



# *The Eagle*

May 2013

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## **Strawberry Madness! By The Music Committee**

It's time again to plan for our annual "Strawberry "party. The St. John's family has a long tradition of joining together to provide strawberry shortcakes with all the trimmings to the Lafayette community at the Round the Fountain Art Fair on May 25. It is a lot of fun and provides an opportunity for all of us to work together getting to know each other and the rest of the community.

As usual, the Music Committee is taking the lead in organizing this event. It takes lots of planning, coordination and time to accomplish this. There are many jobs and the more people we have, the easier the job. We need people to : 1. Bake the shortcakes at the church, 2. Cut the strawberries at the church, 3. Set up at the courthouse the day of, 4. "scoop, dip and plop" at the booth during the day, 5. Transport the perishables from the church to the booth during the day, 6. The big job - clean up afterwards.

As always, the proceeds will benefit needs at church. There will be volunteer sign-up sheets at the church starting May 5. Please put your name down in the place where you will have the most fun and give the most help.

**WE NEED YOU!**

## From the Rector By Bradley Pace

I wanted to ask your help with a couple of things.

Not long after I came to St. John's a longtime parishioner—who had been homebound for some time—let us know that she wanted to be taken off our membership roles. That made me very sad, mostly because no one meant to give her offense. People “fall through the cracks” during times of transition. (It's a terrible expression, but you know what I mean).

Since I am new to St. John's, there are a lot of people I still don't know. There are folks who have always been regulars at St. John's and who may have attended every Sunday for years. But if they haven't been to the church since I came in February, I may not know them. There may be others who come in and out quietly and may fly under my radar.

Please do me a favor and help me identify those people. Drop me a line (an email, a card, a phone call) and just say, “Mrs. Smith used to be here every Sunday. But I haven't seen her for months.” Or “Mr. Jones used to serve on the vestry, but I haven't heard from him in a long time.” You might also want to tell me, “Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are the nicest people. If you haven't talked to them yet, you should.”

The point isn't to be nosey. Rather, because we are a community who cares for one another, it is imperative that I know when folks are sick, homebound, disgruntled, or have fallen away for some other reason. Besides that, I want to get to know people and I want to get to know the stories behind this wonderful church community.

I know that the St. John's community has been there for many of you during the good times and the bad times. Together, we can make sure that St. John's is there for others as well. You can help me by first **reaching out** to folks you haven't seen for awhile. Call them, visit them, drop them a card. Secondly, you can **tell me**. This kind of communication can help St. John's continue to be a wonderfully pastoral community.

**A note about email....** I love email. It makes certain forms of communication so easy. With just a few keystrokes, I can fire off a message to the vestry, remind my wife that I have a night meeting, or catch up with an old friend. The problem is, I receive at least 50 emails a day. If I'm busy with meetings, I can get so far behind that your important message may sit unanswered for a few days (or worse). If you email me and need a response right away, please put “URGENT” or something similar in the subject. You might also contact me directly by calling the office at 765.742.4079 or my cell phone at 312.208.8791. I am always happy to receive emails, but if you need a response right away, calling may be more effective.

And by the way, I inadvertently violated the email custom at St. John's and used my whole name for my address. My email address is [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## World Labyrinth Day By Amy Paget

Celebrate *World Labyrinth Day* on Saturday May 4 with a flexibly scheduled day of labyrinth walking and other activities at St. John's. This Quiet Day event starts at 10 am and concludes at 4 pm. Visitors are encouraged to join us at any time. The celebration of World Labyrinth Day at St. John's is the second in a series of 2013 'quiet day' opportunities open to the public to provide 'reflection' opportunities in our busy lives.

Sponsored by The Labyrinth Society, ([www.labyrinthsociety.org](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org)), *World Labyrinth Day* is intended as a day that brings people from all over the planet together in celebration of the labyrinth as a symbol, a tool, a passion or a practice. As part of this celebration you are invited to "Walk as One at 1" to effect a rolling wave of labyrinth walking as the earth turns.

Walk our outdoor labyrinth located in the Memorial Garden designed by Rob Sovinski, ASLA, Professor and Program Chair of Landscape Architecture at Purdue University. A graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, he is a fellow parishioner.

In addition, we are placing a labyrinth indoors for walking and meditation, whatever the weather. John Ridder of PAXworks Inc. in Indianapolis designs these **hand-drawn and hand-painted labyrinths** adapting custom Chartres versions.

