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The Eagle

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Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows at St. John's
Sunday, Oct. 7, 10:15 a.m.



Our Bishop, Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, will be at St. John's on Sunday, Oct. 7. That Sunday, we will have only one service with a festive reception to follow. This is Bishop Jennifer's first official visitation to St. John's, and it is a great joy to have her with us for worship. We will also celebrate Confirmation at the service. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

From the Rector

During our discussion about the Memorial Garden a few weeks ago, someone asked if I could share resources for helping those who come to St. John's (or those folks we encounter out in the community) looking for emergency assistance. The key is to make sure that we are, in the words of Jesus, as innocent as doves and as wise as serpents. The last thing most of us ever want to do is actually hurt those we want to help. But many of the folks who are homeless in Greater Lafayette are homeless in part because of addiction issues (local advocates estimate 75 percent or so). Handing out money or other resources can actually contribute to their problems and make things worse. And yet, it is critical that we show compassion to those who are already hurting. How can we do this in an effective way?

Lafayette Transitional Housing has created a "Decision Tree" for local churches that works primarily to connect people in need with local services. LTHC, for instance, provides rapid re-housing and other resources for those folks facing homelessness. They provide a wide range of services, including case management. Those folks experiencing recurrent episodes of need or experiencing significant barriers such as substance abuse, mental illness, prolonged lack of income or prospects of income, domestic violence or chronic homelessness should be engaged in case management services. Contacting these agencies and advocating for the person seeking assistance can be very helpful. If the person is already connected to case management through LTHC or another agency, you can ask their permission to contact the case manager about the best ways to help. Be sure to be consistent with the input of the agency, unless there is an overwhelmingly compelling reason not to be.

If you determine that the household should be engaged in case management but is not currently connected, try to facilitate engagement with a case management provider in Lafayette. In general, individuals or families with housing-related struggles should contact **Lafayette Transitional Housing** or **Lafayette Urban Ministry**. Households with children who do not have a housing-related problem should contact **Bauer Family Resources**. Any issues related to active domestic violence should be referred to the **YWCA's Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program**.

LTHC offers the following advice about helping:

1. What if I want to personally help out financially?
 - Go through the case manager that the participant is working with.
 - Do not offer any assistance that might create some level of dependency.
 - Consider "matching" assistance.
 - Consider realistic incentives.
 - Consider offering a partial contribution of real goods (for example, "when you move into your new place, I have a coffee table and lamp you can have.").
 - Consider offering things anonymously.
 - Remember the difference between being *responsible to* and *responsible for*.
2. What if, after I refer them to a service, they respond "I've tried them, and they won't help me"?

- Be wary of this response — it may mask the reality that the person never actually contacted the service, is going off of what others have said about their services, or is trying to get direct help from you.
- Clarifying questions may help, such as “When did you speak with someone there? Whom did you talk to? Did they explain why they couldn’t help you?” These questions will help you verify that the person is contacting the correct agency as well as give you some data to help them with problem-solving.
- Eventually you may have to advocate for the person, asking “Should we talk to them together?”
- Trust the resources being offered by the community unless you witness something first hand that causes you to believe otherwise.

3. How far should I go in advocating for someone needing services?

- Sometimes persons in crisis are not able to advocate for themselves. Common reasons include:
 - not able to say same words that agency needs to hear to make proper connection
 - not able to understand fully what agency is offering
 - information overload
 - “too many choices” — difficult to decide which path to take
 - operating with old information — program requirements change and people’s circumstances change since they last inquired into services
- When advocating for someone, there is value in working directly with the person and other times there is value in doing that advocacy behind the scenes. In general, it is good to advocate with the person if you believe there is an issue of clarity or in trying to advocate for the service provider’s point of view. In general, it is best to advocate correctively with the agency without the person present. After those efforts fail, advocating correctively with the person may be your only recourse. As much as possible, you want to align your advocacy with the agency, since this is the long-term relationship that you are trying to foster for the person.

