ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wichita, Kansas



St. John's Parish Visitor

February 2015

Take Note

- Worship Planning Meeting, Thursday, February 5, at 6 pm in the library—all are welcome.
- Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes, February 18, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.
- Quiet Day, Saturday, February 14, from 9 am to noon in St. John's library.
- 44th Annual Lenten Lunch Speaker Series, Wednesdays at noon, beginning February 25th.

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St. John's 44th Annual Lenten Lunch and Speaker Series

Wednesdays at Noon February 25 - March 25, 2015

Join us at St. John's on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent for Holy Eucharist with our guest speakers.

Lunch will be available in the library following the service.

A \$5 donation is requested.

Speakers will continue an informal conversation with a question-and-answer time after lunch.



The Rev. Dr. Mary Korte



The Rev. Andrew O'Connor



The Rev. C. Earl Mahan



The Rev.

Dawn Frankfurt



The Very Rev. Tom Wilson

Speakers for the 44th Annual Lenten Luncheon Series

February 25

The Reverend Dr. Mary J. Korte
Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

March 4

The Reverend Andrew O'Connor
Rector, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

March II

The Reverend C. Earl Mahan
Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church

March I8

The Reverend Dawn Frankfurt
Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church

March 25

The Reverend Tom Wilson
Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Curate's Report

by the Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley

We Only Get Better Together

When Benjamin was first born, I remember carrying him around the living room cradled in my arms. I would sing to him or gently rock him, all in an effort to sooth him, entertain him, or coax him off to sleep. We often listened to music, especially *Fields of Gold*, a collection of hits by the singer-songwriter Sting. One my favorites was, "All This Time," which he wrote following the death of his father. The central image is a river, which symbolizes perpetuity and continuity. Civilizations rise and fall; institutions come and go; people live and die. And yet through it all, the river continues to flow. "All this time, the river flowed endlessly to the sea." Though I like the song a great deal, there is one bit that I always question. In the concluding lyric, Sting sings, "Men go crazy in congregations, but they only get better one by one.... one by one.... one by one...."

I don't believe that. Not really. Not after all is said and done. Oh, there is plenty of evidence to demonstrate that it is difficult, and sometimes very painful, to participate in the life of a congregation. But the church does not have a monopoly on dysfunction. Dysfunction and brokenness features in all human organizations and communities—be they faith-based, familial, civic, or secular. Nevertheless, the fact remains that we don't get better one by one; we only get better in congregations. It is only as we worship and work together, as we pray, study, and celebrate together that we get better, that we become transformed human beings, persons of faith, people of love, mercy, and compassion. We only get better together. If it were otherwise, I would not be a Christian. There would be no point.

Christian Formation and Discipleship

As a Curate, one area I have concentrated has been the area of Christian formation and discipleship. Christian formation is what we do to participate with the Holy Spirit in our ongoing growth and transformation. Christian discipleship is about apprenticing ourselves to Jesus; it is about learning to walk the way of Jesus in our daily lives. Said another way, Christian formation and discipleship is about living into our baptism. Of course, none of this is possible on our own. We need God; we need each other. So our programs of Christian Formation and Discipleship here at St. John's are designed to connect us with God and with one another. In support of these values, last winter, we opened, "The Lenten Café: A Diet of Spiritual Formation for a Holy Lent." The Lenten Café featured our traditional Lent and Holy Week worship and our annual Lenten Luncheon Series. But it also introduced new items to the menu, "Getting Away with Jesus" (Saturday Quiet Days) and "Sitting with Jesus" (Contemplative Prayer & Bible Study on Wednesday evenings). These two new programs were brought back in the Fall, and they have become a regular part of what we do here at St. John's, all in our effort to get better together.

Get Involved and Get Others Involved

So as we go forward into our 146th year, let us be ever mindful of how much we need each other and of how much we need to be there *for* each other. And not just in times of crisis. We need to be there for one another as we engage in the regular habits and practices of Christian formation and discipleship. For example, when we miss Sunday morning worship (and there are occasions when this is unavoidable), it is not just we who have missed church, but church has missed us. That is because we are part of a body, the living, growing Body of Christ. Our absence affects the health of the whole Body, just as our presence, participation, and engagement contributes to the health of the whole Body.

So get involved, and get others involved. Attend church regularly, and invite somebody else to church. Start participating in an adult forum, a bible study, or a prayer group; and get somebody else to come along with you. Only then can we become the persons and the people that God has called us to be, for we all go crazy when we are on our own; we only get better when we are together.

