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The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1st. Our worship will be a combined service at 9:00 am, followed by a pitch-in brunch, with the Meeting following brunch. There will be nursery care and activities for children during the meeting. The business of the meeting will include the presentation of the 2009 Operating Budget including Vestry actions to meet the anticipated deficit for 2009 and subsequent years, as well as any discussion of other business pertinent to the well-being of the parish.

The Annual Meeting Reports Booklet will be available a week before, on Sunday, January 25th. The deadline for all reports to be received in the office is Friday, January 16th.

CALL-OUT

ADULT INQUIRERS' SEMINARS

The Adult Inquirer's Seminar will begin on Tuesday, January 13th, at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Library. The seminar is for all adults who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to be received into the Episcopal Church, or who simply want to know a bit more about how we as Episcopalians understand our faith and how that understanding came to be and is lived out. This inquiry is designed for those who are new to the Episcopal Church, who are just exploring faith communities or for long-time denizens of the Episcopal Church.

The seminar will meet on Tuesdays for approximately twelve weeks. The date of our Deanery Confirmation service is set for April 25, location to be determined. The first meeting will be at 7:30 pm and is subject to renegotiation after then.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ed Tourangeau at 742-4079 or et@stjohns-laf.org.



UTO

As we begin another year, let us be grateful for life's challenges – physical, financial, social and spiritual – as we learn with God, family and friends to grow in understanding and compassion for ourselves and all people who will be journeying in life's way in 2009.

UTO (United Thank Offering) encourages us to practice the disciplines of daily prayers and thanksgiving. We are given the opportunity to share our love and concern for others and their needs by placing our "thankful coins" in the Blue Box. This long-standing tradition began in 1889. Remember, every coin from Blue Box or envelope is given away in grants. By sharing the blessings of your life your help so many people in need. Get a Blue Box or envelope for yourself and your family today from the Commons.

Our Fall Ingathering at St. John's totaled \$581.75 as of December 5th. There will be another Ingathering of our UTO offerings in May 2009.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Louise Davis

Adult Bible Study

meets Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish Commons. The group took a brief vacation but will again be in session beginning Tuesday, January 6, 2009. The next six weekly sessions will focus on the booklet *Curse God and Die?: Struggling with Faith in the Book of Job*. New members are always welcome!

Can't make it for all six sessions? That's OK. The structure of the lessons is such that you can join in as you are able. If you wish to purchase a booklet they are \$7. All St. John's members are encouraged to give Adult Bible Study a try. See how the Bible can be relevant in your life today! Questions?

Call or email Randy Brist - 474-2835 or rjbrist@verizon.net

Dear Readers;

The Eagle is as interesting and current as the information you submit. My function, as I understand it, is to compile this information and present it in a coherent form in the newsletter.

I anticipate some changes for *The Eagle* in the forthcoming issues. I would like you to begin to use a different e-mail address for your articles: janhub70@gmail.com or janet_huber_196@comcast.net. This will help assure that mail does not get mysteriously lost if you send it. Please do not leave things with Teresa for *The Eagle*. She has enough to do. If you do not use e-mail please use the US Mail: My address is 3024 St. Rd. 26 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

I would like to see some more news of the Youth Group. Submissions from the members would be of interest to all of us. It would be refreshing to hear from our younger members. Since Father Ed 's column is "on furlough", some opinions from you, the congregation, would be welcome. Maybe some pictures of activities outside of Sunday morning would be fun to see. When you send pictures, be sure to identify everyone. If you have clip-art relevant to your article, send it along with the article as a separate .jpeg file.

While we are going through some remodeling, I would love to hear from you. Write a "letter to the editor - your opinions matter. I can't promise to print them all, but I will answer them and take them very seriously. Be sure to sign the letters if you want them published.

Thanks,

Janet Huber



St. John's Book Discussion – 2009

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 21 Nevada Barr evening Nevada Barr writes the Anna Pigeon mysteries. Anna is a park ranger and the mysteries take place in national parks all over the country. There are 14 titles to choose among including: *Track of the Cat* [Guadalupe Mountains NP](#) 1993 *A Superior Death* [Isle Royale NP](#) 1994 *Ill Wind* [Mesa Verde NP](#) 1995 *Firestorm* [Lassen Volcanic NP](#) 1996 *Endangered Species* [Cumberland Island National Seashore](#) 1997 *Blind Descent* [Carlsbad Caverns NP](#) 1998 *Liberty Falling* [Statue of Liberty](#) 1999 *Deep South* [Natchez Trace Parkway](#) 2000 *Blood Lure* [Glacier NP](#) 2001 *Hunting Season* [Natchez Trace Parkway](#) February 2002 *Flashback* [Dry Tortugas NP](#) February 2003 *High Country* [Yosemite NP](#) February 2004 *Hard Truth* [Rocky Mountain NP](#) March 2005 *Winter Study* [Isle Royale NP](#) April 2008.

Nevada has also recently written a very witty memoir of her spiritual journey towards the Episcopalian faith expression— **Seeking Enlightenment Hat by Hat**. Our evening will explore any/all of her works. As Barr notes, she “chose the Episcopal church over a temple, mosque, or churches inhabited by Presbyterians, Catholics, or Baptists because it was close to my apartment and, the evening the whim came upon me to turn to God, the front doors were unlocked. I didn’t come to worship, I came because I was lonely, frightened, and desperately unhappy.” [Discussion Leader: Amy Paget].

February 18 The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood by Sy Montgomery. Montgomery’s books on exotic wildlife (*Journey of the Pink Dolphins*, etc.) take her to the far corners of the world, but the story of her closest relationships with the animal kingdom plays out in her own New England backyard. When she adopts a sickly runt from a litter of pigs, naming him Christopher Hogwood after the symphony conductor, raising him for slaughter isn’t an option: Montgomery’s a vegetarian and her husband is Jewish. The pig bonds with Montgomery’s neighbors, especially two children who come over to help feed him and rub his tummy. The humor with which she recounts Christopher’s meticulous eating habits and love of digging up turf is sure to charm readers. <http://www.goodgoodpig.com/>. [Discussion Leader: Mary Campbell].

March 18 The Country of the Pointed Firs by Sara Jewett contains realistic sketches of aging Maine natives, whose manners, dialect, and folk wisdom Jewett records with humor. Her writing style is sympathetic, but not sentimental. Because Jewett is among the best known of the 19th-century regionalists, her works have often been used to represent the genre of local color fiction as a whole. Other authors working in this tradition include Harriet Beecher Stowe and Alice Freeman in the Northeast; Joel Chandler Harris and Kate Chopin in the South; Hamlin Garland and Zona Gale in the Midwest; and Mark Twain and Bret Harte

in the West. Also available FREE to read online! [Discussion Leader: Dorothy Jones].

See over Page....

- April 15** **National Poetry Month** [Discussion Leader: Amy Paget] Outline forthcoming
- May 20** **The Last Lecture** by Randy Pausch. A lot of professors give talks titled "*The Last Lecture*." And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy? When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave—"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"—wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living. Read the book or watch the lecture at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj5_MqicxSo. [Discussion Leader: Jack Albright].
- June 17** **Home to Holly Springs** by Jan Karon. Karon's bestselling series of Mitford novels has concluded, but to the relief of eager fans, she introduces a new series featuring Father Tim. The beloved Episcopal priest returns to his childhood town of Holly Springs, Miss., where he reconnects with old friends and battles some old demons. [Discussion Leaders: Sue Bracey and Lorraine Albright].
- July** **NO MEETING IN JULY**
- August 19** **One Great Read Title**

Questions? Contact Amy Paget, pagets@gmail.com

This article was received last month after the deadline. The article concerning the January 21, 2009 discussion will be found on page 7. JHH



***The Four Things
Children Need at
Christmas***

1. A relaxed and loving time with family
2. Realistic expectations about gifts
3. An evenly paced holiday season
4. Reliable family traditions

These basic needs play the determining role in whether or not children have a good family Christmas.

From *Unplug the Christmas Machine* by Jo Robinson, Jean C. Staeheli

Quiet Days / Quiet Times

For many years now, St. John's Parishioners have gathered periodically for a respite time of refreshment and meditation. During our Advent event, we read, listened to music, viewed art, drew, colored and created a prayer wall. This past fall we spent a wonderful morning at Happy Hollow Park reading, listening to music and walking. We always find something new to do, with the expectation that in the 'new' we will grow. On our Advent Quiet Day we 'read the hours' from the Benedictine tradition and enjoyed a wonderfully warming meal while watching the snow fall.

Mark **February 21, 2009** and **May 2, 2009** in your calendars as times, that you too...may join us. We usually plan our program to last a morning or a full day with the opportunity to join us as your own schedule permits. Questions? Speak to Heidi Kauffman or Amy Paget.

Nursery News

It has been a busy few months in the St. John's nursery. Our new sitters, Sara Colton and Angie Fulks, have had their hands full with 10 – 12 children each Sunday. Sara is a senior at Purdue and is studying Elementary Education. She will be student teaching Kindergarten at Klondike Elementary beginning in January. Graduation will be in May. She has lived in Lafayette since childhood and has two dogs and four cats who are her "kids". Angie grew up in Bloomington, Indiana and after graduating from Purdue with a B.A. in History got married and settled here in Lafayette. She has worked with kids for many years (from Pre-School to girl scouts) and enjoys spending time with her large family. She currently works at the Silver Dipper, so stop in and say hello.

Keep your eye out for a Mom's Morning Out in January. Dates and times will be posted on the nursery bulletin board.

Finally, a big thank you to two very helpful people who helped clean and re-organize the nursery this November. It was awesome to have the help and the company! Thank you Heidi Osborne and Kimberly Powers!

Best Regards,
Annie Schreiber and Angela Mosier

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