



Saint John's Spirit

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Rector's Article

Lent: A Time to Reflect and Prepare

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Ash Wednesday Reflection

Lent provides us with several opportunities to reflect on our lives and discover how we might walk closer with Christ. Ash Wednesday uses the ancient symbols of sorrow and mourning to remind us that we will not live forever, and that we must decide to part with futile, death-bound concerns in order to live better quality lives, which are more focused on eternal concerns like love and mercy. Ash Wednesday Services will be held on February 17 at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Inquiry and Confirmation Preparation

Lent allows us the opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith through inquiry or confirmation sessions. Those who wish to join St. John's, those who wish to confirm the promises made by parents at Baptism, and those who wish to renew their faith may join in special "Confirmation Sessions" held each Sunday in Lent from Noon to 2 p.m. in the parish library. Anyone 16 and older is welcome to bring a sack lunch and beverage and attend. This year, the Deanery Confirmation Service will be held on Saturday April 10 in at 11 a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church in Lafayette.

Preparation for Baptism

Anyone desiring baptism for themselves or their children should contact Father Todd at the church or at (765)376-2314 to make arrangements for baptism preparation.

Book Study Reflection Wednesdays: Conversations With John

During the Wednesdays of Lent (with the exception of Ash Wednesday), anyone can sign up for a Wednesday Night Book Study running from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will NOT be served in order to honor Lenten fasting. This year we will discuss Conversations With John. The cost of the book is \$12.00 per copy. "Conversations" is a small penetrating look into the Gospel of John and its meaning. A very fitting read for a church named St. John's. If anyone needs help to defray some or part of the cost of a book, please, see Father Todd.

Christian Education

Children

Welcome to a new year at St John's. The Christian Education ministry at our church is so important to our future. But sadly the future for Jim and I is uncertain as of January 1 -- we will be leaving for parts unknown as early as April. I hope all of you will prayerfully consider being part of the Children's program. We have a growing group of children full of love and inspiration for any adult that can share their time and talent.

Schedule-- Please bring canned soup for the FISH pantry

Jan 31 Epiphany play practice at 9:15 am

Feb 7 Epiphany play at 10:30 service

Feb 14 The love of Jesus

Peace,

Kathy Gary (765-361-1468)

Youth Group

Calling all Youth-4th grade to Senior high-Sunday February 14 12:30pm to 2:00pm: We will be having a design planning session for the Youth room. Come vote on the theme for your room (we will be choosing from the Upper Room, heaven/clouds, water/baptism, and the Sacraments). We will also schedule the date for painting and decorating the room in the spring. Pizza will be served!

Help for Haiti

If you feel moved to make a monetary doantion to help those struggling to survive in Haiti, there are ways to do so through Episcopal Relief and Development. The fastest way is to go to the St. John's website and click on links. Then go to the Indianapolis Diocese. There is information on Haiti on the first page. There is a place to donate, using credit cards. At this site there is also an informational bulletin page with a coupon at the bottom. You can print it out and mail your donation to the address provided. Another way is to make a donation at church, on the memo line of your check write: Episcopal Relief and Development/Haiti.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

The Annual Pancake Supper is less than three weeks away! Plan to join the parish community at 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 February 2010.

The Parish Life Committee needs volunteers to flip pancakes, grill bacon and sausage, set up, clean up and provide music and antics for this event. Please email Nancy Bennett (njbennett@purdue.edu; 765.376.4833) to let her know how you'd like to contribute to this yummy event.

Outreach

The February Outreach project is an ingathering for the Crisis Shelter. They have a desperate need for paper products - toilet tissue, paper towels, and any other paper products. They could use cleaning supplies as well, but their big need is for the paper items. It won't be a surprise to know that their clientele is up and their donations are down, so let's help out as much as possible. Please deposit your contributions in the large boxes in the hallway between the church and Whitlock Hall.

Shepherds Need Donations

Consider a unique variation on re-gifting!

The Shepherds invite anyone from the congregation who has extra, un-used greeting cards of any kind -- birthday, get-well, anniversary, Christmas -- to give those cards a second chance to be sent out into the world. Bring them to the church office to be placed in a special box for our 21 shepherds to use with their flocks. You will be in future touch with someone -- anonymously!

Judy Spencer

Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 17, at which time a new class of Vestry members was elected, as well as Diocesan delegates and alternates. Those elected to the Vestry were Jane Gallagher, Jill Lamberton, and Paul Moehling. Diocesan delegates are Marc & Helen Hudson and alternates are Mark & Meribeth Kussmaul.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Vestry met to organize themselves for the coming year. Sam Hildebrand has been asked by Father Todd to be the Rector's Warden. Larry Baumgardner was elected People's Warden, Barbara Easterling Clerk, and Will Turner Treasurer. In addition, John Culley and Cindy Smith were elected Assistant Treasurers, with Cindy remaining as Pledge Secretary.

The Vestry is now made up of the following members:

Class of 2010

Larry Baumgardner
Sam Hildebrand
Chris Johnson
Sara Lawrence

Class of 2011

Hannah Anderson
C.J. Charles
Barbara Easterling
Carole Meyer

Class of 2012

Jane Gallagher
Jill Lamberton
Paul Moehling

Altar Guild News

The St. John's Flower Chart was circulated at the Annual Meeting. Parishioners signed up to donate flowers for a Sunday service during 2010. Sunday dates are still available in May, June, July and September. If you did not attend the Annual Meeting, the Flower Chart is now hanging in Whitlock Hall. Please sign up. You will then be contacted a week before your commitment Sunday.

Altar Guild would welcome new volunteers to our group. Training is provided and members work in teams. If interested, please contact Betty Culley, Altar Guild Chair.

Altar Guild has several leftover bottles of Taylor Tawny Port, our former communion wine, available for purchase. Each bottle is 1.5 liters. If interested, please contact Betty Culley.

Update From Abby in China

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! China is wonderful and God is so good here! I wanted to remind you of my blog, atwarek.blogspot.com and my picasa picture website, picasaweb.google.com/a.b.twarek. I am trying to be better about posting more frequently so be sure to check it out and see more of what is happening during my time in China. Also, be sure to leave comments because I love to hear from you!
-Abby Twarek

2010 Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfasts

The purpose of the Women's Lenten Breakfasts is to bring sisters together in a serious spiritual setting, providing a time for examining our hearts through repentance and remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

Theme: "A Heart Like Jesus"; Song: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"; Jeremiah 24:7: "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart."

Date	Place	Speaker	Special Music
Feb 20	Mace United Methodist Church 5581 US 136 E	Jody Burks	Lori Holt
Feb 27	First Church of the Nazarene 213 W Wabash Avenue	Rev. Rich Carty	Christy Stevens
Mar 6	Waynetown Christian 101 W Walnut, Waynetown	Cindy Lane	Crescendos
Mar 13	Browns Valley Christian 9011 State Road 47 S	Rev. Tim Lyons	Carpenter Tools
Mar 20	Whitesville Christian 3603 Ladoga Road	Cindy Layne	Reflections
Mar 27	Freedom Baptist 6223 W State Road 234	Brad Wilson	Suzy Gustafson
April 3	Ladies are invited to join the Men's Lenten Breakfast beginning @ 7:30 am at St. Bernard's		

Breakfast served at 8 a.m., Program 8:30 -- 9:45
Child care is provided. Love offering accepted.

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
2/7 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Joe & Ben Green			
2/7 10:30	Shelia Evans	Mark & Meribeth Kussmaul	Paul Moehling/ Chas Cooksey & Kristen Albrecht	Frank & Carole Escamilla	Jane Gallagher	Susan Albrecht & Tom Twarek
2/14 8am	Kitty Haffner	Larry Baumgardner	Kitty Haffner			
2/14 10:30	Susan Albrecht	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Jane Gallagher	Bill Patterson/ Matthew & Andrew Patterson	Nancy & Larry Bennett	Jerliyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Vern Easterling & Nancy Bennett
2/21 8am	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	Diane Ault			
2/21 10:30	Mary Angela Cooley	Bob Cooley & Steve Gillan	Chris Redmaster/ Anna Redmaster & Kristen Albrecht	Char & Don Hester	Adrienne Ashbaugh, Cindy Fields, Bethany Fields	Barb Easterling & John Culley
2/28 8am	Barbara Penney	Elaine Pickering	Hannah Anderson			
2/28 10:30	Helen Hudson	John & Betty Culley	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Paul Moehling	Sara & Arthur Lawrence	Chas Cooksey & Carole Meyer	Jim Smith & Cindy Smith

Those persons volunteering to give flowers for the next month are

February 7 Chris and Raquel Johnson

February 14 The Garys

February 21 and February 28 - Lent - no flowers

Calendar

February 5-6,7	Vestry Retreat with Committee Chairs present from Noon -4 p.m. on Sat. the 6 th , Commissioning of Vestry and Committee Chairs on Sunday the 7 th at both Services, depending on which service those persons normally attend.
February 7	Children's Epiphany Pageant (10:30 Service)
February 9	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 5:30, Library
February 16	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Supper 5:30pm
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 17	Newsletter submissions due for March Newsletter
March 28	Palm Sunday
April 4	Easter

Ongoing Events

Sunday - 8 & 10:30am Worship Services
Sunday - 9:15am Christian Education
Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm
Wednesday Night Live - Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm
Choir Rehearsal - Thursday nights 7 - 8pm

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. February 17.

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