Blessings,



February Birthdays

02	Robert Pappan
02	Damien West
06	Jim McCoy
10	Phyllis McCabe
П	Sam Mueller
12	Jill Poynter
14	Amar'e Monk
15	Garry Morris
16	Tevin Pratt
16	Bill Thompson
18	Sue Phares

Jillian Poynter

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Baptismal Anniversaries

01	Dustin McCoy
15	Robert Kindsvatter
27	Barbara Thompson

Wedding Anniversaries

02	Kevin & Ginger Morris
06	Nicki & Larry Soice

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

You may dedicate altar flowers 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.

2/01/2015 Epiphany IV	Cathy Harris	In thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Larry & Nicki Soice
2/8/2015 Epiphany V	John Gates Charles & Sara Lloyd	In loving memory of his wife Mary on the anniversary of her birth In loving memory of Lynn Blubaugh Lloyd
2/15/15 Last Sunday of Epiphany	Ken & Tammy Breeden	In thanksgiving for their son Josh's 40th birthday on February 16th
2/22/2015 Lent I	Shirley, Cathy and Michael Harris	In loving memory of mother and grandmother Gladys Robison

Set aside time to prepare your mind and heart for the season of Lent

Quiet Days

Saturday, February 14, and Saturday, March 21, 2015 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Library



Holy Eucharist on
Ash Wednesday
With Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 18
12 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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I Epiphany IV 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 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 with Baptism 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor	2	3 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	4 II:45 AM Noonday Prayer Service I2:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Centering Prayer Library	5 6:00 PM Worship Planning Meeting in the library.	•	7 9:00-10:30 AM Altar Guild meeting in the library II:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church
8 Epiphany V 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	9 6:00 PM Daughters of the King in the Library	5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Rite II Holy Eucharist 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	5:300 PM Finance Meeting in library 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting in the Parlor	13	14 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church
15 Last Sunday after Epiphany—Third Sunday for Doorstep 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 Circle of Care (COH) in the library	91	5:45 PM EFM- 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	18 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in library	20	21 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
8:00 AM Rice I Eucharist 8:00 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 Rice II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch	23	5:45 PM EFM. 5:45 PM EFM. Education For Ministry Class 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	12:00 PM Noonday Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Centering Prayer - Library	26	27	28 I I: 00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod

Serving the Lord

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22				
	Epiphany IV	Epiphany V	Epiphany VI	Lent I				
8:00 a.m. Service	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I				
Acolyte	Cathy Harris	Peggy Karr	Arland Wallace	Mike Morrow				
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Peggy Karr	Cora Olson	Mike Morrow				
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II				
	Peggy Karr	Leslie Dunlap	Mike Morrow	Lanelle McKernan				
Altar Guild	Marline Franklin	Racine Zackula	Ben Kittrell	Kelley Davidson				
	Cora Olson	~~~~~~	~~~~~~~	~~~~~~~				
<u>Acolytes</u>								
Server	Mike Morrow	Ben Kittrell	Mike Morrow	Arland Wallace				
Crucifer	Paul Steele	Emma Blakley	Paul Steele	Mia Carvalho				
Torch	Caitlan Oswell	Caitlan Oswell	Caitlan Oswell	Emma Blakley				
Torch	Caleb Oswell	Thaddaeus Blakley	Caleb Oswell	Thaddaeus Blakley				
Lector / Intercessor	Katie Pott	Tammy Breeden	Judy Nelson	Roger Carvalho				
LEMs	Sue O'Brien	Katie Pott	Ben Kittrell	Arland Wallace				
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Arland Wallace	Tom Pott	Mike Morrow	Tammy Breeden				
Childcare Nursery	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes				
Childcare Nursery	Cathy Harris	Gail Davis	Kelley Davidson	Bridgette Dozal				
Children's Sunday School	Tish Seely	Tish Seely	Tish Seely	TBD				
Children's Sunday School								
Teen Minister	~~~~~~~	Racine Zackula	~~~~~~~	Racine Zackula				
Teen Minister								
Teen Lessons Leader								
Teen Activity Leader								
Daughters of the King	Nancy Dietrich	Tish Seely	Tish Seely	No flowers				
Refreshments	Mary Grime	Nadine Deardorff	Kent Kindsvatter	Mike Morrow/ Parish Breakfast				
LEV Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Arland Wallace	Judy Nelson / Mary Ellen Settle				

Acolytes - If, at the last moment, you are unable to serve, please notify Fr. Ted.

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

A Look Back at St. John's History

By Parish Historian, Katie Pott

115 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 18, 1900: Moved to present a petition to the people an appeal to remove the floating debt of approximately \$400. This effort to have a reference to Lenten self-denial and Easter offering. Mr. Vail to make such an appeal to the people after service next Sunday as would properly introduce the matter, giving figures where necessary. ~ The name of Rev. Mr. Ritchie of Webster Grove near St. Louis was enrolled as a desirable candidate for rector. ~ Treasurer reports that both the Young Peoples Chapter and the Parish Aid Chapter pledge a monthly amount of \$25 for the general support of the church.

Wichita Beacon, February 17 and 19: On next Monday night the Young Peoples' Chapter at St. John's church will give its sixth annual birthday party at Sedgwick Music hall. A musical program will be rendered and the farce "Wanted — A Deaf Man," will be given. ~ The Sunday school of St. John's church gave a pancake social in Guild hall yesterday evening.

110 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 12, 1905: Called meeting at Mr. Comley's. Dr. Fenn present and gave us a very pleasant talk. Moved to call Dr. Fenn at \$2000 a year, together with telephone, rent and use of the rectory, also we to pay expenses of moving from Texarkana here. Dr. Fenn thanked the vestry and promised to let them know in ten days.

70 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 7, 1945: An offer of \$15 for the bath tub upstairs in the parish house, was presented to the vestry by the Rector. Motion to sell the tub and place the funds in the Theological Education fund carried. ~ The matter of memorial tablets being placed in the church as a policy of the church was presented for discussion. The memorial tablet for Dr. Fenn was especially discussed. In order to place the matter before the vestry for discussion it was moved, seconded, that no memorial tablets, per se, be placed in St. John's Church; then after considerable discussion of the matter the vote was called and motion carried. ~ The Rector then presented the matter of the parish's having a need for an architect skilled in building churches and suggested the name of Mr. W.D. Wight of Kansas City, Mo. Moved that Mr. Wight be appointed and that he have charge of any building program or remodeling to be undertaken by the parish. February 9: The Rector outlined a plan for parish development: 1. 1945—Purchase and pay for Rectory and Parish House building site. 2. 1945-46-47—Repair, enlarge and modernize church building. 3. 1947-48—Erect parish house. 4. 1949-50—Rebuild front of church. Approved that the 1945 project be carried out this year. . Means of getting the necessary funds for these two projects were then discussed, and it was found that approximately \$20,000 would be required. It was unanimously decided to enter immediately upon a campaign to raise this amount. Towards it, those present pledged a total of \$4,500. Marked enthusiasm was shown by all present. ~ A suitable site for a parish house was then discussed. Moved that the two lots lying adjacent to St. John's Church building on the north be purchased; . . .and that \$1000 be paid with

the contract to purchase, leaving the balance to be paid within 60 days. All present voted in the affirmative.

65 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 12, 1950: The Building Committee recommended that the house at 416 N. Topeka be removed as soon as possible, in order to include that ground for parking lot. Motion tabled.

50 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 25, 1965: The Rector then reported that for the coming Lenten season, all Episcopal Parishes and Missions in the City of Wichita will have a regular weekly Lenten luncheon at the Allis Hotel, Tuesday of each week beginning March 9, and that all Episcopal Churches and Missions in Wichita would join in communion services every Wednesday at 12:00 o'clock noon, at St. John's during the Lenten season.

45 years ago

Vestry minutes, February 12, 1970: The advisability and economic feasibility of placing protective covering upon the various windows of the Church building was then fully discussed. Also requested that the Buildings and Grounds committee continue efforts to solve the problems regarding the proposed installation of an elevator.



Vintage postcard of the Allis Hotel

New Dillons Community Rewards Program Begins in February

The Dillons Rewards Card program, which has been such an important part of funding our Doorstep Ministry at St. John's, is changing effective February 2015. Saturday, January 31st, will be the final day that you can reload gift cards with credit going toward St. John's Rewards Account. The gift cards never expire, so any remaining balance on cards can still be used for purchases.

The new Dillons Community Rewards program involves using your Dillons Plus Cards, which many of you may already have. This is a great way to help out Doorstep Ministry at St. John's. Below is a brief outline of how to sign up for the new program. More information will be sent to you by mail and e-mail.

