

# THE EAGLE'S QUILL

## ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2009



"... 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.*

**SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m.**

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND  
HEALING SERVICES 5:00 p.m.**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

is Sunday, January 11, following the service.  
Please bring a casserole or other dish for a shared meal following the meeting.

**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO AN ALL PARISH LUNCH  
TO CELEBRATE THREE YEARS OF  
MEYER AT THE HELM  
AT REV. JUDY'S  
SUNDAY JANUARY 18  
AROUND NOON  
7100 Fish Pond Road**

**Waco  
776-4815**

Please sign up in Parish Hall or call office if  
able to attend  
Attire: "Meyer casual"

**HOPE-FILLED 2009**

As Christmastide comes to a close and we advance into the new year, we face changes and challenges. Our stressed economy will move from new news to everyday reality, as it already has for many. There will be a change in the administration of our country, and the new administration will be responsible to deal with the

economic problems, the war in Iraq, the fighting in the Gaza Strip, and terrorist activity. Perhaps these problems are as big as any president has ever faced. Despite our political leanings, we will need to pray as never before that our leaders will lead us into peace, security and the abolition of poverty here and throughout the world.

We focused this year during Advent on 'hope.' We are now in a time in which we need to stay focused on the hope that was born in a stable over 2000 years ago. Imagine a God who would love us so much that He would be willing to live as one of us, taking on our very existence, in order to bring us God's message of great love for all of us and for each of us. We need not be afraid in the face of inevitable change, because our God is always with us. He never leaves us. We may turn away, but still He is there.

We need to remember that there is no problem, no evil, nothing in all creation that is greater than God. And we also need to remember that He is here, all the time, right with us, never far away. He is not sitting on the clouds somewhere or in a far-off place called Heaven. Instead He is right here, right now, with us always and forever. We can depend upon his strength. We can know that just as He came to us through the weakness (mortal death) of His Son, He works through our weakness too.

Let us then carry the hope of Christmastide through this year, knowing that it is a *real* hope, a *strong* hope, a *constant, never-ending* hope. It is this message of hope and trust in our God that we must let permeate every part of our lives and then carry it into the world. We have a message that the world needs right now. Let us then live the message that it may bring hope to an anxious world.

Happy, hope-filled 2009, Judy+

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### CURSILLO

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly Geake (584-4464) or Kyla Smith (584-2461). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at [www.texascurso.org](http://www.texascurso.org).

#### 2009 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

#223 February 19-22

#224 June 18-21

#225 August 27-30

# 226 November 5-8 (campsite)

### ULTREYA

Ultreya meets at 4:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

January 11 – St. John's, Marlin

February 8 – St. Paul's, Waco

March 8 – To be announced

April 19 – St. Christopher's, Killeen

May 17 – St. John's, Marlin

June 14 – To be announced

July 12 – All Saints, Cameron

August 9 – To be announced

September 13 – St. Christopher's, Killeen

October 11 – St. Paul's, Waco

November 15 – St. John's, Marlin

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King will begin a study of "St. Benedict's Tool Box" beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 17. The Daughters will continue to meet every third Saturday until the study is completed.

### ECW

St. Luke's, Belton invites you to a Quiet Day on Saturday, January 10. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include a special guest speaker, Lynette Reed. The cost is \$15 per person, payable at the door, and includes a luncheon. Eucharist will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Please make your reservation by calling St. Luke's at 254-939-1033 or by calling Selma Steidley at 254-541-3648 or contacting her by email at [szaphanie@att.net](mailto:szaphanie@att.net).

## KAIROS

The Kairos team will be at St. John's from December 31 thru January 4. This is a beautiful and tough ministry that responds to the call to take the message of hope into prisons. Please keep them in your prayers. ". . . I was in prison, and you visited me." *Matthew 25:36*

## OUTREACH

### SAMARITAN HOUSE

Last month several members of St. John's went to Samaritan House and volunteered by sorting and organizing clothes and other items. Afterwards, we returned to the church for a soup and bread lunch together. A good time was had by all. We will continue this outreach on the second Wednesday of each month. Please join us at Samaritan House on Wednesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. At noon we will return to the church for lunch. Come for all or part of the time as you can.

### FOOD FOR JANUARY

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry to Samaritan House.

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . ."* *Matthew 25:35*

### ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries provides healthy, nutritionally balanced food to feed a family of four for a month. The cost for the Regular Box is \$30.00, which is a great savings over grocery store prices. The cost for the Senior/Convenience Box is \$28.00. Orders may be paid for by Food Stamps or cash. There are no qualification requirements to participate in Angel Food Ministries. The deadline to order through Angel Food Ministries is January 10, 2009. Orders may be placed at the Salvation Army. Pick up will be January 24, 2009 between 11:30-12:30 at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The January Menu is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

## EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

## Church History/Archives Project

We will be compiling photographs, articles, etc., for a Church History/Archives Project. We will meet on each Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm to work on the church archives scrapbook. If you have any pictures you would like to add to the albums, please label with names and year if possible. Also, if you have any interesting stories that relate to a particular photo, please share those. We will use our archives project as part of our sesquicentennial celebration in 2010. Join us on Wednesday afternoons and share a cup of hot tea or coffee as we preserve St. John's history.

## STORIES OF HOPE

One of the children who is a member of Faith, Hope and Charity is five year old Cinya Massington. You may remember we asked prayers for her when she had open heart surgery on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. The very good news is that Cinya came through the surgery well and is thriving. According to Shirley King, she is beginning to act like any little five year old. As Cinya was recovering, her mother asked her if she had been afraid. Cinya replied that she had not been afraid because she had seen Jesus. He held her hand while she was undergoing surgery, stayed by her side and comforted her during and after the surgery. As Jesus promised us in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Do you have a story of hope that you are willing to share? If so, please submit your story to the office.

## 2009 Parish Directory

An update of the Parish Directory is in process. Please review your information in the current directory and make corrections or additions. If your email address has changed, is incorrect or is not listed, please make the necessary change.

Please also check your address and telephone number (home and cell). Please note any corrections, and please let us know whether you *do* or *do not* want your cell phone number listed.

**2009 WINTER PASTORS' SCHOOL** is January 29-31 at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor in Waco. This year the classes are open not only to clergy, but also laypersons. Dr. Dallas

Willard is the guest speaker. The full cost for registration (including Friday banquet) is \$30.00. The cost of the partial registration (excluding Friday banquet) is \$25.00. If you are interested in attending, please pick up a registration form from the office and mail your registration and check payable to Truett Seminary, to the address listed at the bottom of the registration form. You may also register online at [www.truettseminary.net](http://www.truettseminary.net).

**A Revival for Women – Kickoff Event**, featuring guest speaker Anne Graham Lotz, is on January 20, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The evening of worship and sharing the vision will be at First United Methodist Church, 4901 Cobbs Drive, Waco. Admission is free.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25<sup>th</sup> of each month

### Those for Whom our Prayers are Requested:

Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Te Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade (Polly Gaeke's daughter), H.T. Torgerson, Tommy and Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Mary Winters, Marilee Painter, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Jack Wagner, Loretta Bird, Joyce Voelter, Felma Branch, Mike Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Shirley King's sister, Robbiette White, Carla Collier, Joe Trice, Rev. David Kirkaldy, Samantha G. Tatum, Priscilla Feuerbacher, Anne Burrough, Helen Marsh, Adele Darrington, Nancy Davis, Dr. Charlie Wegman, Sandy Kleckner, Helen Erskine, Carolyn Wells, Billie Moore, Geneva Hughes, Charlise Brown, Bridgette Hollingsworth, Vestal Cook, Teddy Peterson, Theresa and Brian Bailey, Betty Ramey, Bonnie Crothers, Dana Jones, Elridge Norman, Faye Lombardo, Deacon Michael Jackson, Corlie Jackson, Jared Jackson and Imani Jackson, Helen Applegate, Clint Hegefelf, Mary Seebach, Herman Scheef, Sam Janes, Gary Mason, Sandra Goldsby, Rev. Bill Carroll. 1

### Please pray also for these who serve in our

**Armed Forces:** Jordan Gorraiz, Lyle Holley, John W. Sadler, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Pyland, Brandon Henderson, Jarrod Means, the 126<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Team.

### **ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:**

**Frances Roppolo** (Joe Roppolo's mother)  
May her soul and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We offer  
our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and  
friends.

### **MEMORIALS:**

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

### **JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS**

January 4 – George and Ruth Ann Wilson  
January 11 – John Ramsey Taylor  
January 18 – Mike Meyer  
January 25 – Ed and Sue Visser  
If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar,  
contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number  
584-4464.

### **COFFEE HOSTESS**

January 4 – Pattie Bosnack  
January 11 – Louise Burton  
January 18 – Cindy Cox  
January 25 – Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:**

January 1 – Willie Null  
January 14 – Candace Hill  
January 20 – Pam Williams  
January 22 – Sue Visser  
January 23 – Eleanor Grant  
"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*

You are cordially invited to celebrate all parish  
January birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday,  
January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join us following the regular  
Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the  
Parish Hall.

## **St. John's Leadership**

**Rector:** The Rev. Judy Filer

**Vestry:** Senior Warden, Mike Meyer  
Junior Warden, Mark Patterson  
Bill Forson  
Bobby Peterson  
Joe Owen  
Cathy Owen, Clerk and Treasurer, Ex-Officio  
**Newly Elected Vestry Members:** Louise Burton  
and Mary Smith  
**Minister of Music:** Sue Visser  
**Parish Administrator:** Cathy Owen  
**Altar Guild Chair:** Molly Walker  
**Altar Flowers Chair:** Polly Gaeke  
**Memorial Chair:** Jean Trice  
**ECW President:** Pattie Bosnack  
**Special Events:** Libby Price and  
Pattie Bosnack

### ***Cathy's Corner:***

Happy New Year! 2008 flew by – there was  
remodeling, re-arranging, a wedding, moving . . . so  
much going on in 12 short months. From the looks  
of the calendar, 2009 will be a busy year, but I am  
very excited at the prospect of all that a new year  
holds. There will be the usual, the unusual – but  
we are only a year away from St. John's  
sesquicentennial! So many plans – so much  
excitement! Thank all of you for letting me share in  
all this joy.

**Note new hours:** Rev. Filer will be in the office on  
the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the  
month from 12:00-6:00 and on the third Wednesday  
of this month from 2:00 p.m. through the Vestry  
meeting. You can also reach Judy at 254-776-4815  
or 254-722-2013 or by email at [jwfiler@aol.com](mailto:jwfiler@aol.com).

### ***LEADERSHIP:***

*Everybody can be great because anybody can  
serve . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A  
soul generated by love.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Happy New Year! Kairos Office closed <i>Willie Null</i> <i>B'day</i>	<b>2</b> Kairos Office closed	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Marlin Ministerial Kairos Office closed
<b>4</b> 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	<b>8</b> 11:00 Clericus All Saints, Cameron 12:00 Coalition	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 – ECW Quiet Day St. Luke's Belton
<b>11</b> 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II 11:00 am Annual Parish Meeting 4:00 pm Ultreya St. John's	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service <i>Candace Hill</i> <i>B'day</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Contemporary Music Gathering Houston	<b>17</b> Contemporary Music Gathering Houston 11:00 am DOK Study
<b>18</b> 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II 12:00 All Parish Lunch Rev. Judy's	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30-11:30 Pastors' Kickoff 7:00-9:00 pm Kickoff Revival for Women <i>Pam Williams</i> <i>B'day</i>	<b>21</b> 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	<b>22</b> <i>Sue Visser</i> <i>B'day</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Eleanor Grant</i> <i>B'day</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II St. John's Birthday Party!	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Pre-council Meeting St. Paul's, Waco	<b>28</b> 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	<b>29</b> Winter Pastors' School	<b>30</b> Winter Pastors' School	<b>31</b> Winter Pastors' School

## JANUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### January 4, 2009:

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm: Mark Patterson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Diana Miles  
Intercessor: Joe Owen  
Chalice: Jean Trice  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete  
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Sam Bosnack  
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith  
Hostess: Pattie Bosnack  
Flowers: George and Ruth Ann Wilson,  
IMO their parents  
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina  
Henderson

### January 11, 2009:

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm: Bobby Peterson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Pat Smith  
Intercessor: Megan Henderson  
Chalice: Polly Gaeke  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Acolyte: Joe Owen  
Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and John Hall  
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith  
Hostess: Louise Burton  
Flowers: John Ramsey Taylor IMO John  
Ramsey Taylor, Sr.  
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina  
Henderson

### January 18, 2009:

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm: Cathy Owen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Sherri Patterson  
Intercessor: Bobby Peterson  
Chalice: Louise Burton  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete  
Ushers: Mike Meyer and Bill Forson  
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete and  
Cathy Owen  
Hostess: Cindy Cox  
Flowers: Michael W. Meyer IMO Sandra  
Lea Meyer  
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina  
Henderson

### January 25, 2009:

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm: Kyla Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Pam Williams  
Intercessor: Kate VandeVeegaete  
Chalice: Diana Miles  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Acolyte: Joe Owen  
Ushers: George Wilson and Steve Price  
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Libby Price  
Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack  
Flowers: Ed and Sue Visser, ITF Family  
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina  
Henderson