



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



February 2013

Rector's Rambling

Holiness Unto the Lord

On Saturday, just two days ago, I put the first seeds of the year into the propagator, which is currently located in my study. I did everything precisely as I have always done, with one exception. Instead of watering with tap water, I used "Root Stimulator: Accelerated Root Growth for Clones and Seedlings," manufactured by Hydro Gardens and Lights in Columbus, Ohio. When I got home after youth group tonight, I was astounded to find cabbage and broccoli plants already sprouted! Two days from seed to sprout is a record in my experience, and it got me to thinking. When Jesus does a work in my heart, are the results so spectacular or as quick? When the Holy Ghost convicts me of some action or attitude and by God's grace I sense the need to change my ways, am I put to shame by one of the humblest members of God's creation, a lowly cabbage seed? I am afraid that sometimes, not always, but more often than I can justify, the answer is yes.

Such thoughts are perhaps good preparation for the holy season of Lent. Until we recognize our own shortcomings, it is doubtful that we will ever truly

respond to God's offer of transformation in our lives. Ultimately, Lent is about transformation—transformation from what we are into what God would have us to be. Wise men taught me in seminary that Christian holiness has two important aspects. The first is positional holiness. Because I am among the baptized and have been marked as Christ's own forever, I am set apart, or holy, and dedicated to his work. But when properly understood and rightly experienced, this positional holiness must be accompanied by moral holiness. That is, my life must be more like the life of Jesus than it was before I received his grace. If I was a liar, I must stop lying. If a thief, I must stop stealing. If a bigot, I must walk away from my prejudices. If my sexuality was out of control, it must be disciplined and brought within the parameters of what God's Word allows. The list goes on and on, but the point is clear. When God does his work in us, we are named as his own and dedicated to his purposes, and we are also expected to exhibit change from what we were to what he would have us to be. Our lives, touched by grace, must begin to look more like the life of our Lord, or in all likelihood, our religion is a sham and a hypocritical lie. (continued on page 2)

Lenten Programs:

Feb 13th at noon and 7pm: Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes
 Feb 17, 24, Mar 10, & 17 at 5: Lenten suppers and speakers
 Mar 3 at 4: Choral Evensong and simple supper.
 All Sundays at 8 & 10:30 and Wednesdays at noon: Holy Communion
 Confession: By appointment, call 215-3900
 Mar 24: Palm Sunday
 Mar 28 at 7: Maundy Thursday
 Mar 29 at noon: Good Friday liturgy and Stations of the Cross
 Mar 31: EASTER! THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Rector's Rambling-continued

When the prophets said that God would take out of his people their hearts of stone and replace them with living hearts of flesh, they said that the day was coming when we would follow the expectations of Scripture not because we had to, but because we wanted to. They never said it would be easy, or that we would always get it right, but they did say that we would be known as a people set apart for God. Like my cabbage and broccoli seeds, we would be transformed from what our own decisions had made us into the people, and into the community of faith, that God created us to be. As we enter this sacred season of preparation for Easter, let us look honestly at our own lives and motives, and commit all of our shortcomings to God's transformation. The Bible tells us that our God is a miracle worker, and that those actions and attitudes which we seem to be so unable to change can be transformed in an instant by him who raised the dead and caused the blind to see. Might we together take advantage of those Lenten programs and disciplines which will help us to persevere in this life of transformation and holiness, and might we be there for each other in our times of temptation, weakness, and need.

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Vestry Highlights

- Year-end financials indicate that we performed better than budget.
- Investment portfolio had a significant gain.
- Current church repair projects are to improve security lighting and water drainage problems.
- A balanced budget will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Paul Heim will chair the main steps committee - others serving are Bob Wright, Milt Taylor and Karen Ray.
- Thanks to departing vestry members: Jean Hammer, Barb Parker and Milt Taylor.
- Next vestry meeting will be February 21, 2013.

Sustainability and New Wine

We are shifting gears. We are cleaning house. We are preparing new wineskins.

December 2012 was the end of a five-year project that expanded and consolidated the community health promoter program that began in 2001.

Community surveys showed that health indicators related to the causes of preventable childhood deaths, women's health, and HIV/AIDS improved throughout the years, including the last two years when the groups were working without the benefit of resources from outside of their communities.

The groups' ability to carry-on and continue improving health conditions using only local community assets is a good sign. There is a lot of talk about sustainability in social ministry programs these days – this is one example of what sustainability looks like.

We will continue working with the health promoter groups, but in a different way. A new multi-year project starts in 2013. Over the past 18 months, domestic and gender-based violence emerged as a priority of the health promoter groups and as a focus of Dominican Public Health, Lambeth Palace, the Anglican Communion, World Council of Churches, and Episcopal Relief & Development, among others.

The community health staff is shifting gears to work with young people and communities to address and prevent domestic violence. The new project is both narrow (targeting seventh and eighth graders) and broad (involving health promoters, community leaders, parents, teachers, the public prosecutor's office, the national police, etc.). The project will assist people to examine gender roles, relationships, and cultural norms.

We expect the community health promoter groups to continue improving health in their communities for years to come. An aim with the new project is to equip young people to make a difference throughout a lifetime.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

Birthdays

- 2 Elaine Warnett
- 3 Wanita Burton
Paul Frick
- 6 Garnet Nelson
- 7 Ralph Kittle
- 10 Sally Stallsmith
- 14 Michael Angle
Betty Pugh
- 16 Madeline Kittle
- 18 Kirsten Carr
- 21 Carol Baily
Brandi Perrine
- 24 Sarah Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Danny and Julie Meenach (03)
- 10 Tom and Nancy Clyde (68)
- 14 Dick and Carol Baily (86)
- 15 Milt and Nancy Taylor (92)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Wendy Garbrandt (80)
Robin Leonard (59)
Garnet Nelson (46)
- 3 Cecilia Davidson (57)
Charlene Rowley (57)
- 5 Milt Taylor (78)
- 14 Sandie Leonard (82)
- 17 Nancy Russell (57)

Vicky Lee Suhr
December 10, 1947—December 15, 2012
“May Light Perpetual shine upon her.”

Congratulations to Meredith and Austin Fath on the birth of their daughter Ainsley Elizabeth on Nov. 6, 2012. Ainsley’s grandmother is Lynn Stevenson.

Lenten Series—2013 “Living the Christian Life”

The first of the Lenten Series is Sunday, Feb. 17 with programs on Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, and Mar. 17. The format of the Sunday Series is supper at 5 p.m. followed by the program at 5:45 p.m. with the exception of Sunday, March 3rd with Evensong at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Simple Supper at 5:00 p.m.

There will be two All-Parish Potlucks: Feb. 17 and Mar. 3 and Simple Suppers, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, ;and Mar. 10. Check Sunday leaflets, Eagle and Lamb, and information posters around St. John’s for detailed information.

THE LENTEN SERIES DEPENDS ON VOLUNTEERS. Sign up sheets will be available at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 27th. There are many volunteer opportunities. More information will be available at the Annual Meeting.

Frankie Mathias, Chair
St. John’s Evangelism and Renewal Committee


Parish Health Luncheon

The next Parish Health Luncheon will be February 20th after the noon Eucharist.

STOSPAS
(Shrove Tuesday on Sunday, Pancakes and Sausage)

Lent is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for our annual STOSPAS breakfast to be held Sunday, February 10th after the 8 am Eucharist. This will take the place of the Fellowship Breakfast which is usually held on the first Sunday of the month.

All teams that help with the Fellowship Breakfasts are asked to help with STOSPAS.



February 2013 Serving Schedule

February 3 rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Ivan Smith & Doug Carr	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 71:1-6
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Elaine Reid	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nick England & Ray Hollaway	Luke 4:21-30
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Heather Perkins
February 10 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Nick England	Exodus 34:29-35
Acolytes		Morgan Spires	Psalm: 99
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Charlie Voss	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Jennifer & Ty Spires	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Judie Miller, Mid Hall, Helen Johnson & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
February 17 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Frankie Mathias & Robin Rhodes	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Acolytes		Katie Shook & Alex Shook	Psalm: 91:1-2 & 9-16
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Diana Turpin	Romans 10:8b-13
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nickie Leckrone & Diane Downard	Luke 4:1-13
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Barb Parker, Deanna Roshong & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
February 24 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Chuck Canter & Nick England	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Acolytes		William Eyman & Milt Taylor	Psalm: 27
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Frankie Mathias	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris & Hannah Hurdley	Luke 13:31-35
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Helen Johnson

Refresh Your Soul Conference-2013

The theme of this year's conference is:

"Riding the Dragon: Strengthening Your life in Challenging Times."

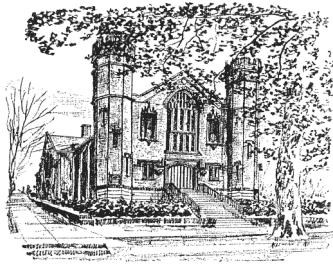
The keynote speaker is Robert J. Wicks, PsyD who is a clinical psychologist and professor at Loyola University, Maryland. He has traveled the world speaking about secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others) and has published 50 books. He currently speaks to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who are suffering from the stress of war.

Friday, March 8
6 p.m.—8:30p.m.

Saturday, March 9
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Blue Ash (northern Cincinnati)

For more information, contact Mary Ohler or Anna Adkins



St. John's Episcopal Church
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Back to the Table

Cooking Classes

**Taught by Susie Cork
at St. John's Episcopal Church**

Celebrate community & fellowship as we learn to cook together.

Meet new people or get to know your spouse and family all over again.

Classes are held at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on style and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with the meal. Every participant receives a set of typed recipes and will have dinner during the class. Class size is limited to 14 participants.

All proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

The Classes -2013

February 7: Adult Class* - Two to Tango**

The Cuisine of South America

Arepas de Queso (grilled corn flour cakes with cheese), Steak Skewers with Cilantro Chimichurri,
Tres Leches Cake \$35/person.

April 4: Kids Class*- Pizza Party

Homemade pizza dough, Grilled Vegetable Pizza, Pepperoni Calzones with Marinara,
\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

October 3: Family Night-Autumn Pasta**

Rosemary Tagliatelle with Creamy Wild Mushroom Madeira Sauce, Sweet Potato Ravioli with Amaretti
Brown Butter, Mixed Greens with spiced pecans, local apples, ruby port vinaigrette
\$35/person Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

December 5: Adult Class*- Midnight in Paris**

Beef with Wild Mushroom Bordelaise, Soubise (braised rice and onions),
Blackberry Clafouti with Crème Fraiche \$40/person

Details

*The Kids Classes are for kids 8-17 years of age.

**Family Classes are for any age group or combination of family members,
provided the children under 17 are accompanied by an adult.

***Adult classes are for 18 years and older

The Instructor

Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. John's, Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught cooking classes at A La Carte Gourmet Kitchen in Chicago, The Chopping Block Cooking School in Chicago and currently at Shaw's every Saturday.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. John's. Reservations can be made at St. John's Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. 740-653-3052.

Paid reservations are non-refundable. You are welcome to send someone to take your place in the class.

Reservation Deadline: Payment must be received the Sunday before the day of the class.



February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC	4 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	5 8:00P AA Meeting	6 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	7 3:30P Pickering House 6:15PM <i>Back to the Table</i> Cooking Class	8	9 9:00 E & R Meeting
10 8:00 HC 9:00 STOSPAS 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	11 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	12 8:00P AA Meeting	13 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 & 7 pm Imposition of Ashes 6:00P EFM	14 3:30P Pickering House	15	16
17 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC 5:00 Parish Potluck	18 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	19 8:00P AA Meeting	20 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC Parish Health Luncheon 6:00P EFM	21 1 PM Eagle and Lamb Deadline 3:30P Pickering House 7:00P Vestry Meeting	22	23
24 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct. Service 5:00 Simple Supper and program	25 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	26 8:00P AA Meeting	27 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	28 3:30P Pickering House		

STOSPAS

(Shrove Tuesday on Sunday Pancakes and Sausage)
February 10th at 9:00AM

Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 13th
12:00 noon and 7:00PM

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