



Parish Notes

- Rector Search Team meeting, Thursday, December 8, at 6 pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 3pm.
- Finance Committee & Vestry meetings on Thursday, December 15th, at 5 & 6 pm
- Memorial Service for the Homeless, Wednesday, December 21st, at 7:30 pm.
- Christmas Eve Services December 24th at 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Spanish) and 10 pm.
- Christmas Eve Choral Concert at 9:30 pm
- Christmas Day Eucharist, December 25, at 10:30 am only
- Teen winter break event: Pancakes & PJs, all day December 28th

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PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER – THE ST. JOHN'S RECTOR SEARCH St. John's 2020: A Clear Vision for our Future

The search is on – for a new St. John's Rector!

During the next several months, St. John's will look inward and look outward to find the individual best suited to serve as our next rector. We will look inward by first assessing St. John's strengths, challenges and opportunities, and the characteristics we seek in a rector. We will look outward by using that assessment information to identify the best candidates for Rector of St. John's.

The inward assessment will take several forms, including open meetings, interviews, and an online survey tool, the Congregation Assessment Tool, or CAT. The CAT is a highly-regarded tool used by churches nationwide to help them with critical issues such as rector transition. More information about the CAT is included on page 2 of this Parish Visitor.

Please plan to provide your input by completing the CAT during the month of December. Once the assessment process is complete, the rector search team will work with the diocese to identify potential candidates. The rector search team will interview and discern strong candidates for the position, and they will ultimately recommend one name to the vestry. The present timeframe calls for welcoming a new rector to St. John's by late summer.

The St. John's Rector Search Team includes the following members: Ken Breeden, Leslie Dunlap, Ron Hartzler, Larry Heeren, Mike McFerren, Mary Ohlemeier, Shirley Orr (Chair), Jill Poynter, Brother Guadalupe and Racine Zackula. Please feel free to contact a search team member with any questions and input you may have.

Updates about the search process will be provided in upcoming issues of the Parish Visitor, along with frequently asked questions and answers.

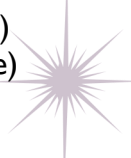



The Search Begins

On November 20, Canon Torey Lightcap gave the Sermon at both services to officially help us kick off the search for our next rector. Between services Canon Torey, Debbie Kremers - Missioner for Transitions, and Shirley Orr – Search Chair visited with the congregation about the process that the Committee is going to use during this effort. Following the 10:30 service all three of them met with Vestry members and Search Committee

members to go over the first steps. We want to thank Shirley and her committee for accepting this challenge as we step out on this new road. We will keep them all in our prayers as they will begin this important work.

St. John's 2016 Services and Events for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, November 27	Advent I at 8:00, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish-Language)	
Sunday, December 4	Advent II at 8:00, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish-Language)	
Sunday, December 11	Advent III at 8:00 and 10:30 AM (no 1:00 PM service) Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dancers 3:00 PM, Service 4:00 PM, Traditional Pozole Supper	
Sunday, December 18	Advent IV at 8:00, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish-Language) Decorate the Church 11:45 AM Posada (dramatizes Joseph & Mary's search for lodging), time TBD	
Wednesday, December 21	Memorial Service for the Homeless, 7:30 PM, reception following	
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Vispera de Navidad Eucaristia 7:30 PM Choral Concert 9:30 PM Christmas Eve Eucharist 10:00 PM Christmas Day Eucharist 10:30 AM (only one service)	
Sunday, December 25	Pancakes & Pajamas, all-day event for Teens, 9 AM to 6 PM	
Wednesday, December 28	Holy Name Day 10:30 AM (only one service)	
Sunday, January 1	Feast of the Epiphany 6:00 PM, followed by Supper and Removing Decorations	
Friday, January 6		

Consequences of the Incarnation:

"The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love the neighbor as the self- to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, help, fix, save, change, enroll, convince or control but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it." Barbara Brown Taylor

ST. JOHN'S 2020: A CLEAR VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER – YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

As part of the rector search process, **we are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT)**, an on-line instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be critical in helping the leaders of St. John's as they make decisions about the future of the church.

