



The Eagle

Needed: Vestry Members!

The Vestry of St. John's is seeking parishioners who are willing to serve their church as members of the Vestry. Are you one of those persons? We seek nominees who are:

- At least 16 years of age, a donor of record to the operating budget of St. John's, a regular communicant at worship, and involved in the life of the parish;
- Committed to attending one Vestry meeting each month (excluding July) – the third Wednesday of each month;
- Committed to being a member of one Vestry committee (with a meeting each month);
- Committed to attending the Vestry retreat (probably at the end of February);
- Committed to working with a group; leaving personal agendas at home;
- Aware that you will be serving over the transition period (may include more time than a "regular" term).

Please feel free to nominate yourself. If you have a name to share, please submit that name to a member of the Nominating Committee (listed below) and have that person's permission to submit his/her name. Some persons have already been approached, but we welcome more names.

We will be accepting nominations until November 13. Short personal bios will be requested for the December *Eagle* (due by November 15). The election for Vestry will be held after both worship services on Sunday, December 13. Newly elected members are invited to and encouraged to attend the December Vestry meeting to see "what it's like" before officially taking office in January.

This is a growing, challenging, and moving time in the life of the St. John's family. We look forward to having new persons join the continuing Vestry and having them share their outlook, vision, enthusiasm, and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the persons listed below. Please prayerfully consider this request – we need your involvement. Many thanks.

Nate Mosier, Dorothy Jones, Maggie McClure,
George Moore, and E. Linda Jeffries

Pledge Card Reminder By Linda Jeffries

By now, you have all received a letter containing a blue pledge card for your 2010 financial gift to St. John's. The finance people (from stewardship to budget folk) would greatly appreciate it if you could return your pledge card as soon as possible. You may put it in the Sunday offering plate, in the basket in the Commons, mail it to the office, or visit the website and fill out a form online. We need to finalize the 2010 budget no later than the end of November. We really need to know what funds we will have in order to do this. Your cooperation in returning your card will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Jeffries at 477-1574. She will do her best to answer any questions or address any concerns you might have.

For those who might wish to begin payment on year one of your ESE pledge, you may send those payments to the church office at any time. We ask only that you clearly mark your check "ESE 2010" so that it can be correctly entered in our financial records. Thank you so much for your timely payment of this gift.

Reflections on Diana Butler Bass By Maggie McClure

September 26 found 9 members of St. John's listening to Diana Butler Bass explore why some mainline congregations are thriving when all the news states the opposite. She spent four years researching this. The day caused us all to reflect on life at St. John's and what we can do become a more vital community. Because, despite the news headlines that mainline religion is dying, there is hope for the future.

Butler Bass used the words practice, tradition, intentional, and spiritual throughout her presentation when describing congregations that are growing and thriving. Practices are what we do. A way to think of this is to complete the sentence "We practice _____". Two of the most common practices she found were hospitality and theological reflection. Tradition represents the accumulation of knowledge and wisdom over time. It is through tradition that we can enter the stories of our faith. Tradition explains why we do what we do. It takes intentionality to identify the practices that suit the personality of a congregation. It also takes intentionality to understand the tradition that corresponds to the practice. In other words, it's the intentional connection of the action to the story or reason for the action in transforming.

Butler Bass says surveys show more and more people are looking for more than just belonging to a community. They are looking for a spiritual experience, an experience of God and while living in this world. They want to ask questions and engage in learning.

The St. John's attendees have begun to identify the practices that we do and have begun exploring ways to be more intentional in our approach to tradition. They are excited about the possibilities and are energized to introduce some of

Independent Adult Children and the Parish Directory By Ed Tourangeau

In the near future we shall prepare a provisional update to the Parish Directory and invite parishioners to check the accuracy of our information. We will incorporate your corrections and updates and then prepare a new directory as "publishing time" in and around printing needs of Christmas and the Annual Meeting allow.

From time to time the way we list some of the children of the parish in the directory has caused confusion. It's not the growing number of children we have in the nursery, but our "Independent Adult Children" who can defy categorization and cause confusion. By independent adult children we mean those who may not live at home or, if they do, nonetheless live as independent adults. They may or not be pursuing a course of study. They may be married or single. If they live outside the parental home they may live far away. In some cases they may even have affiliated with other faith traditions, or they may have ceased any participation in a faith community.

Quoting from the introduction to our current directory, it is important to remember that our directory *"is not meant to be a definitive listing of all whose names may be on our parish rolls... it does contain the names and contact information for persons who regularly worship at St. John's (some of whom may not be enrolled in the parish register), as well as members of the parish who for good cause ... are unable to join with the Sunday morning community."* In other words, the parish directory is not the official listing of parish membership. It is a working document for daily operations of this local parish community, primarily a contact list for those who need an address or to find someone who might help with a project or serve as a substitute in an emergency.

Our confusion began, perhaps, many years ago when we started "praying" the directory in the Prayers of the People of our worship. Praying for members of the congregation is a good thing and important to many of us, and omitting the name of a grown child simply because they are grown and now have moved away or moved on in their spiritual journey can feel odd or arbitrary, and may even hurt. What shall we do?

Does it help simply to explain the truly functional purpose of the directory? Should we discontinue our practice of "praying" the directory? If not, where do we draw the limits on who to include in our prayers? Should we create a space of silence where parents can quietly insert the names of those adult children who are not at home, who are well-established elsewhere, and who perhaps worship according to the faith tradition of their spouse?

I welcome the thoughts of those for whom this is a matter of importance, and everyone's corrections or additions when the proof copy of the next directory is ready.

Butler Bass's concepts to you. In order to meet the growing needs of the population, we will need to be open to looking at different approaches to our practices in order to bring our traditions

to life. It will take time, risk, and openness to do this. There will be mistakes along the way as we learn but that is what practice is all about.

Introducing Mike Scime By Ed Tourangeau

Over the summer Ed and Hilary have been in conversation with Archdeacon Alice Goshorn. Alice has oversight for our diocesan deacons both as they prepare for ordination and as they engage in their ministries following ordination. Alice approached us about using St. John's as a fieldwork location for one of our deacons in training, Mike Scime (pronounced She-may), whose home congregation is St. John's in Crawfordsville.

After consideration we decided to proceed, and so Mike will be with us for the three months from November through January of next year. Our responsibility is to give him a parish other than his own to observe and interact with, to offer him opportunities to preach and to function liturgically as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. In addition we must help Mike to develop and carry out a fieldwork project consistent with the ministry of deacons, which is to hold before the church the needs of the world and to guide the church as it responds to the needs of the least of Jesus's sisters and brothers. The project we settled on was to leverage Mike's talents and work experience and to use him as "outside eyes" in an analysis of all St. John's outreach ministries, both the established ministries we do well and the more recent efforts we have undertaken. In addition Mike will look at the changing demographic of our parish and community to help us identify ways we might become more responsive to the needs of our community and better able to connect those among us who seek to serve with effective and meaningful ways of serving.



We expect Mike will have a full three months! And he will have some final report on his project for our Annual Meeting on February 7, 2010. Mike's coming to us is providential as St. John's as a parish enters into a year of exploration and discernment about who we are today, how we got here, and where God is calling us to grow. So welcome Mike when he comes, and share your thoughts with him as he undertakes to help in our service. Here, in his own words, is a bit of Mike's story.

Mike is a second year postulant in formation for the Diaconate. He is currently a member of St. John's Crawfordsville but has also served on the vestries at both St. Alban's Indianapolis and St. Mark's Plainfield while a member of those congregations. At the Diocesan level, Mike serves as Chair for the Diocesan Mission Strategy Group which works to coach congregations receiving financial assistance from the Diocese in the area of congregational development. After 11 years as a lobbyist for the state's railroad industry, Mike moved into the social service sector, serving as Co-Director of Dayspring Center (diocesan cooperating ministry serving homeless families with children) until 2005. He currently serves as the Director of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau operating programs that provide mentoring, youth advocacy, parent education and delinquency prevention services. He volunteers as a mentor in one of those programs and is also volunteering with Crawfordsville's Building a Healthy Future Committee to make improvements to Milligan Park.

Quiet Day Opportunity By Amy Paget

Launch this year's Advent season with a day focused on prayer Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 4 pm. You are welcome to join us for the full time period or any portion thereof. This day will be held at St. John's.

Bring your own spiritual exercises or select from among those provided. We'll begin and end with worship and enjoy a soup luncheon at 12:30 pm. MORE details in the December Eagle. Questions? Contact Amy Paget at pagets@gmail.com.

Include future Quiet days on your calendar ...all are Saturdays: Feb 13, 2010, May 1 2010.

Nursery Welcomes Caitlin Lane By Annie Schreiber

Caitlin Lane is a Lafayette native, graduating from McCutcheon High School in 2006 before heading to Midway College, Midway, Kentucky, for two years. While at Midway she majored in elementary education with a minor in learning and behavioral disabilities (special needs). Caitlin then transferred to Purdue University and is now a senior majoring in English. To pay for her schooling, Caitlin works at Purdue's Biology Greenhouses and sells Lia Sophia® Jewelry along with working at the church. When she is not busy working and attending classes, she enjoys working with her two horses, competing in 3-Day Eventing, taking walks with her dog, Rosco (a boxer/lab), crocheting, and reading.

HELP WANTED: Someone to represent St. John's at Family Promise network meetings. Fourth Thursday of the month. Bring back information to the coordinators. Interested? Contact Maggie McClure mmclure03@comcast.net or 567-2512, or Cresta Cates crestafiesta@yahoo.com or 471-2821

e-spirituality

By Amy Paget

e-spirituality is designed to be an item in each *Eagle* where St. John's parishioners share the online resources that they have discovered that aid in their understanding of their faith.

dailyoffice.org **The Daily Office.** Tracey Gage writes to tell us that she frequents this site. According to the website's author, Josh Thomas, from Kentland Indiana, "The purpose of this website is simple: to present an ancient form of Christian prayer called the Daily Office, easily understood and updated every day, for use in all times and places, by anyone who wants to visit. Now you can read along at work, at home, on the train or wherever you are. You don't have to fumble with books or even know how to pray. This website makes the Daily Office available anytime, anywhere." There's lots of bonus offerings too, including music, video, and an associated blog.

<http://day1.org/> **Day1.** Jason Boley surprised me with the news that theologian Barbara Brown Taylor was born in Lafayette, Indiana! In attempting to verify, I stumbled across this site. **Day1** is "the voice of the mainline Protestant churches, presenting outstanding preachers from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and other denominations. The website features an extensive library of lectionary-based sermons in text and audio, and other helpful information for lay persons and pastors". The site's sidebar features topics such as grace, community, calling, etc. Very accessible. Day1's audio predecessor began broadcasting in 1945 as "The Protestant Hour" and has been on the air every week since, currently on more than 200 stations.

<http://fact.hartsem.edu> **Faith Communities Today** links the public to a group of researchers and religious leaders who were responsible for, in 2000, the largest survey ever of congregations. This group, the **Cooperative Congregations Studies Partnership**, is a program of interfaith cooperation. These 20+ members, in conjunction with Hartford Seminary's Hartford Institute for Religion Research, are continuing their research efforts with a bi-annual national survey of congregations and the creation of helpful resources for churches of all faith traditions. If you are interested in research efforts that explore trends in American religious life, this is the spot for you!

Have you found an online site that's contributed to your journey in faith? Email Amy at pagets@gmail.com and watch for it to appear here in the upcoming months.

Habitat for Humanity Outreach Project

By Ken Paar

Habitat for Humanity's Veteran Build will officially commence on Veteran's Day, November 11, which is a Wednesday. Habitat for Humanity currently expects to begin framing activity on November 7 with work continuing on November 11 through Saturday, November 14. Work is expected to start at 8 am each day at 2131 Charles Street in Lafayette. Those of you who participated two years ago, and any other interested parishioners who are available on November 11 or 14 and interested in working can sign up on the easel in the Parish Hall. Please include your email address as it will make it easier to disseminate additional information, including directions, when it becomes available. Check the Sunday bulletin for continuing updates. Anyone with questions should call Ken Paar at 538-2337.

Liturgical Calendars

Follow the course of the church year at home with the Episcopal Church Calendar for 2010. The calendar is edited to conform to the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, with the calendar dates in the proper color for the day.

On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast days, along with liturgical notes and suggested concluding collects for the Prayers of the People. Under the calendar pad is found Tables of Feasts and Fasts, together with useful information about lessons and psalms.

Call the parish office by November 23 at 742-4079 to reserve your calendar at the cost of \$5.00 each. Calendars will be ordered **only** for those who request them.

St. John's Movie Night By Leah Moss

Everything's better with chocolate!

Please join us in the Bishop's Parlor Thursday, November 19 for a viewing of *Chocolat*. A woman (Juliette Binoche) and her daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French village that shakes up the rigid morality of the community in this 2000 comedy.

The show starts at 7:30 pm in the Bishop's Parlor. Be sure to bring a pillow and blanket to get comfy! Lots of chocolate will be served. Questions? Contact Leah Moss at 491-5143 or leahcmoss@gmail.com.

Next Eagle Deadline

In order to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for submissions for the December *Eagle* will be Monday, November 9. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

Prayer List Ministry

A ministry is beginning which will contact by mail those people who have been placed on the St. John's prayer list due to illness to let them know they are in our prayers. Addresses and last names are needed to accomplish this task. Those who place the names on our list will need to provide this information if it is something they think would be appreciated by the recipient. Simply include the information when you give names to Fr. Ed or Teresa. If addresses or last names are not provided no notes will be sent, presuming that the person requesting prayers judges a contact from us unnecessary.

St. John's Book Discussion

By Mary Campbell

Delightful! Charming! Thought Provoking? Those are my reactions to the detective fiction of Dorothy Gilman (1923-). The books are so beautifully constructed, they practically read themselves aloud! I love Gilman's sense of the absurd – a widowed grandmother volunteering to be a spy for the CIA, the same grandmother-spy winning over her Albanian jailer with a Swedish backrub, two contemplative Benedictine sisters undoing the Mafia, and more.

Come along to the Book Discussion on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 in The Commons. If you have not read any Gilman, I strongly encourage you to start with the first of the Emily Pollifax series – *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax* (1966). My two other favorites are *A Nun in the Closet* (1975) and *The Clairvoyant Countess* (1975). I hope you will enjoy these, too, and we can discuss them. Gilman has written many, many books, so pick your favorite to share.

Mary has a few extra copies of these books if you want to borrow one (and then pass it along). Call Mary Campbell at 743-8851 or 426-5541.

A Book Discussion will NOT be held in December.

ECW now EWM

By Charlene Watson

All women in the Diocese of Indianapolis, by virtue of their membership in the Episcopal Church, are members of the Episcopal Church Women, and may participate on any level. On 26 September 2009 Mary Louise Davis, Dorothy Jones, and Charlene Watson attended the ECW Council meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. After much brainstorming and discussion several decisions were made regarding the future of ECW in the Diocese of Indianapolis:

1. The name Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has been changed to Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM). This was done to update the definition of our role in the diocese with our restated mission and goals.
2. Our mission statement now reads: "The women of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Indianapolis support all women on their journey to the service of Christ.
3. The Goals include (1) leadership by providing, encouraging, supporting, and facilitating women serving in leadership roles; (2) communication by publicizing, coordinating, and networking resources; (3) maintaining a Circle of Friends by offering opportunities for sisterhood, sharing ideas and gifts for service, and sharing Christ's ministry with each other; and (4) being a resource by providing ideas for programs and projects and engaging women of the diocese for ministry.

Further business included a discussion of the Endowment Funds for Episcopal Women's Ministries, a treasurer's report from Ann Durkos, the UTO report from Midge Munds, and the CPC report from our own Dorothy Jones.

Mary Louise and Charlene offered on behalf of St. John's to organize the EWM Spring Luncheon for 2010. This gives St. John's another opportunity to show how alive and vibrant we are. We welcome your input and suggestions in selecting speaker, location, menu, and date, and your participation in making this Spring Luncheon a meaningful event. We will begin the tangible working towards this goal after the Christmas season, but we need your suggestions starting now.

Jubilee Christmas

By Maggie McClure

Mark December 12 on your calendar. Jubilee Christmas will start at 10:00 am but we have many preparations to make. Plan to participate in one or all of the following ways:

Cash donations: Approximately \$1900 is needed to pay LUM for hams and food cards given to each family and for gift cards for all 13-17 year olds. Once LUM is paid, extra cash allows us to give the families items that food stamps won't cover and to purchase any additional gifts. Look for Jubilee Christmas envelopes or indicate Jubilee Christmas on the memo line of your check.

Volunteer: Jubilee Christmas happens because everyone pitches in with planning, set-up, hosting, clean-up, gift wrapping, and whatever else is needed. Be sure to sign-up.

Gifts: "Our store" needs to be stocked with NEW, non-violent toys. The ages and genders of our guest's children will be available mid-November. Pick up a bell for each gift you purchase and attach to the gift. Place in the collection bins by December 8.

Contact Maggie McClure at mmclure03@comcast.net or 567-2512 with questions.

November Music Highlights
By Michael Bennett
Fall Evensong

On November 8, the Choirs will sing Choral Evensong at 5:00 pm as a benefit to Community Cancer Network. Music of Herbert Howells, William Smith, Anthony Caesar and Basil Harwood will be sung. We will be joined by a doctoral organ student from Indiana University who will also perform a 30 minute concert of music beginning at 4:30 pm including classics by Bach and Mendelssohn.

Lunchtime Concert

The lunchtime concert season has resumed and this month's concert will feature music for the flute. The concert is on Veteran's Day, Wednesday November 11 at 12:10 pm. Allynn McInerney and Meg Howlett will perform music for both solo flute and flute duo by French composers. As always a delicious lunch will be offered afterward.

St. Cecilia Day Worship

November 22 is the day in which the church commemorates St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music and musicians. The worship committee has devised a special service for 10:15 am worship, so that St. John's will honor the day in our own way. Music will be sung, readings will be read and we will take somewhat of a tour through our own musical heritage from the earliest known sacred music to that of our present time. What a wonderful way to end the church year!

Tis the season...

Are you making your list and checking it twice? Remember that the art prints by Michael Martin are still available and make lovely gifts. See the display in the Commons for samples and contact Linda Jeffries 477-1574 or Teresa in the church office 742-4079 to purchase a print.

Healing and the Church
By Mary Campbell

Have you ever wondered –

- Just what about those miracles of Jesus and the Apostles?
- What about the healing ministry of the church from early times to now?
- What really is that healing service offered every Sunday at St. Johns?

The Sunday Forum classes at 9:15 am on November 8, 15, and 22 will explore these topics. We will conclude with Fr. Ed leading a healing liturgy at the close of the class on November 22. (You can participate at any level you wish.)

No preparatory reading is required for these classes. However, a really thorough and interesting book on the topic is *Healing*, by Francis MacNutt (1999, revised edition). Although the sessions are intended to build on each other they can be attended separately.

Questions? Contact Mary Campbell at 426-5541

September Financial Report
By Linda Jeffries

A. RECEIPTS	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total Year 2009</u>
1. Pledge Income	21,329.00	221,312.00
2. Non-Pledge Income	686.00	19,090.00
3. Transfer/Reserve Funds	-0-	-0-
4. Transfer/Stephens Fund	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	22,015.00	240,402.00
B. EXPENSES		
1. Outreach	4,202.00	36,187.00
2. Program	506.00	9,202.00
3. Personnel	16,770.00	162,327.00
4. Office	2,980.00	13,183.00
5. Property	4,431.00	45,610.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,889.00	266,509.00
C. EXCESS OF RECEIPTS/EXPENSES		
	-6,875.00	-26,098.00

A Few Notes:

For 2009, the budget assumes a shortfall of up to \$35,000. In 2010, 2011, and 2012, any shortfall (up to \$35,000/year) will be met by income from the Extraordinary Stewardship Effort (ESE).

This is a summary report of operating income and expenses. Details are available for review from any member of the Finance Committee or the parish office. Parish funds such as endowment/investment funds, or pass-through receipts not directed toward regular parish operations are not included in the above report. They are available for review through the parish office or any member of the Endowment Committee.

In October, \$15,000 was transferred from the Stephens Fund into the Operating Budget. This will be shown on next month's financial report.

St. John's Christmas Pageant

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching and what would that season be without a Christmas pageant? Once again, St. John's is providing an opportunity for your children to experience the story of Christmas first hand.



On Sunday, November 8, there will be a casting rehearsal. All speaking parts will audition and be placed. On Sundays, November 15, 22, and December 6, there will be rehearsals at 12:00 pm (following the second service). On Saturday, December 12, there will be a dress rehearsal at 5:00 pm with a pizza party for the children following. Donations from parents for this would be greatly appreciated. Then, on Sunday, December 13 there will be a final rehearsal at 3:00 pm with the pageant following at 4:00 pm.

There is a new script this year, so be sure to see Becky Yuill or Linda Jeffries for a copy for your child(ren). Please join us in celebrating the season. We'll see you on November 8!

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Yuill at 477-6824 or Linda Jeffries at 477-1574.



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United Thank Offering By Mary Louise Davis

The St. John's fall Ingathering of offerings to the United Thank Offerings (UTO) will be on November 8 at both services. Your offering can be put in special UTO envelopes which are in the Eagle or envelopes provided November 8 in the weekly bulletin.

Every penny of offerings is given in grants to aid those in need worldwide through UTO grants chosen to help others. Our daily prayers and money offerings given in thanksgiving for the blessings of joy and challenge help thousands in their need. Check the 2008 Grant Booklet for details. They can be found in the Commons outside the kitchen.