Ages. The color red, signifying the Blood of Christ, was painted on the north, south and east doors of a church. Such symbolism represented making the sign of the cross -- Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Thus the edifice was marked as a sanctuary, identified as a refuge and safety zone from physical or spiritual dangers. The red doors shut out evil. Supposedly an enemy could not pursue his victim across the sacred threshold."

And so, with the forward movement of the St. John's Living Stones Campaign, we have finally made real something we've talked about doing for quite some time. The doors are painted red, and in your rector's humble opinion it couldn't come at a better time. Consider the symbolic significance as described above and what it means for us today just as surely as it did for our faith ancestors of medieval times.

Red... Signifying the Blood of Christ it gives to us the assurance of Christ's blood shed for humanity's redemption and given to us each time we enter through these doors – "The blood of Christ the cup of salvation."

Red... Signifying sanctuary, a refuge from the powers and dangers of this world, the evil and violence that oppress and destroy the creatures of God, beyond the red doors there is holy ground where the Peace of the Lord provides comfort and grace.

Therefore let these doors stand as a symbol to all who would enter that they are welcomed in the name of Him who gave himself for us. They will find within these doors a place of sanctuary where the One who ate with outcasts and sinners invites all to dine at the Feast of the Kingdom. Let the red doors open wide so that all may find their way in, and all may find the way out into the world, going in Peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

+Peace,

Fr. Earl Mahan





They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

— *Isaiah 61:3*

Christian Formation & Discipleship

At St. John's Episcopal Church in Downtown Wichita

September 1 — December 31, A.D. 2014

Sundays

Spoken Worship: Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 am
Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
Children's Sunday School	10:20 am
Traditional Worship: Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 am
Youth Group: Middle School and High School	11:45 – 2:00 pm

2nd and 4th Sundays

Weekdays

EFM: Education for Ministry	Tuesdays • 5:45–8:30 pm
Noonday Prayer	Wednesdays • 11:45 am
Noonday Bible Study	Wednesdays • 12:00–1:00 pm
Midweek Evening Prayer	1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays • 5:30–6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Eucharist	2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 5:30–6:00 pm
Centering Prayer	Wednesdays • 6:15–7:30 pm

Quiet Days

Silence Is Not the Absence of Sound	Saturday, September 27 • 9:00 am – noon
All Saints' Day	Saturday, November 1 • 9:00 am – noon
St. Nicholas, Bishop	Saturday, December 6 • 9:00 am – noon

Special Eucharists & Worship

Cross Eucharist • The Feast of the Holy Cross	Wed, Sept 10 • 5:30 pm
Healing Eucharist • The Feast of St. Luke	Wed, Oct 22 • 5:30 pm
Eucharist ² • Thanksgiving Eucharist	Wed, Nov 26 • 5:30 pm
Lessons and Carols	Sunday, Dec 14 • 4:00 pm
Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service	Sunday, Dec 21 • T.B.A.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve	Family Eucharist & Children's Pageant • Wed, Dec 24, 5:30 pm
	Choral Concert • Wed, Dec 24, 9:30 pm
	Candlelight Eucharist • Wed, Dec 24, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day • The Feast of the Incarnation	Thursday, Dec 25, 10:00 am

Confirmation & New Member Classes

Adult Confirmation & New Members	Sundays in October • 11:45 am – 2:00 pm
Teen Confirmation	2nd and 4th Sundays • 11:45 am – 2:00 pm
	<i>Begins September 14th</i>
The Bishop's Visit	Sunday, December 7 • 10:30 am



DEACON BARBARA

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER ...

Many of us are deeply troubled by the tragic cycle of continuing violence around the world. We each struggle in our own way to deal with the complex maze of inner feelings about the many international crises. It is a comfort to know that we are not alone in our struggles or in our hopes for people in distant and unfamiliar places. Even as tragedy and suffering are occurring to so many people now and throughout history, there are also passionate and faithful voices calling for peace and healing, praying for an end to oppression, retaliation and hatred.

Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, has called for our prayers for many instances of violence and human misery. Her most recent call to prayer is in response to violence in Iraq that has included the slaying of Christians, Yazidis, and other Iraqi religious minorities living in fear of their lives, livelihoods, and ways of living and believing. We are asked to pray for an end to the destruction and looting of churches, homes, and places of business; and the displacement of thousands under the threat of death. "Pray that all God's children might live in hope of the world of peace for which we were created," she said.

In another location, Episcopal Relief & Development continues to provide support for the 80-bed Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, as it responds to critical humanitarian needs during the current conflict.

We are called to prayer for the humanitarian tragedy continuing with tribal and ethnic violence in the Central African Republic. Hospitals have been looted and staff have fled, leaving an already vulnerable population with no access to medical care. With the drug supply system disrupted and food insecurity exacerbated by a poor harvest, malaria is on the rise and there are fears of increased malnutrition. Rape and sexual violence are common methods of warfare. Human trafficking and administrative corruption are wide-spread. Children are being recruited and deployed in the armed forces of several African and Middle Eastern countries. Humanitarian workers and peacekeepers as well as vulnerable populations are in need of protection, food and water, shelter, sanitation and medical care.

Even in our own country, ecumenical efforts of churches, faith communities, interfaith partners, civic and social organizations are calling for our prayers for calm, for peaceful protest, and for open and honest dialogue on racism and issues of class.

Each week, the World Council of Churches (WCC) takes us on a journey in prayer through every region of the world. In our Prayers of the People we affirm our solidarity with Christians all over the world, brothers and sisters living in diverse situations, with diverse problems and diverse gifts. The WCC website offers specific lists for prayers of thanksgivings and intercessory prayers for each nation or region. You may look down the list at: <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>

Eternal God,
in whose perfect kingdom
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,
no strength known but the strength of love:
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,
That all peoples may be gathered
under the banner of the Prince of Peace,
as children of one Father;
to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Living Stones Building Projects Are Underway!



Wires & pipes exposed in undercroft kitchen



New paint & lights brighten the hallway; the atrium in progress



Framework securely covered before replacing glass panels on west side of Ed. Bldg. A construction lift waits outside.

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR FALL

Time to try something new!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

We're looking forward to a year of fun and knowledge! Our Children's Sunday School

begins Sunday, September 7, at 10:20 a.m. in the classroom (lower level of the Ed. Bldg.) for children in Kindergarten through 6th grades. We start the school year with stories of Adam and his family, and continue with a look at more people from the Old Testament. We are still needing volunteers to help in the classroom. Contact the parish office at 262-0897 if you are interested. If you'd like to take a look at the lessons, all of our instruction material is available in the workroom at the end of the hall in the lower level of the Education Building.

Potluck Kicks Off New Season for Choir



A new season for choir begins with a **Kickoff Potluck on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.** Due to the construction work that has begun in the undercroft, we will move our potluck event into the library. Bring a dish to share and invite any friends who might like to join choir. Or if you are not a current choir member, but you've considered singing with us, this is a great way to give it a try! There will be plenty of good food, fellowship and, after our meal, a chance to read through some of the music we will be singing this fall. There will be a **special Saturday morning rehearsal on September 6th at 10:00 a.m.** in the choir room to prepare for our first Sunday back in 10:30 a.m. worship on September 7th. Our regular rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This should be a fun and exciting year for St. John's choir—come be part of it!

Teens Ministry

St. John's Teens, for youth in 7th -12th grades, meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have lunch together before beginning study time. This fall, we will be working toward confirmation for any teens who have not yet taken this step. There will be lots of fun and special outings throughout the year as well. Join us!



Campus Ministry Starts New Year

College students and young adults gathered to kick-off Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita (ECMoW) new season with a S'more Fest on Tuesday evening, September 2nd, at St. Stephen's church. ECMoW is a ministry of local Episcopal churches that meets every Tuesday evening, inviting all college-age young adults to worship, fellowship and fun. Local Episcopal churches take turns providing supper. Meetings this semester will all take place at St. Stephen's, 7404 E. Killarney Pl. (near Central & Rock).. For more information, contact the Rev. Laurie Lewis (841-4332), the Rev. Jeff Roper (648-4261) or Tristan Holmberg (617-6861).

Teens: Registration Open for Fall Fun Fest!

Fall Fun Fest, September 20-21, at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch Rd., in Overland Park, is for students in grades 6-12 for 2014-15 school year. Diocesan youth events are NOT restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family. The cost is \$40 by Thursday, September 4 (scholarships are available). After that date, the fee increases by \$15. Go to <http://edokiyouth.wordpress.com/fall-fun-fest/> for more information and to register.

