

THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
welcomes you



St. John's Spirit

St. John's Episcopal Church - 212 S. Green St.
PO Box 445, Crawfordsville IN 47933
765-362-2331

stjohnscville@gmail.com

www.stjohnscville.org

facebook: stjohnscville

January 2016



We start our calendar year with the last few days of Christmas. Epiphany, January 6th, marks the date when Christmas officially ends with the arrival of the wise men to see Jesus. A new thing has taken place. God has become incarnate. God is with us in new ways to help us learn how to live more fully into God's grace and mercy.

Our secular new year also offers us a chance to reflect back and to look forward. While many New Year's resolutions don't last until February, perhaps this year is time to consider your role at St. John's. How has your relationship with St. John's deepened during 2015? Where might you be going as a member of St. John's in 2016? The Holy Spirit has a lot to say in our lives if we will keep our ears and our eyes and our hearts open to God's gentle nudging. Perhaps this is a year when you put down a ministry you have done for years and years so that there might be space for something new. Perhaps this is a time when you pick up a ministry you've always wanted to try but for whatever reason has held back.

We sometimes talk about an epiphany as an "ah ha" moment – a moment when the realm of God comes closer to earth and we are part of helping this world be a more loving and more just place. Come and see! Yes, you. Come and see!

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 31st.

We will have one worship service at 9a, followed by a Parish Pitch-In and then the Annual Meeting. We will elect three Vestry persons and conduct other business.

If you are the head of a ministry group, please submit your report to Rev. Jan not later than January 10th, so the Annual Report can be compiled and published by January 17th. That approach seemed to work well last year because it gave everyone a chance to review the Report prior to the Annual Meeting.



Vestry Nominees.



Your nominees for Vestry for a three year term beginning at the Annual Meeting on January 31st are:

- **Sue Fain:** Ed and I moved to Crawfordsville in 2009 from South Bend. In my time at St. John's, I have served as a choir member, lector, delegate to Diocesan convention and an LEV. I was Chair/Convener of the Search Committee when Rev. Jan was called to serve. I am a cradle Episcopalian. I am a member in the Order of the Daughters of the King where I have served on the Province V DOK board. My interests are boating, reading, singing and acting.
- **Char Lingen:** I first came to St. John's in 1993 at Ruth Black's insistence, when my husband passed away, that I come sing with the St. John's choir. I have been singing with them ever since, even at times during my 18 year absence, living in Wisconsin living my dream of being a small resort owner and retirement in Arizona. I also play in the St. John's Bridge Marathon, have helped at the Strawberry Festival Booth and help when St. John's sponsors Food Finders. I have been a member of Kiwanis for 21 years holding leadership positions in four different clubs and on the District level. I hope that I can put to good use my Kiwanis leadership skills serving the Vestry. Oh, I do have one obsessive passion, Green Bay Packer football!
- **Christopher Short:** I was first warmly welcomed by St. John's on Epiphany in 2013, and quickly became quite involved in the life of the parish. It has been a rich blessing to participate in the many wonderful programs of the Outreach committee, and especially organizing the Mardi Gras party starting in 2015. Elsewhere in the neighborhood, I also serve on the board of the Friends of the Carnegie Museum, and as a referee for youth soccer games. I love to share my gifts (and my son!) with my church family, and with God's help I hope we can keep St. John's moving forward.

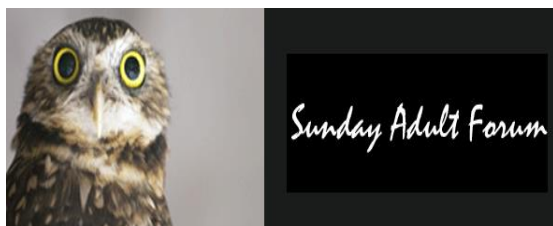
Please take time to get to know them ahead of the meeting.



Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm is your opportunity to review the proposed 2016 budget and to raise questions. The Vestry has the responsibility to adopt the budget but your input, and especially your questions, is most helpful as the Vestry deliberates and decides. Make sure your voice is heard with respect to how monies are spent to

further the work of God's kingdom here in Crawfordsville and as part of the wider church.

Q: Who are the ministers of the Church? A: The ministers of the church are **lay persons**, bishops, priests and deacons. (BCP 855). Join us on **Saturday, January 30th at 10:30a** in the nave to be trained or to be refreshed in the various ways laity serve on Sundays and at other worship services. All who are currently serving and anyone who may be interested in serving are invited...



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be front and center at Adult Forum during January. Come and hear our new Presiding Bishop and consider his sermons and how they may inform our presence as The Episcopal Church in Crawfordsville;

January 3- Bishop Curry's sermon at The Episcopal Youth Event, Villanova College, PA
Jan. 10, 17, 24 and Feb. 7: Sermons from Those Crazy Christians. (We will not meet on January 31st as that is the date of our Annual Meeting; see above.)



Welcome to the New Year. St. John's will continue to reach out to the community and the world to help others. The Outreach committee has outlined a number of ways to help share our blessings with others who are not so fortunate. Please take a look at the areas we will be supporting in the coming year and think of ways you can help to support one or more of the outreach projects. St. John's parishioners already participate in many of their own individual forms of outreach, making our church doubly blessed. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, you will be welcomed with open arms. If you have any other ideas than those listed, please contact Jane Gallagher or Rev. Jan.

Here is our potential list of projects for 2016:

- Food finders- One time, preferably the summer distribution at Wingate but that is subject to Food Finders determination. Helen Hudson, Chair
- Donation to Mont. Co. Free Clinic to help with inoculations for children.
- FISH Monetary donation plus ingathering for wagons. We get a monthly list of needs. (Ongoing; Bud Arnold contact person for Board concerns)
- Nourish- a donation of money, people can volunteer individually by contacting Nourish. (Fall)
- REINdear- Tentative, depending on reorganization. (November)
- Summer Lunch- Three days with Tri Kappa Associates (July)
- Mardi Gras- Gathering on Shrove Tuesday with other churches. Chris Short, Chair. (February 9th)
- Animal Shelter Stroll for Strays (May)
- Meals on Wheels (Ongoing)

Other Outreach actions include:

- Crop Walk (Helen Hudson, chair)
- Groups using building (see Rev. Jan)
- YSB rental of Wheat House (annual rent of \$1.00)
- Habitat Lunches (if and when requested)

These are some of the ways that St. John's serves its community. If you have an idea that enhances our mission/vision statement, please contact Jane Gallagher, chair of Outreach. Our mission/vision statement is:

We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and witnessing our faith to the community at large.



Planned gifts made through bequests in wills, through life-income gifts, insurance, retirement accounts, or other types of gifts hold enormous potential for St. John's. Establishing and maintaining an active planned giving program is a vital ministry that offers church members the opportunity to make a final testament about the importance of their Christian faith, and can help ensure resources will be available in the future to do the important work of the Church. Watch for more information in 2016.

Lent! Yikes, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. This year we have invited Christ Lutheran Church, First Christian Church, and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church to join us for our **Lenten Soup Supper and Program**.



We kick this off on **Tuesday, February 9th** with our **Mardi Gras celebration**. We begin the Soup Supper and Program on Tuesday, February 16th and runs through March 14th. (*Note the change to Tuesday evenings.*) The evening begins at 5:30p with soup supper, continues about 6p with a brief prayer/worship time and then a discussion of Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline. Our hope is that lay leaders will facilitate a discussion of various types of spiritual disciplines such as prayer, worship, service. Details will be available in the February newsletter.

Confirmation

Bishop Cate usually schedules Confirmation during Easter season (the time between Easter, March 27th, and Pentecost, May 16th). If you are interested in being confirmed, please see Rev. Jan so that arrangements convenient to all may be made for instruction.

The 2016 Flower Chart and the Coffee Host Chart are on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you are interested in either giving flowers or hosting the Coffee Hour (after the 10:30a service)



please sign up!

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



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.

~ January 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day holiday: Office Closed	2 Oller Day Off
3 8a & 10:30a HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 3p - EFM	4 11:30a-League of Women Voters (WH)	5	6 7:30a-Centering Prayer	7 7p-Choir Oller @ Women Clergy @ Nativity, Indianapolis	8 Oller Day Off	9 Lunch for Shepherds(WH)
10 8a & 10:30a HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 3p - EFM	11 12:30p-Oller mtg (WH) 6:30p-Oller mtg (WH)	12 Oller: "Safeguarding" webinar 7p-Budget Hearing (WH)	13 7:30a-Centering Prayer	14 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	15 Oller Day Off	16 Black Family Gathering (WH)
17 8a & 10:30a HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 3p - EFM	18 MLK Holiday-Office Closed	19 Oller @ CTS	20 Oller @ CTS 7:30a-Centering Prayer 7p-Vestry	21 Oller @ CTS 7p-Choir 7p-Hitch Event (WH)	22 Oller @ CTS	23 Oller @ CTS 8:30a- Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library)
24 8a & 10:30a HE 9:15a-Christian Formation 3p - EFM	25 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle	26 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle 9:25a-Chapel @ Tuttle Oller mtg w/Clergy (Sparks)	27 7:30a-Centering Prayer 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle	28 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	29 8a-Morning Prayer @ Tuttle Oller Day Off	30 10:30a-Worship Leaders Training/Refresher (Nave)
31 9a -HE 10a Annual Meeting & Pitch In (WH)	Notes: Rev. Jan is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554 and email: janet.oller@gmail.com Office hours are by appointment					

Nourish: Ellen Ball & Tom Twarek

Meals on Wheels: Jan 7: Hildebrands Jan. 14 Smiths Jan 21 Carole Meyer & Betty Culley Jan 28 Chris Short & Tom Twarek

	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
Jan. 3										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		S Charles						
10:30a	J Hartnett	D Booher & K Roberts	W Turner	B Turner	C Smith & J Gallagher	B Culley & M Reidy	N Bennett & J Roberts		Booher & Hudson	
Jan. 10										
8a	P Swanson	P Swanson		K Haffner						
10:30a	H Hudson	M Hudson & K Roberts	Sam Hildebrand	P Lohorn	Turners	S Evans & J Gallagher	S Albrecht & J Gary		Pickerings	
Jan. 17										
8a	J Suren	J Suren		C Fields						
10:30a	C Short	A Ashbaugh & R Pickering	S Charles	CJ Charles	J Wynne & B Easterling	J Yerkes & T Lawrence	A White & C Smith		Pickerings	
Jan. 24										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		P Swanson						
10:30a	B Culley	J & B Culley	R Pickering		Bennetts	C Meyer & J Tussey	E Fain & T Twarek		Booher & Hudson	
Jan. 31										
9a	J Lambertson	A Ashbaugh & D Booher	J Culley	K Haffner	Blacks	CJ Charles & C Fields	N Bennett & S Albrecht		Booher & Hudson	

Meals on Wheels: 1/7: Sam & Susie Hildebrand; 1/14: Cindy & Jerry Smith; 1/21: Carole Meyer & Betty Culley; 1/28: Christ Short & Tom Twarek
Ellen Ball & Tom Twarek *If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*

Nourish: