



Saint John's Spirit

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Whew! Our Annual Meeting is over for another year. Thank you to all who were present and for all who brought food for us to share as we conducted the business of this parish. It is with pleasure that I announce some new elected and appointed leadership for 2014:

Vestry (Class of 2016): Ellen Ball, Mark Kussmaul and Harry Siamas
Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Jim Suren and Sue Fain
Alternates to Diocesan Convention: Lynette Ziuchkovski and Ed Fain

Senior Warden: Betty Culley
Junior Warden: Meegan Reidy
Clerk: Kim Roberts
Treasurer: John Culley
Assistant Treasurer and Pledge Secretary: Cindy Smith

Continuing Vestry: Class of 2014: Larry Bennett, Betty Culley and Debbie Swanson
Class of 2015: Meegan Reidy, Kim Roberts and Cindy Turner

Adult Formation: Will Turner
Children's Formation: Abby Twarek
Outreach: Jane Gallagher
Property: Debbie Swanson
St. Martha's: Meegan Reidy

Please give each of these persons your support and congratulations. We also amended our Bylaws (see information below). We received a favorable report on our finances (thank you to all who pledge and give).

"Congregational health is not an either-or matter. All churches are more or less healthy, and any church can get better if the key leaders are motivated. The pastor's leadership is critical, but no pastor can make a church healthy. Lay leaders are essential, but individual leaders can't bring life by themselves. Together, leaders might assess themselves and their church, simply asking: what do we notice? And what do we want for our community?"

Still, all leaders, no matter what their position, and no matter what others do, can start with themselves. Your own emotional and spiritual health depends on you. Ask yourself, what is God

calling me to do in this place? How is God calling me to grow, and grow up? That's a real contribution to any community."¹

We have taken huge strides towards returning to health: spiritually emotionally and fiscally. You have done good and hard work to rebuild trust and relationships and to once again have St. John's be one of the shining stars within the Diocese. You are an example to our brothers and sisters of what is possible if we keep the lines of communication open and if we are willing to listen and to learn from others.

For 2014, we have terrific opportunities before us. It is a good time to take stock, as Rev. Margaret Marcuson reminds us, of what do we want for our community and how can St. John's be a part of making our community a better place that more fully reflects God's love for us.

How's your health? If you need a consultation (*It's free*), please come visit with me. –Rev. Jan

Confirmation discussions begin **February 9th**. The service of Confirmation is a time when a public affirmation of your faith is made before the Bishop and the congregation. If you are interested in being confirmed, in being received or in renewing your Baptismal Vows, please see Rev. Jan.



Join with us in thanking our Firefighters for all they do for Crawfordsville. We host them for lunch on **February 8th (Saturday) from 11:30-1:30**. Sign up sheets for bringing soup, bread or cookies are on the bulletin board outside Whitlock Hall. See Jim Suren or Chas Cooksey.

Adult Forum during February continues watching the PBS video: "God in America". Dan Booher facilitates **Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.** in Whitlock. Come join us.



Programs for Lent will be announced shortly. We anticipate having a Wednesday evening Soup Supper and program as well as Sunday mornings.

¹ <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#inbox/13d6e650e207a72b> (March 15, 2013)



Bring those ink and toner cartridges!

Last month we raised \$16 to help with the purchase of office and janitorial supplies as a result of your donations of used cartridges! Any size or type of used ink and toner cartridges, including 3-in-1s, are welcome. Place your used cartridges in the white bowl on the credenza. Thank you!

Sign Up! Our Coffee Hour sign ups are looking pretty bleak. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Won't you help by signing up to provide flowers or to host coffee hour one Sunday? Talk to Mary Angela Cooley.



Join with friends & sign up for “Dinners for 8”. Food – fellowship – fun!!! Each group will meet about 4 times in a 6 month period. The group determines when and where it will meet, rotating among the homes of members. The host provides the entrée and the others provide a salad, vegetable and dessert.

“Dinners for 8” is open to all adults - singles and couples - and consists of not more than 8 persons. Even if you do not want to host a gathering, sign up and work with someone else in your group who will host to provide a night of food, fun, and fellowship. Once all the sign-ups are in, the coordinating committee will place people into groups and then arrange for an initial dinner meeting time and location. – *Susan Albrecht*

At our Annual Meeting, we voted to Amend our Bylaws to expressly permit absentee balloting.



We also clarified and required that nominations for Vestry and Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention must be published to the Parish at least 15 days before the meeting. This will enable anyone who wishes to use an Absentee Ballot to know the slate prior to submitting the Absentee Ballot. Copies are on the Bulletin Board.

St. John's Facilities Use Policy. The Facilities Use Policy has been amended, by vote of the Vestry, to clarify that various forms of “nicotine delivery devices” (as used in the Indiana Code) are covered by the “No Smoking” policy and state law. Updated copies of this Policy can be found on the Bulletin Board and in the box outside the office where reservation forms for building use are kept.

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org  and on our bulletin boards.

Flourless German Chocolate Cake Cookies

-Meegan Reidy

3 cups confectioners' sugar

¼ tsp. salt

3 large egg whites at room temperature

2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips

1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

2 cups coarsely chopped pecans (optional)

2 Tbl. Milk or half and half

1 ½ cup sweetened shredded coconut

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees F. with the racks in the upper and lower thirds.
2. Whisk together the confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Add the chopped pecans if using, egg whites, milk or half-and-half, and vanilla extract and mix until just combined. Fold in the coconut and chocolate chips.
3. Drop 2 heaping TBL of the dough 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheets.
4. Bake, in batches, rotating the baking sheets halfway through, until firm around the edges, 18-22 minutes. Cool slightly on the baking sheets, then serve warm or transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



Makes 18 cookies.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			FEBRUARY			1 Oller @ Waycross all day re Planned Giving
2 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Library)	3 <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i> 11:30-1:30 League of Women Voter's (Whitlock)	4 9:15 Wabash/Tuttle Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	5 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock)	6 7 p.m. Choir	7	8 Pathways to Vitality Luncheon (Whitlock)
9 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Whitlock)	10 <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i>	11 7-9 YSB Meeting (Whitlock) 9:15 Wabash/Tuttle Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	12 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock) 7 p - Vestry	13 7 p.m. Choir	Valentine's Day14	15
16 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Whitlock)	17 President's Day Holiday-Office Closed	18 9:25 a. Wabash Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	19 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock)	20 7 p.m. Choir	21 <i>Oller Day Off transferred from 2/17</i>	22 9a.-12p. – Kussmaul/Divorce Recovery Workshop- Library
23 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Whitlock)	24 <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i>	25 9:25 a. Wabash Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	26 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock)	27 5:30-8:30 League Dinner (Whitlock) 7 p.m. Choir	28	

Date & Time	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour Host	LEVs
Feb.2 8 a.m.	A. Ashbaugh	A. Ashbaugh	C Fields				Hudson		S. Fain & MA Cooley
10:30 a.m.	B. Culley	B & J Culley	J Culley/P. Lohorn	J. Tussey	B. Culley & M. Reidy	N. Bennett & S. Albrecht		Ziuchkovski	
Feb. 9 8 a.m.	R. Pickering	R. Pickering	P. Swanson				Culley		
10:30 a.m.	S. Vaught	Meribeth Kussmaul & K. Roberts	S. Hildebrand/ C. Cooksey	Roberts	S. Evans & J. Gallagher	T. Twarek & A. White			
Feb. 16 8 a.m.	K. Haffner	J. Suren	K. Haffner				Cooley	Reidy	D. Booher & H. Hudson
10:30 a.m.	H. Hudson	M. Hudson & A. Ashbaugh	R. Pickering/ CJ Charles	MA Cooley & M. Stultz	J. Yerkes & T. Lawrence	E. Fain & J. Roberts			
Feb. 23 8 a.m.	Meribeth Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	C. Fields				Roberts		
10:30 a.m.	J. Lamberton	R. Pickering & D. Booher	S. Charles/ L. Baumgardner	Albrecht	CJ Charles &C. Fields	J. Gary & B. Easterling			

Meals on Wheels: None in February

Worship Leaders: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and let the church office know as soon as possible. Adrienne Ashbaugh creates the schedule for greeters, lectors, LEMs, acolytes, and crucifers. If you have scheduling questions, please contact her at (765) 362-6845.