To take the survey, please go online to the following site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnsWichita>

You will also receive an e-mail containing the link to the CAT. Beginning December 1, we are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

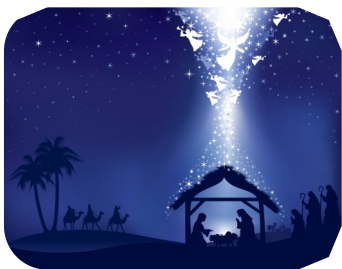
Computer terminals will be available in the library between Sunday services for those who do not have access to a computer otherwise. If you still would have difficulty completing the survey, please contact Shirley Orr at 316.250.6940.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact Shirley Orr, or another search team member.

Many thanks,

The St. John's Rector Search Team



“Silent Night, Holy Night”

by Nicki Soice, Senior Warden

Christmas – a time for reflection; a time of promise; a time to relive the Journey to Bethlehem.

As children we were allowed to stay up this *one* night of the year. We waited impatiently, dressed and out into the cold we headed for the small church at the top of the hill. Christmas Eve service started at 11:30 p.m. with Father Rudy Treder celebrating. The second half of the service was carefully timed to begin just at midnight. We were in church, ready for communion, just as Christmas arrived.

I remember so vividly.... the lights slowly dimmed following communion. The congregation dropped to their knees. The first strains of that familiar hymn began “Silent Night, Holy Night ...” Quiet descended. It was reverent. It was solemn. It was moving. There on bended knee, just as the shepherds had been centuries before, we knelt to welcome the birth of the Christ child. God touched each of us.

I remember so clearly the service ended and the double doors opened. Father Treder greeted each of us and we stepped out into the night. Cold hit us; the crisp cold that comes late on a Winter night. Clear, sometimes foggy, sometimes snowing, but always still. A hushed quiet. Silent Night most Holy Night.

Christmas came – and still comes - in the dark of a cold night,
In the Word read once again,
In the quiet that banishes all other thoughts.

May you too feel the peace as we once again await the Birth of this Holy Child.



147th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting & Luncheon

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 147th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting and Luncheon on **Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 12:00 noon in the undercroft.**

They Have Been Praying for You for 116 Years!

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by members of the Episcopal Church in the 1880's. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the [Rule of Prayer](#) and the [Rule of Service](#). By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of Prayer, Service, and [Evangelism](#), dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

The St. Mary's Chapter was founded here in St. John's in 1900! These women, young women and girls have been praying by name for parishioners in distress or sickness, delivering altar glowers to shut--in parishioners, providing receptions for parish weddings and funerals, and many other prayer and service task for the parish which go unheralded.

Our Daughters (Tish Seely, Nancy Dietrich, Judy Morris and Jean Wikle) meet once a month for fellowship, chapter business, assignment to church support roles, and gathering together the month's prayer list which each Daughter takes home and prays for the month.

The Daughters of the King are a time-tested and time-honored path for women, young women and girls to follow Christ and serve Christ's Church.

Any any of St. John's Daughters, or go to doknational.org. Thank you, dear Daughters, for your faithful service to this parish! ---Ted Curtis, Interim Pastor





Come to the library on designated Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10:10 AM for exploration of various aspects of living life as a Christian in today's world. Fr. Ted Curtis will give a short presentation on the day's topic, followed by group discussion.

December 11 (3 Advent) -- The "O" Antiphons of Advent, Part One
 These musical titles for Christ (like O Root of Jesse, O King of the Nations, O Key of David) by an anonymous 13th century author were sung before the Magnificat at Vespers on the days before Christmas Eve. Let's

treasure them anew, letting them speak again of the deep human hunger for transcendence -- God -- in our lives.

December 18 (4 Advent) -- The Year of Matthew
 With the start of the liturgical year in this Advent season we now hear in Sunday worship Matthew's version of the stories he inherited about the life and ministry of Jesus. Let's discuss amongst ourselves.

December 25 (Christmas Day) -- no gathering

***Hats and Scarves
 Blessed on November 20***

St. John's Knit with Knowledge group was started this year by Tammy Breeden. The group gathers Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the parlor where they lovingly knit hats and scarves while watching an educational series.

On Sunday, November 20, the many beautiful products of their hard work were brought to the altar to be blessed by Father Ted to be given to guests of our

Saturday Sandwich ministry. We want to take time to thank all of those who contributed: Tammy Breeden, Carol Hartzler, Sara Lloyd, Phillis McCabe, Nadine Deardorff, Father Ted Curtis, and Jo Auchterlonie from Good Shepherd. May God bless those who wear these hats and scarves.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
Guadalupe

Join Us!
**SUNDAY
 12.11**

3:00 Pm
 DANCERS (MATACHINES)

4:00 Pm
 SPANISH MASS
 FOLLOWED BY OUR TRADITIONAL
 POZOLE SUPPER

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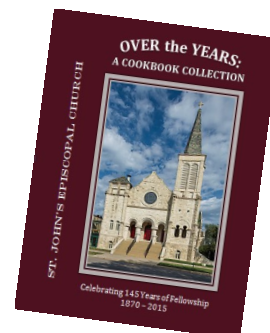
Trust

Learning to let go of our notions of how things should be and finding freedom to work with things as they are will bring us peace and freedom. Believe that God is at work in every person, in every situation, and trust God's promise to bring new life out of that which we had assumed was dead.

*-Br. David Vryhof,
Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

Great Idea for Holiday Gift-Giving!

As you begin thinking about shopping for the holidays, don't forget our St. John's cookbook "Over the Years: A Cookbook Collection". This spiral bound edition has the complete copies of the 1908 and 1920 cookbooks including the ads; excerpts from the 1988 cookbook, and new recipes from our current St. John's families. A short history of St. John's, pictures from our past, as well as a look back at what was happening in Wichita in 1908 and 1920 are also included. Purchase your copy by calling the office at 262-0897.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Kody Stareck
- 06 Connie Condray
- 07 Jessie Bitler
- 07 Larry Heeren
- 08 Bob McQuiston
- 11 Patricia Bauder
- 15 Anne-Jenell Williams

- 19 Bridget Hille
- 19 Cheyenne McQuiston
- 19 Courtney Poynter
- 25 Jeff Orr
- 27 Marlene Franklin
- 28 Ruby Kaelson-Pike
- 29 Cad'n Downing
- 29 Max Williams

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 28 Bob & Sue Guenther

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Shari May
- 17 Bob McQuiston
- 17 Nicole McQuiston
- 17 Samantha McQuiston
- 17 Zachary McQuiston
- 17 Cheyenne McQuiston
- 18 Deanna Waggaman
- 24 Jacob Marr
- 25 Marlene Franklin
- 30 Anne-Jenell Williams
- 30 Dylan Maccarone

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



12/04/16 2nd Sunday of Advent	Nancy & Phil Dietrich	In loving memory of Ada & Richard McFadden, Nancy's parents
12/11/16 3rd Sunday of Advent	Shari and Michael May	In loving memory of husband and father Clyde P. May, mother Dorothy Moody and sister Mari Sanders
12/18/16 4th Sunday of Advent	McFerren Family	In loving memory of Edwin McCrillis on the anniversary of his birth
12/25/16 Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Poinsettias	

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Profit & Loss Budget Proformance
October 2016**

	<u>Actual Oct 2016</u>	<u>Oct 2016</u>	<u>Actual vs Budget Oct 2016</u>	<u>Actual Jan -Oct 2016</u>	<u>Budget Jan -Oct 2016</u>	<u>Actual vs Budget Jan - Oct 2016</u>	<u>2016 Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
All Pledges Received	17,411.88	12,506.40	4,905.48	131,643.66	120,204.00	11,439.66	162,000.00
Contributions	2,832.26	2,790.78	41.48	21,306.82	26,823.33	-5,516.51	36,150.00
Endowment Income	7,318.10	5,268.90	2,049.20	52,957.78	50,641.53	2,316.25	68,250.00
Additional Income	700.00	648.48	51.52	10,169.29	6,232.80	3,936.49	8,400.00
Latino/Hispanic Ministry Income	223.00	193.00	30.00	3,255.25	1,855.00	1,400.25	2,500.00
Patricia Stone Bequest	10,114.32	0.00	10,114.32	10,114.32	0.00	10,114.32	0.00
Total Income	38,599.56	21,407.56	17,192.00	229,447.12	205,756.66	23,690.46	277,300.00
Expense							
Latino/Hispanic Expense	858.16	868.83	-10.67	9,956.95	8,262.18	1,694.77	10,000.00
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	365.60	233.34	132.26	3,436.95	2,623.40	813.55	3,090.00
Outreach Ministry	669.56	6,101.50	-5,431.94	51,235.99	61,015.00	-9,779.01	73,218.00
Christian Formation Ministry	8.88	127.07	-118.19	396.81	1,270.82	-874.01	1,525.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	273.07	270.83	2.24	3,401.60	2,708.34	693.26	3,250.00
Building & Grounds	1,029.13	1,291.67	-262.54	29,972.99	25,407.92	4,565.07	31,014.00
Utilities	1,546.62	1,351.67	194.95	20,614.16	18,316.66	2,297.50	21,400.00
Office	872.36	479.00	393.36	5,274.10	5,442.00	-167.90	6,400.00
Personnel	22,497.24	17,122.16	5,375.08	189,990.56	178,605.32	11,385.24	215,901.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	1,783.92	1,687.50	96.42	17,744.17	16,875.00	869.17	23,450.00
Total Expense	29,904.54	29,533.57	370.97	332,024.28	320,526.64	11,497.64	389,248.00
Net Ordinary Income	8,695.02	-8,126.01	16,821.03	-102,577.16	-114,769.98	12,192.82	-111,948.00

