

THE EAGLE'S QUILL

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010



"... THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT." *ISAIAH 40:31*

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

Let's Saddle Up for Adventure!

I had a good talk with Megan Henderson today who told me a story about their three-year-old son David, his favorite toy (Woody the Cowboy from "Toy Story") and last Sunday's service at St. Paul's in Waco. St. Paul's is about to begin construction inside their sanctuary so they will spend the next few months with all services in the Parish Hall. Last Sunday, they walked in procession from the sanctuary to the Parish Hall to bless the space and begin their time of worship there. This was a solemn day and the change is admittedly difficult. During a quiet moment in the service, David's toy cowboy, who says several sentences, suddenly declared in a loud voice "Let's saddle up for Adventure!" How perfect.

We at St. John's are facing some changes on our horizon. We need, as a parish, to look at the possibility of changing from parish status to mission status. There are reasons this would be a wise move for us and there are some obstacles as well. We need to gather information and think this through carefully as we decide which trail we will take in our continuing adventure.

Our first discussion will be during the annual meeting on Sunday, January 17th, following the service. Please be there. We all need to understand the facts before we make a decision. We will have some experts come in to advise us in the future. Please be at the annual meeting as we 'saddle up' and prayerfully begin discernment of the next phase of our adventure.

SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m.

CURSILLO

Polly Gaeke and Kyla Smith are our Cursillo coordinators and would love to talk with you about it. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly or Kyla (584-4464 or 721-7409). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at www.oplnk.net/~ajackson/cursillo/. The next Cursillo weekend is set for February 19-22.

DOK

Daughters of the King will meet on the second Sunday of the month. The DOK is an Order open to women of the Episcopal Church and denominations in communion with the Episcopal Church. Prospective members take classes concerning prayer and spiritual growth and then may join by taking the vows of the Order. The mission of the Order is prayer for the work and members of the church. If you are interested in joining *The Order of the Daughters of the King*, contact Rev. Judy Filer.

KAIROS

Due to the assistance and generosity of KAIROS and member of the church, we are proud owners of a wonderful new refrigerator and oven! Thank you so much KAIROS and St. John's contributors and volunteers.

Food for January and February

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, fruit cups, pudding cups, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry to the Samaritan House. In February the food will go to Faith, Hope and Charity.

Annual Parish Meeting

St. John's Episcopal Church will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on January 17th after the service. Please bring your favorite covered dish to pass and please do come!

Ray Bagby

Ray Bagby, newly ordained minister at Trinity in Cameron, will be coming to St. John's on Sunday, January 31st after the service to talk about being a Mission. Cameron is a Mission Church.

Lenten Reminder

Ash Wednesday is February 17th and services will be at noon and 6 pm. Let us resolve together to keep a holy and reflective Lenten season this year. More information will be coming about Shrove Tuesday activities.

Thank You Corner

Thank you, dearest Jo and Pete Bonds for bringing Liturgical Dance to St. John's as part of our Advent preparation this year. It did indeed add to our spiritual reflection as we look toward the eve of the birth of our Savior.

Thank you especially to Pat Smith and Kyla Smith for their good work on the Faith, Hope and Charity Christmas Party. Shirley King reported that the children loved the party and it was a great event for all who attended. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Thank you, Marge Schumann, for hosting the Parish Christmas Party in your lovely home. Her decorations, including at least four Christmas trees, and refreshments set the tone for the season and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to Father Bob Tarbet, Sue Patterson, Eleanor Grant and choir members for a memorable, beautiful Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all those who braved the weather to be there. It was truly an evening to remember.

It takes many hands and hearts to keep our level of activity going. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who labor joyfully as we praise God at St. John's.

MEMORIALS:

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials, 883-2611.

1Those for Whom our Prayers are Requested:

Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Alice Madsen, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Mary Price, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Mary Winters, Louis Polchinski, Billie Maxwell, Helen Marsh, Sandy Kleckner, Geneva Hughes, Bonnie Crothers, Faye Lombardo, Wanda Cole, Norman Erskine, April Sammons, Sam Bosnack, Carl Evans, Jean Mathis, Sarah Goodrich, Tony Veracruz, Andrew Smith, Felma Branch, Ron Janes, Sara Levine.

Please pray also for these who serve in our

Armed Forces: Lyle Holley, John W. Sadler, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Pyland, Brandon Henderson, Jarrod Means, the 126th Forward Surgical Team, Connor Owen, Jordan Gorraiz, Jim Steidley, Raymond Ramirez, Jr., Nathan Johnston, Morgan Riley

FLOWERS

January 3 – Poinsettias
January 10 – JR Taylor IMO JR Taylor Sr.
January 17 – Mike Meyer IMO Sandra Meyer
January 24 – Polly Gaeke IMO Jim and Ruby Bennett
January 31 – George and Ruth Ann Wilson IMO their parents
February 7 – TBA
February 14 – TBA
February 21 – TBA
February 28 - TBA
If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Polly Gaeke at 254-584-4464.

COFFEE HOSTESS

January 3 – Louise Burton
January 10 – Cindy Cox
January 17 – Polly Gaeke
January 24 – Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith
January 31 – Cathy Estes
February 7 – Diana Miles
February 14 – Sherri Patterson
February 21 – Sue Patterson
February 28 – Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith

JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

January 1 – Willie Null
January 14 – Candace Hill
January 22 – Sue Patterson
January 23 – Eleanor Grant
February 1 – Polly Gaeke
February 6 – Cathy Owen
February 13 – Howard Lee Smith
February 26 – Andrea O. Smith
February 27 – Judy Filer
“Grant, O Lord, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

St. John's Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer
Minister of Music: Sue Patterson
Liturgist: Jean Trice
Vestry: Sr. Warden, Mark Patterson, Jr. Warden, Bill Forson
Church Ministries: Louise Burton
Altar Guild Chair: Molly Walker
Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke
Memorial Chair: Jean Trice
ECW President: Pattie Bosnack

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January/February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Willie Null's B'day</i>	2
3 MPI 9:30 am	4	5	6 Prayer Service 5 pm	7	8	9
10 HEII 9:30 am DOK 11 am	11	12	13 Samaritan House 10-12 Prayer Service 5 pm	14 <i>Candace Hill's B'day</i>	15	16
17 HEII 9:30 am Annual Parish Meeting	18	19	20 Prayer Service 5 pm	21	22 <i>Sue Patterson's B'day</i>	23 <i>Eleanor Grant's B'day</i>
24 HEII 9:30 am Vestry Meeting 11 am	25	26	27 Prayer Service 5 pm	28	29	30
31 MPI 9:30 am	1 <i>Polly Gaeke's B'day</i>	2	3 Prayer Service 5 pm	4 Clericus @ St. John's 11 am	5	6 <i>Cathy Owen's B'day</i>
7 HEII 9:30 am	8	9	10 Samaritan House 10-12 Prayer Service 5 pm	11	12	13 <i>Howard Lee Smith's B'day</i>
14 MPI 9:30 am DOK 11 am <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 5:30 pm	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Prayer Service 5 pm	18	19	20
21 HEII 9:30 am	22	23	24 Prayer Service 5 pm	25	26 <i>Andrea O. Smith's B'day</i>	27 <i>Judy Filer's B'day</i>
28 MPI 9:30 am Vestry 11 am						

JANUARY/FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 3, 2010 – MP I: Jean Trice & Bobby Peterson

First Lesson and Psalm: Louise Burton
Second Lesson: George Wilson
Third Lesson: Bobby Peterson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Louise Burton & Molly Walker
Ushers: Bill Forson & Sam Bosnack
Hostess: Louise Burton
Flowers: Poinsettias
Vestry Representative: Bill Forson

January 10, 2010 – HE I: Rev. Judy Filer

First Lesson and Psalm: Mark Patterson
Second Lesson: Jean Trice
Chalice: Kate VandeVeegaete
Intercessor: Diana Miles
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Pat Smith & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Meyer & George Wilson
Hostess: Cindy Cox
Flowers: JR Taylor IMO JR Taylor Sr.
Vestry Representative: Louise Burton

January 17, 2010 – HE II: Rev. Judy Filer

First Lesson and Psalm: Bill Forson
Second Lesson: Kyla Smith
Chalice: Polly Gaeke
Intercessor: Jean Trice
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Ferda & John Hall
Hostess: Polly Gaeke
Flowers: Mike Meyer IMO Sandra Meyer
Vestry Representative: Mark Patterson

January 24, 2010 – HE I: Rev. Judy Filer

First Lesson and Psalm: Bobby Peterson
Second Lesson: Pat Smith
Chalice: Louise Burton
Intercessor: Polly Gaeke
Acolyte: Sherri Patterson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Libby Price & Molly Walker
Ushers: Sam Bosnack & Bill Forson
Hostess: Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith
Flowers: Polly Gaeke IMO Jim and Ruby Bennett
Vestry Representative: Bill Forson

January 31, 2010 – MP I: Louise Burton & Mark Patterson

First Lesson and Psalm: Sherri Patterson
Second Lesson: George Wilson
Third Lesson: Mark Patterson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Louise Burton & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Meyer & George Wilson
Hostess: Cathy Estes

Flowers: George and Ruth Ann Wilson IMO their parents
Vestry Representative: Louise Burton

February 7, 2010 – HE I: Rev. Judy Filer

First Lesson and Psalm: Mark Patterson
Second Lesson: Louise Burton
Chalice: Jean Trice
Intercessor: Kyla Smith
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Louise Burton & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Ferda & John Hall
Hostess: Diana Miles
Flowers: Available
Vestry Representative: Mark Patterson

February 14, 2010 – MP I: Jean Trice & Bobby Peterson

First Lesson and Psalm: Bill Forson
Second Lesson: Jean Trice
Third Lesson: Bobby Peterson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Pat Smith & Molly Walker
Ushers: Sam Bosnack & Bill Forson
Hostess: Sherri Patterson
Flowers: Available
Vestry Representative: Bill Forson

February 21, 2010 – HE I: Rev. Judy Filer

First Lesson and Psalm: Bobby Peterson
Second Lesson: Diana Miles
Chalice: Diana Miles
Intercessor: Kate VandeVeegaete
Acolyte: Sherri Patterson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Meyer & George Wilson
Hostess: Sue Patterson
Flowers: Available
Vestry Representative: Louise Burton

February 28, 2010 – MP I: Polly Gaeke & Diana Miles

First Lesson and Psalm: Kyla Smith
Second Lesson: George Wilson
Third Lesson: Diana Miles
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Altar Guild: Libby Price & Molly Walker
Ushers: Mike Ferda & John Hall
Hostess: Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith
Flowers: Available
Vestry Representative: Mark Patterson