

Saint John's Spirit

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Harry Siamas writes: If you love donuts you know that Long's Bakery bakes the best. Long's is just off 16th Street a few blocks west of White River, a poor neighborhood in Indianapolis. It is always busy. You stand in line to get to a long glass case filled with donuts, cream horns, Long-John's and brownies. Through open doors behind the case bakers remove hot donuts from the ovens. The aroma is warm, sweetly heavy, from Heaven.

Last week Suzie and I made the trip to Long's to get a donut fix. Every hour of day Long's is crowded with

customers waiting their turn to order donuts. We were crowded closely into the little shop. All the other customers were African-American. Old and young, men and women, from the look of their clothes all were poor. A few obviously homeless men and several young men in hoodies waited silently. It was taking a long time for people to order donuts. The line wasn't moving at all. It was sweaty hot, close and I found myself growing anxious. I thought *'this must be what it feels like to be an African American man standing in an all- white line.'*

Before us, a young mother held her child. The mother's arms and neck were tattooed, her eyelids, nose and mouth pierced. The child stared at us over her mother's shoulder, her face solemn as an empty church. The place was hot, the line going nowhere, and just as I was about to whisper to Suzie "let's forget it" something happened. Slowly, Suzie reached out her finger and touched the little girl's tiny hand. Quickly, the child pulled her hand back and turned away from us. Then, very slowly, she looked back, smiled shyly, and held her hand out for more. Suzie touched the child's hand again and again, the two laughing as they played cat and mouse together. Up ahead an old man looked back and smiled kindly. My anxiety was gone. Standing in line in peace with people unlike ourselves may also be ministry. We were just people, walking our way together, all of us waiting for goodness found in freshly baked donuts.

As I moved forward with the others I thought with gratitude that I have a wife who has a special and powerful gift--the ability to reach out in friendship to others in a way that can surely change the world even just a little. The power of sharing what God has given us is limitless. Who can say how much a small gesture of playful friendship can change the arc of a child's life? As an expression of God's grace, who knows how far an act of human kindness travels? God's abundance is everywhere. We just must remember to share it. Even in a donut shop.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” [2 Corinthians 9.10]

Sunday, October 5th @ 1:30p at the Animal Welfare League shelter. Please bring your animal companions for a blessing as we celebrate St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. All are welcome!

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Thank you for all of your lovely donations for the school nurses. The little socks, undies, and pants will be put to good use throughout the coming school year. Kari met with the school nurses of the county recently and the items were divided up among them.

The **CROP Walk** has been an annual event in Montgomery County for many years. A large percentage of the money collected returns to Montgomery County as a donation to the FISH Pantry. Please stay tuned for details from Helen Hudson, who is commandeering St. John's participation this year. The date has been set for **Sunday, October 19th.**

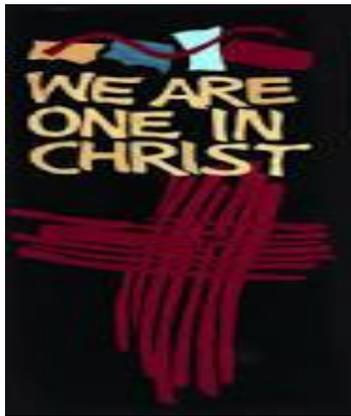
In FISH news, the FISH Board met in its first meeting of the year. Phil Wray is the chairman of the group this year, and Karen Brooks is the secretary. FISH has been serving those in need of food, linens, clothing, and financial assistance for fifty years. It is a well-organized and ecumenical organization which strives to make a difference in the lives of people finding themselves in emergency situations. The need has risen over the past several years. FISH is reaching out to churches and individuals to renew their previous commitments so that they might continue to meet the overwhelming needs. The organization works to give a hand up, providing nutrition lessons, and offering help for people in transition or sudden emergencies. It works as a companion to Food-finders, Nourish, and the Hub. Thank you to all who have donated to FISH, whether monetarily, through donations of goods, picking up and delivering food, or working in the pantry itself.

Current needs at the pantry are: crackers, cereal, vegetables other than corn and green beans, canned meats such as chicken, salmon, tuna.

Current needs at the linen closet are: towels, sheets, blankets.

Donated items can be placed in the wagons in the hallway. They will be delivered to the appropriate place. Monetary donations can be sent to FISH, P.O. Box 261. Please make checks simply to "FISH of Montgomery County.

The next **Outreach Meeting** will be held **Sunday, October 26th** following the 10:30 service. All are invited.



October 5th from 4-6p. at Millgan Park will be the celebration of our Unity in Christ. This event arises out of the bullying that happened last spring but it is more than a response to that situation. This is a chance for us to join with people from other churches in this area to celebrate our common and core belief that Christ calls us to be one.

Games and ice cream will be served. Please talk with Jim Suren or Mark Kussmaul and plan to attend. All are welcome!

Saturday, October 11th, at 7:30 pm, the new professional soccer team in Indianapolis - the Indy Eleven - will be playing a match against Minnesota FC. We are arranging for a group outing to this event, which is sure to be a wonderful time! If you're new to soccer, I promise you that you will be taken in by the intimacy and atmosphere of Carroll Stadium and the rowdy but upbeat fans in the Brickyard Battalion (which includes our own Christopher Short). *See Susan Albrecht with questions.*



ERD Celebrates 75 years of healing a hurting world beginning in October 2014. In 1940, the National Council of The Episcopal Church established Episcopal Relief & Development – originally the Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief – to respond to the needs of European refugees fleeing World War II. Now, working on behalf of the Church with

partners in nearly 40 countries, the organization continues its legacy of bringing together the

generosity of Episcopalians and others to help communities overcome challenges and create lasting change. The focus of ERD is worldwide and St. John's contributes to ERD efforts through a special offering by individuals on a Sunday as well as through Diocesan support.

Among the major projects of ERD are:

- 75th Anniversary Campaign: Lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and disease
- Carry the Water Campaign: Clean water, hygiene and sanitation
- Fast to Feed Campaign: Sustainable agriculture and livestock
- Thrive to Five Campaign: Maternal and child health
- Pennies to Prosperity Campaign: Vocational training and micro-finance

Look for more information as the 75th anniversary celebration continues!



Political, interfaith and education leaders will offer provocative insights and views during the discussion on *Civil Discourse in America: Finding Common Ground for the Greater Good* on **October 22**.

Produced by The Episcopal Church, the 90-minute live webcast will originate from historic Christ Church, Philadelphia (Diocese of Pennsylvania), the birthplace of the Episcopal Church and the home of our country's beginnings. In partnership with the Diocese of

Pennsylvania, *Civil Discourse in America* will begin at 2 pm Eastern. Information to follow.



A variety of topics for discussion and learning. Please join us in Whitlock Hall on **Sundays @ 9:15a**.

October 5 "Celebrate What's Right With the World" – a 22 minute DVD by a National Geographic photographer with discussion to follow. Thanks to the Sisters of St. Benedict, Beech Grove, for sharing the DVD with us. *Facilitated by Jan Oller.*

October 12 "Commitment" – what the Bible tells us about commitment and how important it is to our lives and our witness. *Facilitated by Chris Short.*

October 19 Music in the Episcopal Church – learn about “S” music (found at the front of your blue Hymnal!). *Facilitated by Jerilyn Yerkes and Jan Oller.*

October 26 “Holy Currencies” – discussion around a way of looking at our resources. The focus of Diocesan Convention. *Facilitated by Meribeth Kussmaul.*



Bring those ink and toner cartridges!

Last month we raised \$28 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 up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Won't you help by signing up to host coffee hour one Sunday? *Talk to Mary Angela Cooley.*



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



Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment. Days off are generally Thursdays and Fridays but please call if you have a pastoral emergency regardless of what day of the week it is!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30 Centering Prayer 12:15 Midday Service 1p – Garden Club	2 Oller Day Off 7p-Choir	3 Oller Day Off	4
5 8& 10:30 a – HE 9:15 Christian Formation 1:30 Blessing Animals 4-EFM 4p-One in Christ	6 11-2 League (Whitlock)	7 9:25 Tuttle Chapel 10a-Bible Study	8 7:30 Centering Prayer 12:15 Midday Service	9 Oller Day Off 7p- Choir	10 Oller Day Off	11 Indy 11 Outing
12 8& 10:30 a – HE 9:15 Christian Formation 4-EFM	13 Columbus Day – Office Closed	14 7a – YSB (Whitlock) 9:25 Tuttle Chapel 10a- Bible Study	15 7:30 Centering Prayer Oller: Cont’g Ed all day 7p-Vestry	16 Oller: Cont’g Ed all day 7p- Choir	17 Oller Day Off	18 8:30-12 Divorce Workshop (Kussmaul) Oller Day Off
19 8& 10:30 a – HE 9:15 Christian Formation 1:30 CROP Walk 4-EFM	20 Oller Day Off	21 9:25 Tuttle Chapel Oller Day Off	22 7:30 Centering Prayer 12:15 Midday Service	23 Diocesan Convention, Muncie 7p-Choir	24 Diocesan Convention, Muncie	25 Diocesan Convention, Muncie
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Office hours by appointment

October 2014 – Those Who Serve

Date	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Accolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Hour
Oct. 5										
8a	A. Ashbaugh	A. Ashbaugh	P. Swanson							
10:30a	B. Culley	J & B Culley	J. Culley	L. Baumgardner	Hesters	B. Culley & M. Reidy	A. White & S. Albrecht	Garys	D. Booher & H. Hudson	Lamberton
Oct. 12										
8a	J. Suren	J. Suren	K. Haffner							
10:30a	W. Olander	K. Roberts & M. Hudson	W. Turner	B. Turner	Hildebrands	Sheila Evans & Jane Gallagher	N. Bennett & J. Roberts	Yerkes		
Oct. 19										
8a.	R. Pickering	R. Pickering	C. Fields							
10:30a.	S. Evans	L. Baumgardner & Meribeth Kussmaul	S. Charles	CJ Charles	Garys	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	J. Gary & T. Twarek		M.A. Cooley & S. Fain	
Oct. 26										
8a.	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	P. Swanson							
10:30a.	B. Easterling	D. Booher & R. Pickering	Sam Hildebrand	P. Lohorn	Roberts	CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields	E. Fain & R. Olander	Culleys		Spencer

No Meals on Wheels in October.

If you cannot serve, please arrange for a substitute and notify Rev. Jan as soon as possible. Thank you!