



# Saint John's Spirit

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## Holy Week

**Join us** and be part of the journey that begins on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Passion Sunday, and concludes with Resurrection Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. *All services and events are at St. John's unless noted.*

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Passion Sunday at 8a and 10:3a. Holy Eucharist.

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Evening Prayer with music at 7p.

**Thursday, April 2:** Service event making treats for dogs at the Animal Shelter (to be delivered at a later date) at 5:30p in the kitchen.

Maundy Thursday service at 7p with Pastor Kelly Nelson preaching and Rev. Jan presiding. Stripping of the altar.

**Friday, April 3:** Community Good Friday service at First United Methodist.

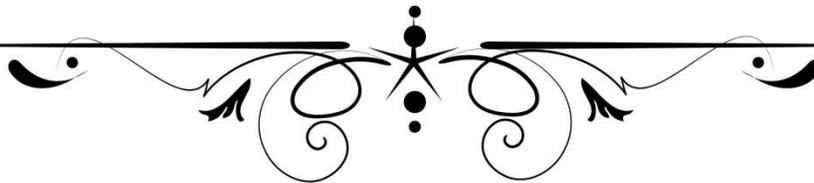
Good Friday service at First Christian with St. John's and Christ Lutheran participating.

**Saturday, April 4:** Clean up day, inside and outside (weather permitting)! Please join us at 10:30a as we work together to ready St. John's for Easter. Debbie Swanson, as chair of the Building & Grounds Committee, will be helping direct efforts outside. Meegan Reidy, as chair of St. Martha's will be coordinating set-up efforts in Whitlock for our brunch. Betty Culley, chair of Altar Guild, will be directing efforts in the Nave.

**Sunday, April 5:** Holy Eucharist at 8a and 10:30a. Brunch in Whitlock Hall between services. Please bring a dish to share.

# THIS EASTER INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!

St. John's is a wonderful faith-filled community that spreads the Word of God by our actions and our care for one another. Most people belong to a church because someone invited them. Won't you invite a friend to see what we're all about? *Come and see!*



**Jeremiah 16: 10- 21:** *Can mortals make for themselves gods? Such are no gods! "Therefore I am surely going to teach them, this time I am going to teach them my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD."*

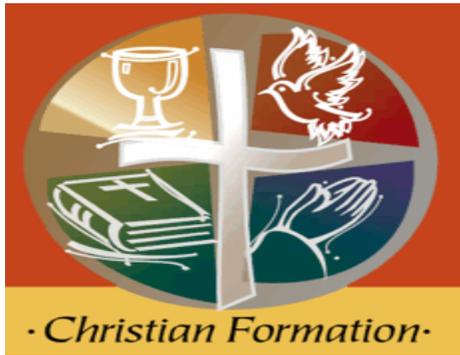
A study suggests that superstitious gestures--like knocking on wood and crossing fingers--help people by calming their imaginations. The study "finds that these actions help people feel better by making it harder to imagine the feared tragedy."

Many people criticize the ways of religion--the sign of the cross, bread and wine, or icons--saying that such means are nothing more than superstitions. But we use material objects sacramentally, to give our physical senses and our human psyche ways to approach God and think of God. We believe in God's loving kindness. We use objects to remind us that no matter what befalls us, God is with us to help us heal and help us transcend trouble.

As Christians, we do know that the power resides not in the objects, but in God. We know that "mortals [cannot] make for themselves gods," and we believe in God's "power and might." We do not worship the material things; we simply use them to give our bodies and souls a tangible sense that God is with us.

We know the power belongs to God: not to church furnishings or crosses or religious icons. We know *the power belongs to God*. And God helps us find peace and healing even when we do face the "feared tragedy."

*-Rev. Carol Mead March 16, 2015*

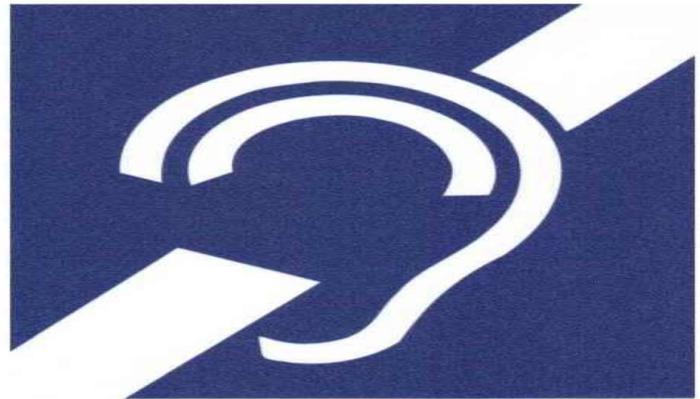


April 5            Easter: No Christian Formation- Brunch in Whitlock Hall

April 12 – May 10    “Walking the Bible” – DVD.  
Jeremy Hartnett & Jill Lamberton will facilitate discussion.

### **St. John’s Sound Systems**

Some years ago, a sound system was installed in our sanctuary with microphones at the pulpit, lapel mics for the priest and speakers mounted on two trusses above the pews and in the ceiling under the choir loft. A recent upgrade and repair of the equipment that supports the system was made along with the purchase of a new style microphone for Rev. Jan. The sound quality in the sanctuary does seem to be improved and Rev. Jan’s new mic is working very well. The new closed circuit TV camera and audio feed allows for projecting sound and video for any service in the sanctuary to the TV in Whitlock Hall.



Part of the sanctuary sound system that has not been in use for some time, and is now available, are individual Gentner digital receivers that allow a person to sit anywhere in our buildings and be able to hear all sound system transmissions through a personal ear bud. For individuals still having some trouble hearing the sanctuary speakers, the Gentner receiver may be something you want to consider. If so, please contact Rev. Jan to make an appointment to try out the ear bud – it’s just like listening to music on your iPhone.

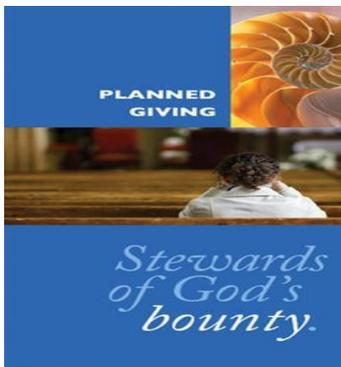
The Property Committee would appreciate any comments or concerns you may have about any part of our sound system operation in the sanctuary or Whitlock Hall so further refinements may be addressed to alleviate concerns.



At the Annual Meeting, I asked for those interested in Alternative or Contemporary Worship to form a Task Force. Jim Suren, Joyce Bell and Robyn Grayson agreed to be the Task Force.

Among the items considered were: (a) definition: what do task force members mean when they say they want St. John's to consider Alternative or Contemporary Worship services; (b) time: when would they want to see St. John's hold such a service; (c) worship leaders: who do they see as leading such worship; (d) "success": how is such a worship service to be evaluated in terms of sustainability. I asked the members of the Task Force to connect with other congregations that have such services (or had such services) so that we would "not re-create the wheel."

The Task Force met three times and has decided not to pursue such a service at St. John's at this time. However, we invited Task Force members (and anyone else) to suggest music from *Wonder, Love & Praise* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (as well as the Hymnal). We will encourage participation of our children in age-appropriate ways. We will continue our ecumenical worship and learning efforts, most especially in our Lenten series, Good Friday services and at the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival. *Please thank Jim, Joyce and Robyn for their willingness to explore alternative worship service ideas at St. John's.* -Rev. Jan

