

THE EAGLE'S QUILL

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 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 meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30th at St. John's Parish Hall. Come join in the fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a special trinity of time, talent and treasure. Regular participation, consistent giving/tithing, ministry, habitual outreach, constantly

loving our neighbors is how we respond to the call of Christ. Pledge cards have been mailed out. Please prayerfully consider your pledge this year. Stewardship asks us not are our talents big enough, but how do we faithfully use the talents we have, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Pledge cards may be mailed in, turned into the office or placed in the offering plate on November 2nd.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

You have received a letter requesting nominations for two Vestry members. Mike Meyer and Bobby Peterson will be going off the Vestry after completing three years of service. Thank you both for giving so generously of your time and talent, and we hope, after a rest, you will serve again.

Please prayerfully consider your nominations.
Please turn in your nominations by October 21st.

THANK YOU

Dear St. John's, Thank you very much for your thoughtful gift and prayers. The money and your prayers will help tremendously in getting my life back in order from Hurricane Ike. God bless you all, April Sammons

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.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Workshop at St. Paul's, Waco
Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-8:00 pm

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.texascurisillo.org.

2008 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

November 6-9, 2008 (campsite)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Rev. Dr. Ann Normand, the new Canon to the Ordinary, will be with us October 11-12. On October 11 at 5:00 pm, we will meet at Mike Meyer's home, enjoy dinner, and Canon Normand will present 132 Years of Church Growth-Where Are We Headed? On October 12, Rev. Normand will install the new Daughters of the King.

Afterwards we will have a dinner in the Parish Hall at which time Canon Normand will present the lesson What Do We Have in Common with Benedict?

ECW

The 107th Diocese of Texas Annual Meeting and Retreat will be held at Camp Allen on November 14 and 15, 2008. The cost is \$150.00 (double) for the entire conference, \$50.00 for Friday only (no lodging), \$35.00 for Saturday only (no lodging). Scholarships may be available, and we will be glad to find out. The deadline to register is October 24th.

The outreach project for this year's Annual Meeting will benefit the women at Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church in Houston. The ministry, Sisters at Heart, ministers to the spiritual, emotional and social needs of women in crisis. Please collect and bring with you to the Annual Meeting the following items: feminine hygiene products, underwear, soap, deodorant, wash towels, shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste, lipstick, blush, perfume, body lotion, "how to" books (how to apply makeup, crochet, crafts) and small devotional books.



ECW FALL FESTIVAL

ECW will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 1st – All Saints Day. There will be a service beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by the sale of enchilada casseroles, baked goods and a silent auction from 11:00 – 2:00.

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Shirley King will resume the after-school and tutoring program on Tuesday, October 7th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shirley King at 804-0196.

OUTREACH

FOOD FOR OCTOBER

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

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

EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

SAFEGUARDING MINISTRIES

The Rev. Cecilia B. Smith has taken over the Safeguarding Ministry for the Diocese. She is recruiting diocesan trainers for Safeguarding God's Children. The diocese will train you and provide the training materials at no cost to you or the church. If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Cecilia B. Smith at csmith@epicenter.org or at 1-800-947-0580.

UTO IN-GATHERING

The UTO In-Gathering will be Sunday, November 2nd. There are UTO boxes available for your use in the Parish Hall. UTO offering envelopes will be in the church bulletins on November 2nd. Please remember the United Thank Offering.

Save the Date

The Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Canon C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop coadjutor-Elect of the Diocese of Texas, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on November 22, 2008, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston.

PRAYER POCKETS

As part of the consecration of Rev. Andrew Doyle as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, you are invited to participate in a prayer pocket project. Completed prayer pockets should be sent to Janie Stevens at the Diocesan Center no later than November 1. Information and instructions on how to make the prayer pockets are on the table in the Parish Hall.

GRANDSON #4

Rev. Bob Tarbet and his lovely wife, Beverly, have welcomed their fourth grandson, Graham Christopher Tarbet. He was born Friday, September 26th, and weighed in at 9 lb. 5 oz. There is a congratulatory card in the Parish Hall for everyone to sign.

