



# Saint John's Spirit

St. John's Episcopal Church + Rev. Jan Oller, Priest-in-Charge  
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## NOVEMBER 2012

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

November is a "transition" month so it is an appropriate time for us to begin our journey together.

When the Roman Empire was in charge of much of the known world, it created a calendar that apparently had 10 months rather than 12. November was the 9th month - the same length of time that, generally, we use when expecting the birth of a baby. November, then, begins a season of expectation with hopes and dreams for the future.

It is fitting that we begin November with **All Saints' Day** - the day we remember the great cloud of witnesses to our faith. Many churches read the names aloud of those who have shaped our lives but we see no more this side of the grave as an additional way to give thanks.

At the end of November we celebrate **Thanksgiving**, a secular holiday and one which reminds us that we are blessed with many things in this life. If it is not your family custom, you might adopt this one: between the main meal and dessert, take a few moments to go around the table and ask each person to name something they are thankful for. It does not have to be big or "important" but it can be. All present are invited to share regardless of age. What others are thankful for may surprise and delight you. It may help you find new things to be thankful for. When everyone has shared, all say together: *"For all that has been, for all that is, and for all that is yet to be, we give you thanks, O God."*

Look back, but do not stay mired in the past. Take what is good and remember it as we go forward. Live in the present reaching out with a smile and hello to all you meet. Dream and hope for the future building upon the good past, working in the present, and trusting in God for discernment and direction for the future.

With prayers that you experience God's holy presence and grace, Jan Oller+

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Children's Sunday School, which meets downstairs from 9:15-10:15am each week, we study the Gospel story from the lectionary. Lessons come from the Episcopal Church's website, and are created to present the Sunday Gospel reading at the young child's level. The children also enjoy singing and doing movement activities with Jerilyn Yerkes. She has been selecting musical pieces that tie in with the mission travels of Abby Twarek. On October 14, the class had a visit from Canon Debra Kissinger who drew her interpretation of the Gospel story along with the children.

**Coming soon: A Christmas Pageant!** In upcoming weeks we will be preparing for the pageant during the Sunday School hour. If your children are not currently involved in Sunday School, please encourage their participation in November and December so that they can be a part of the pageant.

For information or to volunteer, please contact me at 362-2085 or [ljjgallagher@accelplus.net](mailto:ljjgallagher@accelplus.net).

-Jane Gallagher

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**Save the Date!** On Sunday, November 18th we will be celebrating **St. John's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as well as **welcoming our new priest, Rev. Jan Oller**. There will be one service at 9:00am followed by brunch. Stay tuned for more details.  
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### Property Committee Update from Jim Suren

**Thanks** to the efforts of Debbie Swanson, Cindy Turner, and Brian & Susan Albrecht, Whitlock Hall has a fresh coat of paint and looks great! Next on the list for new paint are Rev. Jan's office and the 'family restroom' downstairs.

**Extra Church key?** If you have one that's not being used or know of others who do, please return keys to me or Brian Albrecht.

DEADLINE for submission of information for the December newsletter is Monday, November 19. Articles not necessary - tidbits welcome!

## Fall Schedule of Services

**Sunday Eucharist** at 8:00am & 10:30am

**Sunday School/Adult Forum** at 9:15am

**Mid-week Eucharist** - Wednesday at 12:15pm

### Church Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am - 3:00pm

Through November 15, contact Fr. Bill Wieland, Priest Associate, for pastoral care concerns. He may be reached at home at (765) 653-3548 or by email at [Wieland@cinergymetro.net](mailto:Wieland@cinergymetro.net).

Beginning Friday, November 16, Rev. Jan Oller, our new Priest-in-Charge will be in the office **Monday through Thursday from 9am until 5pm**. Rev. Jan may be reached on her cell phone at (765) 225-8554 or by email at [janet.oller@gmail.com](mailto:janet.oller@gmail.com).

## ADULT FORUM

On November 11<sup>th</sup> Adult Forum begins a five-session book discussion of Take This Bread by Sara Miles. Subtitled "The spiritual memoir of a twenty-first-century Christian," this book is a first person telling of how, in a way, our now nearly two-thousand year old concept of Christ became "Jesus" again for an unlikely 21<sup>st</sup> century newly-minted Christian. Rev. Canon Bruce Gray, who is a fan of this book, will be coming to St. John's on December 9<sup>th</sup> to facilitate the final Adult Forum session in this series. Contact Helen Hudson ([hhudson@cville.k12.in.us](mailto:hhudson@cville.k12.in.us)) for more details.

Adult Forum meets in Whitlock Hall from 9:15-10:15am each Sunday except for special service days. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fellowship as we learn with our friends at St. John's. Coffee and tea are always available.

### \$20 Raised for Office Supplies This Month!

Keep bringing in those used printer, fax, copier, or all-in-one cartridges that you have sitting at home or the office. Drop them off in the white bowl on the credenza for recycling and store credit!

## **Ministries supported by St. John's Outreach Committee include...**

### ***FISH food pantry***

This month, we are concentrating on canned fruits and vegetables. Donated items may be placed in the little red wagons in the hallway leading from the sanctuary toward Whitlock Hall. The red wagons put us in mind of families and children, which is where the food need is great. The wagons also make it easy for us to take (pull) food items over to the First Methodist Church, where the FISH food bank is located.

Non-food items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and toothpaste are also appreciated. About half of these items are passed on to the Foodless Food Bank at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greencastle. Thanks to Fr. Bill and Lucy for delivering these donations to St. Andrew's.

### ***REINDear Program***

This is an early reminder that St. John's will again provide Christmas gifts for Montgomery County children through the REINDear program sponsored by the Youth Service Bureau. Details to follow.

*-Ellen Ball*

### ***CROP Hunger Walk***

The Outreach Committee would like to give a big thank you to all of you who generously donated to the CROP Hunger Walk on October 21. St. John's had 11 walkers, including our little Sophia Grace. We were the second largest group walking.

We partnered with Athena's After-School Girls Club from Crawfordsville High School and they brought in more than \$200 toward our total amount. Since some pledges have been pledged but not enumerated, I don't know our total amount, but am very proud to say that it will be over \$1000.

Because we are teaching our Athena's girls to be philanthropists themselves, we helped them to learn to ask for donations, and we also showed them video clips of CROP's work overseas.

Our girls saw a video about a woman in Kenya who organized the women of her village to build a sand dam with materials supplied by CROP. Prior to the construction of the dam (which the women built with their own hands in a

few weeks), all the women and many of the girls in the village were walking for five or six hours each day to find scarce water which they would then carry back (another five or six hours) to use for cooking and drinking. There was no spare water for sanitation. It was too precious. Once the sand dam was in place, the women only had a 30 minute walk to get their water and now there is plenty of it for sanitary needs and for watering vegetables. The health of the village has improved markedly and the girls have returned to school.

It's really nice to know, too, that 25% of our donations go directly to the FISH food pantry here in Crawfordsville.

It's not too late for you to donate! You may drop off a check at St. John's or send it to me, Helen Hudson, at: 170 W. 150 S. Rd. in Crawfordsville. Thanks again for all of your support.

The motto of CROP comes as a question, and I find it very moving. Before the Walk on Sunday, Dave Maharry stood before us all and asked, "And why do we walk?" We said back, "Because they walk."

*-In appreciation, Helen Hudson*

### **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ABBY TWAREK?**

Abby is currently ministering in Pretoria, one of the capitals of South Africa. She has moved on from working with an organization that teaches marketable skills to women, to feeding the hungry. Visit Abby's blog to follow her adventures:

<http://abbytwarek.theworldrace.org/>

### **2012 DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Paul Moehling, Senior Warden, Randy & Elaine Pickering, Delegates, and Ed & Sue Fain, Alternates, attended the Diocesan Convention in Bloomington on Oct 25 - 27. Trinity Church, Bloomington, did a wonderful job of hosting the Convention with Eucharist and prayer services in the Church and meetings, break-out groups, and displays at the Monroe County Convention Center just a few blocks away. A full report will be available in the next newsletter.

*-Elaine Pickering*

## Financial Update

Income in the month of September exceeded expenses by \$3,238, which was a result of pledged income that was higher than Budget and expenses coming in significantly below the revised Budget. Year-to-date expense has exceeded income by \$189 however, resulting in an Operating Fund balance of \$10,312 at the end of September (i.e. checking account and cash on hand). Overall, St. John's finances are stable year-to-date due to reduced operating expenses in clergy compensation and building and grounds.

Ed Fain, Financial Chairperson

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### St. John's Fund Balances

Fund	6/30/2012	7/31/2012	8/31/2012	9/30/2012
Church Operating	\$ 12,966	\$ 12,966	\$ 7,179	\$ 10,312
Building	\$ 7,752	\$ 7,752	\$ 7,752	\$ 7,752
Rector's Discretionary	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,040
Youth Pilgrimage	\$ 8,347	\$ 8,347	\$ 8,347	\$ 8,347
Columbarium	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,156	\$ 2,156	\$ 2,156
Memorial	\$ 4,099	\$ 4,099	\$ 4,099	\$ 4,099
Family	\$ 37,238	\$ 37,238	\$ 37,238	\$ 37,238
Outreach	\$ 13,882	\$ 13,882	\$ 13,959	\$ 13,959
Endowment	\$ 9,547	\$ 9,547	\$ 9,547	\$ 9,547
Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,027</b>	<b>\$ 96,027</b>	<b>\$ 91,317</b>	<b>\$ 94,451</b>

### St. John's Revenue & Expense

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 YTD Sep
<b>Revenues</b>				
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 104,277	\$ 114,963	\$ 130,269	\$ 87,245
Interest and Other Income	\$ 4,230	\$ 2,607	\$ 2,800	\$ 4,028
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 108,507</b>	<b>\$ 117,570</b>	<b>\$ 133,069</b>	<b>\$ 91,273</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Clergy & Staff Compensation	\$ 86,515	\$ 85,125	\$ 79,074	\$ 53,089
Office, Building, & Utilities	\$ 23,073	\$ 24,743	\$ 29,856	\$ 22,404
Adult & Youth Education	\$ 200	\$ 609	\$ 200	\$ -
Fellowship, Worship, & Music	\$ 700	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,372
Total Outreach	\$ 22,750	\$ 21,165	\$ 22,773	\$ 14,596
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 133,238</b>	<b>\$ 132,961</b>	<b>\$ 133,703</b>	<b>\$ 91,461</b>
<b>Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (24,731)</b>	<b>\$ (15,391)</b>	<b>\$ (634)</b>	<b>\$ (189)</b>

# Servers Schedule

## NOVEMBER 2012

Date/ Time	Lector	Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hr. Host
Nov. 4 @ 8am	Randy P	Randy P	Kitty Haffner	Marikay Stultz	Betty Culley	Susan A	Culleys	OPEN
10:30am	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth K & Larry B	Paul M / Elaine P	Mary Angela C	Meegan Reidy	Ellen Ball		
Nov. 11 @ 8am	Adrienne A	Adrienne A	Teresa Anderson	Chris & Sharon	Sheila Evans	Barb E	Roberts	OPEN
10:30am	Ed Fain	Dan B & Barbara P	Randy P / Chas C	Redmaster	Jane Gallagher	A/B White		
Nov. 18 @ 9am (ONE service)	Sue Fain	Marc H & Vern E	Sam H / Kristen A	Susan & Brian Albrecht	Jerilyn Yerkes Terry Lawrence	Judy Wynne Nancy B	Evans	PARTY!!
Nov. 25 @ 8am	Dylan Thomas	Elaine Pickering	Elaine Pickering	Alex & Ann	CJ Charles	John Roberts	Bennetts	OPEN
10:30am	John Culley	John & Betty Culley	Chris R / Larry B	Lebedeff	Cyndy Fields	Vern E		

**Meals on Wheels** 11/1: Carole M & Terry L  
11/22: no delivery 11/29: Jerry & Cindy Smith

11/8: John G & Bud M

11/15: Susie & Sam H

## DECEMBER 2012

Date/ Time	Lector	Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hr. Host
Dec. 2 @ 8am	Adrienne A	Adrienne A	Kitty Haffner	TBD	Carole Meyer	Ed Fain	ADVENT	OPEN
10:30am		Elaine P	Steve C / CJ Charles		Jo Tussey	Barbara P		
Dec. 9 @ 8am	Randy P	Randy P	Teresa Anderson	Mark & Meribeth	Betty Culley	Ed Fain	ADVENT	OPEN
10:30am	Mary Angela C	Mark H & Larry B	Paul M / Kristen A	Kussmaul	Meegan Reidy	Tom Twarek		
Dec. 16 @ 8am	Jim Suren	Jim Suren	Cyndy Fields	Larry & Nancy	Sheila Evans	Susan A	ADVENT	OPEN
10:30am	Ellen Ball	Dan B & Vern E	Randy P / Elaine P	Bennett	Jane Gallagher	Judy Wynn		
Dec. 23 @ 8am			Kitty Haffner	Chris & Raquel	Jerilyn Yerkes	Nancy B	ADVENT	OPEN
10:30am	Sheila Evans	Jim Suren & Randy P	Sam H / CJ Charles	Johnson	Terry Lawrence	Barb E		
Dec. 24 @ 5pm Late evening	TBD	TBD	TBD	Hesters (late service)	Jerilyn Yerkes Terry Lawrence	None	ADVENT	None
Dec. 30 @ 8am	Elaine P	Elaine P	Teresa Anderson	Chris & Raquel	CJ Charles	John R	OPEN	OPEN
10:30am	Will Turner	Adrienne & Barbara	Chris R / CJ Charles	Johnson	Cyndy Fields	A/B White		

**Meals on Wheels:** None in December

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and contact the church office as soon as possible so we can keep the schedule updated. Adrienne Ashbaugh creates the schedule for lectors, LEMs, acolytes, and crucifers so if you would like to be added to the schedule or have scheduling questions, please contact her at (765) 362-6845.*

# NOVEMBER 2012 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS</b>  Tues & Thurs 9am – 3pm	<b>REV. JAN'S OFFICE HOURS (starting 11/19)</b>  Mon – Thurs 9am – 5pm		<b>1</b> 7am Men's Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8am & 10:30am Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Forum	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30am Centering Prayer <u>Fr. Bill 10:30am – 3:30pm</u>  12:15pm Eucharist	<b>8</b> 7am Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>24th Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8am & 10:30am Eucharist 9:15am Adult Forum & Sunday School	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>Secretary out of the office</i>	<b>14</b> 7:30am Centering Prayer  12:15pm Eucharist	<b>15</b> 7am Men's Bible Study	<b>16</b>  <u>Rev. Jan's first day!</u>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>25th Sun. after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Eucharist 10:00am St. John's 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Welcome Brunch for Rev. Jan Oller	<b>19</b>  <u>DEADLINE FOR DEC. NEWSLETTER</u>	<b>20</b>  7pm Exec. Committee	<b>21</b> 7:30am Centering Prayer  12:15pm Eucharist	<b>22</b> 7am Men's Bible Study  <i>Office CLOSED</i> Thanksgiving Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>26th Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8am & 10:30am Eucharist 9:15am Adult Forum & Sunday School	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30am Centering Prayer  12:15pm Eucharist  7pm Vestry	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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