ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wichita, Kansas



St. John's Parish Visitor

November 2015

Parish Notes

- All Saint's Sunday is November 1st.
- Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st.
- St. John's 145th
 Anniversary & Building Rededication will be celebrated on Sunday,
 November 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. with Bishop Wolfe.
- Youth will host a Swing Dance in the undercroft on Saturday, November 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Rector's Journal... It's All About the Vision

A loving family of faith, united in Christ, for a ministry of service.

If this statement, the vision statement of our parish, is not particularly familiar to you, I encourage you to commit it to memory, right now, meditate upon it, and pray for our parish, that we would continue to live into it in ways bold and faithful.

Why? As a parish, we stand at a place in our history that future St. John's members will look back upon as a crossroads, a turning point, in the mission and ministry of St. John's Church. They will say that at this pivotal juncture we acted with intention and passion, following the guidance of the Spirit of God, leading us into a place where our vision was the standard by which our ministry took shape. They will also say that it was at this point in time that our vision united us, the likes of which surprised even us. A unified group of people of faith is a hard thing to stop. It's also a hard thing to define. This is why our statement of vision, if we all believe it and strive to live by it, is so important. It has the potential to determine whether, or not, we truly live together in unity, as a body, as a congregation, as a church.

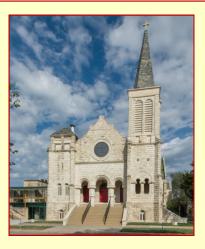
Very soon, if not already, you will be receiving your annual stewardship information. It is an invitation, of sorts, to a celebration of St. John's mission and ministry, lived out 365 days a year. Like the invitation to any celebration, your "RSVP" is requested. In stewardship terms, this means you are asked to make a pledge, a commitment, a response to the invitation that God is issuing to each and every one of us. Your RSVP allows St. John's to live into our vision each and every day. Your RSVP makes our unity of purpose possible.

Fill out your pledge card and return it, if possible, by Sunday, November 29th, **our Ingathering Sunday.** Together we are a force to be reckoned with, a force for change, a force for good, a force for God's purposes and action in our community and in the world. Together we are a loving family of faith, united in Christ, for a ministry of service. God bless us all.

In Christ,

Fr. C. Earl Mahan, Rector





St. John's Episcopal Church cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate our 145th Anniversary & Building Rededication

Sunday, November 22, 2015

At 6:00 p.m.

With The Right Rev. Dean E. Wolfe,
Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas

Reception to follow in St. John's newly-renovated Undercroft

St. John's Episcopal Church 402 N. Topeka Wichita, Kansas 67202

St. John's CROP Walkers Win Traveling Trophy Quilt for 2015

On Sunday, November 8th, in the 10:30 a.m. service, St. John's will be presented with the CROP Walk Quilt for 2015, a traveling trophy awarded to the group that raises the most money for the fight against hunger in Wichita and around the world.

Twenty participants from St. John's raised \$3,237.38 on Sunday afternoon, October 4th, at Sedgwick County Park. Walkers signed on for either Team Earl or Team Ted, with a goal of raising \$1000 per team. With the help of generous donors, and led by their fearless team captains, they far surpassed their goals to win the prize for St. John's, but more importantly, to help end hunger "one step at a time." The quilt will be displayed at St. John's until next year's walk.



A Grateful St. John's Parish Bids Farewell to Curate Fr. Ted Blakley and His Family Sunday, November 1, 2015



A farewell reception was held in the newly-renovated undercroft at St. John's for our curate Fr. Ted Blakley, Rebekah, and their children Emma, Thaddaeus, Esther and Benjamin, following 10:30 a.m. service on All Saints' Sunday. Refreshments were provided by the Vestry. A display of wrapped "gifts" represented different contributions and ministries brought to St. John's by Fr. Ted, such as Quiet Day experiences, and study and practice of Centering Prayer and Praying the Scriptures. Words of thanks and well wishes were offered by our rector, Fr. Earl Mahan. Gifts from the parish included a framed print of St. John's Church by artist Peggy Cook,





framed photos by
Tom Pott of Fr. Ted's
ordination as priest
and daughter Emma
serving as acolyte, a
gift card for Fr. Ted to
Jos. A. Banks clothing
store, and Barnes &
Noble gift cards for
Rebekah and each
child. Fr. Ted came to
St. John's in August
2013. He has
accepted the position





of rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Hutchinson, to begin later this month.







St. John's Choir To Present Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

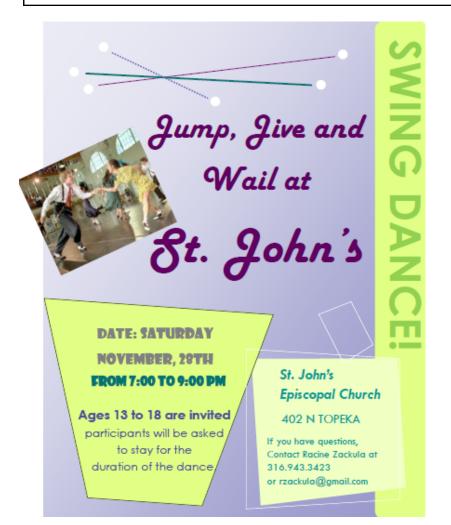
St. John's choir is once again hosting a Service of Lessons and Carols, under the direction of choir director Ken Breeden, on Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 pm. Choir members from the SW Convocation have been invited to join in this beautiful service on the third Sunday of Advent, in the hopes of beginning a Christmas tradition for our Convocation.



Pieces being rehearsed include Palestrina's Matin Responsory, Of the Father's Love Begotten, and others. There will also be favorite carols and hymns sung with the congregation.

If you are a singer interested in joining the choir for this beautiful holiday event, there will be two rehearsals scheduled ahead of the service so that everyone participating is familiar with the music. All participants should come to at least one rehearsal, both if possible. The rehearsal dates are Saturday, November 14th, and Saturday, December 5th, both at 10:00 a.m.

Last year was a great start to what, hopefully, will become a tradition for our Convocation. If you would like to take part, contact Ken at ken.breeden@cox.net or cell (316-558-1977).



St. John's Episcopal Church

SPANISH MASS Rite II Holy Eucharist In Spanish Language

Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Led by The Rev. Elizabeth Montes Music led by Brother Guadalupe

All are welcome!

Spanish Mass and Supper on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 12th



St. John's Episcopal Church Profit & Loss Budget Proformance September 2015

	Actual Sept 2015	Budget Sept 2015	Actual vs Budget Sept 2015	Actual Jan - Sept 2015	Budget Jan - Sept 2015	Actual vs Budget Jan - Sept 2015	2015 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	8,810.40	10,183.24	-1,372.84	97,679.83	104,037.04	-6,357.21	155,000.00
Contributions	3,052.82	1,848.97	1,203.85	31,587.27	21,652.14	9,935.13	35,150.00
Investments	7,009.51	5,500.00	1,509.51	66,986.65	55,000.00	11,986.65	82,000.00
Additional Income	1,090.00	1,090.00	0.00	22,329.42	22,910.00	-580.58	37,180.00
Total Income	19,962.73	18,622.21	1,340.52	218,583.17	203,599.18	14,983.99	309,330.00
Expense							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	549.02	270.84	278.18	2,934.58	2,637.48	297.10	3,450.00
Outreach Ministry	5,850.49	5,640.00	210.49	52,769.73	51,060.00	1,709.73	67,980.00
Christian Formation Ministry	32.18	154.17	-121.99	1,904.98	2,787.49	-882.51	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	919.53	1,145.83	-226.30	3,394.63	2,512.51	882.12	3,750.00
Building & Grounds	6,697.64	6,300.00	397.64	23,764.24	25,100.00	-1,335.76	31,345.00
Utilities	1,493.06	2,421.66	-928.60	18,175.90	18,635.02	-459.12	23,600.00
Office	843.66	405.00	438.66	5,242.38	3,985.00	1,257.38	5,100.00
Personnel	22,866.64	21,799.47	1,067.17	208,622.77	211,786.11	-3,163.34	282,418.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,017.43	1,800.00	217.43	20,755.76	19,600.00	1,155.76	30,000.00
Total Expense	41,269.65	39,936.97	1,332.68	337,564.97	338,103.61	-538.64	450,893.00
Net Ordinary Income	-21,306.92	-21,314.76	7.84	-118,981.80	-134,504.43	15,522.63	-141,563.00
						Trust for Curate	44,118.00
						Begin. Balance	35,828.00
						Estimated Budget	-61,617.00
						Actual vs Budget	15,522.63
						Estimated Deficit	(46,094.37)

PARISH NOTES

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY is November 1st. The names of the dearly departed will be read in prayers at all three services.

ALTAR GUILD will be oiling the woodwork in the church on Saturday, November 14th, at 9:00 a.m. All members of all ages are welcome to take part!

The **ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET** will be held on Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at East Heights United Methodist Church at 4407 E. Douglas. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase critically important gifts for people in need around the globe, given in the name of your loved one. Examples of needed gifts are Family Vegetable Gardens in Tanzania, Books for School Libraries in Ethiopia, and Micro-Loans for small businesses in South America.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING will meet on Monday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Visitors always welcome!

RECORDS OF GIVING: Statements of your Record of Giving will be mailed in early December. If you want or need the information sooner, you may call Cathy Harris at 262-0897, and she can provide you with your most current information.

EWARM INVITES YOU TO THEIR FALL FAMILY GATHERING, on Saturday, November 14th, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the undercroft. There will be a potluck dinner; bring a dish to share. Meet recently-arrived refugee families and welcome them to Wichita!

GIFTS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Fill the little red wagon at the back of the church for ESS. Also, keep bringing jars of peanut butter—they can be passed along to ESS, or used for Doorstep Ministry.

Dates to Celebrate

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

01	Lou Ann Sorenson
04	Gabriel McFerren
06	Jim Schwartz
09	Charles Lloyd
13	Nikki Mueller
14	Marjorie Annis
14	Carol Neighbor
15	Jaaron Alfred
18	Heath Hadley
21	Arland Wallace
24	Laura Wagnon
25	Dee Johnson
27	Mary F. Hathaway
27	Amanda Thorpe

01	Melissa Downing
01	Jennifer Downing
01	Curtis Downing
01	Amanda Downing
04	Jillian McKernan
05	Gabriel McFerren
06	Peyden Chronister
06	Jessica Bitler
25	Jan Mueller
26	Tish Seely



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

17 Ron & Jan Mueller

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

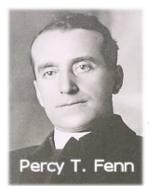


11/01/15 All Saints' Sunday	St. John's Parish Family	In memory of our loved ones.
11/08/15 Pentecost 24	Morgan E. McFerren	In thanksgiving for the birthday of her brother, Gabriel C. McFerren
Proper 27	Ken & Tammy Breeden	In thanksgiving for the birthday of granddaughter Rhys' 5th birthday and in memory of Jeanette Thornton on the 10th anniversary of her death.
11/15/15 Pentecost 25 Proper 28	Phil & Nancy Dietrich	In thanksgiving for the birthdays of their daughters Lynda and Michelle
11/22/15 Christ the King	Bob & Judy Nelson	In loving memory of Judy's mother, Bess McGalliard
11/29/15 Advent I	McFerren Family	In loving memory of our friend, Sue Campbell
	Shirley, Cathy & Michael Harris	In loving memory of husband and father, Paul Harris, and in memory of brother and uncle, David Robison, on the anniversary of their births, November 30

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

105 years ago . .

The Rev. Percy T. Fenn's 1910 Hand-Book of St. John's Parish: "PARISH BOUNDARIES, AND CLERICAL ETHICS"



The question has already been asked since the organization of St. Stephen's into a parish [1909], what are the boundaries of each of these two parishes? ~ Such a question as this is very difficult to answer. A fair eastern boundary of St. John's, and western boundary of St. Stephen's would be the Rock Island track, running north and south. ~ It is natural for us to assume, however, that those residing in the neighborhood of St. Stephen's will attend that church, and those residing near St. John's will attend St. John's. But there can be no compulsion—there is no law compelling such attendance. ~ As a matter of fact some who should be in St. Stephen's, attend St. John's and some who should be in St. John's, attend St. Stephen's. And, of course they will continue so to do. It must be to some extent, a matter of taste, and of individual preference. ~ If the members of either parish are

unhappy in their relationship, it is easy enough for them to make a change, by getting the proper letter of transfer. ~ But it must not be forgotten that the clergy are governed by a code of ethics which will be rigorously observed by your city clergy. ~ The Rector has no right to go into St. Stephen's parish for any ministerial act, whatever, except with the consent, and on the invitation of his reverend brother. And, to be very frank, he does not believe that he could do so even with such consent. For only once in his entire ministry, has he done such a thing, and then it was done for sentimental reasons which could not be ignored. ~ On the other hand, the Minister-in-charge of St. Stephen's will perform no function whatever, among the people of St. John's, unless requested so to do by its rector. ~ This is as it should be. The peace and happiness of both congregations, and the clergy who preside over them, will be enhanced by the recognition and observance of this code of ethics.

75 years ago..

Vestry minutes, November 8, 1940: [A committee chairman reported] on the cost of plastering and redecorating the kitchen, robing room and toilet. It was the judgment of the committee that as far as possible bids should be submitted by members of the parish wherein such a course was possible. . . The report was received and placed on file. ~ The Rector spoke at length upon the Every Member Canvass the dates for which had not been set and it was decided to defer the matter until after the Thanksgiving Offering had been tabulated. The rector also advised that the Thanksgiving Offering be asked for the purpose of balancing the parish quota for the general Church Program amounting to \$204.00 and that the Rectors Pastoral set forth this purpose. ~ Quite a lengthy discussion was held following the reading of an article from the Witness on the fact that it was impossible to keep faith with pledged contributors who were promised in the Every Member Canvass that their pledge should be made for their full expectancies for the year, when they were constantly harassed for special gifts from societies and individuals for private enterprises. This was deplored and a resolution offered to the effect that no solicitation of funds within the parish should be made without the consent of the Vestry and then only from those who were not pledged contributors. The Rector was asked to so advise the parish through the columns of the parish paper as an aid to subscribing an adequate budget and this request was complied with in the issue of the parish paper of November 15th the Friday following the meeting of the Vestry.

Serving the LORD with Gladness

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
	All Saints' Sunday	Pentecost 24	Pentecost 25	Christ the King	Advent 1
8:00 a.m. Service	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	
Acolyte	Racine Zackula	Cathy Harris	Cora Olson	Cathy Harris	Mike Morrow
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Cathy Harris	Cora Olson	Cathy Harris	Mike Morrow
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	
Organist	Ken Breeden	Dean Roush	Deanna Waggaman	Ken Breeden	Dean Roush
	Lanelle McKernan	Leslie Dunlap	Ben Kittrell	Lanelle McKernan	Kelley Davidson
Altar Guild	~~~~~~	Racine Zackula	Mike Morrow	~~~~~~	~~~~~~~
	~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~~	~~~~~~
<u>Acolytes</u> Server	Jack Burkholder	Mike Morrow	Ben Kittrell	Jack Burkholder	Ben Kittrell
Crucifer	Mikayla Mahan	Paul Steele	Mike Morrow	Paul Steele	Mikayla Mahan
Torch	~~~~~~	~~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~
Torch	~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~~	~~~~~~	~~~~~~
Lector / Intercessor	Tammy Breeden	Judy Nelson	Mike Morrow	Katie Pott	Roger Carvalho
LEMs	Tish Seely	Tammy Breeden	Mike Morrow	Katie Pott	Ben Kittrell
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Clergy	~~~~~~~	Ben Kittrell	Tom Pott	~~~~~~
Childcare Nursery	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes
Cimacare rearsery	Kelley Davidson	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris	Kelley Davidson
Daughters of the King	Lura Unger	Nancy Dietrich	Tish Seeley	Judy Morris	Lura Unger
Refreshments	Fr. Ted's Reception	Phyllis McCabe/ Iola Crandall	Kent Kindsvatter	Katie Pott	Parish Breakfast/ Nancy Dietrich
LEV Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~~	~~~~~~

fecha	1 de noviembre	8 de noviembre	15 de noviembre	22 de noviembre	29 de noviembre
dia	Todos los Santos	24 de Pentecostés	25 de Pentecostés	Cristo Rey	Adviento 1
servicio de 13:00	rito II santa eucaristia				
sacerdote	Mtr. Eli Montes				
Gremio del altar	Michael McFerren				
músico	Br. Guadalupe				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I All Saints Sunday 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in the library 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist 1:00 PM CROP Walk at Sedgwick County Park	2	5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita in the parlor	4 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	<b>5:00 PM</b> Budget Meeting in the library	9	7 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church 2:00 PM Celebration of Life for Edwin McCrillis; reception following in undercroft
8 Pentecost 24 / Proper 27 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in the library 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	6	5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita in the parlor	11 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Rite II Holy Eucharist	12 5:00 PM Budget Meeting in the library	13	14 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Ellington-Kilgore families 12:00-2:00 PM EWARM Fall Family Gathering in the undercroft
15 Pentecost 25 / Proper 28 THIRD SUNDAY FOR DOORSTEP 8:00 AM Rite   Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in library 10:30 AM Rite    Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Daughters of the King in the library	5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita in the parlor	18 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer & Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	19 5:00-6:00 PM Finance Meeting in the library 6:00-7:30 PM Vestry Meeting in library	20	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
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29 First Sunday of Advent & Pledge Ingathering 8:00 AM Rite   Eucharist 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast in the parlor 9:30 AM Acolyte and Server practice   10:30 AM Rite    Eucharist   1:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	30	Na	u thank	we all	ll aux g	Jod

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We welcome you!

Sundays 8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Bible Study

5:30 pm

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist

(Nursery available from 10:15 am)

1:00 pm Holy Eucharist in Spanish

Wednesdays 12:00 pm Noonday Prayer & Bible Study

Evening Prayer Service, or

Rite II Holy Eucharist on the 4th Wednesday

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### **Staff and Vestry**

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**Vestry** 

Nicki Soice—Senior Warden Mike McFerren—Junior Warden Pete McKernan—Treasurer Erica Gaither—Clerk

Members—Tracy Anderson, Iola Crandall, Bob Guenthner, Shari May, Mike McFerren, Pete McKernan, Mike Morrow, Mary Ohlemeier, Scott Orr, Tish Seely, Nicki Soice,

**Delegates**: Shari May, Lura Unger

Alternates: Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula



