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Young Voices Wanted!

The music training for our young children will begin soon, and it's not too late to join! Here are some of the benefits of becoming a Chorister:

- 1) SING some of the world's greatest music from all over the globe
- 2) GROW to become a talented musician
- 3) MAKE new friends and be part of a team
- 4) ENJOY special choir social events

No Previous Experience Necessary

Rehearsal is after school – please contact Michael Bennett if you are interested in joining this fun group.

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A View from the Big Pew

Dear Friends,



I don't know what students do in the first week or two back in class after the summer holiday nowadays. It may hopelessly date me, but I remember when we could expect to be asked to write something under the theme of "What I did on my summer vacation." I'm not sure whether this was to help kids get back into the routine of remembering how to write, of receiving and completing assignments, to give the instructor an

extra couple of days to get up to speed or what. But I do remember I always wrote about scout camp in the high Uintah Mountains of eastern Utah, because our family vacations were often taken over the Christmas holiday.

At any rate it occurs to me, as our summer season runs its course and the "program" year begins to ramp up this month, that it might be nice to let you know what your staff did, at least in broad outline, while we weren't doing what we normally do. You can ask individual staff members for details.

Heidi Kauffman went to Pennsylvania to take training for certification as a Godly Play instructor. Heidi writes about this program elsewhere in the newsletter, on page 8. We are all excited about the possibilities that this approach to Christian education might bring to St. John's, both for child and adult learners. Heidi used both parish and diocesan lay education funds to attend this training. Dorothy Jones helped apply for a Church Periodical Club grant to cover the cost of Godly Play materials. Heidi also took our July 6th *Festival of Readings and National Songs* to a family reunion of (mostly) Mennonites, who pronounced it quite suitable as a form of worship within the particular peace and justice values of the Mennonite tradition.

Michael Bennett attended again the summer convention/conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Houston. This is a professional association of – you guessed it – musicians in Anglican/Episcopal congregations (mostly). The content of the conference is Michael's to share as he wishes. Congratulations are in order because he was elected to a position of leadership in this midwestern region of AAM. The parish provides Michael a set amount of continuing education money toward the cost of his continuing education programs.

Hilary Cooke used some of her summer to apply and be accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She will begin her studies this fall and completion will give her a D.Min in Pastoral Care and Counseling, for which she is certainly gifted. Ask her how it's going as the year progresses. Hold Hilary and her family in your prayers as they figure out schedules and Hilary deals with the commute and the balance of home/work/study matters.

Teresa actually took some vacation time this year. She had her grandchildren for a couple of weeks. I saw them one afternoon after a trip to the Frozen Custard and everyone looked pretty content. Teresa does, though, have a wonderful opportunity in 2008, which I have encouraged her to take. She has been invited to participate in a CREDO Conference, sponsored by the Church Pension Fund. CREDO stands for Clergy Reflection Education Discernment Opportunity. It was designed as a wellness and vocational enrichment opportunity specifically for clergy. The operative principal of CREDO is that healthy leaders make for healthy congregations. Out of that conviction the Pension Fund is extending invitation to these conferences to lay professionals in the church. Teresa is one of the first I know of to be asked. In April 2009 she will be at CREDO for eight days. Her enrollment fee will be covered in part by parish lay education funds.

I attended the Episcopal Church Medical Trust Conference for persons charged with the administration of diocesan medical health insurance plans in May. This year the conference was outside of Houston. The emphasis was on individual fitness and wellness as a way of trying to minimize spiraling health care costs (by needing to access the system less). The diocese covers my travel and registration expenses for this event. The remainder of my summer was taken over with sharing in the work of restructuring the budgeting process for our diocese as a member of the diocesan Executive Council (like a vestry in a parish). It took several lengthy meetings in non-exotic corners of Indiana to get the work done. I now have a larger appreciation for some of the reason we did things as we did even though many complained about how we did it. I am proud to have been part of the initiative to correct some egregiously low and unjust clergy salaries. I hope our work helps to make the financial realities of diocesan life more transparent and understandable. On the other hand I shared in the decision to raise our diocesan apportionment by $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, and "ain't nobody gonna like that"!



And so the summer went. It seemed shorter than in previous years, but that might just be birthdays. Or it might be that we are busier and our parish life more complex. We will enjoy a couple more Sundays of summer worship, including August 3rd, when we will baptize Solly and Lyle (the children of Ed and Cresta Cates). Pray for good weather so we can use the garden. The three clergy at St. John's have helped solo clergy from neighboring communities get some vacation time by covering services for them. The vast majority of you have survived with grace and good humor another summer of the Contemporary Lord's Prayer!

We return to our regular program year schedule on August 17th. On that day services will be at 8:00 and 10:15 am. Nursery care will shift to the hours of 9:00 to 11:45. We will need twice as many hosts for refreshment time following worship. Church School classes and registration begins. Welcome back; hope to see you here and to learn what you did on your summer vacation.

GOOD NEWS!! Volunteers Needed

You don't have to look too hard to find messages illustrating the signs of heart attack and the importance of timely access to skilled medical care. Thankfully technology paired with generosity has resulted in the opportunity for members of this parish to get such access.

Greater Lafayette Health Services founded the Revive & Survive Program several years ago for the purpose of placing Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in public places operated by non-profit organizations that might not otherwise be able to afford the costly but life-saving equipment. AEDs are portable devices, which deliver a shock to the heart of a cardiac arrest victim and can be used safely by trained laypersons. Consider from the time of collapse it can take as much as 10 minutes for an ambulance to arrive at St. John's and medical staff to deliver the potentially life saving shock. With AEDs in our building we can reduce that to as little as 90-seconds from collapse. Studies show this kind of timely access significantly increases the survival rate from cardiac arrest.

Following a study of our facility, development of a site plan and subsequent application to *Revive & Survive*, St. John's has been awarded 3 AEDs to be placed in our building. The size, diverse use and accessibility of various parts of our building dictate we should place one AED in the parish offices, a second in the parish commons and a third in the outreach area. The cost for each unit can be as much as \$2,000. However, the program covers the purchase of the units entirely, saving St. John's nearly \$6,000. Thanks be to God.

As a condition of the grant St. John's must agree to maintain the units and a minimum group of trained volunteers to operate them when needed. We must get 5 people trained for each AED installed for a total of 15 volunteers. The training is free to us as part of the program and involves CPR and AED certification. If we do not get the minimum 15 volunteers, we will not receive the AEDs.

Volunteers must be physically able to perform CPR and remain focused while deploying the AED. Odds are you won't be alone while operating it and others will assist you. To be clear, the AED is designed to make the medical decision to deliver a shock to the patient for you and will verbally tell you how to deploy the device. The only decision you must make is to take action in the event of a collapse. That's the beauty of this technological advance. For our purposes, volunteers should also be regularly and diversely involved in the parish. We need folks from the 10:15, 8AM, Food Pantry, EFM and so forth.

If you would like to volunteer or ask questions about the program, please contact me at 765-714-5425 or jaymermoud@hotmail.com. We need to have a full roster of volunteers trained by the first week of September, so time is of the essence.

I hope you'll join me giving thanks for this technology, Greater Lafayette Health Services who has provided it to us, and the volunteers who will see to its use.

Jay Mermoud
St. John's AED Site Coordinator

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May 6, 2008

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift which is an offering used to rebuild lives and dignity of others.

Donation date: 4/8/2008
Item(s): 13 Newborn Kits

Sharing practical things is a way of signaling that we are aware of the suffering of others and want to respond. MCC sends canned meat, blankets, fabric, towels, soap and various kits to people suffering from disaster and war throughout the world. Types of kits include AIDS Care, school, relief, health, newborn and sewing kits. Each kit contains items that provide comfort in a time of great need and supplies for those who do not have access to them.

