



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAFAYETTE

The Eagle

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Christmas at ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Sunday, Dec. 18th

6 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

6 p.m. Longest Night Service

Saturday, Dec. 24th

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

9:00 p.m. Carol Prelude

9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 25th

10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Jan. 1st

8 & 10:15 a.m. 1st Sunday after Christmas

*The St. John's office will be closed
Monday, Dec. 26th through Friday, Dec. 30th.*

In Luke's Gospel, we read that "In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all in the world should be registered. It was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria." Naming rulers like this is Luke's way of marking time. But it's a strange thing that an administrative act of the Roman government still captures our imagination after more than 2000 years. Why? What is it about this event that evokes such joy and celebration? As the hymn "Angels we have heard on high" asks: *Shepherds why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?*

Those events happened in history, in concrete human time. But something about those events, something about that moment has become timeless. Something about that moment gets right to the core of who we are and what we are as human beings. Something about the events "in those days" lets us know what God is doing in the world.

I invite you to join me at St. John's in the coming weeks as we prepare for and celebrate those events and their timeless meaning for us. Come and experience the story again. Come and see the great brightness and hear the glad tidings again. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Message from the Rector

Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace at the Election-Day Communion Service • Nov. 8, 2016

Tonight's service was my idea. I don't say this to brag, quite the opposite. I realized almost immediately that this service was a terrible idea. I'm not kidding.

The point of this service is to bring people who disagree about really important things together for prayer and communion. But that's a terrible idea because the things we disagree about are really, really important. These aren't just matters of personal opinion or preference. They are matters of life and death. Abortion matters. Immigration matters. Gay marriage matters. Black lives matter. Sexual assault matters. Policies that undermine poor communities matter. Policies that discriminate against people of color matter. Policies that protect or destroy our environment matter.

We cannot expect to come together here tonight and hear or even say ourselves, "It's all right. Our differences don't matter. Let's all get along." For all you know, you may have voted for the candidate who would work hard to overturn the right of gay and lesbian folk to marry, all the while you're sitting next to a gay couple who's terrified that they might lose those rights. For all you know, you voted for the candidate who has a history of supporting military intervention, all the while the person sitting next to you is praying with all her heart and strength that her husband won't get sent to war. For all you know, your vote may have had a life-altering effect on the person sitting next to you in the pew, the person who will offer you the peace of Christ, the person who will kneel with you to receive the body and blood of Christ.

This stuff really matters. It's important. It simply won't do to wave it off and say "It's all right. Our differences don't matter. Let's all get along." Sisters and brothers, *that* would be a terrible idea.

***We come together tonight
... because unity is what
Jesus prayed for.***

And yet, let's be honest for a moment, the Christian faith itself is a terrible idea. The incarnation and the cross are terrible ideas. The Church — that wonderful and sacred mystery, the Body of Christ — is a terrible idea. We worship a God who became a human being in the middle of nowhere, who spent his time with the least and the lost rather than the powerful and the connected. Not only that, we worship a God who was crucified — the worst form of punishment the empire could dish out. The whole mess was a scandal to Jesus's own people and foolishness to his cultured despisers. Somehow, all of that — his life, death, resurrection, and ascension—gave rise to the Church. Talk about a terrible idea.

And yet, sisters and brothers, we come together tonight to seek reconciliation and unity. We do that, *not* because it "makes sense," *not* because it's better for us to agree to disagree, and *not* because we'll feel better after we've all sung "Kum ba yah" together. We do it because reconciliation is what God is doing in the world. We do it because unity is what Jesus prayed for. We worship the incarnate Lord — the one who was "born of the Virgin Mary and crucified under Pontius Pilate" — because Jesus is what God is doing in the world. And we do all of this as the Church — that wonderful and sacred mystery — the Body of Christ — because the Church is what God is doing in the world. When we come together, we show the world something it is not — a family of strangers formed by God for the transformation of the world.

In his farewell prayer, Jesus prayed not only for his disciples, but also for those who would come to believe in him through their word. He prayed that they would be one. Do you know who he's talking about there? He's talking about us, about you and me. Despite our differences, let us be one in the Body of Christ. Let us be one — not necessarily of one opinion, of one mind, of one political party, but one in Christ. Because that's what God is doing in the world. It will not be easy. But if the Gospel is to be believed, it is the way God is transforming each of us and the whole world. Amen.
— Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Two Notes about Pastoral Care

First, a lot has happened in our church community and in our nation over the last few weeks. If at any point you would like someone to talk with, please don't hesitate to call the church office at (765) 742-4079. Our clergy would be happy to spend some time with you.

Secondly, I want ask your assistance again in reminding me about parishioners who may have disappeared or “fallen through the cracks.” I am often reminded of how important the St. John’s community is in the lives of so many people. If you think of someone you haven’t seen for awhile, let one of the clergy know. We may be able to reconnect with them, or we may find out that someone is in need of prayer, care or other support. This is a crucially important part of who we are and what we do as a church community. You can also help me by reaching out to folks you haven’t seen for awhile. Call them, visit them, drop them a card. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Jubilee Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 10

We are hosting 38 families with 72 children (12 and under) and 15 teenagers. We need to give LUM \$1,774 for hams, food certificates, and teen gift cards. Jubilee Christmas is successful because we all join in together to make it happen. There are so many ways to help and participate. How will you help?

- Escort and help parents shop
- Wrap presents
- Donate gifts
- Bring snacks
- Donate cash
- Set up the store
- Work the store
- Provide rides to clients



Check out the sign-up sheet in The Commons and volunteer.

NEEDED: A photographer to take pictures during Jubilee Christmas. Please get in touch if you’re interested. — *Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com*

Thank You!

As I write this article I am in the midst of preparations for a CREDO II conference that I will attend in the San Francisco area of California. As with the first CREDO conference I attended in 2010, the focus is wellness in four areas of life: physical & psychological health; financial; vocational; and spiritual. The central theme of CREDO II (I am told) is “living with integrity in all aspects of life.” I look forward to gathering with other clergy to explore these topics together as we continue to discern the ways God is calling us to live out our ministries. A big thank you to St. John’s for the gift of time that allows me to attend the conference! — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 14

12:10 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who has attended the fall lunchtime concerts — they have been a wonderful start to our season. In December we will be welcoming a new musician to the series. Violist Melinda Odle will be performing Dec. 14. She will be playing music by Anton Dvorak. As always, the concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lunch follows. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for submissions to the January Eagle is **Monday, Dec. 12**.
Please note the earlier deadline. Send items to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Update from Sally Goeke

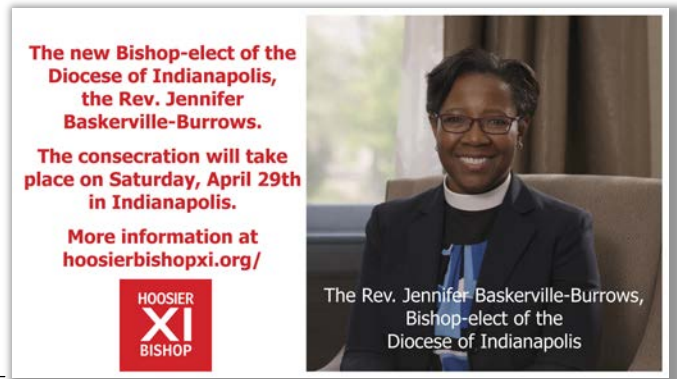
Below is an email I received from Sally Goeke initiated by her request to be deleted from the EWM database. I emailed her asking how she was doing, an update. This is her response and I thought it might be of interest to many in our parish. Sally did give her permission to share. — Charlene Watson

Charlene,

I am adjusting to a new life in Oregon. I enjoy family time, and this fall I joined a community chorus (like the Bach Chorale). I am attending St. Mark's Episcopal here in Hood River, Ore. The rector left in late August after six years here, and a search is now underway for a new one. Meanwhile, a very capable retired priest is serving as interim. St. Mark's also has a deacon. I think this tiny parish is probably fortunate to have a full-time priest, plus a deacon as well. There's not much service music, other than hymns, but once in a while a small group gathers to sing a simple anthem, and so I will participate in the little choir. The people are very welcoming, and the parish is involved in the community food bank, homeless shelter, and other outreach as well. The church building itself is charming, and hosts AA meetings, gamblers anonymous, and so forth. There's a co-op day care center located at the church too (not church affiliated). I had attended Sunday services when I visited here in the past, so I felt like I knew at least a few people when I moved here in June. I feel at home at St. Mark's and am thankful I can experience the beautiful Episcopal liturgy each Sunday morning. I remember the bishop search there was well underway before I left Lafayette. In fact, the dioceses here just got a new bishop very recently. Although Hood River is just one hour from Portland, St. Mark's is in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (Diocesan headquarters is located in a tiny rural town to the southeast of here — there is no cathedral.)

I am indeed receiving The Eagle — the office has my address here. Thanks so much for your kind message. I miss St. John's very much!

Sally



The new Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Indianapolis, the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows.

The consecration will take place on Saturday, April 29th in Indianapolis.

More information at hoosierbishopxi.org/

HOOSIER XI BISHOP

The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Indianapolis



Member Spotlight: Maggie McClure

Name: Maggie McClure

Occupation: Quality Assurance Manager at Cook Research Incorporated.

I was born in Rochester, NY, and lived in Connecticut and New Jersey as a child. I have degrees from Villanova University and Purdue. I have lived in the Lafayette area for 31 years. Greg and I met St. John's and were married here. We have two sons, two daughters, two dogs, and a cat, all of whom give us immense joy and pride.

Why she attends St. John's I have been involved at St. John's in many capacities. I have served on the Vestry twice, once as senior warden. I have also served on the investment committee and the stewardship committee. I was a mentor for Education for Ministry for eight years. I currently work in the Food Pantry and am the Jubilee Christmas coordinator. I am a cradle Episcopalian, which is one of the main reasons I attend St John's. I have explored other faith options but could never make the switch. The inclusiveness of the Episcopal church, especially at the communion rail, draws me. St. John's has provided me a community that celebrates, comforts, challenges, supports, and spiritually feeds me. I have found a church family here.

Look for a new Member Spotlight each month in The Eagle.

Deaths

Patrice Louise Murphy
Dec. 21, 2015
Daughter of Dottie Murphy

Marian A. Chalmers
Oct. 1, 2016
Mother of Jo Roberts
Grandmother of Bryan Stroud
Great Grandmother of Jeffrey and Victoria Stroud

Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Vanable
Oct. 15, 2016
Daughter of Joe and Jane Vanable

Bryan D. Stroud
Nov. 5, 2016
Husband of Kristi Stroud
Father of Jeffrey and Victoria Stroud
Son of Jo Roberts

From the family of Marian Chalmers and Bryan Stroud

Dearest Church Family,

In the space of five weeks, my children lost both of their grandmothers, my grandchildren lost their father, and my daughter-in-law lost her husband. We all felt like we were in a whirlwind of pain, and there was no calm in the storm. I know I despaired of ever having a normal moment again.

How can I ever thank you for all your loving kindness? You called, sent texts, mailed notes, visited, commented on Facebook posts and nourished us physically, emotionally and spiritually. You held us in your arms both literally and in prayer. You took over when we were immobilized.

I believe I speak for my husband, Paul; my daughter, Jamie; my daughter-in-law, Kristi; and grandchildren, Jeffrey and Victoria, when I say that we love and appreciate our church family. If I have not thanked you personally, please know that I am well aware of what you have done.

I hope that in the days to come, I can pay it forward and be there for you. You have blessed us beyond measure.

With much love,
Jo Roberts

Reminder: “Longest Night” service

6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20

If in this season of “MERRY” you are feeling sadness, loneliness, grief, loss, despair, anger, frustration or anything but merry, we would like to invite you to a Longest Night service — a service of healing and comfort — at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20. This quiet, contemplative service is a space to acknowledge, own, and offer up everything you feel that seems contrary to the celebrations swirling around you. Come and find: comfort, healing and hope.

Even if you aren’t feeling particularly “out of sync” with the feelings swirling around us, this service offers an opportunity for quiet and contemplation in the midst of a hectic world. All are welcome. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohn’s-laf.org*

Book Group Update

The St. John’s Book Group does not meet in December, as we want to honor the intention of Advent to slow down. We also face the fact that we are always too busy in December, anyway.

Although we are not meeting, I thought we could give a little gift to the congregation in the form of a re-print of our November 2015 list: *(Some of) Our Favorite Mysteries*. We had a really lively and fun meeting that November, sharing with each other some of our favorite mystery writers and favorite books. I worked information into a lightly annotated list.

This list is available on the bulletin board in the Commons in the Book Group section. Please take one if you are interested. If I see that they are all gone, I will print more and pin them up.

We begin our Winter/Spring 2017 session on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. — with a mystery. We will share our reactions to the mystery series by Donna Leon. Please come! — Mary Campbell, (765) 426-5541

Water Colors by Gertrude Gunhild (“Gee”) Wiselogel

The water colors now hanging in the corner of the Commons were the last water colors painted by Gee Wiselogel. Gee was a local artist and active member of St. John’s. She hand-painted the crèche figures we now use and made the Shields of the Apostles that hang in the sanctuary. She also donated the lych gate at the entrance to the garden in memory of her husband.

Gee donated these two water colors to one of the Christmas Bazaars the St. John’s Women’s Guild used to hold to raise money. I fell in love with the one that has the lighter flowers but they were priced way more than I had. Then I remembered I had a savings account that my mother started for me “just in case” I ever needed it. That painting was sort of like the pearl of great price for me and I closed my \$150 savings account to buy it – hoping Gee would sell me just the one. Marjorie Walker said she would buy the other and we would split them, agreeing that if either of us ever didn’t want or need them anymore, they would give the other first dibs.

When Marjorie died I was torn between not wanting to bother Dick, her husband, and wanting the other part of the pair. When Dick died, I called the house and asked if the water color was still there and if none of the children were attached to it, could I buy it. They very graciously delivered it to the church.

After we redecorated the Commons and the corner furniture was donated, we tried to find something to hang on the walls. One morning as I was waking up I realized these would be THE perfect art work for this corner. — Sally Byrn

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What can I do?

This election season was very difficult for everyone. But many members of our community and of our nation have felt targeted by the rhetoric in the campaign. The election has been especially frightening for our friends and neighbors who are immigrants, LGBTQ, people of color, and even women as a whole. We have young children talking to their friends about having to return to their parents' land of origin; we have young children worried about losing their friends. We have people worried that they will lose their rights or that their marriages will be invalidated.

It's all well and good to say we are going to reach out to our friends and neighbors, but what does that look like, really? It occurred to me that one thing I can do is to look people in the eye and smile, or just smile and nod when I see people who are different. I think it goes a long way if we smile and chuckle or ooh at a baby or toddler, especially when the family is someone who doesn't look like us. Let's look for those who feel the most vulnerable in the wake of this election

What can I do? I can smile and say "Hi" to those I encounter who are different. There will be many other concrete steps we can take in the future. Let us begin with these simple gestures and then do all we can to make our community and our nation a place that reflects the welcome and love of God's kingdom. — *Sally Byrn, srbyrn@wintek.com and Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

A Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

[I recently] shared what I pray was a reconciling post-election message to our church, reminding us that "we will all live together as fellow Americans, as citizens." Today I want to remind us that during moments of transition, during moments of tension, it is important to affirm our core identity and values as followers of Jesus in the Episcopal Anglican way.

Jesus once declared, in the language of the Hebrew prophets, that God's "house shall be a house of prayer for all nations" (Mk 11:17). He invited and welcomed all who would follow saying, "come to me all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens" (Mt. 11:28).

We therefore assert and we believe that "the Episcopal Church welcomes you" — all of you, not as merely a church slogan, but as a reflection of what we believe Jesus teaches us and at the core of the movement he began in the first century. The Episcopal Church welcomes all. All of us!

As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement today, we Episcopalians are committed, as our Prayer Book teaches to honor the covenant and promises we made in Holy Baptism: To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

As Christians, we believe that all humans are created in God's image and equal before God — those who may be rejoicing as well as those who may be in sorrow.

As a Church, seeking to follow the way of Jesus, who taught us, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself," (Mt. 22:39) and to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Mt. 7:12), we maintain our longstanding commitment to support and welcome refugees and immigrants, and to stand with those who live in our midst without documentation. We reaffirm that like all people LGBT persons are entitled to full civil rights and protection under the law. We reaffirm and renew the principles of inclusion and the protection of the civil rights of all persons with disabilities. We commit to the honor and dignity of women and speak out against sexual or gender-based violence. We express solidarity with and honor the Indigenous Peoples of the world. We affirm the right to freedom of religious expression and vibrant presence of different religious communities, especially our Muslim sisters and brothers. We acknowledge our responsibility in stewardship of creation and all that God has given into our hands. We do so because God is the Creator. We are all God's children, created equally in God's image. And if we are God's children we are all brothers and sisters.

"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You," is not just a slogan, it's who we seek to be and the witness we seek to make, following the way of Jesus. — *The Most Rev. Michael Curry, publicaffairs@episcopalchurch.org*

Pastoral Letter from the Rt. Rev. Cate Waynick, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This comes to you as a pastoral letter. It is not an opinion piece being sent to the editor of the daily paper. It is not directed to the world. It is a word to you, from someone who loves you all, about a situation many of us are finding very painful.

Our Presidential campaign and election has resulted in an outcome which is cheered by nearly half of those who voted in the election, and dreaded by the rest. While we have probably all been disappointed in the outcome of past elections, we have usually been able to assure ourselves that we will find a way to work together. This time it's different.

The usual disagreements were voiced in this campaign – how to fix the economy and provide more jobs, what to do about trade agreements, how to provide all workers with a just and decent wage, how to repair our infrastructure, whether to intervene militarily in conflicts around the world, how to relate to allies, how to provide health care for our citizens and residents, how to treat refugees and immigrants, how to provide education for our children.....the list goes on and on. We are clear that there are a variety of philosophies among us about how much government is too much, and what the proper role of the Federal Government is. Disagreements over such things are familiar to all of us.

Other things were not as familiar to all of us. In the rhetoric of this campaign some of us were on the receiving end of direct insults. Some of us were ridiculed and demeaned. Some of us were characterized as criminal and dangerous. Some of us had our religious beliefs denounced. Some of us were threatened.

Some of us have been talked about in these ways for a long, long, time, though not always as openly. Some of us have been told for countless generations that we are inherently inferior and unworthy, and should never have expected to be treated as equals where education and jobs are concerned. Some have been told God hates them. Some have heard insulting comments about their religion – as if all followers of their faith were exactly alike. They are well aware that not all Christians are alike....

The open use of such language was touted by some as freedom from 'political correctness.' But it is not merely politically correct to refrain from using defamatory and insulting language about others – it is about the mandates of our Baptismal Covenant, which we all renew on a regular basis. "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will with God's help."

While we have freedom to make decisions about our words and actions, we cannot call ourselves faithful while deliberately disregarding the commandment to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." And we know that, when asked, Jesus made it clear the definition of 'neighbor' has no limits.

We must also reflect on what it means to love neighbor as self. Most of us can identify things we regard as essential in life. I think about things I would not want my own children and grandchildren to do without – healthy food, clean water, a safe place to live, adequate clothing, health care, access to good education, the ability to find meaningful work at a living wage....and when I have this conversation with groups they often want to include the love of family and friends, and respect from others.

Loving neighbor as self, then, would mean that if I claim some things as essential for myself, I must also claim them as essential for my neighbors – for everyone, and if anyone is being denied those essential things they are also being denied the respect I am demanding for myself.

This can be difficult to contemplate, because we are painfully aware that our society falls far short of fulfilling this command, and people of faith and good will often disagree about how to make things right. But doing nothing is not the faithful answer.

So, what can people of faith do? We can remind ourselves that no matter what we currently think we know, we have nothing to fear from listening to others. We can become genuinely curious about their stories and circumstances. We can refrain from making assumptions, we can suspend judgment, lay aside stereotypes, and refuse to jump to conclusions. We can open our hearts and minds and pray, letting our faith inform our response to others. We can remind ourselves that we are stewards of all kinds of resources, most especially the Good News, and that with mutual support we can arrive at the place of holy joy, which is rooted in gratitude and generosity.

We can be willing to acknowledge that none of us has all the wisdom, and be open to hearing from others about things which have caused them pain. Then we can be just as courageous in our own sharing.

When I traveled last year to the Holy Land with Rabbi Sasso and thirty other Jewish and Christian leaders, we encountered places where people were doing the very hard work of becoming open to each other. When Palestinians (Christian and Muslim) meet with Jews for mutual sharing about their fears and hopes, what they dream for their children, what they want in the way of government, education, work, and freedom of movement, they are able to make considerable progress toward a shared vision for Israel/Palestine. The issues they discuss become shared concerns which they can

work on together, rather than perpetuating the falsehood that they must always be competitive enemies and that there must always be winners and losers.

We need to find the same courage to enter into conversations among ourselves, and with others, about poverty, racism, and sexism, about how refugees and immigrants are treated, about other religious communities.

We can become open to our Muslim brothers and sisters, seeking to learn from them about Islam, and assuring them of our support and help when they feel threatened and misunderstood. We can open ourselves to learn about the lives of immigrants and undocumented workers. Both of these groups are hurt and angered over being threatened and treated with contempt. What help would we count as essential if we were feeling threatened...how can we provide that help for others?

And we must remember that no matter what others say or do, we cannot faithfully speak one way and act another. Our words and actions must match – and if we are not willing to speak respectfully of and to others, we cannot claim to be fulfilling our covenant with God in Christ. This includes being willing to let others know we find disrespectful language offensive and asking them to stop using it.

A frequently voiced concern is about how to talk with our children about the ugly language the President-elect has publicly used. We can help our children understand that it is possible to respect the office of the President without agreeing with everything that person says and does. No one agrees with a President all the time! We can also openly deplore the use of insulting, degrading and contemptuous language by anyone at any time. Such language is never necessary, it is always gratuitous, and it is legitimate to insist that our elected leaders strive to communicate with candor and clarity, and with respect for all people. That this President-elect has chosen to use demeaning language can make it nearly impossible for some people to trust him. His family and friends claim he is not bigoted or prejudiced; over time we will come to know whether that's true. In the meantime, I have to wonder what would happen if the President-elect were to receive letters from thousands of children asking him to apologize and clean up his act!

And this brings us to one of the most difficult aspects of our faith – the hard truth that reconciliation cannot occur without forgiveness, and forgiveness does not depend on someone saying 'sorry.' Our faith is rooted in the conviction that while we were still sinners God acted in mercy to save us, counting us acceptable in and through Christ – not because we said 'sorry,' but because God decided to forgive.

We have learned that the single most powerful barrier to healing of any kind is resentment and un-forgiveness. Even though resentment is often justified, we simply must find a way to let go of it. Any resentment and anger we carry over what someone says or does will not harm that person, but it can do considerable harm to us. It can remain as a toxic presence in our own lives, and keep us stuck in our pain.

For our own spiritual health, and for the sake of the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed, we must ask for the grace to forgive. But forgiving certainly does not equal forgetting or swallowing our anger. It does not mean failing to hold our leaders accountable, and it certainly does not mean deciding to do nothing. We can forgive while focusing our anger and fear in order to "strive for justice and peace."

It is for us to provide an example to our children and the communities around us. It is for us to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves." A tall order when we feel torn and afraid, but the only way to the peace which passes understanding.....

Please be assured of my prayers for all of you, and my determination to work alongside all of you – all of you – as our future unfolds.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
-Book of Common Prayer, 815

Blessings,
+Cate

LIVING GENEROUSLY



Thanks to the following members and families who have already made a financial commitment to St. John's mission and ministry for 2017. Thank you for all the ways you live generously through worship, by sharing God's love, by making Christ known, in community, and through your giving.

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Amy Van Epps
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Names included are those for pledges we received as of Nov. 14. If you or your family's name should be included and is not, please contact the church office at (765) 742-4079 or stjohns@stjohns-laf.org.

From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, November 16

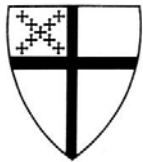
- Bradley reported that St. John's has received 80 pledges to date totaling \$283,613.00. He reported that the 2017 budget looked to be in good shape based on trends from previous years.
- A representative of the diocese seemed confident that the grant submitted to the diocese to assist us in our capital campaign planning would be approved. Bradley thanked Heather Johnston Nicholson for her work on the grant.
- Bill Kealey has reviewed the contract with Quimby regarding the new organ purchase and reported that all was in order.
- The Vestry slate of candidates for 2017 was announced: Maggie McClure, Kathy Johnson, Stephanie Amador Tribbett and Carl Taylor. The Vestry also recognized member Catherine Riehle and wished her luck with her family's move to Nebraska.
- The Vestry discussed the purchase of a new winch to be installed above the ceiling that would be used to lower and raise the Advent Wreath. Several members were not comfortable with the quote given by Baker Electric (up to \$3,500). After discussion the Vestry asked Peter Cooper to work with the property committee to see about replacing the cable and continuing to use the current winch. The current winch cannot be used until the cable is replaced. The plan is to get it fixed before the first Sunday in Advent.
- There was discussion involving recipients of St. John's The Eagle award, which will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Amy Van Epps reported that Habitat For Humanity was asking St. John's to partner with other churches for a new house build. She was waiting on further details.

FINANCE REPORT						
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES*						
MONTH ENDING October 2016						
			Current Month	Total 2016	Annual Budget	% of Budget
A.	INCOME					
1	Pledge Income	\$	35,660.00	\$ 295,753.92	\$ 362,458.00	81.6%
2	Operating Income	\$	5,458.74	\$ 35,595.09	\$ 46,383.17	76.7%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$	7,100.00	\$ 24,850.00	\$ 37,000.00	67.2%
4	Transfer Income	\$	-	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	18.8%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	48,218.74	\$ 368,199.01	\$ 509,841.17	72.2%
B.	EXPENSES					
1	Outreach		\$8,604.91	\$84,714.89	\$ 99,820.00	84.9%
2	Program		\$1,320.62	\$18,211.29	\$ 27,300.00	66.7%
3	Administration		\$936.50	\$5,551.56	\$ 14,500.00	38.3%
4	Personnel		\$22,558.96	\$201,878.72	\$ 241,661.03	83.5%
5	Office		\$1,373.35	\$17,610.07	\$ 26,970.00	65.3%
6	Property		\$9,924.76	\$67,829.15	\$ 99,590.14	68.1%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	44,719.10	\$ 395,795.68	\$ 509,841.17	77.6%
	Net Income (loss)	\$	3,499.64	\$ (27,596.67)	\$ (0.00)	
Notes						
* This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting periods.						
Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.						

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