



Saint John's Spirit

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From the Rector

Church Bulletins: Why they are Changing

Many of you have noticed frequent changes in the bulletins, especially toward the end of the service and typos seem to be cropping up all too often, especially in the Sunday readings. Here are some answers to your concerns and questions.

After reviewing the costs of purchasing inserts (the pages with Sunday readings) and after considering the need to be more "visitor friendly" to those who are not familiar with Episcopal worship and the Book of Common Prayer, the Liturgy Committee and the vestry decided to purchase a computer program called "The Rite Stuff", which contains just about everything for Episcopal worship. The office staff and I have been working to learn this program and use it in printing bulletins for Sundays with every part of the service except hymns. This will keep the juggling of books to a minimum and to reduce the cost of purchased inserts. Now that we have learned how to use it fairly well, we no longer need to type each lesson (where of the typos have come from), but can import them from The Rite Stuff directly into the bulletin. We plan to have fully completed the "bulletin update process" by November 9th.

Regarding changes at the close of the service, the Liturgy Committee, Jerilyn, the Choir, and the rector, have worked together to streamline the "Dismissal Rite" to more fully reflect the theology intended by the Church - the theology of being sent out to "love and serve the Lord." The previous practice of dismissing the congregation to go into the world to love and serve the Lord seemed negated by the practice of people not "going" but staying and kneeling.

We believe have finally found the right recipe for that "Dismissal Rite" in extinguishing candles at the first verse of the recessional hymn, with the altar party immediately processing out, followed by the choral dismissal of "Go Now in Peace", and ending with the acclamation, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," to which the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."

Keeping all of you in my prayers daily,
Father Todd+

Christian Education

Sunday School "Who News"

Our Sunday School is finishing the Month of October "Who will feed the hungry?" with a visit to the fish pantry on October 26. We will bring canned goods and containers for the pantry to use. Our Bible story this month was "Creation" Come see our new Sunday School area!!!

November starts Stewardship month "Who will give?" We will talk about Saints and their stewardship; what stewardship means and our Bible story will be Noah and the Ark.

Don't forget on November 30 we will make family advent wreaths with a multi-generational Sunday School at 9:15.

Blessings,
Kathy and Hannah

Schedule for Adult Education

9:10 to 10:15 Sundays

The Adult Education series for 2008 and 2009 will open on November 2nd with a presentation by Douglas Thorpe, Professor of English at Seattle Pacific University. Professor Thorpe is the author of the book *Rapture of the Deep* and is an active conservationist who has worked with Seattle's St. Mark's Cathedral Episcopal community on spirituality and the wilderness, an ethic of stewardship toward nature.

On November 9th, Dr. William Cook, (Wabash 66), Visiting Professor of Religion at Wabash College and nationally known author of 5 courses for the Teaching Company. A recipient of several teaching awards from the University of New York at Genesco, where he holds the rank of Professor. Dr. Cook will offer a survey of people, movements and history of the 16th Century that set the groundwork of the Reformation.

On November 16th, Father Todd Kleffman will focus on the founding of the Episcopal Church as a part of the widespread fragmentation that identified religion in the western world. He will talk about Henry VIII's disagreements with Rome and the eventual split that resulted in the Anglican Church going its own way.

On November 23rd Drs. Helen and Marc Hudson will discuss the literature of the Reformation, the thoughtful reflections of the writers of prose and poetry of the 16th century.

November 30th will be an advent program by Kathy Gary.

December 7th, Elizabeth Morton, B.K. Trippet Assistant. Professor of Art History at Wabash College will present a program on the Art of the Reformation.

December 14th Dr. Larry Bennett, will present Christmas music of the Reformation in Britain.

Outreach

We will be collecting food for the FISH pantry throughout November. Canned and dried fruits and vegetables, meats, soups, and dry goods, such as flour, sugar, and corn meal are good nutritious donations.

We are still collecting toiletries, sweats, gloves, hats, socks, and t-shirts for the Mental Health Association Christmas gifts.

Watch for information about the Christmas Reindeer project. Judy Wynne is heading up the project for our church. When the details are known, we will publicize them.

United Thank Offering

UTO (United Thank Offering) Ingathering is Sunday, November 2. Envelopes that may be used for your donation are available. If you did not receive one with the Sunday Bulletin on October 26, you may pick one up on November 3. **Please** do not bring the UTO Blue Boxes themselves as your contribution. It creates a great deal of work for the people who do the Sunday Offering Tally. If you wish to write a check, it may be made out to St. John's with a memo for UTO. Thanks for your generosity.

Newcomers / Hospitality

A note from the Newcomers/Parish Life Committees to "Hold the Date" for the annual Christmas Potluck. Chris and Sharon Redmaster are hosting the December potluck on Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. More information will be coming in the December newsletter!

Thanks to all who came to the Haffners' in October. We had approximately 45 parishioners sharing a delicious meal and a beautiful night at the lake!

Youth Bowling



The next youth activity will be DUCKPIN BOWLING in Fountain Square in Indy on Sunday afternoon, November 16. If you've never been, Duckpin Bowling is a hoot! The pins are shorter & squatter, and the balls are small enough that you hold them

in your hand. You can check the place out here: <http://www.fountainsquareindy.com/bowling/index.asp>

We will meet at St. John's at 1:00 and carpool to Indy (the Colts have a 1:00 home game that day, so we don't want to get stuck in that pre-game traffic). We'll rent the lanes for a couple of hours, and snacks are available in the bowling alley.

Because I will need to make a reservation for the appropriate number of lanes in advance, youth will need to let me know if they are coming and if they are bringing friends by Sunday, November 9. Friends are welcome -- the more the merrier! -- but we do need to know a final number by the 9th. The church will cover a portion of the expenses, but final cost won't be known 'til we have determined the number of lanes we need.

For questions or to RSVP, call Susan Albrecht @ 361-0036 or send an email to susiequisie23@sbcglobal.net.

Wednesday Night Live

We've had a great turnout for Wednesday Night Live! There are 12 - 20 parishioners attending regularly. Come join in the fun. November will focus on Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Please note that there will be no program on Wednesday, November 26 as it is the night before Thanksgiving.

Parish Life

Next up for Parish Life will be a loosely organized event: LITTLE MEXICO NIGHT on Tuesday, November 11. Many of you will remember that prior to the youth mission trip to Mexico, Little Mexico's Bravo family very generously donated 10% of their receipts on one Tuesday of each month towards the trip expenses. It was always fun to go to LM on one of those Tuesdays and find so many fellow St. John's members there, and lots of you have mentioned missing it. So, for old time's sake, let's do it again on November 11! No need to RSVP to anyone -- just round up a group or your family or your own self and head to Little Mexico!

Getting to know

Susie and Paul Moehling, who met each other in Crawfordsville in 1973. At that time Susie was just starting her first restaurant, Page One, and Paul had just started working as a salesman for Sommer Metalcraft. Both have continued these careers, with Susie owning and operating the Iron Gate Restaurant, and Paul just recently celebrating 35 years at Sommer. Both have been blessed with one daughter: Stacey & Scott live in Shannondale, IN and have two daughters, Jackie age 6 and Clarisa age 8. Kristen & Jeff live in Yokosuko, Japan and have two sons, Alexander age 5 and Peter age 7. In addition to spending enjoyable time at the restaurant, Susie and Paul like to be with their children and grandchildren, travel, renovate property, entertain, read, and work at solving cross word puzzles. They celebrated their second anniversary in June of this year, and want to thank everyone at St. John's for making them feel so welcome.

Up For Adoption

My name is Lola and I'm a sweetie pie. I'm part golden retriever/german shephard and I'm a year old right now. I'll probably keep growing so I would love a home with lots of space to run

around. I walk great on a leash and I get along great with other dogs! Come take me for a walk sometime!

Lola is current with vaccinations, worming and heartworm tested. Total adoption fee is \$100.00.



In Other News...

Confirmation Group

It isn't too late to join the confirmation group and learn more about the Episcopal Church! The group meets the third Sunday of each month from now until Lent. Meetings are Sundays from noon - 1:30pm.

All Saint's Day

November 2nd we will use Eucharistic Prayer D and remember our departed loved ones. The prayers of the people will be said in the middle of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Directory Updates

Kent and Carole Meyer

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Animal Blessing

On October 5, approximately 70 people and many animals attended the Blessing of the Animals at the Animal Welfare League. We had several from St. John's as well as many from the Crawfordsville community. The award for the oddest animal to be blessed was Kristen Albrecht with her Chinese Dwarf Hamster, Nigel. A dog was even adopted that day! Larry and Sandy Baumgardner are the proud new "parents".



Calendar

November 2 UTO Ingathering
 November 11 Little Mexico Night
 November 16 Youth Group Duckpin Bowling
 November 26 No Wednesday Night Live!
 November 27 Thanksgiving

December 6 Christmas Potluck, 6pm at the Redmaster's home

Ongoing Events

EFM - Tuesday nights, 7pm
 Confirmation - Third Sunday, after the 10:30am service

Sunday Servers

Service	LEM	Lector	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
11/2 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh			
11/2 10:30	Sally Lawrence & Steve Gillan	Kent Meyer		Pru Phillips & Ann O'Dell	Vern Easterling & Susan Albrecht
11/9 8am	Mike Scime	Mike Scime			
11/9 10:30	Mike Scime & Adrienne Ashbaugh	Mike Scime		Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Nancy Bennett & Cindy Smith
11/16 8am	Kitty Haffner	Elaine Pickering			
11/16 10:30	Elaine Pickering & Larry Baumgardner	Diane Ault		Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	Ellen Ball & Barb Easterling
11/23 8am	Vern Easterling	Vern Easterling			
11/23 10:30	John & Betty Culley	John Culley		Cyndy Fields & Bethany Fields	Merry Worley & Tom Twarek
11/30 8am					
11/30 10:30				CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	

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

Father Todd's office hours are from 9am - noon, Monday- Thursday, and by appointment

The next Newsletter submission is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. November 21.

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