

# THE EAGLE'S QUILL

## ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 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*

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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.*

#### Schedules and more Schedules...

Dearest St. John's Family,

I want to thank you for being so gracious concerning my needing to spend more time with my mother as she navigates the ending days of her life. As you know, she is in an alzheimers care facility in Waco. I visit her everyday and if you would like to join me on any day, please just call and let me know.

I have been forced to learn a good deal about Alzhiemers and foresee for myself ministry and political activism in this area. At this point, Alzheimers is an epidemic and we as a nation are unprepared to take care of all the baby-boomer generation who will most likely be afflicted. We simply must fund research to find a solution. This disease could possibly break our economy or suggest moral decisions that we would rather avoid.

Again, please join me. Come and see the face of Alzheimers. This issue should be at the forefront of our nation's concerns.

Your support in the new scheduling for Fall while I attend more closely to Mom is deeply appreciated. Immediately following the called parish meeting, help has come from all corners of the church to divide duties. I am sure this is how the Body of Christ should work, and it makes me proud to be associated with St. John's. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we not only get through this period but prosper through it.

My tentative fall schedule is listed next. If there are changes, we will print them later.

Again, thank you, from the bottom of my heart!

Judy+

## **JUDY'S SCHEDULE**

October Sundays: 4th and 11th; Wednesdays: 21 and 28; special services: Blessing of the Animals, Oct. 3 10:00 a.m.

November Sundays: 1, 22, 29, Wednesdays: 11 and 18. Special service Sunday before Thanksgiving--a Thanksgiving service

December Sundays: 20 and 27. Wednesdays: 9 and 16. Special services: Lessons and Carols--20th, Christmas Eve, and Feast of St. John on Sunday the 27th.

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

### **NEWSLETTER CHANGES**

Starting in November the newsletters will be coming out on the second week of each month.

### **REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE**

KAIROS has offered to get us a new refrigerator at cost; one that makes ice and gives water and is self cleaning. If you can contribute toward buying a new refrigerator, please leave your donation in the office. Are you interested in buying the old refrigerator when the new one arrives? If so, please leave your bid at the office.

### **ULTREYA**

Ultreya meets at 4:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:  
October 11 – St. Paul's, Waco  
November 15 – St. John's, Marlin  
December – To be announced

### **CURSILLO**

Polly Gaeke and Kyla Smith are our Cursillo coordinators and would love to talk with you about it. The next Cursillo is at Camp Allen on November 5-8. Scholarships are available.

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 website at [www.texascurso.org](http://www.texascurso.org).

2009 CURSILLO WEEKENDS  
# 226 November 5-8 (campsite)

## **ECW**

The Diocese of Texas Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting and Retreat will be held at Camp Allen October 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Registration includes room, meals, three worship services, and a choice of twelve workshops. For more information call Lisa Martin at 512-431-7716. Scholarships available.

## **OUTREACH**

### **FOOD FOR OCTOBER**

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 Faith, Hope and Charity.

## **EVENTS AND INFORMATION:**

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:**

A blessing of the animals will be held here at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a free event that will include refreshments, games, and blessings! Bring your nearest and dearest four legged creature (on a leash) to join in the fun.

### **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:**

A Confirmation Rehearsal will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Confirmation with Bishop C. Andrew Doyle on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer Service:**

The Wednesday evening Prayer Services have resumed again for fall. Join us at 5:00 pm each week for prayer and fellowship.

### **THE BISHOP IS COMING...**

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle will make his first visit to St. John's Church on October 11, 2009. On that day, he will confirm or receive Mary Richardson, Molly Walker's mother, Ron Janes, Lucy Pyland's cousin, and Marge Schumann's granddaughters Charlotte Cox and Amanda Estes. The Bishop will stay for lunch and will have time for a question and answer period. Please join us on this joyous occasion. Congratulations new confirmands! We are honored to welcome you into the family of St. John's and the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Texas.

### **Free Cancer Screening at Scott & White:**

On Saturday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., FREE clinical examinations to screen for Breast, Prostate, and Skin Cancer will be offered to people who have no medical insurance. This will take place at the Scott & White Glenda Tanner Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center located at 2401 S. 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Temple. There is no charge, however appointments are required.

