



Saint John's Spirit

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Christian Education 2008 / 2009: An Overview

September 14	Return to 8am and 10:30am Services Rally Day
September 16	EFM Begins
September 21	Sunday School Begins Third Sundays and Confirmation Begin
October 1	Wednesday Night Live! Begins

End of Summer

We return to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services with Sunday School time from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Rally Day Christian Education Edition

Come one. Come all to Whitlock Hall and see what various committees and groups have planned for the coming year. Register your children and/or yourself for Sunday School and other events. Consider helping out with particular events and committees, and above all mix, mingle and have fun. Take time to get to know some of the new faces at St. John's, while committees and ministries vie to see who can come up with the most creative and effective displays. The fun includes food and balloon animals (just don't confuse the two!).

Christian Education St. John's Hears a Who! Children's Education

The theme selected for Christian Education this year by our creative Christian Ed. Director, Kathy Gary, is "St. John's Hears a Who". As we wonder about the Dr. Seuss story that gave this theme its name, the singular line from that story sums up most of the core values of St. John's, "A person is a person, no matter how small." Children's Themes will include:

September	Who will Come?
October	Who will feed?
November	Who will Share?
December	Who will wait with us?
January	Who will bring gifts?
Lent	Who will Prepare for New Life?
Easter/Pentecost	Who will Celebrate?

Hearing Voices from Past and Present

Youth and Adults are invited to join together in Whitlock Hall for a rousing season of multimedia Educational Opportunities

Sept.- Oct.:	Dealing with Difficult People
Nov. - March:	Echoes of Holy Heroes: Listening to Five Hundred Years of Anglican/Episcopal History, Prayers, and Music. Each Month will cover a century of Anglican Spiritual Life and History. Leaders include: Larry Bennett - Music and Art, Marc and Helen Hudson - Poems, Prayers, and other works, Father Todd - Historical Events that shaped Anglican/Episcopal faith.
April - May:	Listening to the Earth: Faith, the Environment, the World and our Local Community

Meanwhile, Joe O'Rourke and a secret cadre of co-conspirators will be developing an undercover operation that should blow the socks off of St. John's during the Holidays. More on this later.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Every Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. A small group will gather in the parish library for EFM, beginning Tuesday September 16. We will be joined by two members of St. Andrews, Greencastle, and possibly by a third participant from Darlington. The group has room for three more participants. If you want to know more, e-mail Father Todd at revtoddkleff@yahoo.com immediately.

Wednesday Night Live!

A Joint Venture with Christ Lutheran Church

Open to the Crawfordsville Community

Beginning October 1 and running through May 20 Kathy Gary, Father Todd, and Pastor Doug Givan have cooked up a real winner for Wednesday evenings during the year. While Kathy and support from Christ Lutheran develop children's understanding of the Bible through stories and activities in the youth room, Father Todd and Pastor Doug Givan will conduct a multimedia course on reading, using, and understanding the Bible. Reading assignments will rarely cover more than twenty pages.

What participants will receive as a result of this program:

1. Will be able to understand how the Bible developed historically into the Bible we have today.
2. Will be able to clearly follow the story line of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, understanding the "key players" in the story and their roles as people of faith/unfaith, and will know how to find Bible readings with relative ease.
3. Will learn how to use Biblical resources to help in understanding and interpreting.
4. Will deepen fellowship with others and gain insights from each others' interpretations as small groups discuss how the Bible applies to daily life.
5. Will be more able to relate to Sunday readings and Biblical material used in Pray Books and hymns.
6. Will learn a variety of Bible Study methods, and once again, how to apply Biblical material to daily life.
7. Will learn about the variety of Bibles and be given suggestions in how to choose a Bible for personal use.
8. Will learn how Jews and Christians have read and interpreted the Bible over the centuries.
9. Will be given ideas for how to use the Bible in the home, especially with children and youth.
10. Will learn about the Apocrypha and the period "between the Testaments" as well as about various writings that did not make it into the Bible.
11. Will be able to state how the Bible can still be authoritative for faith and life, given its historical development, learning the difference between "the word of God", the "words of God", and the "WORD OF GOD".
12. Use of atlases, handouts, and pictures from the Biblical area will help participants develop a greater closeness to the Biblical material.

Wednesday Night Live! Course Schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m. Early Arrivals: Meet in the church for brief Communion Service or Evening Prayer.

7 - 7:45 Multimedia Presentation for Adults/Youth (Whitlock Hall)

7:45 - 8:30 Small Group Discussions (Whitlock Hall)

7-8:30 Kathy Gary and Friends provide stories, activities.(Downstairs in Youth Room)

8:30 All gather and conclude with Compline. (Church)

Important: Child Care will be provided! For this reason, all potential participants, need to register by September 15. Contact Father Todd by e-mail at revtoddkleff@yahoo.com to register. No church affiliation is required!

Four Special Wednesdays: Music and Meditation

Larry Bennett and Joe O'Rourke have begun to develop a "Church of the Arts" Series called Music and Meditation. The goal of this series is to unite people of all faiths, as well as those with no particular faith affiliation around the common spiritual experiences of music and art. Meditations and prayers will be brief readings or prayers designed to blend with the particular forms of music/art offered.

A typical schedule for Music and Meditation is as follows:

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| 6:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer. |
| 7-8 p.m. | Music and Meditation |
| 8 p.m. | Compline and a lite reception to follow. |

Musical Groups will be announced in October newsletter and on St. John's website. Dates are:

Oct. 15	Nov. 19
March 18	April 15

As always, child care will be provided.

Third Sundays and Confirmation

Begins September. 21, 2008. Providing enough time for thoroughly developing a Confirmation program for both youth and adults has always been difficult. Usually these programs began in January or Lent and run through Easter, but trying to learn the various parts of the puzzle that make up the Episcopal Church AND trying to develop one's own set of beliefs about God and Church is a bit like trying to drink from a fire hose. There is just too much. This year we will begin our program in the fall and carry it through to Easter. The third Sunday of every month prior to Lent will be set aside for Confirmation. Following 10:30 Church, confirmands and mentors will retire to library for an hour and a half session. Then, during Lent, (March 1 - April 5) we will meet weekly after the 10:30 service to complete our program.

Who is eligible?

Youth - anyone older than 16, or a person who will be turning 16 within 12 months of Confirmation is eligible. Adults - anyone wanting to gain a thorough understanding of the Episcopal Church, especially those who might consider joining St. John's is eligible. Anyone - wishing to renew their faith or to rededicate themselves to God is also eligible.

What is a mentor?

A mentor is a member of the church that walks through the confirmation program with you. They will stand up with you at Confirmation, and will share their beliefs and faith experiences with the confirmand/s in their care.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Taking Confirmation Sessions in no way obligates anyone to become a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church. This is a learning experience only.

If you want more information, please e-mail Father Todd at revtoddkleff@yahoo.com to indicate your interest and to ask further questions. As always, childcare will be available.

The usual date for Confirmation is the first Saturday after Easter, which is April 18, 2009.

Lectors

Are you interested in reading the lessons on Sundays?
If so, contact Adrienne Ashbaugh to join!

Thanks to those who are currently on the list:

Mike Scime	Judy Wynne
Susan Albrecht	Kristen Albrecht
Alex Lebedeff	Mary Angela Cooley
Joe O'Rourke	Diane Ault
Kitty Haffner	Barb Easterling
Jim Gary	Kent Meyer
Marc Kusmaul	

Outreach

Habitat for Humanity

Thanks to all who helped with the Habitat for Humanity project last month. The new home will be dedicated on Sept. 20th. At that time, St. John's will present a monetary donation (\$100) to the organization, a Home Depot gift card (\$100) for the new residents to use for household items, and mums for the landscape. Parishoners also helped to feed 15 hungry workers on Saturday. Thanks to all who generously made donations of their time and resources!

Undies and Outies

We would like to invite you to continue to donate children's underwear and outer wear for the Undies and Outies project. We will continue this project through the middle of September.

Youth Service Bureau / Goodwill

Do you have any clothing that you and/or your family no longer needs? Maybe you've cleaned out closets and just haven't gotten to Goodwill yet. Here's a chance to help both Goodwill and YSB's families.

YSB is holding a clothing drive through August 28th. For each bag of clothing we collect for donation to Goodwill, Goodwill will give YSB \$5 in clothing vouchers for our clients' families to shop for free at their store. Just bring your bagged clothing to YSB during business hours - or bring them to church and Mike Scime will take them over to YSB for you- before August 27th. Goodwill's truck arrives the 28th for the pick-up.

Don't have time to get to this now? That's okay! YSB will be doing this every 4 months or so. Hang onto used clothing and donate it to Goodwill through YSB later.

Mental Health Donations

We are continuing to collect men and women's toiletries for Mental Health Association's Christmas Gift project. As always donations for FISH are welcomed and can be left in the collection boxes.

Thanks for the support that you give to our local, state, and diocesan projects.

Family Camp

There is still time to sign up for Family Camp the weekend of Sept. 5-7 at Waycross (the Diocese of Indianapolis Camp and Conference Center in Brown County) Call the Hildebrands at 362-8656 or email vtil@accelplus.net if you would like to join in the fun!

Newcomers / Hospitality

HOLD THE DATE

On Friday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. the Parish Potluck will be at Kitty and Herm's home at Lake Holiday! More info in the next newsletter!

Items Needed!

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.

Pack and Play

A gently used Pack and Play is needed for the nursery. If you have one to donate, please contact Kathy Gary.

Directory Updates

Pru Phillips	dappkp@sbcglobal.net
Ann O'Dell	anno2@tds.net
Dave Gillooly	dhgil@accelplus.net
The Royaltys	317-733-2963

Many Thanks!

Thanks to Terry Lawrence for sketching the adorable Noah's Ark and animals in the nursery.

Choir Notes

Calling all singers! The choir is in need of voices. All parts are needed. The Choir practices on Thursdays at 7pm. Contact Jerilyn Yerkes if you are interested.

In Other News...

Sewing Machines for Mexico

A quick reminder that Ellen Ball is still looking for sewing machines to send to Mexico with the Rotary Fire Trucks. If you come across a working machine at a garage sale, and it is reasonable, go ahead and buy it for Ellen, she'll pay you back!

Coffee Project

Nancy Bennett has created an account for St. John's at the Equal Exchange Interfaith Store for coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa and brewing supplies. She and Larry will be donating the coffee for Sunday morning social hours and matching paper coffee cups. In addition, she'll be happy to take orders from members of the congregation for any of the products offered by the Interfaith Store (see <http://interfaith.equalexchange.com/>.) An order form will be available on the credenza and it will indicate the next date she will place an order. Congregants can also email me at njbennett@purdue.edu to place an order.

Parish Life

Annual EPISCO-PRESBY GOLF OUTING

On Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 PM, St John's Episcopal and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian will face off in the second annual 9 hole golf scramble. We will make up teams and various prizes will be awarded plus a traveling trophy for the winning church. The cost for greens fee and cart is \$19 per player. Sign up sheets are at both churches or call Bob and Sheila Evans at 362-6274

Play will be followed by a family "pitch in" dinner at St. John's. If you're interested in joining in the fun of the after-golf outing cookout (beginning around 4:30-5:00), here are the details: Bob & Sheila will provide the meat for grilling. Drinks & condiments will also be made available by Parish Life. Attendees will be asked to

bring a side dish... but not a dessert, because there will be an ice cream social & hymn sing at Wabash Ave at 6:00. Everyone is invited there for dessert.

Here's what we could still use to make the celebration of the St. John's victory (heh) a true success:

- 1) a grill! Per experience last time, one grill should be sufficient, but we need for someone with a portable GAS grill to volunteer to bring it to St. John's;
- 2) someone to volunteer to do the grilling... or at least get things started around 4:00 and tag team with another;
- 3) parishioners to bring side dishes -- veggies, salads, fruit, beans, that kind of thing.

No need to RSVP for the pitch in, but we hope everyone who can, will come!

Indianapolis Indians Outing Report

The game was fun for the 25 of us St. John'sers who went, even if the poor Indians looked like Bad News Bears in the 2nd inning, and allowed *eleven* runs! Final score was 14-1, but it was a lovely summer night, and we had fun munching on \$1 snacks, singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame, doing the wave, dancing for the (hoped for) Dance Cam and rooting for the Indians pitchers & fielders to get a Syracuse out! Thanks to the Parish Life Committee for this fun outing!



Youth Group

Jim Gary & Susan Albrecht would like to thank the six St. John's youth and their four friends who came to the lock-in last weekend. A rowdy and, we hope, fun time was had by all, with a little time spent planning some possible youth activities for the year and a lot of time spent eating, creating ceramic tiles for the Youth Room, and playing games. All the young people even gave yoga a try at 7:00 am! This may have been the noisiest yoga practice Diane Ault has ever given, but she kept us focused, and we all found out how much we need to stretch, breathe deeply and loosen up!

A big thank-you goes out to all who helped: Kathy Gary, Mike Scime, Kitty Haffner, Diane Ault, Cindy Turner, Bev O'Rourke, Barb Easterling, and all those who loaned their yoga mats!



Trivia Challenge!

This year we're having a trivia challenge. The trivia may be bible, Episcopal Church or St. John's related. If you know the answer to a question (or think you know the answer), submit it to the newsletter editor (newsletter@stjohnscville.org) by the next newsletter deadline with "Trivia" as the subject. We'll keep track of correct entries and a prize will be awarded at the end of the school year. Get your thinking caps on... Pencils up!

1. Who was the first American Episcopal Bishop and where was he ordained?
2. When was St. John's established?

Calendar

September 5-7 St. John's Family weekend at Waycross
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 Rally Sunday
 Golf Outing with Wabash Ave. Presbyterian
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 September 21 Sunday School Begins
 Third Sundays and Confirmation Begin

October 1 Wednesday Night Live! Begins
 October 5 Blessing of the Animals
 October 10 Parish Potluck at Herm & Kitty Haffner's home

Sunday Servers

Service	LEM	Lector	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Altar Guild	Offering Talley
9/7 9am	Larry Baumgardner & Elaine Pickering	Judy Wynne	Steve Charles/Hannah Anderson & Diane Ault	CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	Nancy Bennett & Tom Twarek
9/14 8am	Mike Scime	Diane Ault	Diane Ault		
9/14 10:30	John & Betty Culley	John Culley	Mike Lohorn / Peggy Lohorn & Kristen Albrecht	Meegan Reidy & Betty Culley	Ellen Ball & Jim Smith
9/21 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Teresa Anderson		
9/21 10:30	Sally Lawrence & Larry Baumgardner	Alex Lebedeff	Sam Hildebrand/ Alex Pearson & Libby Pinkerton	Pru Phillips & Ann O'Dell	Barb Easterling & John Roberts
9/28 8am	Kitty Haffner	Vern Easterling	Kitty Haffner		
9/28 10:30	Meribeth Kussmaul & Steve Gillan	Joe O'Rourke	Chris Redmaster/ Erin & Anna Redmaster	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Vern Easterling & John Culley

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 is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. September 26.

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