Church History/Archives Project to Be Started

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

To my St. John's family: 30 September 2008

I just wanted to take a moment to catch all of you up on what has been going on in my life and to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in my journey. As most of you are aware; I have just returned from a men's retreat with some of the folks from St. Paul's in Waco. I know I will be unable to accurately express how much of an impact this weekend has had on me. *I am going to try anyway!*

The men involved in this retreat met up at the Mustang Island Conference Center just outside of Port Aransas. I highly recommend the center and its staff; they did an outstanding job for us. Their hospitality was first rate. The center belongs to the Diocese of West Texas. If you get a chance to go visit them, you will not be sorry. The retreat was hosted on a clergy level by Father Chuck Treadwell. We had a speaker (if you will) named Dr. Wes Eades, who is a counselor among other things, in Waco. These two men have solidly placed themselves on the list of the most influential people I have ever met. I cannot thank these two wonderful people enough for the gift they have given me. I am going to offer this gift to you in the form of modified behavior on my part.

The topic of the retreat was transitions. Let me just re-cap what I derived from the lesson to you. Every person in this life will encounter times of transition. Occasionally, these naturally occurring transitions will be interrupted by uncontrollable, external forces. The choices we make during these transitions steer us on the path of life. Periods of transition (especially interrupted ones) create elevated levels of anxiety at the same time

diminishing our ability to deal with this anxiety. This is where the choice part comes in. We are prone to make bad choices in these critical times. How do we help ourselves make good decisions? *Follow the baptismal covenant!*

This is only a brief overview, and if you want to know more about the course, you can come see me. I thank God for the wonderful experience of the weekend. Most of all I thank GOD for my wife and children. Finally I thank GOD for you, my parish family, for being there for me when I needed it.

Troy

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER!

After the votes were counted, the winning suggestion for the name of our newsletter was The Eagle's Quill submitted by David Burton. Thank you, David.

SCOTT & WHITE FREE SCREENINGS

Scott & White will offer **free** clinical examinations to screen for breast, prostate and skin cancer on Saturday, October 18, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Scott & White Clinic in Temple and at the Georgetown Community Clinic. For additional information, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25th of each month

Prayer Requests: 1 Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Archie Lee Maguire, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Joe Roppolo, 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, Tom Pulos, Tommy and Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Joanna Newnam, Mary Winters, Forest King, Marilee Painter, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Willie Bates, Jack Wagner, Loretta Bird, Joyce Voelter, Felma Branch, Dolores Grant, Mike Nehring, Jeff Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Primativa Pecina, Betty Margoitta, Shirley King, Shirley King's sister, Robbiette, Polly Gaeke, Carla Collier, Nansi

Morris, April Sammons, Joe Trice, Helen Marsh, Doris Goeke, Rev. David Kirkaldy, Samantha G. Tatum, Priscilla Feuerbacher, Anne Burrough, Bobby Jane Traylor, Helen Marsh, Adele Darrington, Rev. Jimmy Phillips, Nancy and Jim Davis, Dr. Charlie Wegman, Roberta McDaniel, Johnny and Jackie Brueggeman, Nansi Morris, Sandy Kleckner.

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Please pray also for these who serve in our Armed Forces: Jordan Gorraiz, Lyle Holley, John W. Sadler, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Pyland, the 126th Forward Surgical Team, Brandon Henderson.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Annette Casparian, Corporal Scott Vickery

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.

OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

October 5 – Mike and Alice Ferda

October 12 – Marge Schumann

October 19 – John Ramsey Taylor

October 26 – Mark and Sherri Patterson

If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.

COFFEE HOSTESS

October 5 – Willie Null

October 12 – Sherri Patterson

October 19 – Antonette Peterson

October 26 – Libby Price
and Pattie Bosnack

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

October 1 – Jason Peterson

October 5 – Mike Ferda, Sr.

