



Parish Notes

- Come for a Quiet Day on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.
- The Southwest Convocation meets on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Bart's Wichita.
- The Rev. Don Compier will serve as guest preacher for both 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services on April 19. The Rev. Don is Dean of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.
- St. John's will participate in the Downtown Organ Crawl, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, on Friday evening, April 24.
- Paul Baskill / Christine Peterson wedding, Saturday, May 2.

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Rector's Journal

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. – 1 John 1:5-7

One of the aspects of the Easter season that often gets overlooked among all the theological ideas competing for our attention is community. Yet, it is really at the heart of Easter and all its theological spiritual importance. Ideas like resurrection, forgiveness of sins, salvation, among others, become less significant, watered down, without the concept of community at their very core.

As Joan Chittister writes, "In community we work out our connectedness to God, to one another, and to ourselves. It is in community where we find out who we really are... In human relationships I learn how to soften my hard spots and how to reconcile and how to care for someone else besides myself. In human relationships I learn that theory is no substitute for love. It is easy to talk about the love of God, it is another thing to practice it." (J. Chittister, OSB, "Wisdom Distilled From the Daily")

So let us keep this in mind always as we think about our community of faith we call St. John's Church. It is the place for us to experiment with and test the limits of our relationships, trusting that with Christ as our source, we're more apt to find our community growing than being limited. Not always the easiest work, community, but by far among the greatest rewards of entering into life together as the body of Christ.

Communities also change. People live and die. People come and go. I've learned recently that our community will soon look a bit different, with the departure of Deacon Barbara Gibson from our church staff. Having been on a personal leave of absence since December, Barbara now feels called to devote her time to her work with Episcopal Social Services and Kansas to Kenya, along with devoting time to her family as a mother and grandmother.

In her time among us, she has blessed St. John's ministry with her skills and her passion. Our Outreach ministries, in particular, have been strengthened because of Barbara's gifts and abilities. We will miss her, but will remain connected with her through convocation and diocesan ministries.

The parish will have a chance to say good bye as Deacon Barbara will be with us in worship on April 12th at 8:00 service, April 19th at 10:30 service, and April 26th at both services and the last Sunday of the month breakfast. I invite you all to thank her for all she's done in the midst of our community.

Peace,

Fr. Earl Mahan

Curate's Report

by the Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley

**LOVE** by George Herbert (1593–1632)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'

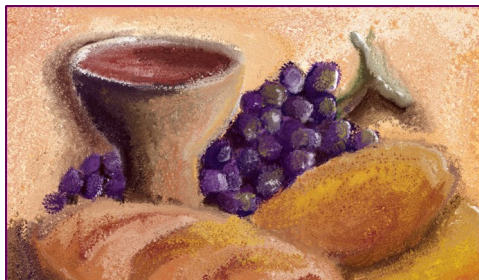
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then will I serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

**The Coming**

By R. S. Thomas

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look, he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce
Colour. The light burned
There; crusted buildings
Cast their shadows: a bright
Serpent, a river
Uncoiled itself, radiant
With slime.

On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. Many people
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.

The Rev. Don Compier to Preach at St. John's

Sunday, April 19th, at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Compier will also lead an Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. in the Library

"The Growing Latino Community in Kansas: How Should the Episcopal Church Respond?"

We can't help notice that we encounter an increasing number of persons from Mexico and Central America in our state. Educational statistics suggest that one of every five school-aged children in Kansas is Latino. In this forum we will consider issues like these:

Why is this part of our population growing?

What are these people like?

Will they be interested in the Episcopal Church?

The Reverend Don H. Compier, Ph.D. is dean of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry in Topeka and Canon Theologian of the Diocese of Kansas. He and his spouse Yolanda have been married 35 years. She was raised in Mexico City. Rev. Compier presides at the Spanish Speaking Eucharist held at St. Paul's in Kansas City, KS every Sunday evening.

Wednesday Services and Adult Study Groups

Consider attending one of these mid-week opportunities for worship and spiritual growth:

- 12:00 noon** **Noonday Prayer and Bible Study** resumes on Wednesday, April 15th in the library. After prayer, the group spends time in reading and discussion. They will be continuing a study of the book of Ephesians.
- 5:30 pm** **Evening Prayer Service** (on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday of the month) or a service of **Rite II Holy Eucharist** (on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday). The 4th Wednesday service will include **Holy Unction**, with healing prayers, laying on of hands and anointing with oil.
- 6:15 pm** **Wednesday Evening Small Group** meets in the library. This group is currently focusing on "Praying the Scriptures."



In Childrens' Sunday School, we will learn the Bible stories that follow Easter: the Road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas, Jesus' Breakfast with the Disciples and more. Come join your friends at Sunday School and find out what happened next!

NOTE TO THOSE WHO DONATED HAMMERS FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY PROJECT: You may pick up your hammers at the Children's Sunday School classroom on Sunday morning. The project was successful—the children did a great job. Thank you for sharing your hammers with us!



UTO Spring Ingathering: Thankful Hearts

Sunday, May 3, 2015

St. John's will hold its Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering at both services on Sunday, May 3. You are invited to count your blessings by placing coins and cash in your UTO Blue Box in thanksgiving for big and small daily blessings that God gives which brighten your life and the lives of those around you.

UTO Blue Boxes and envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church or in the hallway or can be mailed to you. Bring your offering or mail it to the church office to share your blessings so that yours can be joined with the thank offerings of other Episcopalians around the world.

The coins of thanks-giving placed in your Blue Box will be used to award grants for projects through the Episcopal Church United Thank Offering. Your prayers and offerings from past ingatherings have built churches and schools, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, obtained shelter for the homeless, and provided care and support for those facing physical, mental and emotional challenges. It's quite likely that you'll discover that your own life changes as you become more aware of the abundance of God's daily blessings of joy and His presence in the challenges that come your way.

Enjoy giving thanks to God as you drop coins in your UTO Blue Box as you realize His many blessings in your life. We encounter big and small ways of gratefulness such as our families, friends, St. John's Parish, smiles, spring flowers, rain. The gift of our eyes, ears, nose and all our senses, give us opportunities to enjoy the sights, smells and sounds all around us each day. We are thankful for healing of body and spirit, the replenishment of the the soil with rain, answered prayer.... And you can add to the list! Most of all, we give thanks for being loved by God that He gave us His Son our Savior Jesus Christ!

A Word of Thanks...

...to all of you who gave of your time and talents to make our Holy Week and Easter services beautiful:

To our awesome All-Church Clean-up Crew who gave up part of a Saturday on March 28th to put a shine and polish on our lovely church and grounds: Esther, Thaddaeus & Ben Blakley and their dad (Fr. Ted), Joseph Craig, Kelley Davidson, Nadine Deardorff, Ireland Dozal, Marlene Franklin, Erica Gaither, Ron & Carol Hartzler, Thomas Hill, Peggy Karr, Ben & Sara Kittrell, Mike and Morgan McFerren, Lanelle, Jillian & Cara McKernan, Mary Ohlemeier, Cora Olson, and Lura Unger. And an extra thanks **to Mike McFerren for preparing a delicious lunch** for our hard-working volunteers!

To the industrious bunch who worked on **Palm Cross Making** on Saturday, May 28th: Esther Blakley, Thaddaeus Blakley, Fr. Ted Blakley, Nadine Deardorff, Mary Grimes, Cathy Harris, Shirley Harris and Carol Hartzler.

To a group of teens and adults who gathered on Saturday, April 4th, to fold service bulletins and prepare cheerful spring flowers for the windows in the church: Ireland Dozal, Mikayla Mahan, Mike McFerren, Morgan McFerren, Emerson Ross and Tish Seely.

To St. John's Altar Guild, Daughters of the King and others who pitched in extra time in cleaning and setting up for services. Special thanks extended to Mike McFerren and Arland Wallace for endless hours of willing service above and beyond the call!

