



The Eagle

February 2013

Caring for God's Children, Part 2

The vestry is pleased to announce that we have contracted with Homecare by Design to provide babysitters for our nursery. Over time, our sitters have become less reliable and this has put a heavy burden on the current nursery coordinators, Annie Schreiber and Rachael Schexnailder, to cover the absences. Homecare by Design will provide us with one nanny-trained caretaker and an assistant, giving us the reliability and continuity we need. When you visit the nursery, the Homecare by Design caretakers will be identified by their pink shirts and name badges.

Last month, Maggie McClure wrote of the need for volunteers in the nursery. That need still exists. We hope you will contact Annie or Rachel and offer to be a volunteer nursery helper.

United Thank Offering By Mary Lou Davis

Another year is here and calling us to be full of thanksgiving and stewardship! Do you have a blue box for yourself and/or your family into which you can drop coins to thank for daily prayers? We have so many gifts of joy and challenge for which to be thankful to God!

Blue boxes and UTO (United Thank Offering) information are found in the Commons on the credenza near the kitchen. Join UTO today!

Dates to Remember

Feb 3 – Annual meeting with brunch following the combined Eucharist at 9:00 am. Bring a dish to share for the brunch and/or plan to help with clean up.

Feb 12 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-7 pm

Feb 10 – Celebration of the Search Committee. Canon Debra Kissinger will preside at both services. Festive coffee hour follows the 10:15 service. Bring a treat to share!

Feb 17 – Welcome Father Bradley to St. John's. Festive coffee hour following both services hosted by the Search Committee

Interim Thoughts

By Larry Minter

My congratulations to the Rector Search Committee and Vestry for their timely and faithful work towards the calling of the Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace as your new rector. Fr. Bradley, his wife Katie and their children are moving to Greater Lafayette from Youngstown, Ohio, and their first Sunday at St. John's is February 17. I look forward to hearing about all the fine things St. John's will accomplish in ministry with Fr. Bradley on board as your new rector. You will profit from the strong gifts he brings to ministry, and I know you will enjoy his family. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Pace's first Sunday at St. John's. The Pace's will be blessed by your warm welcome and hospitality as they become acquainted with their new home and have so many new faces and names to learn.

Many of you have thanked me for my work at St. John's, but I want to thank all of you too. You have accomplished a lot. You have been generous in your giving, even growing your annual pledges during the interim. Your leaders have carefully studied the financial picture for the future. They have crafted a vision for funding the future, working especially hard to achieve the goals developed from two days of retreat in the winter of 2012. You have continued your outreach and hospitality to the community along with your teaching ministry and parish life. Also, during the interim you have continued to attract new members and visitors. Your ministries of prayer and beautiful worship have enriched many lives beyond measure. Of great value, together with all these things, has been your continuing tradition of excellence in music. These are some of the many things that make St. John's so special.

It has been a real experience of grace to have served you these past two years. I know that Jane joins me in thanking you for being such a loving church family in our lives. I have always taken pride in describing you as a believing, serving and worshipping community. It has been a pleasure to serve you and to serve with you. You are a splendid parish and I am so thankful for the way you foster all that is going on in God's Name at St. John's.

Grace and Peace in Jesus Christ.

Lenten Devotionals By Alissa Goudswaard

Last year during Lent, the St. John's community came together to create and use an online Lenten devotional. For this year's Lenten Devotional, 22 contributors are needed. Like last year, the contributions will appear as blog posts at <http://lent40.wordpress.com/> — and look for the link on the parish website.

The first 14 contributors will write a reflection on one of 14 Stations of the Cross. We will be using the "Scriptural Way of the Cross," a nuanced understanding of the Stations of the Cross inaugurated by Pope John Paul II in 1991. The Scriptural Way of the Cross seeks to provide a version of the Passion more closely aligned with accounts in the canonical Gospels, and provides another way of experiencing the 14 stations. Check the sign-up sheet to learn more about the individual stations and specific references. These posts will appear at intervals throughout the first several weeks of Lent.

The following 8 contributors will write a reflection to appear on a particular day in the calendar, beginning with Palm Sunday, continuing through each day of Holy Week, and culminating on Easter Sunday.

Reflections should somehow incorporate the theme that is their focus (the Station or the day in Holy Week), though the best reflections also include some personal and individual experience or commentary. Written posts should be around 300-600 words in length. Multimedia submissions are both accepted and encouraged (including videos or photographs/scans of three-dimensional/textural artwork).

Please sign up as soon as possible. Contributions should be emailed to Alissa Goudswaard (alissa.goudswaard@gmail.com) by Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Please contact Alissa with any questions.

Thank you for your participation! Without your help, this project will not be possible.

Quiet Day

Prepare for Lent by taking some "quiet time" away from daily tasks on Saturday February 16, from 10 am to 2 pm. Our theme is 'praying with the body'. We will explore the 10 postures that Dominicans use, Prayer walks and making and using Anglican rosaries. You are welcome to join us in those activities or to come with your own resources and have some quiet time. We'll break for a simple lunch and noon day-prayer. Please join us for any part of the time. To help us plan, use the sign up list in the Commons. Questions? Contact Amy Paget or Cresta Cates.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper By Bruce and Kathy Johnson

The annual pancake supper will be held this year on Tuesday February 12 from 5-7 PM in the Parish Commons. Bill and Olynn MacInerney will be the contact people for this year's pancake supper. If you are willing to help set up on the Monday afternoon before the pancake supper, be a server, purchase some of the food, collect money on one of the four Sunday's before the super, be a server, collect money and tickets the night of the supper, or help clean up Tuesday night please look for the sign-up sheets in the Parish Commons or speak to Bill or Olynn.

Lenten Home Eucharists

By Larry Minter

Fr. Bradley will be leading small groups this Lent for Home Eucharists on Wednesday evenings beginning February 20. The Home Eucharists are great ways to gather in a family's home to "continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." The program this year does not include a Godly Play story. We will start with a shortened Eucharist and a time for getting to know Fr. Bradley. Adults and children alike are welcome at these family style gatherings.

For the meal, please bring something to contribute and we will enjoy samplings of all the wonderful things people have brought to share. To host a gathering (in your home or at church in the Commons) or to participate, see the sign-up sheets in the Commons available by Sunday, February 3.

Responsibilities of the host: (1) supply a small table for an altar, a small portion of bread and some wine (or let Fr. Bradley know and he can bring some), a plate, a wine glass and napkin for communion; (2) if you wish, the church can provide plastic ware, plates, cups, and napkins (pick up what you need from the church the Sunday before); (3) the host should provide the drinks; (4) get directions to your home to Teresa by Tuesday evening of the week before you are the host so that they can be printed in the bulletin.

Responsibilities of the guest: (1) bring a dish to share; (2) sign up on the days you plan to attend to give our hosts an approximate idea of how many will be attending; (3) plan to leave at 8:00 pm or before out of respect for our host.

February Book Discussion

By Karl Brandt

"The ink is black, the page is white/Together we learn to read and write..." Perhaps you remember Three Dog Night singing this David Arkin/Earl Robinson song: "The child is black, the child is white/The whole world looks upon the sight, a beautiful sight."

In February, Karl Brandt will lead a discussion of two books about growing up bi-racial: Gregory Howard Williams's autobiographical *Life on the Color Line*; and Heidi W. Durrow's novel, *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky*. Both authors are bi-racial. Both books are stories of a bi-racial child's search for identity.

Williams, as a child in Virginia, believed he was white. Only upon returning to Muncie, IN, with his father, did he discover that he was not. In *Life on the Color Line* Williams describes his life in Muncie, living on the other side of the color line. Ultimately earning a law degree, he recently served as President of the University of Cincinnati. But of his years growing up, he writes: "Muncie...has lived inside me forever."

Durrow's book, though a work of fiction, is based upon a true incident. In her novel, a distraught, white mother living in Chicago throws her three bi-racial children from the roof of a tenement and then jumps to her own death. The daughter survives. The book is the daughter's story.

Join us Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm in the Commons (enter through the garden gate), as we share our responses to the powerful issues raised in these two books. Read either or read both. Call Mary Campbell (426-5541) with questions or for help with transportation.

Food Pantry 2012 Wrap-up

By Lynn Johal

YOU have faithfully kept the St. John's/LUM pantry shelves stocked and fed many hungry families in our community. **2012** was a busy year for the pantry as many struggled with lay-offs, disability and the emotional strain that financial insecurity brings. The pantry logged **8,397 client visits, representing 27,062 family members.**

Approximately 47% of our food was free or purchased from Food Finders (FF), 36% came to us as free federal commodities (USDA/TEFAP), 15% was donated (local growers, St. John's and St. Tom's members, church and civic groups and many generous individuals) and 2% was purchased from local businesses. Volunteers collectively contributed ~ 48 hrs/wk. That adds up to over 2,400 volunteer hours in 2012! (not counting the 15 hr/wk put in by the Interim Director).

How can you help?

1) Financial Contributions - to purchase low priced food from Food Finders Food Bank (FF). For instance, frozen meat can be purchased for 19¢/lb.

2) Donate Food – Some types of food are either difficult to get from FF or are expensive for our budget.

The items most needed include:

- Healthy cereal
- Peanut butter
- Toilet paper (food stamps can not be used for paper products)
- Canned or boxed meals

3) Volunteer time - Duties include distributing food, picking up food, unloading trucks and stocking. Visit the pantry and simply talk to folks that are waiting to select food and toiletries. Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Inquirers Seminar

By Larry Minter

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Are you new to St. John's and would like to find out how to become an Episcopalian? Whether you would like to attend in order to find answers to questions or in order to officially to join, you are welcome to attend the inquirers seminar that the Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace will lead this winter and early spring. The seminar is open to all adults who are interested.

Fr. Bradley will have an organizing meeting for this year's Inquirers Seminar on his second Sunday here, February 24, at 9:15 am in the Bishop's Parlor. Please mark your calendar for this organizational meeting.

Address Changes

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Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the March *Eagle* will be Monday, February 18. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

October/November Financial Reports By George Moore

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES^a MONTH ENDING October 31 2012

A. Income	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total 2012</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
1. Pledge Income	\$ 25,451.00	\$244,039.34	82.38%
2. Operating Income	\$ 3,921.89	\$ 30,630.43	84.34%
3. Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 9,166.70	30.56%
4. Transfer Income	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 36,576.50	52.25%
TOTAL INCOME^b	\$ 50,289.58	\$320,412.97	74.07%
 B. EXPENSES			
1. Outreach	\$ 4,844.87	\$ 47,794.21	60.64%
2. Program	\$ 1,620.03	\$ 11,754.45	54.17%
3. Administration	\$ 1,524.90	\$ 1,754.90	62.68%
4. Personnel	\$ 23,996.35	\$ 183,312.46	77.59%
5. Office	\$ 6,813.40 ^c	\$ 19,352.35	81.93%
6. Property	\$ 14,338.41 ^d	\$ 56,566.41	81.56%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,137.96	\$ 320,534.78	74.10%
 Net Income (Loss)	 \$ -2,848.40	 \$ -121.81	

Notes:

- (a) This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting period. Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.
- (b) This operating summary does not include \$ 6,229.00 received for our Extraordinary Stewardship Effort.
- (c) Office expenses include a \$5,500.00 audit expenditure.
- (d) Property expenses include \$9,950.35 of Physical Plant Capital expenditures.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES^a MONTH ENDING November 30 2012

A. Income	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total 2012</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
1. Pledge Income	\$ 21,898.00	\$265,937.34	89.77%
2. Operating Income	\$ 1,972.50	\$ 32,602.93	89.77%
3. Non-Operating Income	\$ 389.36	\$ 9,556.06	31.87%
4. Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,576.50	52.25%
TOTAL INCOME^b	\$ 24,259.86	\$344,672.83	79.68%
 B. EXPENSES			
1. Outreach	\$ 4,735.60	\$ 52,529.81	66.65%
2. Program	\$ 2,053.62	\$ 13,808.07	63.63%
3. Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,754.90	62.68%
4. Personnel	\$ 17,699.90	\$ 201,012.36	85.08%
5. Office	\$ 1,626.39	\$ 20,978.74	88.82%
6. Property	\$ 2,573.53	\$ 59,139.94	85.28%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 28,689.04	\$ 349,223.82	80.74%
 Net Income (Loss)	 \$ -4,429.18	 \$ -4,550.99	

Notes:

- (a) This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting period. Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.
- (b) This operating summary does not include \$ 205.00 received for our Extraordinary Stewardship Effort.



February Lunchtime Concert- a week early By Michael Bennett

The lunchtime concert on February 6 (note change of date) will bring a new instrument to our series. Horn player **Andy King** will be joined at the piano by **Greg Kostraba** for a performance of solo French horn music. Composers represented include Franz Danzi, Eugène Bozza and Robert Schumann. The concert begins at 12:10pm and lunch follows as usual – hope to see you there!



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Please Welcome...

Alice Goss,
who recently transferred to
St. John's from Calvary
Episcopal Church in
Batavia, Illinois.