Transfer from Grant Fund for Latino/Hispanic Payroll **10,000.00**
Approved 2016 Budget **-101,948.00**

Beginning 2016 Operations Checking **4,080.76**
Actual vs Budget Adjustment **12,192.82**
Estimated Deficit **-85,674.42**

1/21/16 Vestry approved borrow from Trust Checking Sub Acct **32,000.00**
5/19/16 Vestry approved borrow from Trust Checking Sub Acct **25,000.00**
08/15/16 Vestry approved invasion of Trimer Trust Fund **50,000.00**
Adjusted Deficit with Trust Funds **21,325.58**

Attendance for November 2016

October 30, November 6, 13, 20
8:00 a.m. 67 total
10:30 a.m. 172 total
1:00 p.m. 36 total

Eucharistic Visits: 7 people took communion

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2017

We have received a total of **41 pledges totaling \$169,438**. We thank all of you for your commitment to the growth of St. John's. We also thank you for the MANY ways that you have stepped up and volunteered. Your time and your talent enable St. John's to be able to reach out to those around us.

November Vestry Report

During the November 17 Vestry meeting we heard that we had 40 pledges for 2017. The Altar Guild asked for a Dyson vacuum; we voted to approve it be bought using memorial funds. Vestry looked at and approved a new personnel policy manual that will replace the old one. Members considered changing the bylaws to read that the size of the Vestry could be 8 -12 members—Bob Guenther is looking at the wording. Search Committee Chairman Shirley Orr reported on all of the work that she's done. Committee members are Mary Ohlemeier, Jill Poynter, Leslie Dunlap, Ron Hartzler, Ken Breeden, Racine Zackula, Larry Heeren and Mike McFerren and Brother Guadalupe. Vestry approved the use of up to \$1,000 for conducting the Congregational Assessment Tool in December. Next Meeting: December 15, Library.

Parish History: Christmas Past — Katie Pott, Parish Historian



“The First Christmas in Wichita” . . .

from two recollections, Fred Sowers, 1914, and anon. 1929: “It was a most gladsome occasion; the dirt-roof church over which Rev. Hilton, who was of the Episcopal persuasion, was the only place of worship so designated, in Wichita; the ladies of the church had decorated it for the occasion, and a Christmas tree gaily decked with small lighted candles, and the interim branches of the tree loaded with candies and trinkets and rattling with tinsel, was a feast for the few frontier boys and girls . . .”

130 years ago . . .

from the *Wichita Daily Eagle*, December 25, 1886: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH “This church had been most elegantly and artistically decorated by the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation, and but for the unfortunate accident of a lighted candle falling, thus setting fire to the light draping surrounding the altar and chancel, making almost a total wreck of the decorations, would have presented as elegant an appearance as any church in the city. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock in the evening while the church was about filled with worshippers, causing for a minute a great deal of excitement especially among the children, and it was only by the great presence of the beloved rector, the Rev. Chas. J. Adams, who worked nobly in putting out the flames, assisted by the gentlemen present, who at once sprung to his assistance, while some one caused the fire alarm to be sounded which was promptly responded to by the department, although fortunately their services were not required. Willing hands at once started to re-decorate the altar, and those who attend services this morning will see but little effect of what might have been a disastrous fire.”