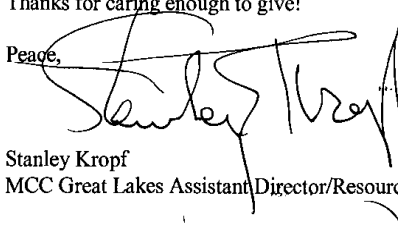
Current shipments include canned meat going to North Korea; blankets, newborn kits, school skits and relief kits going to Iraq; AIDS care kits, school kits and newborn kits going to Swaziland; relief kits, health kits, sewing kits and newborn kits going to Nicaragua; and medical supplies going to Ukraine.

Spring is here and with its warmth, crops are being planted. MCC and the Food Resources Bank whose offices are in Kalamazoo, Michigan, are partners in providing food and agricultural help in many countries. Saturday, 26 April, I was in Battle Creek, Michigan for a community plowing in which 70 acres were being worked up for planting corn and beans. The profits from these grains when sold this fall will be donated to the FRB. I invite you to go the MCC web site and type *FRB* in the search box to learn more about the Food Resources Bank program. In addition, I invite you to call the MCC Great Lakes regional office to learn about how you can participate in the FRB program of providing food to hungry people.

"God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- Isaiah 40:29-31

Thanks for caring enough to give!

Peace,


Stanley Kropf
MCC Great Lakes Assistant Director/Resource Generation Manager

Thanks to each one
who participated
in this generous
giving!
Peace.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!!

You are a part of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and there are two events that need to be brought to your attention.

First – the ECW Fall Retreat. This retreat will be held 26-27 September 2008 at Waycross. All women are welcome – come and bring a friend. A registration form for this Fall Retreat is enclosed in this edition of the Eagle. Registration deadline for this event is 1 September 2008. Contact Ann Durkos, Diocesan ECW Treasurer, for more information: (317) 407-1955 or adurkos@ilines.net. Sue Bracey, Dorothy Jones, and Charlene Watson plan to attend and carpool. You are welcome to join us.

Second – the Province V ECW Annual Meeting. This meeting will be hosted by the Diocese of Indianapolis (of which we are a part) and will be held 24-26 April 2009 at the Hilton Hotel on North Shadeland Avenue in Indianapolis. The Conference Theme will be “The Power of One Woman.” Phoebe W. Griswold (wife of the former Presiding Bishop) will be the keynote speaker. Charlene Watson, Kaye Kleine-Ahlbrandt, Dorothy Jones, and Sue Bracey represent St. John's on the Conference Planning Committee. Priscilla Bain and Helen Slagel have offered to help during the conference itself. The Conference Planning Committee welcomes the creative input of all diocesan women. St. John's people will be at work on the following committees: Registration, Sessions & Workshops, Advertising & Publicity, Exhibits, Hospitality, and Table Decorations. Speak to any of us if you would like to help. Registration materials and more information about the Province V Conference will appear in the October issue of the Eagle. Information will also be found in Episcopal Life.



Eagle DEADLINES

August 18, 2008
Sept. 15, 2008
October 20, 2008

Please note the following early deadlines:

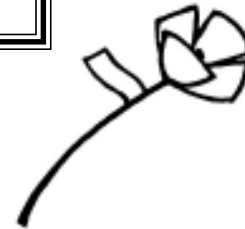
November 10, 2008
December 8, 2008

Please be prompt.

Thanks,
Janet H.



Words, Words, Words!!



Volo-nolo: A vacillation or wavering in decision. From the Latin, volo, I am willing and nolo, I am unwilling

Spulp: To be a busybody or eavesdropper

St. John's to serve Community Luncheon,

Sunday, August 10th, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to purchase,
prepare and serve the lunch and to clean up following.

Please contact Gail Wiley at 426-2905

Coming Fall 2008: Godly Play

By Heidi M. Kauffman

What is Godly Play?

Godly play is religious education in the Montessori Tradition. An Episcopal priest, Jerome W. Berryman, developed it. Godly Play is now used internationally and by many denominations within the Christian faith and has been adapted for use by other faiths.

Godly Play training

I attended Godly Play Teacher Accreditation Training, May 1-3, 2008 in Rochester NY. The training crammed 18 contact hours into three days. By the end we were elated and exhausted! . I did receive my accreditation. It has been my goal to start Godly Play at St. John's since I started my job here. It feels good to be actively implementing that goal.

I went to this training excited about Godly Play and what I would learn to help me implement it at St. John's. The first thing we did as a training class was experience a full Godly Play session including hearing the story, wondering together, responding with art, and having a feast. By this point I wasn't just excited, I was mesmerized and my own spirit was nurtured. In spite of the fact that we were all there to learn Godly Play for the children in our parishes, the result was we found out it works very powerfully for adults – as both teachers and participants.

Our trainers modeled the story telling for us and then we practiced together in small groups. The liturgical lesson, *The Circle of the Holy Eucharist*, has a point where the storyteller says, "Look, now we change. The time of the readings and thinking about them is over. The prayers have been said. We now get ready to do something very different. We prepare for Holy Communion. It helps us go where words and thinking alone cannot take us." I heard an intake of breath from the other side of the circle. When it came time for the wondering one of the participants told us that she does not take communion because she "didn't understand it." When she heard those words she knew that from now on she would take communion. It was very powerful.

Godly Play: A way of religious education

The Goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using the language of the Christian tradition to encounter God and find direction for their lives. There are six objectives that help to meet that goal.

1. To model how to wonder in religious education, so children can "enter" religious language rather than merely repeating it or talking about it.
2. To show children how to create meaning with the language of the Christian tradition and how this can involve them in the experience of the Creator.

3. To show children how to choose their own work, so they can confront their own existential limits and depth issues rather than work on other kinds of problems dictated by others, including adults.
4. To organize the educational time to follow the pattern of worship that the Christian tradition has found to be the best way to be with God in community.
5. To show children how to work together as a community by supporting and respecting each other and one another's quest.
6. To organize the educational space so that the whole system of Christian language is present in the room, so children can literally walk into that language domain when they enter the room and can begin to make connections among its various parts as they work with the lesson of the day and their responses in art of other lessons.*

Godly Play for children and teachers

- Godly Play teaches the classic rhythm for living modeled in the Bibles: the alternation of action and reflection, engagement and prayer. Godly Play teaches those who teach it and those who learn it to build a spiritual rule (or way) of life.
- Godly Play helps children know God and the Bible instead of simply knowing *about* God or *about* the Bible.
- Godly Play teaches children to respect the things and people they work with, and to enjoy each with care and patience.
- Godly Play teaches reliance upon a gracious God who is real and accessible in all the mystery of life, both sad and joyful – rather than dependence upon the transient “magic” that comes from the latest movie, toy or video game.
- Godly Play respects the many demands placed on teachers' time. Unlike many curricula, in which a teacher must plan new activities and gather new materials every week, a Godly Play classroom maintains a stable setup and routine from week to week. Teachers can focus their attention on entering deeply into that week's story and responding with complete presence to the community of children who gather there.**

*from *Teaching Godly Play: The Sunday Morning Handbook* by Jerome W. Berryman

** from *The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Vol. 1* by Jerome W. Berryman



Exploring *The Jesus Creed* – Education for All

“When a scribe asks Jesus for the greatest commandment, Jesus responds with the *Shema*, the ancient Jewish creed that commands Israel to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength. But the next part of Jesus’ answer changes the course of history” states author, Scott McKnight.

Jesus amends the *Shema*, giving his followers a new creed for life: to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, but also to love others as themselves. According to theologian Scott McKnight, exploring and living out the implications of this creed of love for God and others can transform your life.

Join fellow St. John’s parishioners as we discuss this highly readable book, *The Jesus Creed* through conversation, study, and reflection. Guest speakers will join us occasionally. As we look at McKnight’s work, we’ll consider theologian Amy Jill Levine’s response to the question ‘what is a creed’ and what is or is not new about McKnight’s interpretations.

Our sessions will start September 7 from 9:15-10:00 in the Outreach Room and conclude on November 16th.

In the first two weeks, we’ll finalize our study framework to be sure that those of you who cannot attend all or most of the sessions will have a meaningful experience at each of the sessions that you are able to attend.

Copies of *The Jesus Creed* are very easy to find in local libraries and bookstores. Copies may also be purchased on-line with low prices for those who don’t mind books that are ‘previously read’!

Keenly interested? You may also consider purchasing the small study guide, *A Companion Guide to The Jesus Creed*.

More details on purchasing or borrowing either title will be available in the commons starting Sunday August 3. Questions? Contact Amy Paget at pagets@gmail.com.



The Time Machine by H. G. Wells @ St. John’s Book Discussion WEDNESDAY August 20th @ 7:00 pm

The St. John’s Book discussion reconvenes for the 2008-09 season in August. On August 20th at 7 pm, we’ll have a discussion of H. G. Well’s *The Time Machine*.

Our discussion is part of the *One Great Read* cosponsored by The Tippecanoe County Public Library, the West Lafayette Public Library, the Monticello-Union Township Public Library, and the Civic Theatre of Lafayette. The goal of ‘one book, one community’ programs is to bring communities together for conversation around a common starting point. In *The Time Machine*, local readers will find a classic science fiction tale, a political puzzle, a love story and a mystery! One Great Read activities are taking place throughout our community to the end of August. Find further info at the Tippecanoe County Public Library website at www.tcpl.lib.in.us.

We are pleased to welcome Alison Moss, Head Reference Librarian at TCPL who will facilitate our discussion. Alison has guided us through previous One Great Read selections and we know that the exchange will be lively. Copies of *The Time Machine* may be obtained from any Tippecanoe County Public Library Branch or from the West Lafayette Public Library. The book may also be read on-line.

We’ll attempt to finalize our program year selections at this meeting, so join us and vote often!

—Amy Paget.

Online Contributions

The Finance Committee would like to announce to the congregation that we welcome online contributions using your bank's online bill payment system. Some members of the congregation have set up online bill payment with their banks which allows them to send checks from their account to addresses that they set up in the account. Some have also started scheduling their contributions in St. Johns in this way. There is no charge to the church for these payments and to do it, if you have online payments already, just address the payment to the following:

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In any online payment there is a request for the account number. In this line, simply put the objective for your payment. For example "2008 pledge", or "Flower Fund" or "Disaster Relief". Your name will be on the check that is sent to St. John's and you will be credited for the payment.

If you do not have online payment set up at your bank you can do so for all of your bills by setting up addresses and paying a fee of something like \$5-7 per month at most banks. We hope that the availability of this service will help members of the congregation that would like to schedule payments in advance, or allow members who have not been able to come to the church or who are out of town to continue to make their pledge payments.

Tom Brush for the Finance Committee



From the Director of Music...

I don't normally contribute a regular monthly column for the *Eagle*, but rather a notice here and there pertaining to recruitment or advertisement for a particular concert or liturgy. A full list of events will be publicized in mid-August when programs are ramped up after school begins. Our program for music continues to grow, but we are still in search of additional children to sing in our choirs, as you'll see elsewhere in this issue. Why, you may ask? An obvious response is that "children's voices are beautiful" (angelic is a term I've often heard). And secondly, while youth are the future of the church, I believe that they are also the "now," and will have a stronger future if they participate at an earlier age than adulthood.

I am just on the heels of a wonderful two week vacation that took me to the North Carolina beaches, to Pennsylvania to visit family and then to New York City. There I sang with the choir and choristers from Trinity Church Indianapolis for three liturgies at three of New York's flagship parishes: Trinity Wall St., St. Thomas 5th Ave and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. I did this on my own for spiritual refreshment and renewal and to also observe the atmosphere, community and accomplishments of a choir that is not much larger than ours.

My call out this year for our own children and youth to participate in our choral program is the strongest thus far. As I witnessed these past days the singing teens that will go off to college this fall after sharing many years of friendship singing in a supportive, Christian environment, my wish for a stronger program at St. John's increases immensely. We have the children to do it! I invite you to consider enrolling your child in this worthwhile program. The level of commitment can only be determined once all interested parties step forward and a group is formed. Every child can be taught to sing, and no one will be excluded. Why not encourage your timid son, daughter or grandchild to give it a try, as they might have the best time of their life!



UTO

It is hard to believe our summer is rushing by so quickly. Fall is coming soon! I hope your summer has been filled with memories and feelings of thankfulness for the many blessings that have come your way.

Our next United Thank Offering Ingathering will be Nov. 9, 2008. If you need a blue box or more information about UTO and the grants given, look on the chest outside the kitchen. Help yourself! Helping others with grants for food pantries, health care, schools, transportation, church supplies, housing, etc. is the goal of our prayers and gifts of thanksgiving.



Yours in Christ,
Mary Louise Davis

Thank You!

"Thank you" doesn't seem to be quite adequate enough to express my gratitude to the office assistants that kept everything running smoothly for two weeks while I was on vacation. Because you were so generous with your time I was able to spend time with my grandchildren . . . something I will cherish forever!

I am forever grateful to Anne Lommel, Helen Slagel, Linda Jeffries, Sue Bracey, Caryl Matthews, Nancy Bowker and Jane Thompson.

Thanks ladies!
Teresa Lohrman

“Box Tops for Education”, by Dorothy Jones

This is a story of near-random undocumented outreach. The story started two years ago when I was a tutor supervisor in the Office of the Dean of Students at Purdue University. My tutors-a dedicated group- sometimes came in without taking time for breakfast or lunch, so I provided a cache of healthy snack foods for them. Favored snacks were Nature Valley cereal bars. Toting snacks to the office one day, I noticed on each box of cereal bars a little pink and white rectangle, worth ten cents through Box Tops for Education (BTFE).

Google took me to www.boxtops4education.com. The website said that school principals (grades K-8) could apply to participate in a program which redeemed the value of qualifying Box Tops (and Box Tops bonus program certificates) mailed in from the school. I began cutting the lids off Nature Valley cereal bar boxes.

Soon, I was delighted to note (as a LUM Food Pantry shopper) that the Food Finders Food Bank occasionally stocked Nature Valley cereal bars and fruit snacks. After asking around at church, I discovered teachers and students in our parish were in schools that participated in the BTFE program. Andrea Rademacher told me her boys' school used the BTFE money for computers. I then persuaded Jackie and Ken Paar and Jim Hess (and now Gayle Ennis) to save BTFE lids. So, last year, AJ and Andrea Rademacher, between them, supplied their school with a few hundred BTFEs accumulated by our LUM Food Pantry staff and me.

When I attended the 2007 Diocesan Convention to help set up a Mission Commission exhibit table, I saw a Power Point slide show that displayed outreach activities of different parishes. One congregation (don't remember which) proudly included a slide showing that they collected Box Tops for Education (BTFEs) for a local school. I hadn't thought of what we were doing as outreach, but that parish did.

We didn't take a picture of the effort or count the exact number of BTFE lids. We just filled up paper lunch bags, stapled them shut and left it to AJ and Andrea to drop them off at their school. You might think that at ten cents a lid, it would cost a school so much to mail in the BTFEs that it wouldn't be worth doing. But the website rules state, “Your participating school can earn up to \$60,000 per year through Box Tops,”¹ so some schools must find it worth the postage!

The Rademachers are moving to a different school, but I'm still saving BTFEs and so is the Food Pantry staff. We encourage you to be part of this effort. You can give BTFEs to me or turn them in at the Food Pantry when you volunteer there. After a few hundred more accumulate, we'll see that they get to a participating school.

(Footnotes)

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[http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com/About Box Tops/](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com/AboutBoxTops/)