New Study Begins September 10: Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton

- Who wrote the Bible?
- Is the Bible Ever Wrong?
- Are Science and the Bible incompatible?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Is Jesus the only way to salvation?
- Why would Paul command women to keep silent in the church?
- How does God view homosexuals?
- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the end times?



Come and join Bible study at the St. John's library beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm for answers to these questions and others as we read, study and discuss Adam Hamilton's book. The book is available on Amazon for \$17.20, and can be ordered directly, or you may contact Mike Morrow (258-4834) if you would like him to order one for you. Feel free to bring your lunch with you. We are meeting over the noon hour so that people can take their lunch hour one day a week for study and fellowship.

We have an exciting program for Bible study this fall! After reading Making Sense of the Bible, we will study some of Paul's letters, including Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Galatians.

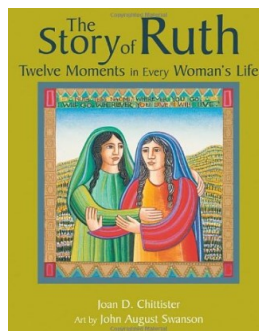
Later, we will also be reading the book Working from a Place of Rest: Jesus and the Key to Sustaining Ministry. The book discusses exhaustion, burnout, tiredness, even breakdowns which can occur for those in ministry and active in the church. The book can help one discern when to say "yes" and when to say "no" and building rest into our lives.



Daughters of the King start their new year of meetings on Monday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. At this first meeting, we

will decide what direction to take in our studies this fall. Some of our options includes a book study of ***The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life***, by Joan Chittester. Another study we might try is ***The St. Helena Psalter***, a book of Psalms written by the Sisters of the Order of St. Helena (one of our 2014 Lenten Luncheon speakers, Sr. Miriam Elizabeth [Faith Bledsoe], is a member).

You are also welcome to bring any resources you may have that could work for a study. All women are welcome to visit or to join—come try us out!



Bishop Wolfe to Visit December 7th



Mark your calendar for a special day with the Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, as he visits our parish on Sunday, December 7th. There will be only a 10:30 a.m. service and will include a Service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. A reception will follow the service. Plan now

to attend!

Upcoming Opportunities for Baptism

The bishop's visit will also be one of two opportunities in the next few months for a Service of Holy Baptism. The other date is All Saints' Sunday on November 2. If you are considering baptism for yourself or your child for date, please contact Fr. Earl as soon as possible.

HELP WANTED FOR KITCHEN WORKDAY: As work begins on the undercroft, we will be boxing up items in the kitchen for storage on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9-10, beginning at around 9:30 a.m. Be prepared for hard work! If you have hoarding tendencies, this may not be for you as we will be rigorously culling as we go! Contact the parish office at 262-0897 if you can help, so that we are able to reach you if plans change or we finish early.

September at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	3 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM Choir Kick Off Potluck and Sing A-Long	4 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting	5	6 Special Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM SW Convocation meeting at Trinity, El Dorado 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite
7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 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	8 6:00 PM Daughters of the King	9 6:00 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	10 11:45 AM Noonday prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer	11 5:30 PM Finance Meeting	12	13 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Ellington-Kilgore Families
14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 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	15	16 6:00 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	17 11:45 AM Noonday prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Centering Prayer	18 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	19	20 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church Fall Fun Fest/Overland Park
21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 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 the library	22	23 6:00 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	24 11:45 AM Noonday prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer	25	26	27 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 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 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch 3:30 PM Georgetown Worship Service	29	30 6:00 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's				

Serving the LORD with Gladness

SEPTEMBER 2014 (Year A)