### **“Soulfood Retreat” of Diocesan Recovery Ministries:**

The weekend of November 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Camp Allen will be hosting an Annual Retreat for persons in recovery from alcoholism or addictions, and their families or friends, or those seeking information. Speakers, 12 step meetings, groups, worship, and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact the church office or register online at [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org).

### **Little Church Club:**

The next meeting of the Little Church Club is at Camp Allen beginning on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. and ending on Monday, Nov. 16 after lunch. The little churches of the Diocese meet to exchange ideas and have programs on church growth and other issues of interest to small churches. These gatherings are a lot of fun. Each small church is urged to send at least two representatives to the meeting. The cost is \$75 per person for double (\$15 extra for single), and the Diocese pays for one person per church. Please RSVP to [Donna Mueck](#), or call her at 254.697.2167. Scholarships are available.

### **Weekend with Bishop High**

Do you have questions that you would like the Bishop to answer? You have the opportunity to do just that during a weekend at Camp Allen on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. You will be able to hear about anything new going on and talk with Bishop High!

### **Who We Are**

In the upcoming issues of the St. John's Newsletters, there will be an article entitled, “Who We Are.” This article will describe a tradition of the Episcopal Church and explain why we follow the tradition. If you have a question about why Episcopalians do anything, please write your suggestion down and place it in the basket which will be in the parish hall. With God's help and with Rev. Judy's guidance, I will research and find the answers. For example, the November issue will answer the question of why we bow when the cross passes. I look forward to exploring the Episcopal traditions with you. Respectfully, Andrew Smith.

### **E-Mail Information**

In an effort to keep our records updated, please submit your e-mail address to the office via e-mail or by adding it to the flyer in the parish hall on the round table. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** First Friday of each month

### **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, Connie McLelland, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade, Betty Goodrich, 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, Lauretta Wiebusch, April Sammons, Sam Bosnack, Carl Evans, Jean Mathis, Sarah Goodrich, Tony Veracruz, Andrew Smith, Felma Branch

Please pray especially for Betty Goodrich, for Steve Price and for Mary Price, and for Alice Ferda. All have health challenges. Please pray for Ron Janes who will have a heart procedure performed in Austin on October 19. Please pray for Pattie Bosnack as she travels to be with Sandy, her daughter, who is gravely ill.

And please give prayers of thanksgiving and protection for Andrea and Tommy Smith and new baby Smith as they await his or her arrival around March 25th. And of course for Xoe too, as her little life is about to change. Alleluia!

**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 126<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Team, Connor Owen, Jordan Gorraiz, Jim Steidley, Raymond Ramirez, Jr., Nathan Johnston, Morgan Riley

### **Office Hours for October:**

Starting October 12<sup>th</sup>, Mondays and Tuesdays from 8-12.

### **FLOWERS**

October 4 – Mike and Alice Ferda ICO Anniv.  
October 11 – Marge Schumann IMO Leland Schumann  
October 18 – Mark and Sherri Patterson ICO Anniv.  
October 25 – Judy Filer ICO birthday of Wes Filer  
November 1 – (Available)  
November 8 – (Available)

**The following dates are open to donate flowers: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Polly Gaeke at 254-584-4464.

### **COFFEE HOSTESS**

October 4 – Sue Patterson  
October 11 – Molly Walker  
October 18 – Louise Burton  
October 25 – Birthday Bash  
November 1 – Cindy Cox  
November 8 – Polly Gaeke

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:**

October 1 – Jason Peterson  
October 5 – Mike Ferda Sr.  
October 17 – Wes Filer  
October 29 – Bob Peterson  
November 9 – Carl & Kay Evans Anniversary  
November 11 – Cathy Estes  
November 12 – Antonette Peterson  
November 13 – David Henderson  
November 14 – Sam Bosnack

“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  
**Vestry:** Senior Warden, Mark Patterson  
Junior Warden, Bill Forson  
**Church Ministries:** Louise Burton  
**Clerk:** Mary Smith  
**Minister of Music:** Sue Patterson  
**Altar Guild Chair:** Molly Walker  
**Liturgist:** Jean Trice  
**Altar Flowers Chair:** Polly Gaeke  
**Memorial Chair:** Jean Trice  
**ECW President:** Pattie Bosnack

Judy Filer may be reached at 254-776-4815 or 254-722-2013 or by email at [revjudy@live.com](mailto:revjudy@live.com), for personal messages only. If you are forwarding an email, please send to [jwfiler@aol.com](mailto:jwfiler@aol.com). Thank you.

### October 12009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> First Thursday Prayer 5:15 pm Courthouse Steps <i>Jason Peterson</i> <i>B'Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Blessing of the Animals
<b>4</b> 9:30 am HE II Confirmation Rehearsals 11:00 am	<b>5</b> <i>Mike Ferda</i> Sr. <i>B'Day</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Scott & White Free Cancer Screening
<b>11</b> 9:30 am HE II Confirmation <b>Bishop Andy</b> <b>Doyle</b> Ultreya 4:00 St. Paul's Waco	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ECW Annual Meeting Camp Allen	<b>17</b> ECW Annual Meeting Camp Allen KAIROS 9-4 <i>Wes Filer</i> <i>B'Day</i>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am MP II	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 am MP II	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm	<b>29</b> <i>Bob Peterson &amp;</i> <i>Mike Smith</i> <i>B'Day</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>All Hallows' Eve</i>
<b>1</b> 9:30 am HE II <i>All Saints' Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 am MP II	<b>9</b> <i>Carl &amp; Kay</i> <i>Evans</i> <i>Anniv.</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prayer Service 5:00 pm <i>Cathy Estes</i> <i>B'Day</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Antonette Peterson</i> <i>B'Day</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Soulfood</b> <b>Retreat at</b> <b>Camp Allen</b> <i>David</i> <i>Henderson</i> <i>B'Day</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Soulfood Retreat at</b> <b>Camp Allen</b> <i>Sam Bosnack</i> <i>B'Day</i>

## OCTOBER and SOME OF NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **October 4, 2009 – HEII: Rev. Judy Filer**

First Lesson and Psalm: Jean Trice  
Second Lesson: Mark Patterson  
Chalice: Jean Trice  
Intercessor: Kyla Smith  
Acolyte: Sherri Patterson  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith  
Ushers: Steve Price and Mike Meyer  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Sue Patterson  
Flowers: Mike and Alice Ferda ICO  
Anniversary  
Vestry Representative: Bill Forson

### **October 11, 2009 – HEII: Bishop Andy Doyle**

First Lesson and Psalm: Diana Miles  
Second Lesson: Bill Forson  
Chalice: Louise Burton  
Intercessor: Pat Smith  
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Pat Smith and Molly Walker  
Ushers: George Wilson and Mike Ferda  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Molly Walker  
Flowers: Marge Schumann IMO Leland Schumann  
Vestry Representative: Louise Burton

### **October 18, 2009 – MPIO: Polly Gaeke and Diana Miles**

First Lesson and Psalm: Kyla Smith  
Second Lesson: Bobby Peterson  
Third Lesson: Polly Gaeke  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete and Molly Walker  
Ushers: John Hall and Sam Bosnack  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Louise Burton  
Flowers: Mark and Sherri Patterson ICO  
Anniversary  
Vestry Representative: Cameron Kay

### **October 25, 2009 – MPIO: Louise Burton and Mark Patterson**

First Lesson and Psalm: Pat Smith  
Second Lesson: George Wilson  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Libby Price and Molly Walker  
Ushers: Bill Forson and Steve Price  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Birthday Bash  
Flowers: Judy Filer  
Vestry Representative: Mark Patterson

### **November 1, 2009 – HEII: Rev. Judy Filer**

First Lesson and Psalm: Marge Schumann  
Second Lesson: Mark Patterson  
Chalice: Jean Trice  
Intercessor: Kate Vandeveegaete  
Acolyte: Sherri Patterson  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith  
Ushers: Mike Meyer and George Wilson  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Cindy Cox  
Flowers:  
Vestry Representative: Mary Smith

### **November 8, 2009 – MPIO: Jean Trice and Bobby Peterson**

First Lesson and Psalm: Sherri Patterson  
Second Lesson: Bill Forson  
Crucifer: Dub Wagner  
Altar Guild: Pat Smith and Molly Walker  
Ushers: Mike Ferda and John Hall  
Children's Ministry Worker: Desiree Smith  
Hostess: Polly Gaeke  
Flowers:  
Vestry Representative: Bill Forson