101 years ago . . .

from *The Kansas Churchman*, December 1915: “The Feast of Christmas,” by the Rev. Percy T. Fenn, D.D. “Of all the seasons in the Church's calendar Christmas seems to yield the largest amount of festive joy! That first Christmas carol of the angels grows louder and sweeter as the years glide by — “Peace on earth, good will to men.” Increasing multitudes of God's children have caught the melody and fathomed the peace of which it speaks. To millions of our brethren this Christmas will bring scarcely a touch of joy. For war has devastated their homes, and robbed them of those who were dear to them. But to us in this fair State of Kansas Christmas comes to enrich us with its blessed message of God made man. Let us see that the holy day is not passed in a merely pagan manner. Let us not forget the religious side of Christmas. The Church expects us to keep Christ's birthday by our presence in His Church — with all our loved ones around us, and after that may come the festivities of home and family. May God give to each of us a very merry Christmas! Let us give to Christ a birthday present of our own sinning self. And then as we partake of the joy that comes from such a gift let us send a touch of benediction into many homes around us. Let us remember the poor, the hungry, the friendless, the distressed, in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem, and for His sake. Let us make our happiness depend, this Christmas, not upon what we personally receive, but upon what we give, and upon what we do for the good of others. ‘And so,’ as Tiny Tim observed, ‘God bless us every one.’ ”



Serving the LORD with Gladness

DECEMBER 2016 (Year A)

Preach, Celebrate,
Officiate

The Rev. Eli Montes

The Rev. Ted Curtis

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	December 04	December 11	December 18	December 24	December 25
8:00 a.m. Service	2nd Sunday of Advent RITE I	3rd Sunday of Advent RITE I	4th Sunday of Advent Decorate church RITE I	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Day Christmas Day No 8am Service
Organist	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	Ken Breeden	Christmas Day No 8am Service
Acolyte/Chalice	~~~~~	Racine Zackula	Peggy Karr	~~~~~	Christmas Day No 8am Service
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Racine Zackula	Peggy Karr	Charles Lloyd	Christmas Day No 8am Service
Choral Concert 9:30 p.m.					
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	Holy Eucharist 10:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
Organist	Joel Brejda	Joel Brejda	Joel Brejda	Ken Breeden	Ken Breeden
Altar Guild	Lanelle McKernan	Kelley Davidson	Leslie Dunlap	Lanelle McKernan	Racine Zackula
Acolytes Server	Paul Steele	Tish Seely	Emerson Ross	Emerson Ross	Racine Zackula
Crucifer	Paul Steele	Tish Seely	Emerson Ross	Gracyn Ross	Racine Zackula
Lector / Intercessor	Roger Carvalho	Judy Nelson	Katie Pott	Tish Seely	Tammy Breeden
Chalice Bearers	Tom Pott	Tish Seely	Katie Pott	Tish Seely	Tammy Breeden
	Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland	~~~~~
Daughters of the King	Nancy Dietrich	Judy Morris	Tish Seely	Poinsettias No delivery	Poinsettias No delivery
Refreshments				~~~~~	No Parish Breakfast No Coffee Hour
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~	~~~~~
fecha dia	04 de diciembre segundo domingo de Adviento	11 de diciembre tercer domingo de Adviento	18 de diciembre cuarto domingo de Adviento	24 de diciembre Víspera de Navidad	25 de diciembre Dia de Navidad
servicio de 13:00	RITO II	RITO II	RITO II	servicio de 19:30 (7:30pm)	'Dia de Navidad No hay servicio de 13:00 Christmas Day No 1pm Service
sacerdote	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	'Dia de Navidad Christmas Day No 1pm Service
gremio de altar	Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo	
organista	Brother Guadalupe	Brother Guadalupe	Brother Guadalupe	Brother Guadalupe	