Celebrant	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley
Preacher	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Earl Mahan	Fr. Ted Blakley	Fr. Earl Mahan
8:00 a.m. Service	September 07	September 14	September 21	September 28
	Pentecost 13	Pentecost 14	Pentecost 15	Pentecost 16
	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
Altar Guild	P. Heeren	L. Dunlap	M. Morrow	L. McKernan
	M. Puii	R. Zackula	B. Kittrell	K. Davidson
Acolytes	B. Kittrell	T. Mahan	M. Morrow	J. Alfred
Crucifer	J. Burkholder	J. Burkholder	P. Steele	M. Carvalho
Torch	E. Blakely	M. Mahan	E. Blakely	Caitlan Oswell
Torch	T. Blakely	Caleb Oswell	T. Blakely	M. Mahan
Lectors	K. Pott	T. Breeden	B. Kittrell	R. Carvalho
LEMs Lay Eucharistic Ministers	A. Wallace	B. Kittrell	K. Pott	T. Breeden
	Deacon	Deacon	T. Pott	Deacon
Childcare Nursery	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes
	S. May	B. Dozal	C. Harris	K. Davidson
Children's Sunday School	T. Seely	TBD	T. Seely	TBD
Teen Ministry	~~~~~	R. Zackula	~~~~~	R. Zackula
Daughters of the King	S. Mahan	N. Dietrich	B. Landrum	J. Wikle
Refreshments	I. Crandall	Potts	N. Deardorff	Dietrichs
LEV	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.



September Birthdays

- 02 Thomas Hill
- 03 Jack Burkholder
- 04 RaNee Chronister
- 05 Mikayla Mahan
- 05 Roger Bybee
- 05 Amanda Downing
- 06 Carroll Hadley
- 08 Elizabeth Cathey
- 10 Jean Wikle
- 11 Paul Massaria
- 14 Josh Armendariz
- 15 Bob Nelson
- 17 Theresa West
- 17 Jake Coniglio
- 19 Karen McQuiston
- 21 Douglas Pickarts
- 22 Mike McFerren
- 23 Nicholas Hiser
- 23 Ron Robbins
- 24 Marilyn Kindsvatter
- 27 Sue O'Brien
- 28 Katie Pott

September Wedding Anniversaries

- 01 Jake & Faith Coniglio
- 04 Bill & Barbara Thompson
- 06 Ryan & Andrea Burgardt
- 14 Mike & Carroll Hadley

September Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11 Michael Cathey
- 28 Collin Cordoba



Episcopal Women—you are invited to

A Day at the Cathedral

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

Cost, including lunch: \$15

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women's Board

The day includes:

- * Worship service
- * Tour of the cathedral, with special focus on the windows and needlework
- * Lunch and a short meeting
- * Organ presentation
- * Tour of Bethany Place



Reservations due September 15th.

Mail your name, address, phone and parish church, along with your \$15 check to: Sharon Atherton, 10206 W. 20th St. N., Wichita, KS 67212. Every woman who attends an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Kansas is a member of the Kansas Episcopal Church Women. Invite your friends and join us for this special day!

In memory of

Gina Coniglio

July 17, 1958—August 14, 2014

Daughter of Jake & Faith Coniglio





Flower Dedications for September

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
09/07/2014		
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Memorial Fund	In memory of James & Grace Edwards
9/14/2014		
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	McFerren Family Lucy Hadley	In loving memory of Jane Elizabeth Macauley In memory of Terra Lynn Becker
9/21/2014		
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	McFerren Family	In memory of George Vollmer on the anniversary of his birth
9/28/2014		
The Sixteenth Sunday	St John's Parish Family	In thanksgiving for St. John's Teens - because we love them

St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

July 2014

	Actual July 2014	Budget July 2014	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - July 2014	Budget Jan. - July 2014	Difference from Budget	2014 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	9,994.40	14,509.00	-4,514.60	82,491.72	92,286.00	-9,794.28	175,015.00
Contributions	1,292.95	4,059.00	-2,766.05	18,020.09	28,822.00	-10,801.91	55,970.00
Investments Interest & Dividend	7,320.49	7,906.00	-585.51	64,478.98	50,289.00	14,189.98	95,371.00
Additional Income	11,175.00	2,030.00	9,145.00	27,165.10	15,409.00	11,756.10	26,200.00
Total Income	<u>29,782.84</u>	<u>28,504.00</u>	<u>1,278.84</u>	<u>192,155.89</u>	<u>186,806.00</u>	<u>5,349.89</u>	<u>352,556.00</u>
	29,782.84	28,504.00	1,278.84	192,155.89	186,806.00	5,349.89	352,556.00
Expense							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	569.83	287.00	282.83	3,806.86	2,015.00	1,791.86	3,550.00
Outreach Ministry	6,538.26	5,943.34	594.92	48,477.12	47,423.34	1,053.78	81,886.00
Christian Formation Ministry	827.94	220.00	607.94	4,489.72	2,070.00	2,419.72	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	142.99	290.00	-147.01	8,238.84	2,040.00	6,198.84	5,500.00
Building & Grounds	1,384.88	757.88	627.00	19,008.09	15,541.36	3,466.73	29,318.00
Utilities	2,729.92	2,116.50	613.42	15,143.42	14,126.75	1,016.67	23,600.00
Office	190.38	205.00	-14.62	4,249.87	2,450.00	1,799.87	4,100.00
Personnel	21,980.68	19,883.95	2,096.73	136,562.96	132,504.11	4,058.85	217,355.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,594.77	2,250.00	344.77	17,937.90	15,750.00	2,187.90	30,200.00
Total Expense	<u>36,959.65</u>	<u>31,953.67</u>	<u>5,005.98</u>	<u>257,914.78</u>	<u>233,920.56</u>	<u>23,994.22</u>	<u>398,759.00</u>
	36,959.65	31,953.67	5,005.98	257,914.78	233,920.56	23,994.22	398,759.00
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-7,176.81</u>	<u>-3,449.67</u>	<u>-3,727.14</u>	<u>-65,758.89</u>	<u>-47,114.56</u>	<u>-18,644.33</u>	<u>-46,203.00</u>
	-7,176.81	-3,449.67	-3,727.14	-65,758.89	-47,114.56	-18,644.33	-46,203.00

A Look Back at St. John's History

by Parish Historian, Katie Pott

120 years ago . .

Wichita Eagle, September 1, 1894: St. John's church was crowded to its utmost capacity by a fashionable audience last evening at the concert given by the graduating pupils of the Mozart school of music. ~ The affair was quite a social event. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, and the young ladies graduating were gowned in white, carrying flowers. Four young girls in white acted as ushers.

September 26: Last night a chorus of forty voices met at the Episcopal church. They took up some of the choruses of the catchy piece "The Merry Milkmaids," which is to be put on here in a few weeks by that church. It was given in Wellington and the EAGLE force were serenaded by telephone. It is bright and beautiful and will have the

assistance of some of Wichita's best talent. September 30: One week's work of rehearsal shows the opera of the "Merry Milkmaids" to be well on the way to production. The chorus has met afternoon and evening each day in the basement of the Episcopal church for whom it is to be given. The ensemble members are very pretty and approaching climaxes in a very musical way. The del sarte by fourteen ladies is grace itself — the cudes [?] dance will be killing, while the display march will interest all lovers of the spectacular.

115 years ago . .

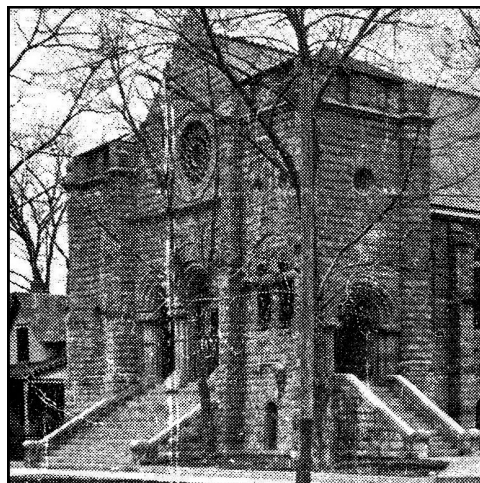
Wichita Beacon, September 7, 1899: In the presence of a church full of friends of the bride and groom, Miss Elizabeth Maude McCoy and Mr. Joseph Lawrence Newman were married at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at St. John's Episcopal church. Archdeacon Watkins of Salina was the officiating clergyman. The ceremony used was the beautiful ring service of the Episcopal church. ~ At 10 o'clock the bride's party appeared at the entrance to the church and proceeded up the aisle with the ushers. Following them came the bridesmaid and then the bride on the arm of her father. From a vestry room the groom and his best man came at the same moment meeting the remainder of the bridal party at the altar before which Archdeacon Watkins was standing. Then ensued the short, but impressive service of the church. ~ Throughout the ceremony a chorus of thirty-five voices from the Wichita Musical club sang appropriate selections from Lohengrin, greeting the bridal couple as they made their appearance with the beautiful strains of the immortal chorus, "Bring Forth the Bride," and humming the succeeding choruses as the ceremony proceeded. ~ The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion, palms and potted plants almost hiding the altar from view. . .

