ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wichita, Kansas



St. John's Parish Visitor

April 2016

Parish Notes

- Knit with Knowledge, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor
- Farewell Reception for the Mahan family, Sunday, April 3, 9:15— 10:30 a.m. in the parlor

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"As a Young Mother With Three Little Girls...

At the end of the day, after all of the dressing up and Easter egg hunting and the bows and the new shoes, and the reminders to your little girls to say 'yes mam' and 'no mam" when asked questions by all of your relatives, you hoped and prayed they received the message about Jesus, but you knew there was more to learn. You know, whether you are in town for church or not, that it isn't ABOUT Jesus, it IS Jesus." - Excerpt from the blog "White Spray Paint"

At some point, for some, not all, a shift occurs in our consciousness around the events which this day we remember and celebrate. A shift in thinking and belief, that translates into a shift in acting and speaking. It is the shift described by my good friend Laura in the above quote from her blog, White Spray Paint." (She will say she is no theologian. I say she is the best kind of theologian, that is, the kind that would never call themselves one as such. The shift is, simply put, from thinking of Easter as being ABOUT Jesus, to realizing it IS Jesus. Plain and simple. Not so simple, of course. In fact countless numbers of people, non-Christian and Christian alike, have spent many a lifetime dancing around the periphery, catching glimpses of the truth, confusing it with something less, something less than authentic, less than true.

Easter is Jesus Christ, not a memorial in tribute to him. Come to think of it, the Christian faith is Jesus, not some set of religious moral and ethical guidelines about him and his teachings. To be sure, it comes equipped, fully loaded with an "about face", a way of life that is all about living in a way that is consistent, congruent, if not downright copacetic with the way Jesus himself lived and how God calls us to live as well.

Yet Christianity, nor its flagship day of celebration, Easter, IS NOT "about" the One we call "Lord." No, for that would make the Lord subservient to the day. Instead, and be clear, beloved, it is on this point that we can spend all our days dancing and never "get it." Instead, Christianity, and this holy day that, indeed demands our utmost, our full and complete devotion, is the Lord's day. It is him. He made it. He fills it. He has given it to us and it is he that has risen!!

We see this distinction in the familiar story of the foot race to the tomb, found in chapter 20 of John's Gospel. Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and the other disciple, you know him, the "one who Jesus loved," come to the tomb on that first Easter morn. They find things not as they should be. Not as they expected. A grave with no body. Linen wrappings and grave cloths, again with no body. Leaving them, at least for Peter and the beloved disciple, believing that something has occurred but not yet fully able to understand. For them, the moment is still ABOUT Jesus, but what it is about, they know not.

The men leave and head home. Mary is met by angels who question her crying and disregard her demands to know something about Jesus, or more specifically, something about Jesus' body and its whereabouts. Instead she is met by a nosy gardener, again with the questions about, "Why the tears?" and more again, desperately wanting answers ABOUT the body. Yet this is no ordinary gardener. This is the the teacher who has planted seeds in Mary, and the others, and who now has returned, risen to begin the harvest of souls that will begin with

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them and spread throughout the world, and throughout the ages, to all those who, like Mary, will have their eyes opened and their hearts transformed..."I have seen the Lord." Yes, all those like Mary, who will hear their teacher call them by name as well... "Jesus said to her, "Mary!"..."______" (Insert your name here.)

And upon hearing her / our name spoken by the teacher, The jig is up. The mystery revealed. This is the new day that he spoke of. This is the kingdom of God. This is the day the LORD has made. This is Jesus. We have seen him. We have believed. We will rejoice and be glad in His day. We shall tell others what we have seen and what we believe. And nothing, not even the doubts and cynicism of an age blinded by its own giftedness and intelligence, can sway us from the truth which stands before us.

Jesus. The Christ. Son of the Living God.

This is His day. In history. In time. Yet completely and utterly beyond it.

He is risen. He is triumphed. He is exalted. Forever and ever.

Amen.

Peace ++



Fr. Earl



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVINGS

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Ken & Tammy Breeden
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Memorial / Thanksgiving

In memory of Dr. Francis Abraham and Gil Gilliland In thanksgiving for St. John's parish In memory of Gina Coniglio and in thanksgiving for Enzo and Nino In memory of loved ones

In memory of our loved ones

In memory of Charley Gascon, Ralph Gascon, Mrs. Favela Vital In memory of Robert & Caroline Evans, Terry Howell,

Katie Howell, Mark Mitschelen, Jon & Sue Shields

In memory of our loved ones

In memory of loved ones

In loving memory of Clyde P. May

In memory of Ed McCrillis, George Vollmer, Ann Hodges,

Jane Macauley, Sue Campbell

In memory of Alex Oxley, Joe McKernan, Kris Hale,

Linda DeMezza, Harmon Holladay, Pat & Dee Wilson

In memory of Wayne & Janie Morris, Coy & Mary Lee Taylor

In memory of Janet McGalliard Bullard, Nicholas

McGalliard, William & Bess McGalliard, James Nelson, Jerry Bullard

In memory of Charley Gascon, Dorothy Washington,

Favela brothers, and Parga family

In memory of Francie Pott

In thanksgiving for the love of family

In memory of Adelaide Wikle

In memory of Janice Zackula

ST. JOHN'S 2016 LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES FEEDS BODIES & SOULS

Thanks go out to all who made the series a special time in our parish! To our speakers, for the inspiration and unique voices they brought us: The Rev. Don Compier, Ms. Karen Schlabach, The Rev. Bob Hirst, The Rev. Canon Torey

Lightcap and The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger; to our talented teams of chefs, kitchen crew and other helpers: Mike McFerren, Tammy Breeden, Shirley and Cathy Harris, Nicki Soice, Sue Phares, Shari May, Iola Crandall, Nadine Deardorff, Jesse Berry, Charles Lloyd, Marilyn & Kent Kindsvatter, Mary Ellen Haugen and Judy Nelson. Job well done!

Chicken Tetrazzini (served at March 16th luncheon, by Shari May)

1 rotisserie chicken, or 3-4 baked chicken breasts, chopped

1 stick butter or margarine, melted

2 cans cream of chicken soup

1 pint (2 cups) sour cream

8 oz. (half of 16 oz. pkg.) thin spaghetti, not angel hair

1 small pkg. of shredded Parmesan cheese

Salt & Pepper to taste

Mix chopped chicken, butter, salt and pepper. Add soup and sour cream. Break spaghetti into third-lengths; cook and drain. Add to chicken mixture.

Place in greased 9x13 pan (metal works best) and sprinkle with cheese. (May add a small amount of Panko bread crumbs with cheese, pouring a small amount of butter on top.) Sprinkle lightly with paprika for color. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Serves 8-10.

Freezes well. (Ed. note: This was so good, served with salad & bread!)





"Adopt a Singer" Helps Support St. John's Music Ministry

St. John's choir uses paid singers, often college students, to help balance sections in our choir, as well as provide solos and special music through the year. However, the current music budget will only cover the first part of 2016. To fill our choir through the end of the year, we are looking for an additional \$3000. You can "Adopt a Singer" for one Sunday for a \$50 donation. Note on your check that your gift is for the "Adopt a Singer" program. And thank you for your support of the music ministry of St. John's!



"Knit with Knowledge" meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Invite a friend!



Come check out a new group at St. John's that combines learning, fellowship, creativity and ministry. "Knit with Knowledge" is open to all who knit, crochet or do other handwork, or to those just interested in learning. There is a need for warm scarves and hats during the winter for our Sandwich Saturday guests and others in need, and we hope that Knit with Knowledge will be able to fill that need. While we work, we can learn something new at the same time. With permission from The Teaching Company, we'll be viewing lessons from their Great Courses series, with possible discussion afterwards. The Teaching Company offers a wide variety of subjects; we'll begin with a study of The Old Testament, taught by Dr. Amy Jill Levine, author and professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt University. We plan to cover two 30-minute lessons per week. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the parlor at St. John's. If you don't knit or crochet and just want to sit in on the video classes, please feel free to come. Likewise if you can't come to Knit with Knowledge and want to contribute items you've made, that is also welcome and appreciated. For more information contact Tammy Breeden at 316-684-7688, 316-737-0748, or e-mail at ken.breeden@cox.net.

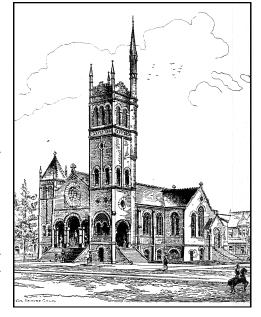
St. John's History

by Parish Historian, Katie Pott

120 years ago...

From a history of St. John's in the Easter Souvenir Mirror, 1896: . . . Rev. John F. von Herrlich is now rector and has been for the last three years. In the year 1887, when the city of Wichita was at the apex of prosperity, before the cloud of adversity began to hover over it, and its resources seemed to be without limit, Mr. Adams, then rector, believed that St. John's church should have a larger and more attractive house of worship, and one that would compare favorably with any in the state of whatever denomination. He believed that the parish, with what it could get from the liberal people of the city, ought and could build a church that would cost at least \$40,000. He kept the project before his parish, until they became enthusiastic in the matter, and generous aid was promised outside of the parish proper. Subscriptions were opened, and enough was subscribed, with what it was thought the Lawrence Avenue church and rectory could be sold for, to build and fully complete a new church to cost at least \$40,000. It was to be built of stone, and of the most approved style of architecture, and furnished on the inside in a manner that should be artistic and attractive. Plans and specifications were prepared and adopted, lots purchased at the corner of Topeka Avenue and Third Street on which to erect the new building and the work was commenced. But before the walls of the building were completed the wave of hard times came upon the country and the people of Wichita lay prostrate under it. Those who had subscribed to the fund to build the church could not pay, or were in such condition that a Christian spirit could not ask them to. A large sum was borrowed and secured by a mortgage on the Lawrence Avenue church and rectory, to carry on the work and pay obligations then due. This was done in the hope that better times would soon set in and the subscriptions paid and the church finished. When the walls were up and the trusses and framework of the roof were in place, all the money that had been borrowed and collected on the subscription had been expended and no more could be collected. The work had to stop after a temporary roof had been put on to save the walls, but with the hope of better times when the work would be carried on to completion. But the expected better times did not come, and the prospect of completing the church became more doubtful each day. C. A. Walker, one of the vestrymen, and of whom the lots on which to build the church was purchased, had a slate roof put on the building and boilers and pipes for heating put in the place, and all further work was indefinitely postponed. ~ With an indebtedness of nearly \$20,000 resting on the new building, there seemed to be little or no hope of finishing or of saving the new building from the liens that were upon it, or of redeeming the Lawrence Avenue church from the mortgage it was under. ~ Early in the year 1893, Rev. John F. von Herrlich, paid Wichita a visit, in view of a possible call as the rector of St. John's church. The parish did not hold out much encouragement to him, as it was then without hope. He examined the condition that the parish was in financially, as well as a spiritual standpoint, in a business-like way. From such examination he said he could, with their earnest and untiring aid, finish the new church, and reduce the debt then upon it so that it could be carried on a long time

at a low rate interest, and in time have it entirely paid. ~ The call was extended to him and Easter Sunday of that year he entered upon the duty of rector. With great executive ability he organized and arranged the forces at his command, and set them to work in their appropriate place. In two years he has raised about \$15,000 including \$800 furnished by the Young Peoples Chapter and \$1000 by the work of the ladies of the society. The church has been finished inside complete, including lighting by electricity and steam heat, and it is now one of the finest and best finished and appointed churches in the state. He has reduced the debt upon it to about \$5000 and is now in the east engaged in the work of raising the money to pay that, or to materially reduce it, and if energy and Christian zeal can accomplish the work it will be done. He has done much to make the services of the work attractive. A view of the new church is given by a cut recently made. ~ Under his ministration the spiritual standing of the church has been much improved and its membership largely increased. On the 8th of November last a class of sixty-six were confirmed, all of whom were adults, but one young miss of 15 years. During his ministry up to this time ninety have been confirmed.



"THIS IS NOT A FAIRY TALE"

2016 Easter Message of the Presiding Bishop

I actually love fairy tales and I used to enjoy reading them to our children when they were young and little. Now to be sure those were the more sanitized fairy tales but there was something good about them, a way of confronting what was tough in life with genuine hope. But they were fairy tales.

This week called Holy Week, the remembrance of Jesus entering Jerusalem and offering His life in the ultimate act of sacrificial love. Good Friday, the experience of betrayal, the experience of friends abandoning you, the experience of injustice and wrong, criminal self-centered conspiracies. And then beyond that Holy Week, the resurrection from the dead. This is not a fairy tale.

The truth is even as we speak this Holy Week, we do so not only in the shadow of the cross but we do so in the shadow of those who have been killed in Brussels, of those who have been wounded and maimed, of those who weep and mourn. And of a world mourning, and not too sure how to move forward. And this world does not need another fairy tale. This week's story of crucifixion and resurrection is not a fairy tale.

Some years ago in the last century George McLeod, the founder of the Iona Community, had fought in the First World War, a war that he came to realize was fought for no good reason. He eventually became ordained, and founded the Iona Community, and at one point he said this about this faith that we hold as followers of Jesus:

I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the centre of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage dump, at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. It was the kind of place where cynics talk smut, thieves curse, soldiers gamble. That's where he died. And that's where we as Christians ought to be and what we as Christians ought to be about.

This week called Holy, the season called Easter, the remembrance of death and the realization of resurrection, this is not a fairy tale, but the revelation of ultimate reality. Now the truth is it's easy to dismiss or discount whether by conscious conviction or by unconscious resignation to dismiss this as naïve, nice, but naïve. It's easy to dismiss it whether consciously or unconsciously as a great hope, a wonderful ideal, but not realistic in a world like this. Maybe, parts of us I suspect wonder, maybe the strong do survive, maybe might does make right, maybe you better look out for number one. I suspect we all share those feelings once in a while.

But, I have to ask myself a question. It's not my question, it's Dr. Phil's, "How's that workin' out for ya?" How's that workin' out for the world? The truth is, the way the world very often operates is not working out. It's not sustainable. It's not the way to life. Jesus has shown us the way. He has shown us that unselfish, sacrificial love, love of God, and love of the other, is the way to life. That, my friends, is the ultimate reality. And that's not a fairy tale.

When Jesus was executed, He was tried and convicted of crimes He never committed. He willingly gave His life. Not for Himself, but for others. And in so doing, He showed us what love looks like. That's what we call the Way of the Cross. And that Way is the way of life and hope. And when He died, His closest followers feared that maybe the strong do survive. Maybe might does make right. And maybe we better look out for number one. 'Cause maybe the world has won.

But three days later, something happened. Unexpected. Undreamed of. Unheralded. Three days later their world turned upside-down which is right-side up. God raised Him from the dead. And you could almost hear God thundering forth in that resurrection. Love, in the end, love wins! Love is the way! Trust me! Follow me! Believe in me! This resurrection is real! This is not a fairy tale!

So go forth into this world. Don't be afraid. And don't be ashamed to be people of love. And go forth into this world and help us to change it from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends.

A blessed Holy Week, a blessed Easter, and go forth into the world. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

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April Celebrations	 10 Brian Gillespie 16 Jeanette Childs 19 Ken Breeden 19 Faith Coniglio 	 Deacon Patsy Abshier Troy Bitler Jeff Orr Shirley Orr
APRIL BIRTHDAYS 02 Scott Mueller 02 Phil Chronister 03 Father Earl Mahan 03 Rachel Carvalho 04 Troy Bitler 05 Wray Milam 07 Susie Schwartz	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	09 Douglas Pickarts 13 Karen McQuiston 13 Shawn Bitler 19 Mia Carvalho 27 Dean Roush 29 Samuel Mueller WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 22 Vern & Darlene Herrman

Serving the LORD with Gladness

APRIL 2016 (Year C)

Preacher / Celebrant	Fr. Earl Mahan			
	April 03 2nd Sunday of Easter	April 10 3rd Sunday of Easter	April 17 4th Sunday of Easter	April 24 5th Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Service	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I
Acolyte/Chalice	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris	Racine Zackula
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Cathy Harris	Charles Lloyd	Racine Zackula
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
Organist	Joel Brejda	Joel Brejda	Joel Brejda	Need Organist
Altar Guild	Lanelle McKernan	Racine Zackula	Leslie Dunlap	Kelley Davidson
<u>Acolytes</u> Server	Jack Burkholder	Tish Seely & Paul Steele	Jack Burkholder	Cathy Harris & Emerson Ross
Crucifer	Jack Burkholder	Paul Steele	Jack Burkholder	Emerson Ross
Lector / Intercessor	Tammy Breeden	Katie Pott	Roger Carvalho	Gracyn Ross
Chalice Bearers	Tammy Breeden	Tom Pott	Tammy Breeden	Katie Pott
Chance Bearers	Dn. Deedee	Dn. Deedee	Dn. Deedee	Dn. Deedee
Daughters of the King	Tish Seely	Nancy Dietrich	Judy Morris	Jean Wikle
Refreshments				
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~~~

fecha dia	3 de abril Segundo Domingo de Pascua	10 de abril Tercer Domingo de Pascua	17 de abril Cuarto Domingo de Pascua	24 de abril Quinto Domingo de Pascua
servicio de 13:00	rito II santa eucaristía	rito II santa eucaristía	rito II santa eucaristía	rito II santa eucaristía
sacerdote	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes
gremio del altar	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren
organista	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please note that there will be no Wednesday services	no Wednesday	services or study grou	or study groups through the month of April 2016.	of April 2016.	_	2 I I:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church
3 Easter II 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	4	5.45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita, undercroft 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor	6 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	7	8	9 I I:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church of Christ
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A Loving Family of Faith, United in Christ for a Ministry of Service

We welcome you!

Sundays 8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist

1:00 pm Holy Eucharist in Spanish or Morning Prayer

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