



ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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# The Eagle

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## The Big Questions: The Episcopal Church and Anglican Christianity 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 24

Why do we bow then and there? Are we high church or low church and what's the difference? What's a "rector"? What's all the fuss about Bishops anyway, and why does our rector get so nervous around them? How did this worldwide expression of following Christ from Lambeth Palace to Brasilia to Lafayette, Ind., develop and become what it is today? In short, what does it mean to be an Episcopalian or Anglican Christian?



the EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
& ANGLICAN CHRISTIANITY  
the **BIG**  
questions

In January, the Big Questions Classes will take up the Episcopal Church and Anglican Christianity. **Classes will meet for five sessions on Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. beginning Jan. 24.**

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service Monday, Jan. 23

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is celebrated worldwide every January. During this week, many churches join together for a common Prayer Service to celebrate the unity of all Christians. In 2017, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the week of Jan. 22-28. The Greater Lafayette prayer service will take place on **Monday, Jan. 23 at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 4703 N 50 W (Salisbury Rd.), West Lafayette.** The time of the service is still to be determined.



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## Message from the Rector: In Thanksgiving

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*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
— Psalm 118.1-2*

Dear sisters and brothers,

Again this year, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, I wanted to tell you how grateful I am for the ministry we share at St. John's. I want to thank you for your generosity, your dedication and your commitment to worship, sharing God's love and making Christ known.

I give thanks to God for those who help make our glorious worship possible — for all our acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, MCs, readers, ushers and greeters, especially those folks who entered these ministries over the past year. I am thankful for the altar guild and their persistence and dedication. I am thankful for our amazing choir and especially to Vicki Bower, James Calabro, Marilyn Leigh, Karen Schoenhals and Rebekah Sims who joined the choir this fall. I am thankful for Daniel Bayless. Many of you know that Daniel drives down from South Bend most weeks to join us in worship and sing in the choir. You may not know that Daniel will be leaving us in a few weeks to take a new position as the Director of Music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Please keep Daniel in your prayers and join me in congratulating him. I am thankful for all of you who have been committed to our music ministry over the years.

I give thanks to God for those of you who share God's love and your lives with our wider community through the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry, through our prayer shawl ministry, through our Eucharistic visitors, through making turkeys for the Community meal, and so many other ways. I am thankful for the nine 12-step groups who meet here each week. I am thankful for Maggie McClure and all the other volunteers who made Jubilee Christmas such a wonderful program. I am thankful for those of you who came to host, to wrap presents and to assist in big ways and small. I am thankful for those of you who support this ministry by donating. This year, we hosted 38 families with 87 children. I am thankful for 10 years of the Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts. I am thankful that you are so willing to open this church and your hearts to folks at Christmas time and throughout the year.

I give thanks to God for the children who entered the Church this year through waters of baptism: Bentley Byse, Hunter Jackson and Knox Stevens. I am thankful for the 13 people from St. John's who were confirmed this year: Andrew Bigelow, Ruthie Drinkwater, Riley Hogan, Curtis Mason, Katie Mason, Jessie Murawski, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Jeffrey Ravellette, Rachel Ravellette, Lydia Shook, Mark Satta, Karen Sickafoose and Hannah Vinacco. I am thankful for all those who volunteer to teach Godly Play and the parents who make sure the kids get here each week to hear the stories of God and God's people. I am thankful for the new Middle School class on Sunday mornings. I am thankful for the folks who attend the Big Questions classes and who so graciously allow me to run late almost every week. I am thankful for the Monday Bible study and the new Tuesday morning Bible study, the EfM alumni book group, and the monthly book group for offering so many Christian formation opportunities. I am thankful for Amy Paget and Courtenay Murakowski and for organizing Quiet Days and Living Compass sessions. I am thankful for Tim Smith who works with the youth group and Rebekah Sims who will be joining us. Thanks to the youth for their energy, curiosity, and faith. (They're an amazing bunch of kids. As someone said recently, "I've never been in a youth group where the kids discussed things like currency fluctuation and labor markets.")

I give thanks to God for the lives of Patrice Murphy, Fran Meeks, Ed Osborne, Dorothy Lang, the Rev. Evan Ardley, Dorothy Lang, Marian Chalmers, Betsy Vanable, Bryan Stroud, Katie McMillin and Jon Amy and for all they've meant to this community.

I give thanks to God for St. John's leadership. I am thankful for St. John's Vestry and for Kathy Johnson, Maggie McClure, Carl Taylor and Stephanie Amador Tribbett who were recently elected to serve. I am thankful for Randy Brist's service as Rector's Warden and for Amy Van Epps, who has served as Parish Warden. I am thankful for all those who work behind the scenes: our treasurer, Bill McNerney, the property committee, the counters and all the financial secretaries, for Rachel Shook and the finance committee, the stewardship committee, and the investment committee.

I give thanks to God for Bishop Waynick and her leadership. I am also thankful for the election of the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis. I am thankful St. David's Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom and their commitment to share God's grace despite threats and intimidation. I am thankful for Hilary Cooke, George Moore, Jessie Murawski, Amy Paget, Charlene Watson and others who work in the diocese and in the wider Church. I give thanks to God for CJ, Cyrus, Ezra, Hilary, Isaac, Isaiah, Jessie, Judah, Katie, Miriam, Paige, Rachel, Sarah, Teddy, Tommy and all the rest who went to Waycross Camp. I am thankful that I had an opportunity to serve as a chaplain again this summer. I am thankful for our companion relationship with the Diocese of Brasilia, for their Bishop Mauricio and for the opportunity to meet our sisters and brothers there in person.

I give thanks to God for recovery from stroke and hip surgery, for recovery from depression, for new babies on the way, and new homes. I give thanks for Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York and pray for continued healing for Steve Brewer.

I give thanks to God for our recent graduates: for Cyrus Hulen, Mark Satta and Joanna Benskin. I am thankful for all the students whose work may one day change the world. I am thankful for all the professors and teachers who are training future leaders, doctors, scholars, etc.

I give thanks to God for all those of you who have joined St. John's over the past year. I give thanks as well for Sally; Joanna and Brian; Catherine, Matt, and Greta; Mark; and others who prayed and broke bread with us before moving to new communities.

I give thanks to God for my staff. I am thankful for Steve Starks and his three years of dedicated service to the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry. I am thankful for our new director, Donna Barker, and for the considerable skills she brings to the pantry. I am thankful for Michael Bennett. His talent is matched only by his energy and his commitment. I am thankful for Teresa Lohrman, who does more for St. John's than anyone could ever imagine. I am thankful for Bob L'Homme's collegiality and wisdom. I am thankful for Hilary Cooke's 10 years of ministry, for her considerable gifts and for what she means to St. John's. Each member of the staff is a blessing. I hope you will take a moment to let them know how much they mean to you and to our shared ministry.

In closing, I give thanks to God for all of you (the named and the unnamed) and for the ways you help in around the church, in the community, and beyond. I am so grateful for your commitment to our ministry, for your reverence and care of holy things, for your compassion, for your intelligence and creativity. I am so blessed to be here in ministry with you. Thank you. And thanks be to God.

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace

## Baptism and Confirmation

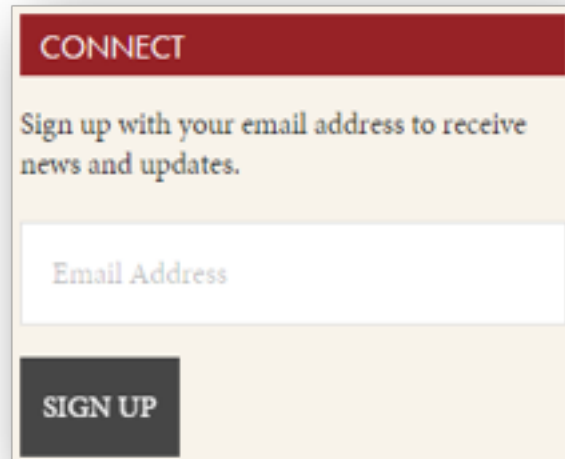
Baptism is the sacrament by which a person is welcomed into the household of God. In water and in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a person is sealed by the Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Baptism is particularly appropriate on the feasts of the Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 8), at the Easter Vigil (April 15), on Pentecost Sunday (June 4) and on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5). If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact me at [bradleypace@gmail.com](mailto:bradleypace@gmail.com) or call the church office at (765) 742-4079. —Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

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You can also sign-up to follow St. John's on social media. Look for @stjohnslaf on Twitter and Instagram. — Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)



## Dates to Remember

### Saturday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

9 p.m. Prelude Music

9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### Sunday, Dec. 25

10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Service

*Please note that the St. John's office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 30.*

### Sunday, Jan. 1, the First Sunday after Christmas

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday, Jan. 23

Week of Christian Unity Prayer Service, at St. Andrew's UMC, West Lafayette; time TBD

### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The January deadline for submissions to the Eagle is Monday, Jan. 16. Send submissions to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).

## Deaths

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Katie McMillin  
Dec. 3, 2016

Jonathan “Jon” Amy  
Dec. 4, 2016  
Husband of Betty Amy

## From the Venable Family

Jane and I would like to express our deep gratitude for the warm and generous support of all sorts that we have received from the whole St. John’s worshipping community: clergy, staff, choir, and the congregation as a whole, both in support of our dealing with the tragic loss of our daughter, Betsy, and in coping with my (thankfully successful) surgery. The help you all have provided us is of inestimable value. Please accept our profound thanks for all you have done for our family.

Joe Venable

# January Book Group

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25

We begin our Book Group “New Year” on Wednesday, Jan. 25, with our annual “Mystery Evening.” Sometimes we read just one book, and sometimes we consider a series of books by one author. This year we are exploring any or all of the 25 mysteries (with one on the way) of American author Donna Leon.

Leon lived in Venice, Italy, for 30-plus years, and the city and culture are major features in her mysteries. Commissario Guido Brunetti is the fictional hero of the mysteries, with supporting cast members in his family, friends and colleagues in the police department. The same core of characters appears in each book, and there is real pleasure in reading the books in order to keep up with developments in these people and their relationships.

The first in the series is *Death at La Fenice*, which she wrote on a lark in 1992. It won first prize in the contest she had entered. It’s very well done, and she just keeps getting better.

Leon is a courteous mystery writer, so the violence in these novels is off-stage. The focus is on solving the question of how the violence happened. However, there are three books among those I have read that could be stressful because of the nature of the violence: *Death and Judgment* (1995) (also published as *A Venetian Reckoning*), *Uniform Justice* (2003) and *The Golden Egg* (2013). We will NOT discuss any of these books at our meeting.

Please join the discussion: Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Enter through the garden door. — Mary Campbell, (765) 426-5541

# November Financial Report

FINANCE REPORT						
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES*						
MONTH ENDING November 2016						
			Current Month	Total 2016	Annual Budget	% of Budget
<b>A.</b>	<b>INCOME</b>					
1	Pledge Income	\$	22,459.00	\$ 318,212.92	\$ 362,458.00	87.8%
2	Operating Income	\$	2,588.49	\$ 38,183.58	\$ 46,383.17	82.3%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$	1,971.00	\$ 26,821.00	\$ 37,000.00	72.5%
4	Transfer Income	\$	10,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	34.4%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$	37,018.49	\$ 405,217.50	\$ 509,841.17	79.5%
<b>B.</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>					
1	Outreach		\$8,475.41	\$93,190.30	\$ 99,820.00	93.4%
2	Program		\$2,420.66	\$20,631.95	\$ 27,300.00	75.6%
3	Administration		\$416.72	\$5,989.60	\$ 14,500.00	41.3%
4	Personnel		\$18,527.56	\$220,554.53	\$ 241,661.03	91.3%
5	Office		\$1,578.48	\$19,188.55	\$ 26,970.00	71.1%
6	Property		\$3,085.03	\$70,915.18	\$ 99,590.14	71.2%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	34,503.86	\$ 430,470.11	\$ 509,841.17	84.4%
	<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	\$	2,514.63	\$ (25,252.61)	\$ (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.						

The 2017 Annual Campaign

# 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.

Jon & Betty Amy  
Tony & Kelley Bailey  
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