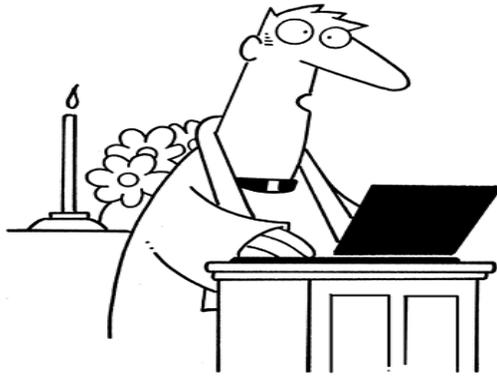


A little over a year ago, Rev. Jan led several well attended informational meetings for parishioners interested in knowing more about end-of-life planning. Using our own St. John's "Funeral Customary" (found here: <http://stjohnscville.org/practices/funeral.php>) as a starting point, we heard presentations by several professionals on estate planning, health care directives and funeral planning. There was also reference to remembering St. John's in your will but no discussion of how to intentionally plan gifts from your estate. Fast forward to October 2014, when Rev. Jan and Sam Hildebrand were discussing how we might encourage the creation of an endowment which, in time, could make possible the support of future programs and outreach opportunities that our annual Gifts of Gratitude might not be adequate to make possible.

Since that time, an *ad hoc* study team has been researching the variety of planned giving resources and support offered by the Episcopal Church Foundation, meeting with John Oaks, Diocesan Stewardship Officer, and Jane Martin, Planned Giving Leader at Trinity-Bloomington, to assess the possibility of our parish going forward with a comprehensive planned giving program.

The team presented their findings and recommendations to the Vestry at their March meeting. Approval was received to develop a formal planned giving program for St. John's. The Vestry also approved the appointment of the Planned Giving Team consisting of John Culley, Ed Fain, Sam Hildebrand, Rees Olander and Harry Siamas under Rev. Jan's leadership. The team will now continue its work to develop the framework for establishing *Planned Giving - Stewards of God's Bounty*, and will regularly report progress to the parish. *Keep tuned as opportunities to be part of ensuring St. John's lives and thrives into the future are developed.*

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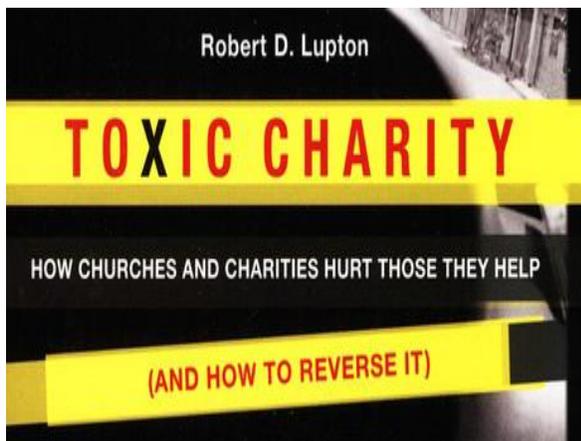
"Blog unto others as you would have them blog unto you.  
Spam not, lest ye be spammed! Though I surf through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no virus..."

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

*Thanks to Bud Arnold for a little humor (and truth)*



Check the bulletin board in Whitlock for Outreach opportunities during April and other months during 2015. There is something for everyone and we welcome your participation.



### *Head's Up – Future Event*

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is hosting Robert Lupton, the author of Toxic Charity on Tuesday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** for lunch at the Crawfordsville Country Club. There are sign-up sheets on the credenza. We will offer a chance to discuss the ideas Mr. Lupton puts forth on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 1p in Whitlock (please feel free to bring your lunch). Our focus is our response to Mr. Lupton's premises and how, if we accept them, we respond. All are welcome, whether members of St. John's or not. You can

purchase the book online (it is also available as an e-book) but you do not have to have read it to come on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Meegan Reidy.*



**Reminder!** Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, Customaries (that is, policies and procedures) and other important information can be found on our website:

[www.stjohnscville.org](http://www.stjohnscville.org) or on our bulletin boards

<http://www>

In March, we raised \$40 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. Rev. Jan delivers them to Staples monthly. Thank you!



"Gratitude can transform  
common days into thanksgivings,  
turn routine jobs into joy, and  
change ordinary opportunities  
into blessings."

- William Arthur Ward

**What are you grateful for today? How does St. John's help you be grateful?**

*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! Check the calendar posted on the office door for the most current schedule.*

	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
<b>April 5</b>								Easter		Brunch
8a	P. Swanson	P. Swanson		S. Charles						
10:30a	E. Fain	J & B Culley	W. Turner	B. Turner	Hildebrands	S. Evans & J. Gallagher	S. Albrecht & W. Olander		Pickerings	
<b>Ap. 12</b>										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		Haffner						
10:30a	J. Gary	Meribeth Kussmaul & M. Hudson	John Culley	P. Lohorn	Olanders	CJ Charles & C. Fields	E. Fain & J. Gary		S. Fain & J. Oller	
<b>Ap. 19</b>								Hildebrand		
8a.	J. Suren	J. Suren		P. Swanson						
10:30a	C. Short	K. Roberts & D. Booher	S. Charles	CJ Charles	MA Cooley & J. Gallagher	J. Yerkes & T. Lawrence	A White & J. Roberts		S. Fain & J. Oller	Spencer
<b>Ap. 26</b>								Garys		
8a.	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		C. Fields						
10:30a	R. Olander	R. Pickering & A. Ashbaugh	Sam Hildebrand		Ball/Twarek	B. Culley & M. Reidy	N. Bennett & T. Twarek		D. Booher & H. Hudson	Albrecht

**Meals on Wheels:** Not during April.

If you cannot serve as noted above, *please arrange for a substitute and also inform the office ASAP. Thank you!*

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:30a – Centering Prayer 11-2 Garden Club (WH)	<b>2</b> 5:30p-Service Project (Treats for Animals) 7p-Maundy Thursday 8p-Choir	<b>3</b> Noon-First United Methodist-Community Good Friday Service 7p-First Christian- joint Good Friday service	<b>4</b> 9a-Altar Guild Breakfast & Work day 10:30a- Building & Grounds workday; set up WH
<b>5</b> EASTER 8 & 10:30a – HE 9a- Brunch	<b>6</b> 11-1:30 – League (WH)	<b>7</b> 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 11a-MCCF @ Country Club 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	<b>8</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer	<b>9</b> 7p Choir  Oller Day Off	<b>10</b>  Oller Day Off	<b>11</b> 10-12 Planned Giving Team meeting
<b>12</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15-Christian Formation 3p-EFM (WH) 5:30p-Morning Prayer training (WH)	<b>13</b> Reidy Meeting/WH  Oller Clergy Conf (Waycross)	<b>14</b> 7:15a- YSB (WH) 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 7pComm Chorus (WH)  Oller Clergy Conference	<b>15</b> 7:30a Centering Prayer 7p-Vestry  Oller Clergy Conference (Waycross) until late afternoon	<b>16</b> 7p-Choir  Oller-Commission on Ministry (Waycross)	<b>17</b>  Oller: COM (Waycross)	<b>18</b>  Oller: COM (Waycross)
<b>19</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 1:30p-God & Me (Sunday School) 3p- EFM (WH)	<b>20</b> 10:30a-Morning Prayer Training (WH)	<b>21</b> 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel	<b>22</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer  Oller Transf'd Day Off (4/16)	<b>23</b> 7p-Choir  Oller Day Off	<b>24</b>  6pParish Pot Luck @ Roberts Oller Day Off	<b>25</b> 9-12 Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library) All Day: Diocesan Convention @ Bloomington
<b>26</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 1:30p- God & Me 3p-EFM (WH)	<b>27</b>  Oller Transf'd Day Off (4/2)	<b>28</b> 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel  Oller Transf'd Day Off (4/3)	<b>29</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer  Oller Transf'd Day Off (4/17)	<b>30</b> 7p-Choir  Oller Day Off	<b>Notes: Morning Prayer, Tuttle Chapel/Wabash: Mondays-Fridays @ 8a when classes are in session</b>	

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