October 7 – Ed Visser

October 17 – Wes Filer

October 29 – Bobby Peterson

“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 October birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, October 26th. Please join us following the regular Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 5 – Antonette Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith
October 12 – Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith
October 19 – Troy Henderson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith
October 26 – Stefan Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith
November 2 – Bobby Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

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
Minister of Music: Sue Visser
Parish Administrator: Cathy Owen
Altar Guild Chair: Louise Burton
Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke
Memorial Chair: Jean Trice
ECW President: Pattie Bosnack
Special Events: Libby Price and
Pattie Bosnack

Cathy’s Corner:

The answering machine states that office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lately, my office hours have been unusual due to two people going to work with one vehicle. Lately, I am usually at the office by 7:00-7:30 a.m., and if I have the car that day, I have to leave by 3:30-3:45 p.m. in order to pick Joe up. If I don’t have the car, I am

here until 4:00-4:30 p.m. As soon as we are back to a “normal” two-car family, the hours will be 8:00-4:00.

I will be at the Bishop’s Outreach Conference October 17-18 at Camp Allen.

Rev. Filer will be at Clergy Conference from October 5-8 at Camp Allen.

Note new hours: Rev. Filer will be in the office on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 12:00-6:00 and on the third Wednesday of each 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:

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
Pericles

OCTOBER 12008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service <i>Jason Peterson</i> <i>B'day</i>	2 11:00 am Clericus St. Martin's 5:15 pm 1 st Thurs. Prayer	3	4 8:00 am, MMF 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals
5 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II Clergy Conference <i>Mike Ferda, Sr.</i> <i>B'day</i>	6 Clergy Conference	7 Clergy Conference 6:00-8:00 pm Centering Prayer Nat'l Night Out <i>Ed Visser</i> <i>B'day</i>	8 Clergy Conference 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	9 12:00 Noon Coalition Meeting	10 6:00-9:00 pm Kairos Team Meeting St. John's	11 5:00 pm Canon Ann Normand @ Mike Meyer's Home
12 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am MP Canon Ann Normand Installation of DOK 4:00 pm Ultreya, St. Paul's	13	14 6:00-8:00 Centering Prayer St. Paul's	15 12:00-6:00 Rev. Filer 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	16	17 Outreach Conference Camp Allen <i>Wes Filer</i> <i>B'day</i>	18 Outreach Conference Camp Allen
19 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II Rev. Bob Tarbet	20	21 6:00-8:00 Centering Prayer St. Paul's	22 12:00-6:00 Rev. Filer 5:00 pm Healing Service	23	24	25 8:30 am Kairos
26 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II Vestry Elections & St. John's Birthday Party!	27	28 11:00-1:30 CF Luncheon St. Paul's	29 2:00pm Rev. Filer 5:00 pm Healing Service 6:00 pm Vestry <i>Bobby Peterson</i> <i>B'day</i>	30 6:00 pm Men's Assn.	31 Halloween	

OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 5, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Joe Owen
2nd Lesson: Bobby Peterson
Intercessor: Bill Forson
Chalice: Cathy Owen
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Mike Ferda and Bobby Peterson
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
Hostess: Willie Null
Flowers: Mike & Alice Ferda ICO Wedding Anniversary
Children's Ministry Workers: Antonette Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

October 12, 2008:

The Reading: Mark Patterson
Psalm: Megan Henderson
Intercessor: Ed Visser
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Mike Meyer and George Wilson
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
Hostess: Sherri Patterson
Flowers: Marge Schumann IMO Leland Schumann
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

October 19, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Mary Smith
2nd Lesson: Cathy Owen
Intercessor: Pam Williams
Chalice: Jean Trice
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Bill Forson and Johnny Richardson

Altar Guild: Cathy Owen and Kate VandeVeegaete
Hostess: Antonette Peterson
Flowers: John Ramsey Taylor IMO Percy & Mae Goddard
Children's Ministry Workers: Troy Henderson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

October 26, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Pat Smith
2nd Lesson: Jean Trice
Intercessor: Polly Gaeke
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Steve Price
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Cathy Owen
Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack
Flowers: Mark & Sherri Patterson
Children's Ministry Workers: Stefan Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

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: Sam Bosnack and Mike Ferda, III
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
Hostess: Cathy Owen
Flowers: Joe Owen IMO T.L. Owen
Children's Ministry Workers: Bobby Peterson, Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith