



# The Eagle

October 2013

## St. John's Book Discussions

By Mary Campbell

From our mission statement:

*Invariably, the books we choose address what it means to be human in our world, a world we understand to encompass peoples of every society, social status, ethnicity, and geographic locale. It is our hope that, through our reading and discussion, we will grow in our affirmation of the basic dignity of all humanity.*

Our October selections explore what it means to be homosexual (GLBTQ) in the United States. We are meeting just a few days before Gene Robinson, retired Bishop of New Hampshire, will be at Purdue to talk about these same issues.

We are reading two (very) short plays about the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay university student, in Laramie, Wyoming, in the fall of 1998—*The Laramie Project* (2001) and *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* (2012). The plays do not dwell on the brutality, but rather on the reactions of people to what happened—the police, neighbors, friends, family, clergy, faculty, and townspeople. The words of the script are their words, words recorded by Moisés Kaufman and the other members of the Tectonic Theater Project.

Because the focus is on how this murder could happen, how people reacted to it, and how things changed (or not) after 10 years—the plays challenge all of us, everywhere.

Our format for the evening will be a first for us – Karl Brandt will choose a few short scenes, and volunteers will read the parts. Hearing the words aloud will bring additional power to an already gripping text. These readings will be followed by discussion.

Please join us—Wednesday, October 23, at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. Questions? Call Mary Campbell at 426-5541.

## Fall Spruce-Up Day

By Tony Bailey

Help maintain our Church home! The Fall Spruce-Up (aka Work) Day will be held on Saturday, November 9th starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at noon. We will be cleaning and doing repairs/fix-its and other maintenance projects.

ALL skill levels are welcome. You don't need to stay the whole time—stop in as your schedule allows. Watch future bulletins and look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons for more details. We'll have donuts (of course), drinks, and probably lunch. Please contact Tony Bailey (463-7263 or [tktblailey@earthlink.net](mailto:tktblailey@earthlink.net)) if you want to volunteer and/or know of projects that need attention. Hope to see you there!

## From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

Barbara Cook, St. John's member and former Dean of Students at Purdue, died in May of this year. Many of you knew Barbara and knew that she was a dedicated member of St. John's, a dedicated servant to the students of Purdue, and an amazing person. As I said in my sermon at her memorial service, hers was an exemplary life of service and dedication to the students and the university she knew and loved. Hers was a life of accomplishment and achievement in that same service. Whatever memories Barbara lost toward the end of her life, those memories are carried forward by the countless people she touched along the way.

I came to learn—from Barbara's friends, from people at St. John's who knew her well, and from the wonderful Purdue archives—that Barbara was the kind of person who did not let obstacles get in her way. In fact, in her life and work, she demanded that the world be different, better than it is. By mentoring and inspiring countless young women and men as Dean of Students at Purdue, by her service at St. John's and through the Salvation Army, by her teaching, by her scholarship Barbara did not passively stand by and watch the significant cultural shifts happening all around her. She was in the trenches, pushing for those changes, bringing about those changes, demanding that the world be different, that the world be better. This, perhaps above all things, is what made Barbara Cook's life exemplary. How much better would the world be if each of us walked in love, lived in service, struggled to make the world better for the next generation?

Barbara Cook gave many gifts to the people and ministry of St. John's Church—but I'm writing this to tell you about one last gift she gave. In late August, Barbara's estate gave a substantial gift of over \$100,000 to St. John's endowment fund. This gift increased our endowment by nearly 10% and will make a lasting impact on the life and ministry of St. John's.

Barbara was the type of person who planned ahead. Much of her memorial service had been planned with Fr. Tourangeau. She had friends who knew her wishes, and all of her paperwork was in order. I encourage each of you to follow her example: set up your wills and advanced directives, and please make an appointment with me to sketch out your memorial service. It makes things much easier for your friends and family. There are plans underway for some adult education on this topic next spring.

In the meantime, I also encourage you to consider including St. John's in your estate planning. Our ministry is strengthened substantially by these gifts. For more information, please speak with a member of the investment committee: Sue Bracey, Jim Bodenmiller, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Barbara Powell, Cynthia Stauffacher, or myself. 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.

Thank you all so much for your love and service.

## Another Update on the St. John's Organ

By Bradley Pace

This is not an accidental reprint of last month's update. You may recall that the St. John's organ was out of commission for several weeks over the summer. The repair done by Paul Lawson was expected to be a short-term fix.

Unfortunately, it did not last as long as I had hoped. During the first week of September, the organ blower and blower motor (parts we don't normally see because they reside in the undercroft) were replaced. We were very fortunate in the timing, because Goulding and Wood, the repair firm in Indianapolis, was able to make the repairs in time for the Renewal of Ministry service on September 8th.

Still, as I said in last month's update, other repairs and upgrades to the organ are also needed. Our music director Michael Bennett and I will reassess the organ's needs over the next several months and consider possible repairs and upgrades. More information will likely be made available at the beginning of next year. In the meantime, if you have questions or would like to help with this project, please contact me at the church's office or by email at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org), or contact Michael Bennett at [michael@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:michael@stjohns-laf.org).

## Meditation Group

By Hilary Cooke

To everything there is a season...the meditation group (composed of members of both St. John's and Good Shepherd) has made the decision to take a hiatus from our regular weekly meetings at Good Shepherd. Instead, we have decided to embrace a spirit of ecumenism and join with the group that meets Monday nights at 7 p.m. at Federated Church in West Lafayette. The group at Federated Church also follows the World Community of Christian Meditation; we look forward to this opportunity to gather with our brothers and sisters from a different denomination.

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## St. John's Ladies' Luncheon

By Sandy Donahue

The St. John's Ladies' monthly luncheon is held on the third Wednesday of each month. On October 16, 2013, we will meet at the Red Seven Restaurant (Library Room), 225 N 2nd Street (on the corner of 2nd and Main, across from Chase Bank & Riehle Plaza). Join us at 11:30 a.m. for food, fellowship, and fun!

Attendance is by reservation only, so please RSVP to Sandy Donahue by 4 p.m., October 15th, at doncal74@aol.com or by telephone at 497-8183.

## Episcopal Women's Ministries News

By Charlene Watson

DOUBLE EARNINGS!!! The John P. Craine House, a place of hope and justice for female offenders, was begun by Bishop John P. Craine and The Rev. Jackie Means of our diocese. Craine House is a non-profit organization in its 36th year as a unique, court-appointed alternative sentencing work-release program dedicated to serving non-violent female offenders with pre-school children. At Craine House, women and their children live with dignity in a safe, structured, supportive environment. Early in 2012, the Board of Craine House was able to purchase a former nursing home at 6130 N. Michigan Road in Indianapolis. This facility is being remodeled to eventually accommodate 40 female residents and their children. The "moving-in date" for the first wave of residents will be September 2013. It takes approximately \$2000 to fully furnish a room for a mother with two children.

Since Craine House works with both the Marion County Department of Corrections AND the State of Indiana, women come from many parts of the state. At the current nine-room house, three rooms are used for the state and five for Marion County. Craine House plans on a similar ratio when they move into the new facility (week of 16 September 2013) with 40 rooms available. Excitement is in the air!

The Episcopal Women's Ministry Council voted unanimously at the Council meeting in August to match the monies raised (up to \$5000) during Craine House's Fall Capital Campaign. The campaign is in progress now, and the fund match from EWM will end December 31, 2013. Marilyn Day, a member of St. David's in Bean Blossom and a Board Member at Craine House, writes, "We have had All Saints and St. David's participate (individuals and outreach funds) so far—we would love all parishes to give \$100—wow, that would be great." Now is the time to "double" the contributions with the possibility of raising \$10,000 for Craine House. If you would like to visit Craine House to see their mission in action, please contact Kim Trippi at 317-925-2833. For more information about Craine House and their mission to help women and children, visit [www.crainehouse.org](http://www.crainehouse.org).

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. motivates us with this quote: "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

Your contribution can be donated directly to Craine House. Go to [www.crainehouse.org](http://www.crainehouse.org). Click on "Donate" at the top far right. Make your gift following the steps in the right-hand box. Click "Continue." Complete your personal information. Click "Continue." Complete payment information. When you receive your emailed receipt, forward it to Ann Durkos, [adurkos@gmail.com](mailto:adurkos@gmail.com), EWM Treasurer, so that EWM can match your gift. If you wish to donate by check, please address the check to: Craine House, 3535 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46205-3419, attn: Suzy Pierce, and write in the Memo Line "EWM Challenge Grant." Please be attentive to noting "EWM Challenge Grant" when you donate so that EWM can match the funds.

THANK YOU!

## It's Time for Lunch

By Michael Bennett

The Lunchtime Concert series is celebrating its 7th year of existence. Some new faces and instruments will present themselves this season yet you can expect to hear several cherished performers return to the series. Concerts featuring four-hand piano, marimba, guitar, cello, organ, chorus, french horn, and trombone are scheduled. The season kicks off on October 9 and features Nancy Lein and Caryl Matthews performing Georges Bizet's *Jeux d'enfants, Op. 22* (Children's Games) for piano duet. This set of twelve miniatures can't be heard elsewhere for miles, so why not come and enjoy this unique experience. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. Did I mention you can stay for lunch if you'd like?

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## Hunger Hike

by Hilary Cooke

A big thanks to all who contributed to the youth group's efforts to raise money for the Hunger Hike! I am pleased to report that we raised \$1761.00 to fight hunger in our local community.

## Habitat for Humanity

By Ken Paar

On September 21st, St. John's sent 14 volunteers to work at Habitat for Humanity's 2013 Apostles' Build site at 217 Ellsworth Street in Lafayette. Although we were scheduled to hang siding and trim, construction on the house was not far enough along to trim. Instead, the crew worked on several things: shingles for the roof, interior electrical wiring, and sheathing insulation. By the end of the day, the crew had also installed all of the windows and doors and boarded up the garage, enabling Habitat to store materials securely on-site.

In addition, five more volunteers provided bagels and coffee in the morning and sandwiches for lunch at the Habitat office on South 1st Street. Our work crews were met at both meals by crews from two other builds that Habitat currently has underway. A food crew from Covenant Presbyterian assisted with lunch for the combined multitude. All were well fed and enjoyed a good time of fellowship.

Despite rains on Friday the 20th, there was no problem with mud, and Saturday's weather was ideal. There were no reportable injuries other than aches and pains, and it was a rewarding day. It is also worth reporting that at least 20 trains rumbled by while the crew was working.



# Godly Play

By Hilary Cooke

A recent piece in *The New York Times* highlights a key factor in the development of resilience in children: the sharing of family stories. Researchers discovered that “every family has a unifying narrative” and the “most healthful” narrative is what is called an “oscillating family narrative.” This type of narrative tells the stories of the family’s history, but tells neither just positive aspects of the past, nor just the negative traits, but *all* the traits: the ups *and* the downs. The psychologists have concluded that the children with the greatest self-confidence are those that have “a strong ‘intergenerational self.’ They know they belong to something bigger than themselves.”

In Godly Play we share our unifying Christian narrative with our young people. We tell the foundational stories of our faith—the story of the creation, episodes of Abraham and Sarah’s lives, tales of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, sorrowful stories of death and joyful narratives from the life of Jesus. Our foundational stories are certainly an “oscillating family narrative,” and by sharing them with our young people we help them develop self-confidence and resilience.

Godly Play classes meet on the second floor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We have two classrooms: one for pre-K through first graders and one for second through fifth graders. In addition to the sharing of stories, the children have an opportunity to reflect on what they’ve heard, both verbally in groups and in various activities following the story. In this way, the children find their own place in the family narrative. If you’d like to know more, either about enrolling your child or in helping in the classroom, please let me know.

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## September LUM Board of Directors Meeting

By Nolie Parnell

This year’s Hunger Hike was a huge success when using number of participants as the yardstick: there were 200 more walkers this year than in 2012. This was evident in the energy and enthusiasm of the crowd as well as the number of people on the trail. However the Hunger Hike fell well short of its \$90,000 fundraising goal and raised \$23,000 less than in 2012. What does this mean for St. John’s? If the goal is not met (and there are deliberate steps being taken by LUM to reach \$90,000) there will be approximately \$10,000 less appropriated to the St. John’s/LUM Food pantry. What can St. John’s do? Raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity and encourage our congregation to take meaningful steps to combat hunger through donations or by educating the public to take action. There is still time to contribute to the Hunger Hike either by writing a check to LUM with Hunger Hike written in the memo or online donation. Options for online donations include [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org) or <http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org/> and choose Hunger Hike.

## United Thank Offering

By Mary Louise Davis

For what were you thankful today? An answer to prayer? A job completed? A call from an old friend? The smile of a child? A satisfactory trip to visit with family? Cool, clear skies and the moonlight shining at night? Sounds of nature—cicadas, crickets, tree toads?

Every day, big and little happenings touch our loves for which we can give thanks. UTO (the United Thank Offering) encourages us as individuals and families to notice, share, and give offerings of praise and thanksgiving. The Blue Boxes available through UTO are available to all. Every penny is used for grants to help people, projects, parishes, and dioceses to get the help needed to create safer, fuller, worshipful, meaningful environments by our sharing our gifts of thanksgiving!

Look at the UTO display by the kitchen, and make use of your own Blue Box. On November 10th, there will be an ingathering of gifts at both services. Join in this wonderful opportunity to help needy parishes.

Thanks be to God!

# July Financial Report

By George Moore

A.	INCOME	Current Month	Total 2013	% of Budget
1.	Pledge Income	\$ 19,295.00	\$163,567.14	53.92%
2.	Operating Income	\$ 3,630.49	\$ 26,364.07	70.01%
3.	Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 6,416.69	21.39%
4.	Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,452.00	43.18%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 23,842.16</b>	<b>\$218,799.90</b>	<b>51.72%</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>			
1.	Outreach	\$ 4,490.50	\$ 33,502.41	41.47%
2.	Program	\$ 512.10	\$ 12,092.75	53.67%
3.	Administration	\$ 16.25	\$ 126.05	4.50%
4.	Personnel	\$ 17,767.02	\$ 127,726.51	57.35%
5.	Office	\$ 1,911.11	\$ 9,796.46	39.71%
6.	Property	\$ 5,320.94	\$ 44,317.95	63.74%
7.	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$ 0.00	\$ 374.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30,017.92</b>	<b>\$ 227,936.13</b>	<b>53.88%</b>
	<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (6,175.76)</b>	<b>\$ - 9,136.23</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.

## Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the November Eagle will be Monday, October 21. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org (preferred) or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the Rectory porch.

## Note from the Editor

By Alissa Goudswaard

Hello, St. John's Community!

Many of you already know me, but allow me to introduce myself. My name is Alissa Goudswaard, and I am stepping in for a time to fill Cresta Cates' very big (and very stylish) shoes as *Eagle* editor.

I'm very interested in receiving your thoughts and feedback—and articles! Please bear with me as I adjust to this new position, let me know how I'm doing, and if there's anything you'd like to see in here, let me know—after all, this is *your* parish newsletter!

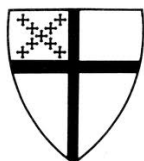
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*Visit with Bradley, Katie, Isaiah, Miriam, and Judah in their home  
at 456 Goose Creek Way / West Lafayette, IN*

**Friday, October 4th** | 6-8 PM *childcare provided*  
**Tuesday, October 8th** | 6-8 PM *childcare provided*  
**Friday, October 11th** | 6-8 PM  
**Thursday, October 17th** | 6-8 PM

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*Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided*  
*Sign-up sheet located in the St. John's Commons*



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*died August 21, 2013*