A customer must have 3 things to register and begin supporting St. John's Episcopal Church:

- 1. A Plus card, which is available at any store by asking an associate
- 2. A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous (if you don't use email, contact the parish office at 262-0897 and we can set your Plus Card up for you.)
- 3. A personalized account at DIllons website, which again can be anonymous.

To enroll in the Community Rewards Program:

Members must visit our website at www.Dillons.com/communityrewards

- 1. Sign in OR Create an account (see below on creating an online account at Dillons website)
- 2. Click on "Enroll Now"
- 3. Enter the 5-digit NPO (St. John's is 10417) and search
- 4. Select your Organization (St. John's Episcopal Church) and click on "Enroll"

To Create an Online Account by going to www.Dillons.com/communityrewards:

- 1. Click on "Register" at the top of the page
- 2. Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us
- 3. Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page
- 4. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, call Dillons at 800-576-4377 option 3.



Bags of Blessings From the Heart

Collection begins February 26th

More agencies in Wichita and the surrounding area are requesting Bags of Blessings to help those they serve - which means **we need to gather more bags then ever before!** Bags will be distributed to more than 30 agencies. Can you help us reach and possibly surpass our goal?

- We still need help from volunteers for this event! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering contact Danielle by calling 316-263-1389 or email danielle@partnersforwichita.org.
- Fill one of more gallon-sized bags with each of the following items, OR bring un-bagged individual items: Soap (bar, liquid or sanitizer), shampoo/conditioner, lip balm, emery board/clippers, shaving cream, lotion, deodorant, washcloth, toothpaste, razor, comb, Kleenex, toothbrush.

Bring your bags or individual items to:

St. James Episcopal Church, 3750 E. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67205.

We'll be collecting on:

Thursday, February 26th, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm or from 5:30 - 9:00 pm.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!

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2015 St. John's Episcopal Church Approved Budget

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	Jan - Dec 2014	2014	Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense				Ordinary Income/Expense
				Income
	162,832.71	175,015.00	-12,182.29	Pledges
Contributions	36,045.67	55,970.00	-19,924.33	Contributions
Investments	117,852.46	95,371.00	22,481.46	Investments
Additional Income	41,765.55	26,200.00	15,565.55	Additional Income
Total Income	358,496.39	352,556.00	5,940.39	Total Income
				Expense
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	3,608.94	3,550.00	58.94	Worship Ministry & Altar Guild
Outreach Ministry	77,861.49	81,886.00	-4,024.51	Outreach Ministry
Christian Formation Ministry	4,683.24	3,250.00	1,433.24	Christian Formation Ministry
Parish Life & Fellowship	11,199.08	5,500.00	5,699.08	Parish Life & Fellowship
Building & Grounds	30,920.75	29,318.00	1,602.75	Building & Grounds
	23,730.69	23,600.00	130.69	Utilities
	7,034.82	4,100.00	2,934.82	Office
Personnel	246,655.09	217,355.00	29,300.09	Personnel
Professional Fees & Accounting	33,889.90	30,200.00	3,689.90	Professional Fees & Accounting
Total Expense	439,584.00	398,759.00	40,825.00	Total Expense
Net Ordinary Income	-81,087.61	-46,203.00	-34,884.61	Net Ordinary Income

St. John's Episcopal Church as of 12/31/2014

40,562.02

2014 Beginning Operating Funds

90,000.00

2014 Invaded General Endow. 2014 Ending Operating Funds

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Checking	49,474
Restricted Funds	94,669
Endowment Trusts	2,831,874
Building & Land	2,360,197
Total	\$5,336,215

Approved 2015 Budget		155,000	35,150	82,000	37,180	309,330		3,450	086'29	3,250	3,750	31,345	23,600	5,100	282,418	30,000	450,893	-141,563		44,118	-97,445	
Ordinary Income/Expense	Income	Pledges	Contributions	Investments	Additional Income	Total Income	Expense	Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	Outreach Ministry	Christian Formation Ministry	Parish Life & Fellowship	Building & Grounds	Utilities	Office	Personnel	Professional Fees & Accounting	Total Expense	Net Ordinary Income	In 2014 Vestry decided to Invade Trust	for remainder of Curate costs in 2015	Expected 2015 Deficit Budget	

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

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 11:45 am Midday Prayer Service

12:00 noon Wednesday Bible Study

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer Service

6:15 pm Praying the Scriptures

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Vestry

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Morrow, Mary Ohlemeier, Scott Orr, Tish Seely,

Nicki Soice,

<u>Delegates</u>: Shari May, Sue O'Brien, Lura Unger <u>Alternates</u>: Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula



