



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



February 2012

Rector's Rambling

Last month before Rebecca and I left for "Mere Anglicanism," a friend asked where we were going for the conference. When I answered "Charleston," he responded, "West Virginia?" I was puzzled and replied, "why would anyone go to West Virginia in January?" But Charleston, South Carolina is another story. She is truly a beautiful city any time of year. Described by locals as that place where "two rivers meet to form the Atlantic ocean," I can understand why the locals love their home, and why so many have stayed here for so many generations.

But sightseeing was not my purpose in Charleston, renewal and revival were. The speakers and preachers were wonderful and included the Principal of Wycliffe Hall Oxford, the Lord Bishop of London, the Vice-Chancellor of Sewanee (my alma mater), the Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of South Carolina, The Dean of Trinity School for Ministry, and the Archbishop of Jos Nigeria. The worship was magnificent. Evensong featured the Choir of St. Philip's Charleston singing George Dyson's Mag and Nunc and Parry's "I Was Glad." Bishop Chartres challenged us to open our lives and our institutions to the leadership and infilling of the Holy Ghost, who was without doubt present in the service. The festival Eucharist featured the choir of St. Helena's Beaufort, accompanied by the Charleston Brass. Archbishop Kwashi brought tears to our eyes with his godly exhortations to evangelism and Bishop Lawrence shone like Moses as he consecrated and delivered to us the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By the time the third of five Communion Hymns rang out the words "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," we all were on our feet, rejoicing in the power of God and filled with what Son-in-Law Matthew calls "South Carolina Happy." God was in our midst, and the entire conference was transformative. The message was unified and simple.

From the time of Augustine and Cuthbert to the great reformers of the 16th, 18th, and 19th centuries, to today, men and women who answer the call of Jesus to turn from their former ways and follow God have been used to transform not only lives, but societies.

As those same people forsook their sinful ways and conformed their lives to the clear teaching of Scripture, which is the example of our Lord, God used them, and he will use us, to bring the most obdurate sinners to personal confession, repentance, and moral transformation.

The cost of following Christ in this way is high, but the results are far-reaching, and ultimately eternal.

We who name Christ as Saviour are called to follow him in the knowledge that through us, through our hard work and sacrifice, God will transform the world and to bring all people to himself.

It is for this reason that he has called us and redeemed us by his blood.

As we move through the season of Epiphany and into Lent, I pray that we will always see our personal introspection and repentance in light of the call of Jesus Christ for us to evangelize others even as we have been evangelized. Our *raison d'être*, our great purpose in life, is to glorify God by bringing all people to a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ, who is God's sole plan for our salvation. We can only do this effectively as we follow Jesus Christ in humility, acknowledging our sins, changing our ways, and working to conform our behaviour to the clear teachings of God's Word, the Holy Bible. May He send his Holy Spirit upon us anew in the days to come that we might be faithful and obedient servants, bring our friends and neighbors to a saving experience with Jesus Christ, and in turn transform our society into a more just and righteous family.

To Christ- the True King!

Bill+

Vestry Highlights

- * Nominations are complete for Vestry and Warden positions.
- * Kathy Heim will coordinate the framing of the youth artwork.
- * The Episcopal flag in the church will be replaced.
- * Bishop Breidenthal will match funds raised by parishes to rebuild the Anglican Cathedral in Haiti.
- * Fr. Bill has volunteered St. John's to help with some community meals in McArthur, Logan and Nelsonville.

Donations for Totes Needed

The Evangelism and Renewal Committee is once again collecting donations for totes to be donated to young parents who have recently been reunited with their child(ren). The donated items needed are simple necessary cleaning and hygienic items. A "Giving Tree" will be at the back of the church which will have leaves with the items needed written on them. Please feel free to take a leaf to help you remember what is needed. Items can be dropped off at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact either Chris Hurdley—654.7831 or Schyler Crawford—215.5623.

Thanks, Chris and Schyler

"Refresh Your Soul" Conference

This year's conference titled "Spiritual Care in Times of Trial and Loss" with Douglas C. Smith MA, MS, M.Div promises to be inspiring, motivating, and deeply meaningful. The focus is on looking at a spiritual model of care that can complement the medical model of care; how to help people find meaning and value in the midst of pain and suffering; how to assess a person's spiritual language; several tools and techniques that can help people explore and enhance their beliefs and values and six ways of praying with people of any faith.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 8:00a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Special evening event with dinner and keynote on Friday evening, March 9 from 6 to 8:15 p.m.)

Location: The Community of the Good Shepherd, 8815 Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249

For questions or to register, call 1-800-835-5768 ext. 4545 or register online at www.parishhealthministry.com Seating is limited, so register early!

Sanctuary Light Remembrances

Yellow envelopes have been placed at the back of the church for your convenience in making a donation for a sanctuary light remembrance. Please remember to mark the envelope "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" your loved ones. The remembrance will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

The 2012 Lenten Series

The overall subject of this year's series is **"FORGIVING OTHERS++FORGIVING OURSELVES ++RECEIVING FORGIVENESS."**

The programs will be held Sunday evenings in St. John's undercroft each program beginning with either a pot luck supper or a simple supper. More information and sign-up sheets will be available at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 29th.

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, is Feb. 22nd. The Sunday evening series will begin with supper at 5:00 pm followed by the program at 5:45 pm, the exception being Sunday, March 18th with the Choral Service of Evensong at 4:00 pm, featuring St. John's Choir and Kathy Heim, Choir Director. The service is followed by a Simple Supper at 5:00 pm.

The schedule of topics, presenters, and opportunities will be available early in February. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and all who might be interested or like to attend.

Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Dan and Julie Meenach
- 10 Tom and Nancy Clyde
- 14 Dick and Carol Baily
- 15 Milt and Nancy Taylor

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

New Address - Marty Turpin is now at Primrose

1481 Wesley Way, Apartment 233
Lancaster
Phone—654-0448


Marty would welcome visitors, phone calls, and cards.

Congratulations!!

To Jordan and Katie Wilson on the birth of their son Josiah Xzavior who was born January 20, 2012 and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 and 1/2 inches long. Their address is: 22 Spanish Moss Ave., Ft. Stewart, GA 31315.

To Timo and Sheila Yuckman on the birth of Ari Levi Yuckman on January 8th in Chicago. **Gitta Sadoni** is the proud grandmother.

STOSPAS
(Shrove Tuesday on Sunday, Pancakes and Sausage)



Lent is just around the corner, so it's time to join your parish family for our annual Stospas breakfast to be held February 19th 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.

St. John's Craft Group

Every Sunday of the month at 12 noon, St. John's will be hosting a craft group for all ages. The proposed beginner's craft is a crocheted beard hat, but people may bring their own crochet project pattern.

If you wish to make a beard hat, bring a size J crochet hook, and two skeins of worsted weight yarn (if you want to make a two-tone beard hat, bring a skein of your favorite color and one of your hair color). Please be prepared with the supplies required for another project if you do not want to make a beard hat. The first meeting is February 5th. Hope to see you.

If you have any questions, contact Annie Crawford.

E-mail: elizadoolittle1994@yahoo.com



Parish Health Luncheon

The next parish health luncheon will be February 15th following the noon Eucharist. The presentation will be on insomnia.

Back to the Table

Cooking Classes

**Taught by Susie Cork
at St. Johns' 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 the first Thursday of the month at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with tax.

A percentage of the proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

The Classes -2012 first half

February 2: Adult Class - Romantic Rendezvous

April 12: Family Night Class Dinner in Paris

June 7: Family Night Class Entertaining Alfresco

August 2: Kids Class Pizza Party

Details

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. Johns', 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

and currently at Sur La Table at Easton in Columbus & at Shaw's every Saturday.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. Johns'. Reservations can be made at St. Johns' Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday

Reservation Deadline:

St. Johns' Episcopal Church www.stjohnlancaster.org 134 N. Broad St. Lancaster, Ohio 43130 740-653-3052



February 2012 Serving Schedule

February 5 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Nick England & Frankie Mathias	Isaiah 40:21-31
Acolytes		Andrew Eyman & William Eyman	Psalm: 147:1-12, 21c
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Ivan Smith	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Victor Paini & Mary Paini	Mark 1:29-39
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Heather Perkins
February 12 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Doug Carr & Jenn Spires	2 Kings 5:1-14
Acolytes		Ty Spires & Asher Carr	Psalm: 30
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Paul Heim	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 1:40-45
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins
February 19 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	2 Kings 2:1-12
Acolytes		Katie Shook & Alex Shook	Psalm: 50:1-6
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Diana Turpin	1 Corinthians 4:3-6
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Mark 9:2-9
Altar Guild	Frances Mathias	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer
February 26 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Chuck Canter & Robin Rhodes	Genesis 9:8-17
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley & Milt Taylor, III	Psalm: 25:1-9
Lectors		Frankie Mathias & Charlie Voss	1 Peter 3:18-22
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	Mark 1:9-15
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley

Only We Can Rebuild the Church

In times of trouble, people turn to the church. Within days of the earthquake in Haiti, people flocked to parishes and Episcopal schools for food, water, and a safe place to stay. Bishop Duracin and his priests passed out tents and clothing to a crowd that grew to 3,000 before temporary housing could be found.

In Haiti, many of the services people associate with the government, such as education and medical care, are provided by the Episcopal Church. Imagine the difficulty of leading nearly 100,000 faithful during a crisis without functioning headquarters.

There is governmental and NGO aid available to help rebuild housing, clinics, and schools, but only we can rebuild the Episcopal Church. In a country with a per capita income of \$480, the Haitian people are giving sweat equity to this project, in some cases literally clearing the rubble by hand. And now you can help.

To donate, please make checks payable to Rebuild our Church, and put in the offering plate. They will be sent to: Diocese of Southern Ohio, 412 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-ATTN: Haiti or, if you wish to donate securely online, visit www.diosohio.org/haiti

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	2 3:30P Pickering House	3	4
5 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC	6 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	7 8:00P AA Meeting	8 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	9 3:30P Pickering House	10	11 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
12 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	13 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	14 8:00P AA Meeting Happy Valentine's Day	15 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 6:15P Education For Ministry	16 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	17	18
19 8:00 HC 9:00 STOSPAS 10:30 HC	20 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	21 8:00P AA Meeting	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 & 7:00P Imposition of Ashes EFM following 7:00 Service	23 3:30P Pickering House	24	25
26 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct. 5:00 Simple Supper	27 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	28 8:00P AA Meeting	29 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry			

STOSPAS
Sunday, February 19th
9:00 in the Undercroft

LENTEN SERIES
Begins on
Sunday, February 26th

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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