

Saint John's Spirit

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From the Rector

Confirmation

Although Lent begins at the very end of February, it is time to once again turn our minds to the subject of Confirmation. Confirmation is important business for all of us, because the words spoken and the promises made remind us of those things which are central to our life of faith in God. Teens become adults in the Church as they 'confirm' for themselves, the promises their parents and other adults made for them at Baptism. Adults joining The Episcopal Church and others who wish to reaffirm their Baptismal Covenant to God enter into the Baptismal Covenant found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 304 and 305. However, none of this should happen without a significant period of prayer and preparation, nor should this take place without the guidance and support of our Church Family.

The single most important thing to remember about Confirmation Preparation, especially for the youth of our Church, is that this is their time to learn and state what they believe about God and how these beliefs will shape their lives. Yes, we will learn about The Episcopal Church and its beliefs and practices, but that should be understood as a foundation for each person's faith and how they choose to live it out.

Veteran members of St. John's need to pray and prepare for the possibility that they may be asked to serve as mentors for those seeking Confirmation. Mentors will meet weekly with Confirmands outside of Confirmation Seminars to work on assignments and share their own understanding of faith and how they live that out.

Confirmation Preparation for all ages will begin February 8 and will meet weekly in the church library for 2 hours following the 10:30 service. The Confirmation Seminar runs from Feb. 8 - April 26 but will not meet on Easter Sunday or the Sunday following Confirmation.

Persons interested in Confirmation are asked to bring a sack lunch with them. Parents of young children need to speak with Father Todd in order to make arrangements for childcare.

This may seem like a large time commitment, but time to discuss and decide on beliefs is important.

Don't keep the faith; pass it on!
Father Todd+

Christian Education

Sunday School "Who News"

This February as we get ready for Lent we will learn --

Who Is Jesus?

Who helped Jesus grow up?

Who Baptized Jesus?

Who were his followers and Friends?

Who taught Jesus to pray?

Who did Jesus want us to learn about?

Come join us as learn more about Jesus this month.
Kathy and Hannah

Adult Christian Education

The program continues with the following programs:

February 1 Elizabeth Morton – Art of the 17th Century

February 8 Larry Bennett – Music of the 17th Century

Parish Life

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Parish Life Committee will be hosting a pancake & sausage supper on Shrove Tuesday, which is on February 24 this year. Serving will begin at 5:30 pm and end around 7:00 pm. Free-will donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Come share in some "Fat Tuesday" fellowship time! Friends are welcome!

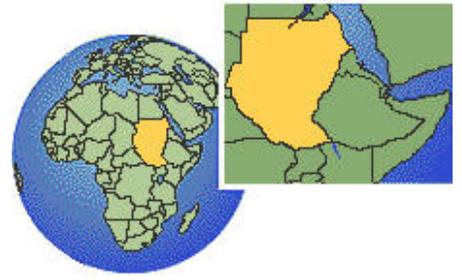
Family Game Night

Mark your calendars now for the always-popular St. John's Family Game Night. It will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 7, starting at 6:30 pm. Bring along your favorite game or games and a snack to share. Once everyone has arrived, we'll decide how to split up for kid games, whole-family games and/or games for grown-ups. The event is for anyone of any age, solo or with a whole crew. Please join us!

Outreach

Out of Africa

St. John's will focus on Bishop Cate's challenge for us to support Sudan. Funds will go to help rebuild the schools for returning refugee children. Each person is to count the number of books on personal bookshelves and make a donation per book to this worthwhile cause. Our goal is to raise \$1500 by the end of March. A meter will be displayed to track our giving. We will also keep a running total of how many books our church members have on hand.



Other ingatherings for the quarter: Children's books for the Family Crisis Shelter, Hospital, and the Well Baby Clinic.

Ways to Make Giving Meaningful.

January, February, March: Funds go to Sudan to rebuild demolished schools. You choose the amount you want to tithe. Choose your favorite way to tally or do one each month:

Number of books in the house: _____	Amount tithed per book: _____	# of books x amount tithed: _____ X _____ = _____
Example: 200	\$.10	200 .10 \$20
Total cost of newspaper subscriptions for the month: _____	Tithed percentage X the cost per month: _____% _____ = _____	3 x monthly amount 3 X _____ = _____
Example \$29.75	10% \$29.75 \$2.98	3 X \$2.98 \$8.94
Number of books read by family members for three months. J____ +F____ +M____ = _____	Amount tithed per book: _____	# of books x amount tithed: _____ x _____ = _____
Example: 5 4 10 19	\$1.00	19 \$1.00 \$19.00

Getting to Know...

Barbara Penney

Looking back on my life, words like "wanderer" and "peripatetic teacher" come to mind. I was born in Florida; lived in Chicago as a small child; grew up in Los Angeles; went to school in northern California; raised my own children in southern California; lived for a year in Norway; spent nine years as a missionary and English teacher in China; and finally came to rest in Crawfordsville in 2006. I chose Crawfordsville because I had enough of huge, polluted cities in China. I wanted a small town with clean air, sidewalks, and a college. Also Indiana put me within range of my two children, who abandoned sunny California for Detroit and Philadelphia while I was in China.

Besides being a new comer to Crawfordsville, I am new both to St. John's and the Episcopal church. Making the change from the Presbyterian Church to the Episcopal Church has actually been easier than adjusting to American life after so many years in China. Even now, some American customs, like drinking ice water and eating raw vegetables, seem strange. If you see me looking lost, it may be because I need someone to interpret American customs for me. I would welcome your help!

A HUGE Thank You!

To the ladies who make sure you get this newsletter every month. Carole Meyer, Barb Easterling, Adrienne Ashbaugh and Ann Lebedeff copy, fold, label and mail out the newsletter. This effort goes largely unnoticed, but this publication wouldn't happen without them. An extra big thanks to Carole, who would stop at my house to pick up the newsletter so I didn't have to take my children out to deliver it to the church (ed.)

Free to Good Home

St. John's property committee has a 4-foot in diameter, round, highest quality marble basin that was used in the former Calico Cat for kids hand washing. This very expensive, durable, last a lifetime basin would make an excellent indoor or outdoor base for a garden fountain. The property committee prefers to give this away including free transportation to your home. Now is the time to be thinking of what you have in mind for updating your flower or vegetable garden. Ask Jim Suren for an inspection of this "valuable to the right person" item. Home 794-4710 cell 317-489-2530

Christmas Recap

Here are some photos from the Christmas Eve Stable Service and the Epiphany play.



Calendar

February 6&7 Vestry Retreat at St. John's (Friday 6-9; Saturday 9-2)
 February 8 Commissioning of all Vestry Members and Committee Chairs
 February 8 Weekly Confirmation class for all ages following second service begin
 February 24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm

March 7 Family Game Night 6:30pm

Ongoing Events

EFM - Tuesday nights, 7pm

Confirmation Class- Sundays, after the 10:30am service (begins February 8)

Wednesday Night Live - Wednesday nights, 6:30pm

Wednesday noontime Eucharist has been cancelled. Mid-week Eucharist is available Wednesday evening at 6pm.

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
2/1 8am	Diane Ault	Vern Easterling	Kitty Haffner				
2/1 10:30	Bev O'Rourke	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Larry Baumgardner	Paul Moehling/ Andrew Patterson & Derek Long	Helen & Marc Hudson	Beth Laurer & Jo Tussey	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Barb Easterling & Tom Twarek
2/8 8am	Judy Wynne	Meribeth Kussmaul	Hanna Anderson				
2/8 10:30	Susan Albrecht	Vern Easterling & Jane Gallagher	Chris Redmaster/ Erin & Anna Redmaster	Judy & George Spencer	Bill & Adrienne Ashbaugh	Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	Merry Worley & Nancy Bennett
2/15 8am	Mike Scime	Mike Scime	Diane Ault				
2/15 10:30	Kristen Albrecht	Bob Cooley & Kim Roberts	Adam Brasich/ Kristen Albrecht & Derek Long	Chuck Cooksey & Robbie Little	Judy Esra & Mary Angela Cooley	Cyndy Fields & Bethany Fields	Barb Easterling & Ellen Ball
2/22 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Joe & Ben Green				
2/22 10:30	Shelia Evans	Larry Baumgardner & Meribeth Kussmaul	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Charles Cooksey	Mary Angela & Robert Cooley	Barb & Vern Easterling	CJ Charles & Kim Roberts	Jim Smith & Susan Albrecht

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. February 18.

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