Labyrinths are found in many cultures dating back as much as 3,500 years. Unlike a maze, the labyrinth is unicursal, having a single path leading to the center with no loops, cul-de-sacs or forks. They all share the basic features of an entrance or mouth, a single circuitous path and a center or goal.

A 30-minute film, **Rediscovering the Labyrinth**, will be shown throughout the day. It tells the stories of real people whose lives have changed by walking the labyrinth. Join Lauren Artress, author of **Walking a Sacred Path**, as she presents this documentary that has won awards at international and national festivals along with an Emmy nomination for direction.

Other activities will be located throughout the church buildings and will include meditation space in the chapel and the opportunity to try finger and sand labyrinth activities. Drop in. No registration required. No fee charged. Questions? Contact Amy Paget at [pagets@gmail.com](mailto:pagets@gmail.com).



## Habitat for Humanity By Ken Paar

As you may remember from the annual meeting, St. John's will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's Apostles' Build this fall. Our requirement for participation is twofold; a participation fee of \$4,200 to be paid prior to the start of construction and a crew of framers on the day we are volunteering.

While a specific date for the build is not yet known, Habitat has told us that it will be in September. More information for volunteering will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

The participation fee that we give to Habitat, when combined with those from the other 10-12 churches that participate in the Apostles' Build, covers the cost of materials and services that are not donated directly to Habitat. In addition, a portion of the total fees are remitted to the national Habitat organization for use in building affordable housing in other areas of the nation and world.

For the past 5 years, Jim Marciniak has ridden in the annual Cover Indiana Bike Tour; a 7-day, 360-mile bicycle journey from Lafayette to Indianapolis, passing through Crawfordsville, Terre Haute, Bloomington, and other communities. During that time, parishioners and others have supported him to a total of approximately \$10,500; which has funded our last 2 participations and left us with a head start toward the 2013 participation fee. Jim has decided to retire from the full event this year so we will be focusing on raising the balance of the funds we need during May and June. Additional details will be in the Sunday bulletins during those months.

Although he has retired from the 7-day event, Jim would be willing to accompany any member of the parish who would like to ride for a single day. For details, click on the Cover Indiana tab on the Habitat website at [www.lafayettehabitat.org](http://www.lafayettehabitat.org). The tour begins on Sunday, May 5, here in Lafayette and goes to Crawfordsville that day. Surely, one of the readers would like to get Jim back in the saddle for a day. Jim can also be reached at 463-6229 for details.

## Book Discussion By Mary Campbell

### *For May – a Few of our Favorites!*

It's time for the Fourth Annual *What a Great Book!* meeting. For the last session of the year, the Book Discussion invites everyone to come share the titles of some of their favorite books. There are lots of reasons you might describe a book as "great." So, whether the book is exciting, or challenging, or charming, or informative, or funny, or timely, or has some other quality that appeals to you – please come to share and to tell us something about the book.

We will start constructing our reading selections for the 2013-2014 season at our May meeting, and some of the titles we share will no doubt be on that list. All types of books are welcome – from detective fiction, to science fantasy, to history, to classics of literature, biography/autobiography – we are open to it all.

We will meet on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. If you need transportation, please call Mary, 426-5541, and we will see what can be arranged.

## Education for Ministry By Maggie McClure

Christian ministry is not limited to the ordained, but is open for all baptized persons to consider. Education for Ministry is a program of study, worship, and theological conversation developed to help participants discern and respond to God’s call; the call to serve others.

The St. John’s EfM Seminar Group is currently looking for individuals interested in joining. The program spans four years, which sounds daunting. However, we ask that you commit to the group one year at a time. Participants have been known to step away and rejoin at a later time.

New for the 2013-14 calendar year will be the curriculum. The School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) has been updating the study texts. All mentors and participants are anxiously waiting to get these new texts. However, the new curriculum will in no way change the heart of the EfM program.

The seminar group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-9:00. During our time together we socialize, discuss our readings, worship and have a guided conversation. We use any number of methods to begin our conversations which then draw on our beliefs, life experience, tradition, and culture to get to “the heart of the matter.” Ultimately, we make connections with the insights drawn from our conversations and our daily life.

The seminar group provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental forum to raise questions and find answers. We listen and respect others thoughts as we further explore our ministry.

Interested? Check out the EfM website at [www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm](http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm). The seminar group invites any interested individuals to a meeting to experience EfM before committing. Please contact Maggie McClure ([mmcclure03@comcast.net](mailto:mmcclure03@comcast.net)) with questions or making arrangements to attend a meeting.

## Food Finders Volunteer Opportunity By Katie Yakura

*Are you interested in joining a nationwide study to fight hunger?*

*Can you commit 3-5 days this April-August to help clients at local food pantries to take surveys using iPads?*

Food Finders Food Bank is looking for numerous volunteers to help conduct the Feeding America ‘Hunger in America’ Study this spring/summer. Feeding America conducts the hunger study every four years to learn more about food insecurity in the U.S. The study is one of the largest volunteer coordinated studies of its kind! The information collected will help Food Finders to continue the important work of fighting hunger in our local area. You do not have to be tech-savvy to volunteer—you just have to be at least 18 years old.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please contact Katie Yankura, volunteer coordinator at 412-496-5836 or [kyankura@purdue.edu](mailto:kyankura@purdue.edu).

**Next Eagle Deadline**

The deadline for submissions for the June/July *Eagle* will be Monday, May 20. Email to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org) or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

**What's cooking at the pantry?**  
**By Lynn Johal**

Spring has finally sprung and the pantry is well stocked with canned goods. On April 10 we received over 6,000 lbs of USDA TEFAP food. The pantry was fortunate to get significant food donations from *YOU*, St. Tom's, the German Club, Trinity United Methodist and a Purdue's fraternity. Purdue and Ivy Tech students helped with unloading trucks, sorting and distributing food.

592 clients visited the pantry in March, feeding 1,759 household members. Our cost/household member was 88¢/visit. Monetary donations for February and March were down. *Please consider the pantry in your charitable giving.*

On April 24 we are holding our first cooking demonstration for clients, headed up by Purdue Extension. Clients receive recipes and a bag of recipe ingredients. The idea is to help clients make the most of the food items they receive from the pantry.

We are investigating starting an urban community garden. This is envisioned as a joint effort with Purdue Extension and clients. Not only can this provide fresh produce but it offers an educational opportunity. Also, if you have a kitchen garden, consider planting a row for the pantry; fresh healthy produce is always welcome!

Although we have lots of canned goods, the pantry is in need of pasta, rice, cereal, toilet paper and peanut butter. Praise be to God that St. John's continues to support this important ministry.

**Prayer Shawls**  
**By Caryl Matthews and Jo Roberts**

St. John's Prayer Shawl ministry has been active since the spring of 2009, knitting and crocheting shawls and lap robes for anyone who needs comfort. The shawls and robes are offered to those on our prayer list as well as to friends and relatives of parish members. Additionally, shawls are given to St. Elizabeth Hospice, the YWCA Domestic Violence Unit and Seton Specialty Hospital. Our group of 4-10 knitters/crocheters distribute over 100 shawls and lap robes each year. The shawls are always available if you know someone in need of one. If you are interested in joining the ministry, we meet at 12:30 in the Bishop's Parlor on the first and third Mondays of each month. If you are interested but don't know how to knit or crochet, we have many helpers to get you started. All are welcome!

**February Financial Report**  
**By George Moore**

**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES\***  
**MONTH ENDING February 28 2013**

<b>A. Income</b>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total 2013</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
1. Pledge Income	\$ 19,971.00	\$ 46,856.00	15.44%
2. Operating Income	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 3,964.00	10.53%
3. Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 1,833.34	6.11%
4. Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 23,155.67</b>	<b>\$ 52,653.34</b>	<b>12.45%</b>
<b>B. EXPENSES</b>			
1. Outreach	\$ 4,762.50	\$ 9,519.00	11.78%
2. Program	\$ 2,070.97	\$ 2,390.07	10.61%
3. Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
4. Personnel	\$ 15,134.62	\$ 33,412.21	15.00%
5. Office	\$ 1,585.86	\$ 2,425.68	9.83%
6. Property	\$ 2,505.77	\$ 6,746.16	9.70%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 26,059.72</b>	<b>\$ 54,493.12</b>	<b>12.88%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -2,904.05</b>	<b>\$ -1,839.78</b>	

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.

## The Episcopal Fund for Human Need

The Episcopal Fund for Human Need (EFHN) is holding to its vision to increase the outreach of our diocese. Programs by both Episcopal churches and ecumenical partners include meeting the needs of children, the elderly, the hungry, the homeless, those in prison or in shelters, the abused, the lonely and more.

Please help EFHN help others in need.

Remember - All of us, sometime during our lives, need to be tossed that life preserver!



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*We celebrate the life of*

*Barbara Cook*

*who died*  
*April 10, 2013*