Some Important Local Resources

Indiana 211
dial “2-1-1” from any phone — 24/7 referral services

Bauer Family Resources
(765) 742-5046 (community center) or (765) 742-4848 (counseling)

Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention Program - YWCA
Domestic Violence Hotline:
(765) 423-1118 or (888) 345-1118

Homestead Consulting Services
(765) 423-1284

Lafayette Transitional Housing Center (LTHC)
(765) 423-4880

Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM)
(765) 423-2691

Salvation Army
(765) 742-0006

This just scratches the surface and highlights one of the many ways you can advocate for someone in need. I’ll write more in future issues of *the Eagle*. You might also find the following books helpful: *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself* and *Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence: A Practical Guide to Walking with Low-Income People* both by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. In the meantime, please contact me if you have ideas or questions about ways we can help our neighbors in Greater Lafayette. — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis
Choral Evensong & the Blessing of the Animals
5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

This year, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a Choral Evensong and Blessing of the Animals. The service will take place in the church. Please bring your pets (all are welcome!) and a donation for the Almost Home Humane Society (financial or in-kind). Donations will also be accepted for an animal welfare organization to be determined. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Service of Holy Eucharist & Healing
8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to come forward, to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

— The invitation to healing prayer from *Enriching Our Worship II*

Most Sundays, St. John's offers healing prayer in the Chapel of the Resurrection at the end of Communion. Each Tuesday at noon, St. John's hosts a service of Healing Prayer and Eucharist in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Healing prayer (also known as unction or "ministration to the sick" in *the Book of Common Prayer*) has a long tradition in the Church. The person who receives healing prayer is anointed by special oil blessed by the Bishop or a priest. A minister anoints the person requesting prayer and lays hands on her invoking God to bring about healing and wholeness.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, at both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services, we will include a time of healing prayer in our services. After the sermon, the presider will bless oil to be used for anointing during those services as well as during services throughout the year at St. John's. Special prayers of healing will be said by the congregation. All are invited to come forward for anointing and for a time of prayer. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Feast of All Saints at St. John's, Lafayette

8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we will observe the Feast of All Saints. At both services that day, we will dedicate special time to remember those saints of St. John's who have died since last year. There will also be time for each of us to remember the saints who have been the chosen vessels of God's grace in our own lives. Please join with the whole church as we remember the saints of God who have come before and welcome new saints into the Body of Christ.
— *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Holy Baptism

Sunday, Nov. 4

For anyone considering baptism, or for parents considering having their children baptized, the next baptismal feast is the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, Nov. 4. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who supported the 2018 Hunger Hike to combat food insecurity in our community. St. John's members ran in the Hunger Hike 5k on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Youth Group and others participated in the 3k walk on Sunday, Sept. 16. As of Sunday, Sept. 16, the St. John's Youth have raised \$625 in support of feeding ministries in our community. Because of our past success, LUM has asked us to raise \$2980. Please help us reach our goal by donating at www.stjohns-laf.org. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Hunger Hike



"Workshop" at Food Finders Food Bank 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 27

On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. – noon, we will meet for "Workshop" at Food Finders Food Bank (1210 N. 10th St., Lafayette). We will help the Food Bank by completing a project, holding a worship service there, and end with pizza. Please plan to attend, get to know Food Finders' work in our community, and "workshop" together. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts Are Returning!

12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
Karen Isaacs, violin

After a hiatus due to construction, the lunchtime concert series resumes this month. On Oct. 10, violinist Karen Isaacs will be performing. Karen has performed on our series before and often plays during service around July 4. She is a member of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and teaches dozens of student violinists in the community. She will be performing selections by Dvorak, Massenet and Veracini and will be accompanied by Michael Bennett on the organ and piano. A post-concert luncheon with autumn flavors is being planned. We hope to see you there as we enjoy the beautiful music and fellowship. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

The Big Questions: Christianity
Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 9

The Big Questions: Christianity begins Tuesday, Oct. 9. This class will cover fundamental questions of the Christian faith. Dinner and childcare will be available. Please call the church office or email Bradley to RSVP.
— *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Rector's Forum: Food Insecurity in Greater Lafayette and Beyond
Sundays between services, Oct. 14-28

Bradley will be leading a discussion of the book *\$2 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America* by Kathryn Edin and Luke Shaefer. Edin and Shaefer show what it is like to live on virtually no cash income — \$2 per person, per day — a reality for 1.5 million households, including about 3 million children in America. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$15).

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Katy Bunder, Executive Director of Food Finders Food Bank, will be at St. John's to talk about food insecurity in Greater Lafayette.

Please grab a cup up of coffee and join the conversation. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

October Book Group: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25

At our August meeting, we changed our October selection to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Why is *Frankenstein* worth reading and discussing?

Suggestions: Buy a ticket to the performance of *Frankenstein* by the Aquila Theatre Company in Purdue's Loeb Playhouse on either Oct. 2 or 3, presented by Purdue Convocations. Then, if you've not done so, or have not done so in years, read Shelley's novel. You might also join in one or more of the events at the Tippecanoe County Public Library to celebrate the 200th anniversary of *Frankenstein's* publication:

Tuesday, Oct. 9	<i>A Frankenstein</i> Read-Aloud
Monday, Oct. 22	<i>Frankenstein: 200th Anniversary</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 30	Classic 1931 Film: <i>Frankenstein</i> .

For more information, contact the TCPL at 765-429-0100 or go online to tcpl.lib.in.us.

Shelley's story has been described as "a Gothic thriller, a passionate romance, and a cautionary tale about the dangers of science." Perhaps, too, it is an allegory. If taken at face value, it is certainly a frightening tale of a man-made monster gone berserk, wreaking mayhem upon the person who made him.

Certainly, it is about man creating man (or pseudo-man), using his skills as a scientist. And if it asks nothing more, it asks the consequences of such an act. Is scientific man today creating man with the skills at his fingertips? Should he? Why, or why not? Come join us for a discussion of your perceptions and understanding of the meaning of Shelley's tale, a tale that seems not to have grown old. — Karl Brandt, kb1038@aol.com

The St. John's Vestry Seeks New Members

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever.

— 1 Peter 4:10-11

The St. John's Vestry is currently soliciting new members to join the Vestry in 2019. Vestry terms are for three years. Terms begin once the annual meeting is completed. The Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of Indianapolis and our parish's own bylaws set the following minimal criteria for membership on the St. John's Vestry:

1. Shall be a member in good standing of the parish.
2. Shall be a qualified elector.
3. In addition, the bylaws state that at least two-thirds of the Vestry must be confirmed adults in good standing.

Vestry service, however, is much more than these minimal, canonical requirements suggest. Our ministry focuses on the work of God as it is lived out in this church community. We commit ourselves to a reasonable understanding of the church's structure, management and finances. We commit to be leaders in attending the worship and fellowship of the church; in supporting the church through our financial stewardship; through outreach, service and evangelism; and through supporting the mission and ministry of the church in other ways. We commit to be leaders in prayer and in the study of Scripture. And we commit ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily lives. We recognize that our ministry is ultimately and fundamentally about God. It is God who brings us together and sets us apart. After all, we Worship God, we Share God's love and our lives, and we Make Christ Known because in Jesus Christ we find the fullest expression of who God is and what God is doing in the world. If you feel that you may be called to service on the St. John's Vestry or if you would like additional information, please contact one of the current members of the Vestry's Middler class: Kathy Johnson at squirrel75@hotmail.com, Maggie McClure at magamcclure@gmail.com, and Stephanie Amador Tribbett at ssamadortribbett@gmail.com. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

A Wonderful Gift to the Ministry of St. John's

Longtime member Anne Lommel died this spring after a long illness. A dedicated member of St. John's, she had served the church in a number of capacities. When I met her, she helped with financial records in the office. She mentioned to me in passing that she had written all the big checks for the last capital campaign in the 1990s. I was surprised by the nonchalant way she just dropped the fact that she had bankrolled a \$2 million campaign. Turns out that she was the treasurer and had literally written the checks for the campaign. She may have also supported the campaign, but that's not what she meant.

Anne supported St. John's with her time, talent and treasure. She also left a last generous gift to the church — a gift of nearly \$250,000 from her estate. She asked that the bequest be added to a portion of the endowment that will go to support our future ministry. She did leave open the possibility that the leadership may use the money in other ways, and in the short term, the Vestry has decided to pay down the construction loan for the capital campaign. As contributions come in, we will replenish the portion of her bequest that was used. This will save several thousand dollars in interest.

This was a very generous gift from Anne. She left this gift because St. John's and our ministries meant a great deal to her. I would encourage you to consider including St. John's in your estate planning. The future of our ministry is strengthened substantially by these gifts. For more information, please speak with Heather Johnston Nicholson, the chair of the St. John's Investment Committee, or with me. It is very easy to make a lasting gift to St. John's and to help ensure the vitality of our ministry for years to come. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

A Note of Thanks

To our St. John's family:

Words simply cannot adequately convey our thank you to every member of this amazing church family. Over the years you have held all of us — Arliss, me, our children and our grandchildren — in our prayers and in your arms. We have been constantly supported by your love and your caring and we are all so very grateful.

I have often said that I couldn't live without all of you and the peace I have found within the St. John's walls. Now, more than ever, I say that again. Every one of you is a blessing to us and to our community. I pray that God will continue to bless you all.

With much love,

The Jeffries Family

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the November Eagle is **Monday, Oct. 8**.
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Financial Reports

FINANCE REPORT
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*
As of July 31, 2018

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$31,839.00	\$193,480.08	\$374,472.00	51.7%
2	Operating Income	\$2,830.00	\$26,507.92	\$73,152.43	36.2%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$2,013.67	\$17,223.69	\$32,000.00	53.8%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$1,760.00	\$40,000.00	4.4%
TOTAL INCOME		\$36,682.67	\$238,971.69	\$519,624.43	46.0%

B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$6,938.77	\$53,423.87	\$108,069.00	49.4%
2	Program	\$1,146.16	\$10,330.92	\$20,400.00	50.6%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$243.08	\$2,500.00	9.7%
4	Personnel	\$19,552.56	\$143,100.08	\$247,319.48	57.9%
5	Office	\$2,090.71	\$11,634.59	\$27,395.00	42.5%
6	Property	\$22,147.66	\$62,310.87	\$113,940.95	54.7%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$51,875.86	\$281,043.41	\$519,624.43	54.1%

FINANCE REPORT
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*
As of August 31, 2018

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$19,904.00	\$213,384.08	\$374,472.00	57.0%
2	Operating Income	\$1,680.00	\$28,187.92	\$73,152.43	38.5%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$1,918.67	\$19,142.36	\$32,000.00	59.8%
4	Transfer Income	\$15,000.00	\$33,101.07	\$40,000.00	82.8%
TOTAL INCOME		\$38,502.67	\$293,815.43	\$519,624.43	56.5%

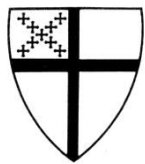
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$6,590.98	\$60,014.85	\$108,069.00	55.5%
2	Program	\$550.52	\$10,881.44	\$20,400.00	53.3%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$243.08	\$2,500.00	9.7%
4	Personnel	\$20,320.74	\$163,420.82	\$247,319.48	66.1%
5	Office	\$1,181.75	\$12,816.34	\$27,395.00	46.8%
6	Property	\$3,509.63	\$65,820.50	\$113,940.95	57.8%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$32,153.62	\$313,197.03	\$519,624.43	60.3%
Net Income (Loss)		\$6,349.05	-\$19,381.60	\$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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