

THE EAGLE'S QUILL

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2008

"... 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: Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday prayer and healing services are held at 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The St. John's Men's Association will not meet during the months of November and December.

PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

Would you like to donate either a new Book of Common Prayer or a new Hymnal or both? St. John's needs to replace some Prayer Books that are very worn, and we need to purchase additional Hymnals. The cost of a Prayer Book is \$19.00 and the cost of a Hymnal is \$21.00. If you would like to do this, there are 4 different labels that you can place in the Prayer Book or Hymnal. These labels are: (1) Presented to; (2) In Memory of; (3) In Thanksgiving for; and (4) this Hymnal 1982 is presented to. If you would like to do this, please contact the office or simply note on your check that it is for a Prayer Book or Hymnal.

STEWARDSHIP

I will always remember my first October at St. John's. Everything was progressing more busily

than I could have imagined possible. Suddenly, I realized that we were well into the month and no one had thought about the Stewardship Campaign.

As a parishioner, I had never enjoyed this campaign, and nothing about stewardship had ever pierced my consciousness. I thought of stewardship as the church asking for my money. And since God was not about money, how could this be right? However, in that October three years ago, I suddenly 'saw the light.' If no one pledged, how would the church know how to set its budget? In fact, how could the vestry be good stewards if they were guessing at what amount the parishioners might give to support the operating expenses and outreach of the church?

I have come to understand stewardship as God's call to us to live well as he would have us live. Our loving God has granted each of us life, and we are called to be thoughtful in how we spend the time we are given.

Stewardship is about how we share our various gifts. It is the call to respond with time, talent and treasure. Will we give time to serve others? Will we use individual talents to serve others? And our treasure, are we using at least 10% of it, the Biblical mandate, in service? And are all decisions

that we make concerning time, talent and treasure based on the radical love our Lord asks of us?

We are in unsteady financial times. Still, in faith, please turn in your pledges cards. By doing so, you are setting for yourself a discipline of giving for the coming year. The vestry will need to be especially watchful stewards in these unsteady times. It is impossible to be good stewards of treasure if there is no plan. We would be like fiddlers sliding down the roof! (If you don't recognize the allusion of the last sentence, then we missed you at church on October 26th!)

Please prayerfully consider your pledge and turn it in. Thank you for your continuing support and love for St. John's. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or a vestry member.

In His service,
Judy+

LITTLE CHURCH CLUB

Little Church Club will meet November 16-17. Registration is at 4:00 p.m. on November 16. The cost is \$75 per person, double occupancy, or \$90 for single occupancy. Make your checks payable to Camp Allen. If you wish to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

During the month of November, we will use Eucharistic Prayer D which is found on page 372 of the Book of Common Prayer.

CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King Sunday is November 23rd.

ADVENT

Advent begins November 30th.

Canon Ann Normand Visits St. John's

The Reverend Canon Ann Normand made her first official visit as our new Canon to St. John's on October 11 and 12. Her enthusiastic spirit blessed us, and we are most grateful for her visit. Thank you, Mike Meyer and Eleanor Grant, for hosting the parish dinner party in Ann's honor Saturday night.

Following the dinner, Canon Ann spoke about our history as a parish (we are 148 years old!) and talked of where we are headed in our future. On Sunday, she installed the following Daughters of the King: Mary Price, Louise Burton, Molly Walker, Pattie Bosnack, Desiree Smith, Kate VandeVeegaete, Libby Price and Cathy Owen. Congratulations to the Daughters. We are so glad to have Joy Chapter reinstated. Following the service on Sunday and the meal in the parish hall – wonderful as always! – Canon Ann talked to us about St. Benedict and how our Book of Common Prayer reflects Benedict's influence.

Please keep Canon Ann in your prayers as she begins her ministry in the Diocese.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild training will be held on Sunday, November 9th, at 10:30 a.m. All members of the Altar Guild please meet with Judy immediately following Sunday morning service.

There will be an installation service for the Altar Guild on Sunday, November 23rd.

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.

2008 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

November 6-9, 2008 (campsite)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King meet every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. This month's meeting will be held on November 16th.

On November 16th an Admission Service for Mary Smith and Diana Miles will be held.

There will be a Quiet Day "Making Your Church a House of Healing" held on December 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Waco. The Quiet Day is being sponsored by

the Bishop's Chapter of the Daughters of the King. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jan Duello at 254-420-3429 or JMDuello@hotmail.com.

ECW FALL FESTIVAL

ECW will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 1st – All Saints Day. There will be a public memorial service 10:30 a.m. which will last about 20 minutes. Please invite friends who would like to pray for those loved ones who have died to come for this event. Following the service, there will be a sale of enchilada casseroles, baked goods and a silent auction from 11:00 – 2:00.

OUTREACH

FOOD FOR OCTOBER

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry to the Salvation Army. *“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . .”* Matthew 25:35

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Shirley King will be delivering 25 food baskets for Thanksgiving. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please bring the following items and put them in the basket marked “Faith Hope & Charity”: stuffing mix, green beans, whole kernel corn, yams, cranberry sauce, rolls, cake mix and icing. Please turn these items in by November 17. Shirley plans to deliver the baskets on November 22.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries provides healthy, nutritionally balanced food to feed a family of four each month. The cost for the Regular Box is \$30.00, and the cost for the Senior/Convenience Box is \$28.00. There are qualification requirements to participate in Angel Food Ministries. The deadline to order through Angel Food Ministries is November 7, 2008. Orders may be placed at the Salvation Army. Pick up will be November 22, 2008 between 11:30-12:30 at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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

ALTERNATIVE GIVING MARKET

What do you get for the person who “has everything?” There is a display located in the Parish Hall which offers you an opportunity to give a gift that will delight the Christ Child. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Hurricane Ike Relief

April Sammons is assisting teachers and staff members at her school who lost everything in Hurricane Ike. She is collecting diapers, enfamil, pillows, toasters, microwaves, towels, blenders, mixer, can openers, crockpots, utensils, plate sets, pots & pans, bakeware, heating pads, portable CD player, vacuum, handheld vacuum, irons, ironing boards, tool sets, plastic containers, glasses, electric shavers for men and women, glassware, coffee pots, hair dryers, etc. If you would like to contribute any of these items, please contact Kyla Smith or you can also go on line to www.amazon.com; go to the Gifts & Wish lists tab and type in Austin Faculty Galveston, and you will find an updated list. St. John's has contributed the \$125.00 that parishioners had donated toward hurricane relief. We appreciate April's outreach to her colleagues who have lost so much.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION: “FROM THE MOUNTAIN”

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori and the Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu preached during the 2008 commencement and baccalaureate ceremonies at the University of the South. Pages 1-9 of “From the Mountain” detail this visit. On page 6 (the group photo), the lady whose photo is marked with a yellow flag is Judy's friend, Deacon Andrea Polvino. The book is located on the round table in the parish hall.

VETERANS' DAY

Veteran's Day – originally known as Armistice Day – went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. President Wilson proclaimed “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory” In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day to also honor American veterans of all wars.

The First Presbyterian Church will host a commemoration service at 10:00 a.m. on November 11th in the sanctuary. Following the service refreshments will be served. At 11:00 a.m., there will be a service at the Falls County Courthouse where a wreath will be laid and the bell will be rung. We will remember veterans of all wars and pray for veterans still living during our regular Sunday service on November 9.

THANKSGIVING DAY NOV. 27

“Almighty and Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”
Amen

The readings for Thanksgiving Day are Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Luke 17:11-19.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with family, friends, good food, laughter, love and God’s blessings.

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord!

Do You Want to Go?

The Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Canon C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop coadjutor-Elect of the Diocese of Texas, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston. Judy is going. Please call the church if you wish to carpool. We will leave from St. John’s at 7:30 a.m. and will return after the service. You also need to register if you are going. Get more information from the church office or register online at www.epicenter.org.

Church History/Archives Project to Start

We will be compiling photographs, articles, etc., for a Church History/Archives Project. We will meet on Wednesdays 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. If you are interested in participating in this important preservation of St. John’s history, please contact the office.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25th of each month

1Prayer Requests: 1Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Te Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Carl and Kay Evans, 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, Willie Bates, Jack Wagner, Loretta Bird, Joyce Voelter, Felma Branch, Dolores Grant, Mike Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Primativa Pecina, Betty Margoitta, Shirley King’s sister, Robbiette White, Carla Collier, Joe Trice, Rev. David Kirkaldy, Samantha G. Tatum, Priscilla Feuerbacher, Anne Burrough, Helen Marsh, Adele Darrington, Rev. Jimmy Phillips, Nancy and Jim Davis, Dr. Charlie Wegman, Roberta McDaniel, Johnny and Jackie Brueggeman, Sandy Kleckner, Helen Erskine, Carolyn Wells, Billie Moore, Donna Bryant, Geneva Hughes, Charlise Brown, Mary, Joy, Lester and Matt, Mike Tobias, Bridgette Hollingsworth, Vestal Cook, Teddy Peterson, Theresa and Brian Bailey.

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 126th Forward Surgical Team.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Nansi Morris (Ron Janes’ friend) and Sarah Norton (long-time Marlin resident and friend to many at St. John’s), Dolores Grant (Kyla Smith’s friend and mentor)

May their souls 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.

NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

November 2 – Joe Owen IMO T.L. Owen
November 9 – Pam Williams IHO Veterans' Day
November 16 – Libby Price IMO David and Andy Pierce
November 23 – Cathy Owen ITF Family
November 30 – Advent
If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.

COFFEE HOSTESS

November 2 – Cathy Owen
November 9 – Marge Schumann
November 16 – Pat Smith
November 23 – Kyla Smith
November 30 — Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

November 11 – Cathy Estes
November 12 – Antonette Peterson
November 13 – David Henderson
November 14 – Sam Bosnack
November 15 – Desiree and Andrew Smith's 1st Anniversary
November 15 – Joe Owen
November 16 – David Burton
November 30 – Scott Swartz
"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 November birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, November 30th. 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:

Note new hours: Rev. Filer will be in the office on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays this 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.

In case you need to reach me and I am not at the office, you can contact me at (254) 252-0971.

LEADERSHIP:

"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."
Sandra Day O'Connor

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 10:30 am All Saints Service 11:00-2:00 Fall Festival |
| 2 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II All Saints Sunday Turn in Pledge Cards UTO In-Gathering | 3 | 4 | 5 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service | 6 11:00 Clericus St. Luke's Belton | 7 Office Closed | 8 8:00 am, MMF |
| 9 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II 10:30 am Altar Guild Training | 10 | 11  Veterans' Day Cathy Estes B'day | 12 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service Antonette Peterson B'day | 13 12:00 Noon Coalition Meeting David Henderson B'day | 14 ECW Annual Meeting Camp Allen Office closed Sam Bosnack B'day | 15 ECW Annual Meeting Camp Allen Joe Owen B'day Desiree & Andrew Smith 1 st Anniversary |
| 16 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II DOK Admission 11:00 DOK Little Church Club Camp Allen David Burton B'day | 17 Little Church Club Camp Allen | 18 | 19 2:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 pm Vestry | 20 | 21 Office Closed | 22 8:30 am Kairos 10:30 am Rev. Doyle Consecration, Houston |
| 23 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II – Christ the King Sunday Install Altar Guild | 24 | 25 | 26 12:00pm Rev. Filer 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service | 27  Thanksgiving. | 28 Office Closed | 29 |
| 30 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am MP 1 st Sun. in Advent St. John's Birthday Party! Scott Swartz B'day | | | | | | |

NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 2, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Pam Williams
2nd Lesson: Sherri Patterson
Intercessor: Polly Gaeke
Chalice: Kate VandeVeegaete
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and Sam Bosnack
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
Hostess: Cathy Owen
Flowers: Joe Owen IMO T.L. Owen
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

November 9, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Cathy Owen
2nd Lesson: Diana Miles
Intercessor: Eddie Visser
Chalice: Cathy Owen
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Mike Meyer and George Wilson
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
Hostess: Marge Schumann
Flowers: Pam Williams IHO Veterans' Day
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

November 16, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Pat Smith
2nd Lesson: Mary Smith
Intercessor: Bobby Peterson
Chalice: Jean Trice
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Bill Forson and Johnny Richardson
Altar Guild: Cathy Owen and Kate VandeVeegaete
Hostess: Pat Smith
Flowers: Libby Price IMO David and Andy Pierce
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

November 23, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Polly Gaeke
2nd Lesson: Eddie Visser
Intercessor: Megan Henderson
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Steve Price
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Cathy Owen
Hostess: Kyla Smith

Flowers: Cathy and Joe Owen ITF Family
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

November 30, 2008 – MP:

Leaders: Joe Owen and Megan Henderson

1st Lesson and Psalm: Louise Burton
2nd Lesson: Kyla Smith
3rd Lesson: Megan Henderson
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Ushers: Sam Bosnack and Mike Ferda, III
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Cathy Owen
Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack
Flowers: Advent
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

December 7, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Eddie Visser
2nd Lesson: Diana Miles
Intercessor: Louise Burton
Chalice: Diana Miles
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Bill Forson and Johnny Richardson
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
Hostess: Jean Trice
Flowers: Advent
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith