



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



November 2014



November opens with All Saints' Day and closes with the first Sunday of Advent. There are so many important things happening in the Church in November. But for any local parish, perhaps the most important thing, practically speaking, is the annual parish stewardship drive.

It is the engine which drives the parish program and budget for the ensuing year. Without it, plans are almost impossible to make, and difficult decisions must be made about which programs are the most important, and which ones cannot be sustained. On the eve of our annual parish pledge request, I thought it would be a good thing to offer a few thoughts about Christian stewardship.

Stewardship must always be honest. The reality is that ours, like most of the parishes in the Episcopal Church, is greying and shrinking. This is not to say that we do not have some wonderful and active young families, or that our older individuals and families do not come and do good and commendable things in this place. But it is to acknowledge a statistical reality that there are fewer people to pay the bills and to staff the ministries at St. John's than there were a few years ago. It is also to acknowledge that several of our loved ones who were able to support the church very generously now serve Jesus in a different way and in another place (some of them in heaven.) It is incumbent on those of us who worship here now to clarify our vision of what God would have our parish to do, and what he would have us to be, and to fund and staff that holy vocation to the glory of God, to the building up of his people, and to the extension of his kingdom.

Stewardship must always be creative. There are many wonderful traditions in our parish, and we are a traditional denomination. And there are many things which worked very well in the past which are not so effective today. Where resources are limited, it is our responsibility to deploy those resources in ways which honor and maintain continuity with our heritage. It is also our duty to make adaptations where necessity demands that we might be as effective as possible in kingdom work. Our vestry system of government is an effective tool in evaluating and implementing modifications and improvements in ways that meet our goals and preserve our identity as the people of God called Anglicans.

Stewardship must always reach out to others. One of the most important acts of stewardship any of us can accomplish is to invite someone to church, and to introduce them to the grace of God the Father, through Jesus Christ the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Think about who you might invite to a church service, or a parish breakfast, or a Christmas or Easter service, or a Lenten or choir presentation. Be sure to sit with them and invite them out for hospitality following the service or event.

Stewardship must always be sacrificial. Jesus gave his life to pay for our sins that we might find new life and purpose and healing and joy (and everlasting life!) All of the Apostles were tortured or killed for refusing to deny the good news that God reconciled us to himself through the sacrifice of Jesus. Sacrifice is a part of the heritage of the Church. We are called to go beyond what we can do, or what is comfortable for us to do, in the service of God and in our attempts to share the Gospel with our town. This sacrifice should push us to offer our time and talents, and should inform our financial decisions about how much we should give to the parish and to other works which proclaim and implement God's plan for all people.

Stewardship must always be motivated by love. The Bible tells us that "God loves a cheerful giver." Our giving is most effective in bringing us closer to God when it is motivated by our love for him, for his kingdom, and for our parish home. To give because we want to is an expression of how we believe and how we feel about our Lord and the people with whom we worship. Even though I may not agree with every decision or everything which takes place, I love this place because so many times I have met God here. I love the people and the building, and the garden, and the music, and even the big tree out front. I wish to share that experience of meeting and knowing him in this particular Anglican Christian way with others- and so I give for the joy of it- for the love of it. I hope you will do the same.

I humbly entreat all of you, my friends, to prayerfully consider how you would support St. John's in 2015. Together, we can continue to make a real difference in this place, and bring glory to God, as is our whole duty as his sons and daughters.

Bill +

Warming Station Ministry

Homelessness is a serious issue in Lancaster. Perhaps you have seen people clustered outside the library or at the mall entrances waiting for those facilities to open. When the east and west end shelters close each morning at 7:30 for cleaning and resupply, clients find themselves on the street in all sorts of weather. This winter, we have a plan to help our neighbors in need. In cooperation with other downtown churches, Job and Family Services, The Coalition on Homelessness, the Library, and the Lancaster Police Department, we will be providing a warming station in the undercroft of St. John's on Mondays from 7:45-10:15 AM. (The Library opens at 10.) It is a simple concept. Those in need will have a place to stay warm and get a cup of coffee and a smile while they wait for the library to open. Cornerstone Church will also be present with winter outer garments for anyone who might need them, and we will make referral calls to community agencies if the need arises. Please pray about whether God might be calling you to help with this ministry. We will need at least three volunteers each Monday from the 3rd of November through the end of March. It is a wonderful way to show the love of Christ to those in need by giving "a cup of water in the name of the Lord." (Matthew 10:42) There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church, or you can call Fr.Bill at 215-3900 for more details.

Vestry Highlights

- * Lowell presented the first draft of the 2015 budget.
- * Financial statements show that we are slightly behind budget.
- * Results of the 2013 audit were reviewed.
- * Fr. Bill reviewed the pending resolutions for the Diocesan Convention which will be held in Chillicothe on Nov. 14th and 15th.
- * The Junior Warden is planning several projects involving painting, trimming, and clean-up.

Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Stevenson
- 2 Max Wildermuth
- 3 Dick Baily
- 6 Jennifer Williams
Ainsley Fath
- 10 Hannah Hurdley
Carol Roshong
- 12 Bob Wright
- 15 Stuart Perlow
Merrill Perlow
- 19 Annie Crawford
Wendy Garbrandt
- 24 Mike Garbrandt
- 25 Kim Carter
Holly Perry
- 28 Muriel Breining
- 29 Nick Powell
- 30 Jim Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Paul and Kathy Heim
- 26 Don and Linda Eager
Harold and Carol Uhl

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Asher Carr (01)
- 3 Morgan Spires (00)
- 6 Ashley Canter (83)
Nancy Taylor (60)
Linda Lindley (47)
Derek Wright (77)
- 7 Michael Garbrandt (08)
- 13 Thurlow Weed (66)
- 23 Cindy White (78)
- 25 Madeline Kittle (07)
Mark Perrine (66)
Deanna Roshong (51)
- 27 Walker Kittle (05)
Lynn Stevenson (42)

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

There will be a Parish Health Ministries luncheon after the noon Eucharist on November 19th.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd after the 8 AM Eucharist.

Nursery and Children's Workers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to expand our children's education program. See Fr. Bill or Mark Conrad if you sense a call or would like more information

Altar Guild Meeting

The Altar Guild will meet at 9 a.m. on November 9th to discuss Christmas plans. Please plan to attend.

St John's to Host Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendars now for our Thanksgiving service at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 25th. Come together with our friends from St. Mark's and 6th Avenue to thank our Lord for his many blessings. This year's service will feature a combined choir and a sermon by Pastor Rick Jones of 6th Avenue United Methodist Church. An offering of food and cash will be received to support local hunger ministries. A reception will follow in the undercroft. Be sure to bring a friend or any family members who may be visiting from out of town.





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Broad and Wheeling
Lancaster, Ohio

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 benefit St. John's Church.

The Classes -2014

December 4: Adult Class* - Entertaining Sauces**

Learn to make the classics for entertaining - Béchamel, Béarnaise & Chardonnay Reduction Sauce
Sauces will be served with pasta, grilled steaks, sautéed chicken. \$40.

Details

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 on Saturdays.

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.

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November 2014 Serving Schedule

November 2 nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ann Rickson & Doug Carr	Revelation 7:9-17
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 34:1-10,22
Lectors	Carl Roshong	Frankie Mathias & Paul Heim	1 John 3:1-3
Ushers	Steve Woods & Tim Hall	John Eyman & William Eyman	Matthew 5:1-12
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
November 9 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 78:1-7
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jean Conrad	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Ushers	Mary Shook & Chad Shook	Tom Howard & Karen Howard	Matthew 25:1-13
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
November 16 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Frankie Mathias & Mark Conrad	Judges 4:1-7
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Joanna Carr	Psalm: 123
Lectors		Ann Rickson & Kathy Heim	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Ushers	Carol Uhl & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 25:14-30
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
November 23 rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & William Eyman	Psalm: 100
Lectors		Sara Perlow & Holly Perry	Ephesians 1:15-23
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Chris Hurdley & Steve Messerly	Matthew 25:31-46
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Sally Stallsmith, Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
November 30 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Ivan Smith & Ann Rickson	Isaiah 64:1-9
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Jean Conrad	1 Corinthians
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Holly Perry & Nicole Perry	Mark 13:24-37
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 Set clocks back
2 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	3 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 6:00P Brown bag Sup. & Bible St. 7:00P Choral Evensong	4 8:00P AA Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	6	7	8
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23 8:00 HC 9:10 Adult Forum 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	24 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 6:00P Brown bag Sup. & Bible St. 7:00P Choral Evensong	25 7:00P Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. John's	26 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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sermons, visit St. John's website
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