To Nicki Soice, Shirley Orr, Marilyn Kindsvatter, Mike McFerren and Lanelle McKernan for preparing and serving a delicious **Parish Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 5th.



YouthTide! Registration Deadline Extended to April 10

Come ADVENTure with us through all the seasons of the Episcopal church year! One weekend filled with Advent Wreaths, Gingerbread Nativities, King's Cake, Spiritual Gifts, Silent Prayer, The Last Supper, an Easter Egg Hunt, and so much more! We've taken the fun of ADVENTure and expanded it to be an entire weekend! During this weekend feast, we'll learn more about the entire Episcopal Church Calendar. From Advent and the preparation for Christ's coming to Christmas and Epiphany, a journey through Lent, and the celebration of Easter. We will spend time experiencing silence, serving God, singing, worshiping, eating LOTS of yummy meals and hanging out with your diocesan youth friends!

When: April 17-19, 2015 (2 nights!)

Where: Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Who: Youth currently in grades 6-12

Fee: \$50 (fee increases by \$15 after April 10)

Priority deadline: April 10, 2015

Registration form: <https://edok.formstack.com/forms/youthtide2015>

Register for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp now!

Camp is often sited as everyone's "favorite" event. It is an opportunity to spend a week in Christian Community with lots of fun activities available. Episcopal Summer Mega Camp has been held at Camp Wood YMCA for at least 80 years. It offers beautiful landscape, clean facilities, and more is being added each year! They have horseback riding, archery, swimming, canoeing, climbing tower, a giant swing, gaga (a dodgeball-like game that everyone loves), arts & crafts, and more! Camp is open to those who have finished 3rd grade through those who have finished 12th grade. It is May 31-June 6 and costs \$420/camper. Limited scholarships from the diocese are available for those with great financial need. Your parish may also be able to help you with scholarships or fundraising. Space is limited, so register now! Registration forms, an FAQ, and more are available on our web site: <http://edok youth.wordpress.com/camp/>

Find out why youth love Mega Camp, watch these camp commercials:

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlr5V_EJuAejnNymKDyViAbf2rqkKucle



2015 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS



Donor

Ken & Tammy Breeden
Iola Crandall and Phyllis McCabe

Jake & Faith Coniglio
Marlene Franklin
Nancy & Phil Dietrich
Ron & Carol Hartzler
Vernon & Darlene Herrman
The Howell Family

Cathy, Shirley and Mike Harris
Peggy Karr
June Ann Kelley
Shari and Michael May

Edwin McCrillis
The McFerren Family

Pete & Lanelle McKernan family

Garry & Judy Morris
Mike Morrow
Scott & Nikki Mueller
Bob & Judy Nelson

Tom & Katie Pott
St. John's Parish Family
Nicki & Larry Soice
Bill & Barbara Thompson
Arland Wallace
Racine Zackula

Given in Memory of, or in Thanksgiving for

In memory of those who perished on Germanwings Airbus flight A380
In memory of Opal, John and Robert Bowles, and Tharza, Willard,
Dennis, Jerry and Bernie Eberhardt

In memory of Gina Coniglio and in thanksgiving for Enzo and Nino
In thanksgiving for children and grandchildren

In memory of our loved ones

In memory of our parents: Levi & Irene Hartzler, Otto & Geneva Bartel
In thanksgiving for our great-granddaughter Heidi Ward's 2nd birthday
In memory of Robert & Caroline Evans, Terry Howell, Katie Howell
and Mark Mitschelen

In memory of our loved ones

In thanksgiving for family and friends

In thanksgiving for family and freinds

In memory of Clyde P. May, Ernest & Dorothy Moody, Martie Moody
and Mari Sanders

In memory of Elizabeth H. (Betty) McCrillis

In memory of George Vollmer, Ann Hodges, Maxine Walters, Jane
Macauley, Sue Campbell, Judy Saitler and Pat Stone

In memory of the Oxley family, Joe McKernan, Kris Hale, Linda
DeMezza, Vivian Steadman and Joan Calloway

In thanksgiving for Janie & Wayne Morris, Mary Lee & Coy Taylor

In memory of Miriam, Grace, Shirley, and Mildred Morrow

In memory of her grandmother Patty Scott

In memory of Janet McGalliard Bullard, Don & Julia McGalliard, Nicholas
McGalliard, William & Bess McGalliard, James Nelson

In memory of Francie Pott

In thanksgiving for St. John's Teens

In thanksgiving for the blessings of family

In thanksgiving and in memory of loved ones

In memory of my parents

In memory of Roger and Eileen Zackula



Daughters of the King will meet the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting is Monday, April 13th, at 6:00 pm in the library. We will continue our study of the Psalms. We will also discuss what is holy to us, what makes something holy and how we respond to holy things. The details of the Spring Assembly will be presented. Visitors are always welcome, and you may bring a sack supper with you, if you wish.

Thank you to those who helped deliver Easter lilies to our homebound members.

Remember, we are still seeking large empty Juice cans for our flower ministry. You may leave cans in the west walkway (a marked box is there for your convenience).

April Birthdays

- 02 Scott Mueller
- 02 Phil Chronister
- 03 Father Earl Mahan
- 03 Rachel Carvalho
- 04 Troy Bitler
- 05 Wray Milam
- 07 Susie Schwartz
- 10 Brian Gillespie
- 14 Breslyn Collette Dozal
- 16 Jeanette Childs
- 19 Ken Breeden
- 19 Faith Coniglio
- 21 Dianna Fry
- 26 Deanna Waggaman
- 28 Philip Davidson
- 30 Kelly Burkholder

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 01 Dawn Nelson
- 02 Jillian Poynter
- 02 Alexander Morris
- 02 Zachary Morris
- 03 Deacon Patsy Abshier
- 05 Troy Bitler
- 07 Jeff Orr
- 07 Shirley Orr
- 09 Jeanette Childs
- 09 Douglas Pickarts
- 13 Karen McQuiston
- 13 Shawn Bitler
- 16 David Childs
- 19 Mia Carvalho
- 24 Gloria Grace Westhoff
- 24 Dimond Mundy IV
- 27 Dean Roush
- 29 Samuel Mueller



Wedding Anniversary

- 22 Vern & Darlene Herrman

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

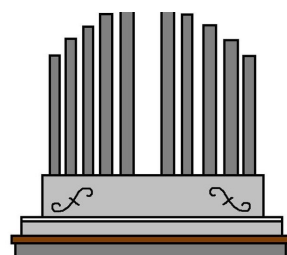
Dedications may be made to the Altar Flower Fund in memory of your loved ones, or in thanksgiving for your blessings. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested. Sign-up in the notebook on the back table of the church, or call the parish office at 262-0897.

4/5/2015 Easter Sunday	Easter Lily Dedications are listed on page 5.	
4/12/2015 Easter II	St. John's Family	Love to our many members who have committed themselves to St. John's continued presence in downtown Wichita, Kansas.
4/19/2015 Easter III	Darlene & Vernon Herrman	Thanksgiving for their 26th wedding anniversary on April 22nd.
4/26/2015 Easter IV	Darlene & Vernon Herrman	Thanksgiving for 25th wedding anniversary of her son Christopher & Stephanie Ward married at St. John's 4/28/1990
	Tammy Breeden	In Thanksgiving for her husband, Ken's, Birthday.



St. John's to be Featured in the Downtown Organ Crawl

The event, sponsored by the Wichita Chapter of the American Organist Guild, will be Friday evening, April 24. The evening begins at First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m., then to St. John's at 7:35 p.m., and concludes at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8:10 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy the crawl, see a few of Wichita's beautiful churches, and hear a sampling of inspiring music. We're proud to welcome these musicians and guests to our lovely and historic church!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Breakfast in the library 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Acolyte & servers practice 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor</p>	<p>30 Monday in Holy Week 6:00 PM Evening Prayer</p>	<p>31 Tuesday in Holy Week 6:00 PM Evening Prayer</p>	<p>1 Wednesday in Holy Week 3:30-5:00 PM Confession of the Penitent, in the Chapel or by appointment 6:00 PM Evening Prayer</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM-12:00 AM Prayer Vigil hourly through Friday noon</p>	<p>3 Good Friday 12:00 AM Prayer Vigil hourly to noon 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Good Friday Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite 8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter</p>
<p>5 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Easter Breakfast in library 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist</p>	<p>6 Monday in Easter Week</p>	<p>7 Tuesday in Easter Week 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's</p>	<p>8 Wednesday in Easter Week 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures</p>	<p>9 Thursday in Easter Week 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting in the Parlor</p>	<p>10 Friday in Easter Week</p>	<p>11 Saturday in Easter Week 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church</p>
<p>12 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch</p>	<p>13 Daughters of the King in the Library</p>	<p>14 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's</p>	<p>15 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study resumes in the library 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures</p>	<p>16 5:00 PM Finance Meeting in the library 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in library</p>	<p>17 "Resurrection" 9:00-12:00 Noon Quiet Day: 9:30 AM Southwest Convocation meets at St. Bart's 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church</p>	<p>18 9:00-12:00 Noon Quiet Day: "Resurrection" 9:30 AM Southwest Convocation meets at St. Bart's 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church</p>
<p>19 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study in the library 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Holy Unction (healing) 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 AGO DOWNTOWN Organ Crawl— begins at 7 pm at First United Methodist</p>	<p>25 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod</p>
<p>26 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Breakfast in the library 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Acolyte & servers practice 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch 11:45 AM Circle of Care (COH) in the library</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's</p>	<p>29 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study resumes in the library 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures</p>	<p>30</p>		

Serving the Lord

	April 02 Maundy Thursday	April 03 Good Friday	April 04 The Great Vigil of Easter	April 05 Easter Day	April 12 Easter 2	April 19 Easter 3	April 26 Easter 4
8:00 a.m. Service	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I
Acolyte				P. Karr	C. Harris	A. Wallace	M. Morrow
Lector/ Intercessor				P. Karr	C. Lloyd	C. Olson	M. Morrow
Altar Guild				P. Karr M. Franklin K. Davidson			
10:30 a.m. Service				RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
Organist			Ken Rodgers	Dean Roush	Ken Breeden	Ken Breeden	Ken Breeden
Altar Guild	L. McKernan	B. Kittrell	L. McKernan	L. McKernan	R. Zackula	K. Davidson	L. McKernan
	M. McFerren	R. Zackula	M. Morrow	M. McFerren	L. Dunlap	L. McKernan	M. Morrow
			M. McFerren				
<u>Acolytes</u> Server	B. Kittrell	M. Morrow Wooden Cross	B. Kittrell	A. Wallace	B. Kittrell	E. Blakley	A. Wallace
Crucifer	B. Kittrell		M. Morrow	E. Blakley	M. Mahan	E. Blakley	P. Steele
Torch				Caitlan Oswell	E. Ross	Caitlan Oswell	E. Ross
Torch				Caleb Oswell	G. Ross	Caleb Oswell	G. Ross
Lector / Intercessor	T. Breeden A. Wallace	M. Morrow	T. Breeden B. Kittrell M. Morrow C. Olson A. Wallace	T. Mahan	K. Pott	J. Nelson	R. Carvalho
LEMs	B. Kittrell	M. Morrow	B. Kittrell	A. Wallace	B. Kittrell	K. Pott	A. Wallace
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	~~~~~	~~~~~	M. Morrow	T. Breeden	~~~~~	T. Pott	T. Breeden
Childcare Nursery	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes	J. Montes
	C. Harris	C. Harris	Cathy Harris	C. Harris	P. McCabe	B. Dozal	K. Davidson
Children's Sunday School					T. Seely	T. Seely	T. Seely
					J. McKernan	J. McKernan	J. McKernan
Teen Minister					R. Zackula		R. Zackula
					K. Davidson		M. Morrow
DOK					J. Wikle	L. Unger	N. Dietrich
Usher	T. Pott	P. Dietrich or M. McFerren	P. Dietrich	P. Dietrich			
Refreshments				Easter Parish Breakfast	K. Kindsvatter	T. Breeden	Parish Breakfast/ T. Seely
Lay Eucharistic Visitor					C. Lloyd	P. Massaria	A. Wallace

A Look Back at St. John's History

By Parish Historian, Katie Pott



John Price Hilton

145 years ago

John Price Hilton's report to the Diocesan Convention, May 1871:

"I commenced to hold the services twice each Sunday, in April, 1870, and continued till December, when we had to suspend them, as the log church where I was holding services was too cold and damp—only having a sawdust floor, and we had no means to dry or warm it—(the lighting has been done at my own expense). On Easter

Sunday I commenced services in a large room and find a growing interest in the Episcopal services, and a better attendance. . ."



137 years ago

The Kansas Churchman, May 15, 1878: [Easter is observed in 1878] "by appropriate Sunday School services. The room was decorated profusely with flowers, a large floral cross constituting one of the most conspicuous features of the arrangements. Colored Easter eggs were distributed to the children to whom the occasion was one of great gladness."

135 years ago

Wichita Eagle, April 1, 1880: The Rev. Colton's church was redolent with floral offerings on Easter Sunday and the services throughout the day were interesting.

128 years ago

The Living Church, April 23, 1887: Wichita—Easter 1887 marks a notable era in the life of St. John's parish. It is gratifying to observe that the marvelous material progress of this city hardly surpasses its growth in religious and educational matters. Taking the lead in church building, St. John's Vestry have purchased a lot of ample dimensions in a most desirable location. The present church building is far too small to accommodate the congregation which has rapidly increased under the judicious management and earnest preaching of the present rector. The Vestry recently ordered a fine two-manual organ, which has just now been completed by the Messrs. Pilcher of Louisville and was used for the first time at the Easter services. Three times in the day was the church filled beyond its seating capacity, the aisles and all vacant spaces being filled with chairs. The number of communicants was unusually large. The sermon of the morning was a most powerful one on "The Risen Christ" from the text "Now is Christ risen and become the first fruits of them that slept."

124 years ago

The Kansas Churchman, May 1891: Easter day brought out a good congregation. Our new choir acquitted itself very creditably in the rendering of the church music. The church was tastefully decorated, by the Altar chapter. In the afternoon was held children's service, Easter carols together with a nice address by the Rector, occupied the time while the Secretary was opening the missionary boxes. The boxes with the afternoon offering gave us \$26 which was devoted to Domestic Missions. Each child present was made happy by the gift of a potted plant.

121 years ago

The Kansas Churchman, May 1894: Easter at St. John's Church, Wichita, was a red-letter day in the history of the church. At both the morning and evening services hundreds were unable to gain admittance. The new stone church celebrated its first Easter in a manner which manifested the joy and gratitude of every member of the now thriving and flourishing parish. The quartette choir consisting of four of the best singers in the city rendered musical selections at the morning service. At the evening service there was an immense audience. Hundreds could not enter the church. The night music was rendered by the vested choir of twenty-four voices which was the first occasion of a surpliced choir in Wichita. The robed choir consisting of ten young women and ten young men surprised the immense congregation by their most remarkable singing.

120 years ago

The Kansas Churchman, May 1895: Easter services this year were most splendid and largely attended. For three years the local commandery of Knights Templar have been attending in a body, Easter services at St. John's, and this year they appeared forty strong and so great was the interest felt, had it been a pleasant day, there would have been a hundred. Several hundred extra chairs had to be rented from the Auditorium, and then many stood up. In the evening the attendance was even greater yet. The music, . . . was superbly rendered.

St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

February 2015

	Actual February 2015	February 2015	Difference from Budget	Actual Jan. - Feb. 2015	Budget Jan. - Feb. 2015	Difference from Budget	2015 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	9,232.70	10,291.75	-1,059.05	23,403.48	22,828.76	574.72	155,000.00
Contributions	2,915.26	1,864.97	1,050.29	5,006.94	4,044.65	962.29	35,150.00
Investments	5,014.76	5,450.00	-435.24	14,800.42	12,100.00	2,700.42	82,000.00
Additional Income	1,415.00	1,390.00	25.00	1,765.00	2,780.00	-1,015.00	37,180.00
Total Income	18,577.72	18,996.72	-419.00	44,975.84	41,753.41	3,222.43	309,330.00
Expense							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	326.56	170.84	155.72	817.78	591.60	226.18	3,450.00
Outreach Ministry	6,127.08	5,640.00	487.08	11,570.11	11,280.00	290.11	67,980.00
Christian Formation Ministry	19.64	237.46	-217.82	477.64	875.00	-397.36	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	94.18	145.83	-51.65	483.44	291.70	191.74	3,750.00
Building & Grounds	5,323.30	2,500.00	2,823.30	7,860.45	8,525.00	-664.55	31,345.00
Utilities	2,347.35	2,696.66	-349.31	5,777.28	5,393.40	383.88	23,600.00
Office	992.92	725.00	267.92	1,567.24	1,350.00	217.24	5,100.00
Personnel	26,584.79	27,374.47	-789.68	48,142.02	49,174.00	-1,031.98	282,418.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,393.87	2,500.00	-106.13	4,807.13	5,000.00	-192.87	30,000.00
Total Expense	44,209.69	41,990.26	2,219.43	81,503.09	82,480.70	-977.61	450,893.00
Net Ordinary Income	-25,631.97	-22,993.54	-2,638.43	-36,527.25	-40,727.29	4,200.04	-141,563.00

Bits & Pieces

Help wanted: We are seeking someone to fill the position of **Clerk of the Vestry**. The clerk of the parish vestry records minutes of the vestry meetings. These minutes are approved by the vestry and kept in the permanent records of the parish. The clerk may or may not be a member of the vestry. If you would like to be considered for this important position, contact Nicki Soice, Senior Warden, or Fr. Earl Mahan.

Will you or a family member be graduating this year? Let us celebrate with you! Please submit your graduation announcement details, and a photo if you'd like. We'll recognize your achievement in upcoming newsletters and in services later this Spring.

The Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications for the 2015/2016 school terms. Any member of St. John's who will be attending College or an Institute of Higher Learning is eligible to apply. The deadline for application is Wednesday, July 1st, and the recipients will be announced in church on Sunday, July 19. Applications are available by contacting Cathy Harris in the parish office at 262-0897.



Remember to make your Living Stones Pledge, and enjoy the signs of progress at St. John's with each week! Your above-and-beyond gifts in support of this needed building improvement campaign demonstrate the dedication and vision of this parish family.

Support Doorstep Ministry and Outreach! While St. John's Outreach Committee is reorganizing, let's not forget to support our Doorstep Ministry. All loose plate offerings and designated gifts go to Doorstep on **Third Sunday for Doorstep** (the third Sunday of each month). Also, the **Dillons Community Rewards** program is still available, with some changes in how to sign-up and what purchases qualify. We hope to schedule some Sign-up Sundays in the near future to help the "technology-challenged" participate in this simple way to support our neighbors in need through Doorstep. Watch for more details!

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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	12:00 noon	Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer Service
	6:15 pm	Praying the Scriptures

Staff and Vestry

Staff

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan—Rector
The Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley—Curate
The Rev. Barbara Gibson—Deacon
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Delegates: Shari May, Sue O'Brien, Lura Unger
Alternates: Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula

