



Saint John's Spirit

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From the Mission Task Force

The Primary Mission Task force has surveyed the parish profile, our history, the responses to our questionnaires, and the current context and the state of St. John's Congregational life. Aided by the vital focus provided by the Christian Ed./Youth Task Force, we have managed to discern what we believe to be the four cornerstones of St. John's on-going mission. These foundations for ministry are: Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Parish Life, and Hospitality. Throughout the next six months we will work with the parish to develop a one-sentence, memorable mission statement along with a vision and annual goals to fulfill our mission. We will seek to establish plans to meet these goals and devise methods for evaluating our success in meeting them.

Below is just a taste of what is blooming in St. John's Garden-some results of the Christian Education/ Youth Task Force.

Meribeth Kussmaul
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Will Turner
Tom Sheets
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Youth Lock-In

EVERYONE PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. John's is heading in a new direction with Christian formation & Youth Group activities for our high school & middle school students this year, and we're going to kick things off with a YOUTH LOCK-IN on Saturday & Sunday, August 16 & 17. We obviously can't plan what YOU want to do without YOUR input, so we hope you'll plan to come if you can. J

The lock-in will be for anyone in 6th grade - 12th grade (and any college-agers who might still be around!), and you're also welcome to bring friends along. We'll begin at 7:30 Saturday evening and end with a breakfast prepared by parents & parishioners before the 9:00 Sunday service.

If at all possible, we'd like a parent (or parents) to stick around for the first 30-45 mins., since we'll be explaining the changes in the program, as well as talking about schedules. Parents should be able to leave around 8:00 pm or so.

We'll have a variety of things going on Saturday night, including "Cooking with Jim," some brainstorming & planning of activities, a special creative project, and some just generally fun & silly activities. There *will* be a lights-out time, as well as a wake-up time in the morning, as we have a special activity arranged for the pre-breakfast time. Parents, please know that there will be 3 or 4 adults present all night.

YOUTH will need to bring: a sleeping bag & pillow; an air mattress if you've got one; your calendar or datebook, if you keep one; and either a two-liter beverage or a snack to share. And bring a friend, if you like!

PARENTS just need to bring their calendar or datebook.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH, we'd love to have your help in various ways. Do you have an air mattress you'd be willing to loan? Is there a snack you'd like to provide for the night? Would you be willing to arrive at the church around 7:00 Sunday morning to help prepare breakfast for the youth? Is there a one-time activity you'd really like to lead with our youth sometime this year? Just let Susan Albrecht (361-0036 or susiequie23@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Gary (361-1468 or jlgary2003@yahoo.com) know.

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins and in the mail, and feel free to contact Susan or Jim with any questions.

From the Rector

Summer Sunday School and Rite III Relaxed Eucharist in Whitlock Hall

A small number of parishioners have requested a later starting Eucharist on Sundays during the summer. Although the Liturgy Committee and I do not believe it wise to alter the time of the Principal Service (9:00 a.m.), it is possible for the rector to offer a different option. After conferring with Kent Meyer, our Liturgy Chair, I am going offer 10:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in Whitlock Hall, followed by a non-musical Rite III Eucharist (also in Whitlock Hall). Discussion will center around the Lessons for that day and will serve as The Service of the Word. These will only take place on the Sundays that I am in town. They will begin on July 13. Sundays that I am gone (Hence no late option) are July 6, 27, and Aug. 3. No special Altar Care will be required, because I will serve Eucharist from my home communion set.

Father Todd+

News From the Vestry

From Marc Hudson

The Vestry met on Monday, June 23rd; the following are some highlights of a very busy meeting. Our finances remain in relatively good shape. Will Turner has graciously stepped forth to be our new treasurer, as Kent Meyer steps down. Kent will advise Will as he learns the ropes. Mike Lohorn reported for the Mission Task Force. Its recent survey reveals that the primary concerns of the parish are Christian Education and Parish Life and Hospitality.

The task force will continue to deliberate through the summer. Sarah Lawrence reported on new policies for the use of Whitlock Hall, which were provisionally approved pending full review. Rector's Warden, Adrienne Ashbaugh, distributed our new comprehensive calendar, which she compiled from our collaborative work during the workshop led by Deborah Kissinger. Will Turner has already added that information to the calendar on our web site.

Larry Baumgartner graciously accepted the position of People's Warden, as Kathy Gary has stepped down from that position to coordinate our Christian Education activities.

Newcomers/Hospitality

The Newcomer/Hospitality Committee will be hosting this quarter's social hour on Friday, July 18th. Whether you are a newcomer or a long time member of St. John's, all are invited to Mike Scime and Todd Kleffman's home at 7:30 for a Dessert, Wine and Cheese party. Pick your favorite to bring and share or if you're having trouble deciding, just bring all three! There will be good conversation on the porch and some yard games as well.

Parish Life

ST JOHN'S INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS NIGHT!

From Susan Albrecht

The Parish Life Committee hopes you will come join us for an outing to Victory Field to see the Indianapolis Indians take on the Syracuse Chiefs! The date is MONDAY, JULY 28, with game time at 7:00 pm (gates open at 5:30). It's also DOLLAR MENU NIGHT, with all snacks (hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts, chips, and Cracker Jack) only \$1 each. You can't beat that price! If you've never been to Victory Field, it is a fantastic place to watch a baseball game. It's also very family-friendly, with lawn areas in the outfield where little ones can run around.

I've reserved 40 box seats at the group rate of only \$11 a ticket. The cutoff for letting them know our final number is a week prior, so I will have to know by Sunday, July 20 who wants to come. I'd love it if we actually had more than 40 of us going, and the sooner I know if we're over 40, the better (for getting the additional seats together). So just as soon as you know you'd like to attend, give me a call or send an email. You can reach me at 361-0036 or susiequisie23@sbcglobal.net -- or just catch me at church.

Outreach

St John's parishioners were busy this month in a number of outreach opportunities. The Outreach Committee members collected monetary donations as well as cleaning supplies following the massive flooding in central Indiana. A team shopped and purchased requested items, which were to be put into cleaning kits. They were delivered to Fishers for distribution to designated areas. An ongoing collection is being taken for local flood relief. Cash or checks may be given and designated for ERD for local flood relief.

Once again St. John's participated in the Summer Lunch Program which provides lunches for 75 children in the Crawfordsville area throughout the weeks when school is not in session. In order for St. John's to make this outreach successful, It takes our whole church working together to provide the food, prepare the meals, and deliver the meals to the families. Thank you for supporting the project.

For July, we will be not having a new project, but we are encouraging parishioners to remember the victims of the floods, and also we will keep the donations of the Christmas gifts for mental health a few more weeks in case anyone wants to add to the collection. We have a fine showing of pajamas, sweatshirts, and could use a few more toiletries.

Be on the lookout for sales of children's undies and outies for our August ingathering. Outreach will meet Monday July 21, at 4:00 P.M. We are always open to new ideas, and would like to encourage anyone who feels called to join the committee.



Top: Workers assemble lunches for Summer Lunch Program. Around the table from the left - Jackson Albrecht, Kristen Albrecht, Barb Easterling, Jerilyn Yerkes and Judy Spencer.

Bottom: Kent and Carole Meyer deliver lunches.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

St. John's has been invited to participate in VBS at Wabash Presbyterian. It is July 21-25 from 9am to 11:30 am for those 3yrs through 6th grade. If interested, call Kathy Gary 361-1468

Trash to Treasure.

Several recyclable items for Sunday School this fall! Items needed are milk cartons and gallon jugs; round ice cream containers; sea shells; and pillowcases (any solid color) There will be a collection crate in Whitlock Hall.

Pastoral Care

Carole Escamila is the new Pastoral Care chair. Ann O'Dell has stepped down due to her battle with lung cancer. Please remember her in your prayers.

Communications Committee

A new committee has been formed to improve communications among the St. John's parishioners and to communicate ongoings to the dioceses and the Crawfordsville community. Members are: Jane Gallagher, Helen Hudson, Judy Spencer, Cindy Turner, Will Turner, Judy Wynne, Kaleen Dowdy, and Fr. Todd. A chair for this committee will be chosen soon.

In Other News...

New Christian Education Director

Kathy and Jim Gary were commissioned on June 22nd to devote themselves more fully to working with the youth of our church. Kathy is the new Christian Ed. Director and Jim will be working with the youth group. Kathy has resigned as the People's Warden to take on her new role.

Trial Post-Communion Order of Service

From June 15 - July 13, the Liturgy Committee will be conducting a trial run in the order of service after Communion, which is intended to more closely reflect the 'Theology of Dismissal'. Persons attending worship are asked to sit after the closing hymn to meditate during the postlude in preparation for the Dismissal, which sends us to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord".

Saint Martha and Andrew's Guild

Thanks to the Parishioners who signed up for Coffee Hour this summer. However, due to lack of attendance, there will be a more casual coffee hour for the summer. Those people who would like to stay for a cup of coffee, may fix their own quickly on the Bunn coffee machine. We ask that you clean up the coffeepot and any cups you use.

Church Directory

It's coming soon. Be on the lookout for a new church directory this fall. We will be going back to the smaller format. Please make sure we have your most recent address, phone number, and email address. If you have made any recent changes please contact Chris Johnson so that he can update the database. chris@jaminsurance.com or phone 364-4595 Church Directory Committee: Kim Roberts, Cindy Smith, Judy Wynne

Waycross Family Camp

This is a reminder that Family Camp at Waycross is from September 5-7. Complete details are in the June newsletter, which is available online at www.stjohnsville.org. Contact Sam & Susie Hildebrand, 362-8656 if you are interested.

Automated Email List

Our webmaster, Will Turner, is starting a Google Group to facilitate sending parish-wide emails. In a nutshell, if you would like to email everyone at St. John's, you'll be able to send your message to our Google Group address. Google will then send that message to everyone in the group.

If your email address is in the St. John's directory, you will get an email from Will (wm.j.turner@gmail.com) in the next few weeks letting you know that you will be added to the group. If your email address is not in the directory, or if you have not heard from Will by mid-July, please let him know and he will make sure you are added to the group!

Getting to Know...

Kitty and Herm Haffner were married in August 1976 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and moved to Crawfordsville where Herm was a Senior at Wabash College. Kitty attended IU-PU Fort Wayne and later finished at St. Mary's of the Woods College. After 2 years of attending St. Bernard's, Meegan Reidy invited Kitty to St. John's to "give it a try" and St. John's has been home for 30 years! Kitty has served on the vestry two terms, served on two search committees, and has been involved in a variety of committees and activities. She currently is the chair for the Hospitality Committee.



Kitty and Herm are the parents of Jim, age 24, and Abbie, age 21. Jim (also known as Mr. Walgreen's) was adopted at 3 months from Calcutta, India, and had been an active youth at St. John's. One of his favorite memories is when Bishop Jones would visit, he would ask Jim to assist him, holding his staff when Jim acolyted at the 8:00 service with Kitty. Jim graduated from Vincennes Univ. with an Associates degree, is a sports nut, and currently attends Calvary Chapel. Abbie was adopted from Seoul, South Korea at 3 months and has also been active at St. John's. She sang her first solo at age 7, was a part of many Christmas pageants and loved the J2A, YAK programs. She has completed one year of college at Manchester College and is currently a teacher's aide at Wilson School, a waitress at Crawfordsville Country Club, sings with Community Chorus and hopes to be a part of St. John's choir on a more regular basis in the fall.

Kitty has been self-employed since 1995, doing hiring, personality and evaluation assessments in the workplace. Herm is currently a consultant working in the areas of strategic planning, marketing and sales. After restoring four older homes, they recently built a new one at Lake Holiday. Kitty is also involved with the Women's Legacy Fund, Mentoring Moms through Healthy Families/YSB, and the Lake Holiday Aux. Ladies. In their very little spare time, Kitty loves gardening, yoga, and entertaining while Herm works with Habitat for Humanity and loves to fish.

Changes in the Office

Mary Barker has resigned her position with St. John's. We wish her well.

Kaleen Dowdy has accepted the position of Church Secretary and will begin training on Monday, June 30. She is engaged to be married, is energetic, and likes what she's heard about the Episcopal Church. She believes she can benefit us through her position. WELCOME!

A big thanks to Adrienne Ashbaugh, Kitty Haffner and Tom Sheets for their help in the hiring process. They had 14 applicants to review and had a difficult decision between two very qualified candidates.

Vacation Time!

Todd will be on vacation from July 2nd – 6th in Buffalo, NY to visit Mike's family and July 25th – August 3rd in Idaho and Wyoming. Pastoral oversight will be provided by Doug Givan of Christ Lutheran Church (362-6434). In case of emergency, you may contact Adrienne Ashbaugh, Senior Warden, or Larry Baumgartner, People's Warden.

Rev. Bob L'homme will celebrate the Eucharist on July 6th. Fr. L'homme is retired from St. John's, Lafayette.

Changes in the Nursery

...and we don't mean diapers! We are looking for two adult women to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings and for special services throughout the year. More details to come!

Calendar

July 18 Dessert, Wine and Cheese Party at the home of Mike Scime and Todd Kleffman
 July 21 Outreach Committee Meeting, 4:00pm
 July 28 Indianapolis Indians Game, 7:00pm

August 16-17 Youth Lock-in

September 5-7 St. John's Family weekend at Waycross.

Ongoing Activities

EFM - Tuesdays 7-9pm

Eucharist - Wednesdays Noon & 6:30pm

Heart of Christianity Group - Wednesdays 7:00pm

Sunday Servers

Service	LEM	Lector	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Altar Guild	Offering Talley
7/6 9am	Vern Easterling & Jane Gallagher	Barb Easterling	Steve Charles/Hannah Anderson & Kristen Albrecht	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Cindy Smith & Vern Easterling
7/13 9am	Sally Lawrence & Meribeth Kussmaul	Jim Gary	Sam Hildebrand/Darek Long & Diane Ault	Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	Barb Easterling & John Roberts
7/20 9am	Jim Suren & Mike Scime	Helen Hudson	Erin Redmaster/Kitty Haffner & Andrew Patterson	Cyndy Fields & Bethany Fields	Tom Twarek & Merry Worley
7/27 9am	Steve Gillan & Elaine Pickering	Kitty Haffner	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Teresa Anderson	CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	John Culley and Susan Albrecht

The Church office is open from 9am - noon, Monday through Friday

Father Todd's office hours are from 10am - noon, Monday- Thursday, and by appointment

The next Newsletter submission, preferably typed, is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. July 25.

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