September 23: All persons who have promised to sing at St. John's church next Wednesday morning, also the Vested Choir, will meet at the church tonight for rehearsal. Come early. September 27: The fortieth annual convention of the Kansas diocese of the Episcopal church is in session today. Last night there was an informal reception at St. John's church for the visitors and this morning the Rt. Rev. Gilbert, bishop of Minnesota, preached a sermon to a large audience at the church. A hundred lay and ministerial delegates are present at this afternoon's convention. By tomorrow morning fifty more are expected.

September 29: At a meeting of the young ladies of St. John's Episcopal church yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Dodge of Abilene, president of the order for the Diocese of Kansas, organized a chapter of the Daughters of the King.

95 years ago...

Vestry Minutes, September 16, 1919: The Parish House committee reported the purchase of 100 feet of frontage on Topeka Ave. between 3rd and Central. . . Report of Inspector Webb regarding the boiler was read. The committee agreed to see that the work was attended to.



St. John's at 3rd & Topeka, before the Magill Memorial Bell Tower was added.

75 years ago...

Vestry minutes, September 6, 1939: . . . a vote of thanks was tendered the young people for their work in redecorating the undercroft.

50 years ago...

Parish Visitor, September 13, 1964: How many of our people have noticed that the house at 419 N. Emporia has been torn down? What now? After allowing the fill to settle for a few months, the Vestry will have this vacant lot converted into additional parking for our people. Thus it is that historic St. John's which in a few years from now will observe its Centennial Anniversary, is still planning and preparing for the future! Why not? . . . Speaking about planning for St. John's future, one of the top priorities on the Vestry's agenda is the prospect of installing an elevator in the church. The Vestry and Rector feel that special consideration is due those of our loyal and faithful members who find it increasingly difficult to climb the many steps. Thus we conclude that an elevator is far more a necessity than a luxury item. . . . two problems: 1. where to install it; 2. the cost of installation. Perhaps there may be some people in our parish who would be willing to underwrite the cost of an elevator either as a fitting memorial or as a special thank offering. Now that we have brought this matter to the attention of our people, we would like to have you tell us what you think of the idea. September 27: Thus far we have had no volunteers to pay for the installation of an elevator in our church. However, we are very patient! [14 years later it was installed]

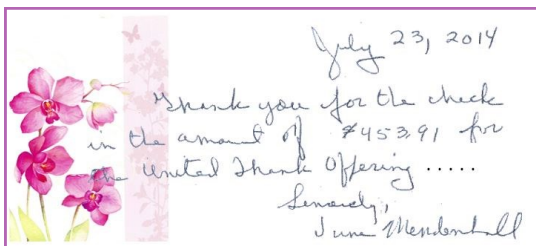
Rounding Up Church Keys



We have a GOOD problem! As St. John's church has grown and activity in our buildings has increased, more church keys have been needed to be given out. Now, our supply of keys is low, and to avoid the expense of making more, we are rounding up all unused keys. If you are in possession of a church key that you don't frequently use, please contact Cathy Harris in the parish office, 262-0897.

United Thank Offering Grant Given to Wichita's Episcopal Social Services

United Thank Offering (UTO), a special offering of The Episcopal Church, has given \$9,645.00 to Episcopal Social Services, Wichita, Kansas, toward the "Education Promoting Hope" Program. The aim of the program is to support employment and education for those endeavoring to improve their lives. The grant will help equip rooms and provide tools to facilitate volunteer training and staff education, as well as providing space for use by Episcopal churches and other non-profit organizations. Below is a copy of a thank-you message from UTO to St. John's for our contribution to the Spring Ingathering, \$453.91.



**The Wichita CROP Hunger Walk will take place at
Sedgwick County Park
Sunday, October 5, 2014**

Registration starts at 1:00 pm at Horseshoe Shelter
Walk begins at 2:00 pm

25% 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



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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