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



December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6</p>						
<p>4 Advent 2 The Rev. Ted Curtis 8:00 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 10:30 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</p>	Office Closed	<p>6 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00 PM Rector Search Team meeting in the library</p>	<p>9 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Riverwalk Church of Christ</p>	<p>10 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Riverwalk Church of Christ</p>
<p>11 Advent 3 The Rev. Ted Curtis 8:00 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 9:15 AM Christian Formation in the library 10:30 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 11:45 AM Daughters of the King meeting, Deacon's Office 3:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Dancers 4:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by Traditional Pozole Supper in undercroft</p>	Office Closed	<p>13 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 5:00 PM Finance Committee meeting, library 6:00 PM Vestry meeting, library</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Pathway Church 12:00-5:00 PM Dietrich Family Christmas, undercroft 4:00 PM Posada (Latin American Christmas festival, dramatized Joseph & Mary's search for lodging)</p>
<p>18 Advent 4 Third Sunday for Outreach The Rev. Ted Curtis 8:00 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 9:15 AM Christian Formation in the library 10:30 AM Advent Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 11:45 AM Decorate the Church for Christmas 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</p>	Office Closed	<p>20 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor</p>	<p>21 7:30 PM Memorial Service for the Homeless</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Lutheran Synod 6:00 PM Christmas Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship) 7:30 PM Vispera de Navidad Eucaristia 9:30 PM Choral Concert 10:00 PM Christmas Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)</p>
<p>25 Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day The Rev. Ted Curtis 10:30 AM Christmas Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)</p>	Office Closed	<p>27 3:00 PM Staff Meeting No Knit with Knowledge meeting</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Pancakes & Pajamas youth event, library</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Office closed</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/Aldersgate UMC</p>

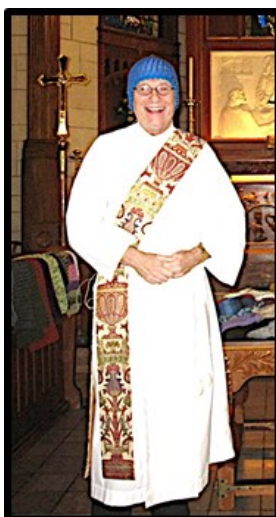


A Deacon's Duties are Never Done:

Left, Deacon Arland Wallace greets visitors on Sandwich Saturday.

Right, Arland models a warm hat made by the Knit with Knowledge group.

Thank you for ALL that you do Deacon Arland!



St. John's Book Cart Ministry Appreciated by Our Neighbors



"What's new?" is a frequent question from our neighbors who come to our Sandwich Saturday. The first thing we do Saturday mornings is pull the book cart outside next to the driveway. There's always a group waiting to see what we have new for them to read or look through. We have a box of cards that you have brought to share, and we will be putting calendars out in the next few weeks. St. John's has recently been blessed to receive several boxes of books from the Wichita Library Bookstore. We appreciate – and so do our neighbors – all that you bring to share. We still need more used novels, autobiographies, picture books, National Geographics, and sports and car magazines. We can also use children's books. These individuals are very appreciative of these gifts, so as you're cleaning things out please keep this important ministry in mind.

Of Cranberries and Chicken Broth

There was a need for cranberries and chicken broth for United Methodist Open Door ministry to prepare their Thanksgiving baskets. We only had 2 weeks to do this and look at what WE were able to do. You/We have given our neighbors in need assurance that someone cares for them. Thank you so much for giving so generously!



Fr. Ted Curtis is all smiles as he prepares for the baptism of Kole Stareck, son of Keith & Jennifer Stareck, on All Saints' Sunday, November 6th.

Pathway Youth Group Donates to St. John's Book Cart

The young teen girls' youth group from Pathway Church wanted to help us with our Book Cart ministry. November 12 these young ladies delivered several boxes of books, game books, children's books for our neighbors who come to Sandwich Saturday. They hand made bookmarks for them as well. Mary Ohlemeier showed these ladies around and explained what we do and then took them on a tour of our church. We thank you young ladies!



Ladies' ESS Financial Planning Workshop

February 4, St. James Church – 3750 E. Douglas, brunch will be served

This planning workshop is for women. Whether you're married or single, women have specific planning opportunities to establish a legacy. This Episcopal Social Services workshop will examine those opportunities and provide planning resources. Come and explore the unique opportunities for planning to make certain that your wishes are carried out; to understand the critical aspect of ownership, and to learn what you can do with IRAs and qualified retirement plans. Please call **Rachel** at Episcopal Social Services, **269-4160** to make your reservation.

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Sundays	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer
	9:15 am	Christian Formation
	10:30 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer
	1:00 pm	Holy Eucharist in Spanish

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