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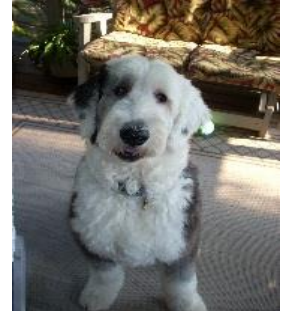
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”.... I have been singing this phrase for years, beginning back at Maple Avenue Methodist Church as a young child. As I have advanced through the sixty years since, I have become more and more aware of how this simple Doxology is a thank you note to a giving God. Looking back on the past year, I have been on the receiving end of some very special blessings, and I recognize from where they came and that God knows me well. The following will share two among the many blessings that I have received with gratitude:

Miss Bledsoe was a sweet, whitehaired, blue eyed librarian at the McLean branch of Terre Haute's

Emmeline Fairbanks Library. This little library was in the basement of the Jr. High School in our neighborhood. My mother would walk the four of us to the library every week, a treat that we looked forward to with relish. We knew that Miss Bledsoe was at the end of our walk, and that we would bring home treasured books to listen to Mother read or read by ourselves. Miss Bledsoe was kind and patient with us, recommending new books, and showing us where to find our old favorites. This early gift of literacy that we received from Miss Bledsoe has lasted each of us throughout our whole lives. It led my mother and sister Cindy to careers as librarians, I shared my love of reading with my primary students, and we all have remained avid readers. After retiring from teaching, I worked as an aide in the school system. This past year, my sixth of working in the schools past retirement, I learned of a position at the public library. I felt myself led to apply for the job, and I was hired to work in the children's department. The position was fewer hours, and gave me a new lease on life. It completes a circle of life. I am now in the role of Miss Bledsoe, helping families and young children find the books they love. I feel that this life change was a blessing, a gift from God, one that gives me something to share with others.

This spring we lost our Old English sheepdog, Maggie Bea, to an immune disease. We had adopted her from a rescue group when she was six months old. She had been found wandering in the woods with a little red halter almost embedded in her skin. She overcame her skittishness and her fear to become an integral part of our household and wiggled her way into our hearts. When at age 7, she could no longer fight her illness, we lost her. Anyone who has lost a beloved pet knows the hole that is left in the household. The first reaction to this loss was to say, “No more pets. I can't stand the pain again.” Then came a great feeling of a bigger loss, that of never having another furry friend with which to share our lives, that we would never have another one

to love. One night, feeling distraught, I asked God to help me come to terms with all of these feelings. I felt a calmness come over me. A couple of days later, my friend at the Old English Sheepdog Rescue called me to tell me about a four year old dog needing a home ASAP. His masters were both in Hospice care, and it was an emergency situation that they find him a home. That is how Nelson came to live at our house. He is a lovable, gentle giant who needed a place to be. None of us except God knows just how long we will spend together, but it doesn't matter. God has shown me that by being a receiver of God's gifts, we can also accept those gifts, which in turn, help us give our own gifts to others.



Singing the Doxology after the offering gives us each a chance to think about those gifts that we have received from God. Thank you to the worship committee for bringing it into our service. As we sing it, we can think about the ways that we can show our gratitude to such a loving and caring God. "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."



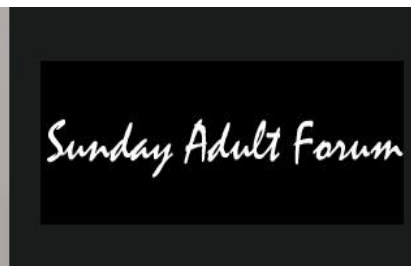
Sunday, November 1st at 10:30a we will offer the sacramental rite of Baptism. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Rev. Jan.



Blessing Art Animals™



Sunday, October 3rd @ 1pm at the Animal Welfare League we will celebrate and bless our animal companions. Please come and join this time of laughter and love.



We continue Adult Forum with Sam Vaught on Sunday, October 4th when he will share about his time in England spring semester.

Then we spend the rest of October learning about the Great Cathedrals of Europe with Jeremy Hartnett

leading off on October 11th. Please join us in Whitlock Hall beginning at 9:15a.m.



Sign up and earn money for St. John's! Register your KrogerPlus card and shop at our local Krogers. A percentage of the amount you spend then comes back to St. John's on a quarterly basis. One of our neighboring churches got a check for \$150- not bad for simply grocery shopping as you already do! Here's how to sign up:

Our number is number 11405. The website is: krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy during the registration process.

- Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
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- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.



Back to Basics: Join us as we return to basics around Anglicanism, the Bible, Christianity and Discipleship (catchy, huh? "A, B, C, D") on Tuesdays, **at noon in Whitlock**. The discussions will last an hour. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Tuesday, Oct. 5th - Session IV: "The Gospels – The Incarnation: It's a floor wax and a dessert topping"

Tuesday, Oct. 13th –Session V: "Acts and Epistles – Revelation"

Bring your unwanted books to St. John's and Rev. Jan will take them to Half Price Books. Monies received are placed in the plate and help support our many ministries. Last week we received \$15 and the week before \$11. Just like that retirement ad that asks how much money is in your pocket and then shows the benefit to compounding and regular



investing, turn what you don't need into resources that can be used by St. John's to the benefit of others.

Don't forget: St. John's Sound Systems

We recently upgraded and repaired the equipment that supports the sound system. Part of the sanctuary sound system that 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.



Saturday, November 7th @ 1p, St. John's will host a "listening" opportunity with the Bishop Search Committee. Join us in Whitlock Hall.

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, Customaries (that is, policies and procedures) and other important information can

be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org or on our bulletin boards



Have you been a spark to another person?

Where has St. John's been a spark to help you live with gratitude? What are you most grateful for?

What do you wish people knew about St. John's and how might we get that word out?

Gratitude is our ability to see the grace of God, morning by morning, no matter what else greets us in the course of the day.
Craig Barnes

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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
Oct. 4										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		K Haffner						
10:30a	R. Olander	A Ashbaugh & D Booher	S Charles	CJ Charles	Snooks	J Yerkes & T Lawrence	A White & W Olander	M Reidy	Booher/Hudson	Olanders
Oct 11										
8a	S. Vaught	S Vaught		C Fields						
10:30a	C Short	M Hudson & R Pickering	Sam Hildebrand & P Lohorn		Albrechts	CJ Charles & C Fields	E Fain & T Twarek	J Yerkes	Fain/Oller	
Oct. 18										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		S Charles						
10:30a	J Wynne	K Roberts & S Vaught	W Turner	B Turner	Hildebrands	C Meyer & J Tussey	S Albrecht & J Roberts	Bennetts	Fain/Oller	
Oct. 25										
8a	J Suren	J Suren		K Haffner						
10:30a	B Turner & S Snook	J & B Culley	R Pickering		Hudsons	B Culley & M Reidy	A White & J Gary	Culleys	Pickerings	

Meals on Wheels: not in October

Nourish: Carole Meyer & Barb Easterling

*If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*

October 2015 Worship Leaders Schedule

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 6p-Girl Scouts (Sunday School rooms) 6p-YSB/Inspire (WH) 7p- Choir 8p-Wabash Chapel Talk on Religious Diversity Oller @ Waycross/COM mtg	2 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel Oller @ Waycross/COM mtg	3 Oller@ Waycross/COM mtg
4 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation (WH) 1:00pBlessing of the Animals @ Shelter 3p- EFM (WH)	5 Oller Day Off-transferred 10/1 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel Noon: League of Women Voters	6 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 12-Basic Bible (WH) 4p-Oller to St. Paul's, Indy, re Ordination of Sarah Ginolfi 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	7 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 6:30pNAMI (WH)	8 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 6p- Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	9 Oller Day Off 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	10 Oller Day Off (Transferred from 10/2)
11 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation (WH) 2p-Pre-Convention Deanery Mtg @ St. Andrew's, Greencastle 3p-EFM (WH)	12 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 12:30-3p-Oller Outside Meeting	13 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7:15a-YSB (WH) 12-Basic Bible (WH) 6:30p-Oller Meeting (Library) 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	14 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	15 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 3p-C'ville Library: Area IV Agency: Aging & Disability (See bulletin board) 6p-YSB/Inspire (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	16 Oller Day Off 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	17 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library) Free Clinic: "Dining with the Chefs"
18 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a- Formation (WH) 1:30p-CROP Walk 3p- EFM (WH)	19 Oller Day Off-transferred 10/23 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	20 Oller Day Off-transferred 10/24 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	21 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Vestry	22 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 6p-Girl Scouts (SS) 6p-YSB (WH) 7p- Choir	23 Diocesan Convention @ Wyndham, Indy 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	24 Diocesan Convention @ Wyndham, Indy
25 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation (WH) 3p- EFM (WH)	26 Oller Retreat 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	27 Oller Retreat 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	28 Oller Retreat 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 7:30a-Centering Prayer	29 Oller Retreat 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir	30 Oller Retreat 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Chapel	31