

St. John's Leadership

Vestry:

Senior Warden, Mike Meyer
Junior Warden, Troy Henderson
Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Phillips
Polly Gaeke
Bobby Peterson
Joe Owen

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer

Director of Music: Sue Visser

Parish Administrator: Cathy Phillips

Altar Guild Chair: Louise Burton

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke

Christian Education Leader: Joe Owen

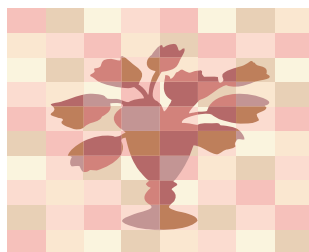
Special Events Hostess: Libby Price

MEMORIALS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



ST. JOHN'S CHOIR NEWS

There are St. John's throws still available if anyone would like to purchase one for \$35. Please contact Sue Visser if so.

The Choir will take a summer sabbatical. Beginning July 1, there will be no choir practice on Tuesday evenings. Sue Visser, our Music Director will be on vacation July 12-21. Choir members may sit in the choir

loft or in the congregation. Choir practice will resume September 4, 2007.

There is interest in starting a hand bell or chime choir at St. John's. You do not have to read music to play these instruments, just have a dedication to attending weekly rehearsals at the church, then playing for the church once or so a month. We need a minimum of four people to start a choir. Rehearsals will start in September, so anyone interested should contact Sue Visser at 883-2254.



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.texascursillo.org.

A Cursillo Day of Deeper Understanding is scheduled for July 14, 2007, at St. John's. The Rev. Paul Moore of St. Christopher's in Killeen will be the Spiritual Advisor, and Kyla Smith will be the Coordinator.

The Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop will be held at Camp Capers on September 28-30, 2007.

A Convocational Cursillo Christmas party will be held in December. The date and location will be announced at a later date.

2007 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

June 14-17, 2007
August 2-5, 2007
November 1-4, 2007 (campsite)



SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Safeguarding God's Children is scheduled for two Sundays at St. John's: August 12th or 19th. We have scheduled two dates hoping that the whole parish will have time to attend one of the two dates. Trainers are Meg Barrett and Sandy Smock. Everyone is encouraged to take the first part of the training which lasts about an hour and a half. Anyone who wishes to work in the nursery will also need to take the second session, which continues for another hour and a half. Those wishing to work in the nursery or with children's Sunday School will need to be registered as having completed all three hours of training. By Diocesan rules, background checks are required on all those who wish to work or assist in any children's program. This is the training that all church members must have to work with children in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. To recap, all parishioners are encouraged to attend either August 12th or August 19th for the first hour and a half. Then, if you wish to work with the children, you should stay for the final hour and a half. The course will take place in the Parish Hall following coffee hour after the Sunday service.



ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

Our website is up! Please check our website at www.stjohnsmarlin.net to see our work in progress. The newsletter and the calendar for lay readers will eventually be on the website. Please check often for upcoming events.



EMAIL UPDATES

Email updates to parishioners about what is happening in the parish go out weekly and emergency emails go out more often (i.e., if someone becomes ill). If you do not receive these and would like to, please email stjohnsepiscopal514@sbcglobal.net **AND** jwfiler@aol.com. Please put the words "email update" in the subject line and you will be included in the list.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Luke 10: After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Guest speaker Linda Astala, President of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Texas, talked to members of St. John's church on May 6th concerning this organization.

The following comes from notes taken by Cathy Phillips at the meeting: The mission of the Daughters comes from the above scripture. Daughters of the King exist to pray and serve.

Daughters of the King was founded in 1892 at Church of the Resurrection in New York City by Margaret Franklin. Today, annual dues are \$35.00 yearly per member. This helps subsidize the Daughters of the King national office in Waycross, GA., and allows funds to help individual chapters. These funds can be given in scholarship for any Daughters of the King member who cannot pay dues. Unlike ECW, Daughters of the King does not hold fundraisers. Their mission is prayer and service.

Daughters of the King is a religious order. The training manual can be found online and requires 15 weeks of training. If at that point, a woman wishes to join Daughters of the King, she receives the Daughters of the

King cross, which she is to wear daily near her heart either as a pin or pendant. She is installed at a ceremony at the church. She takes a lifelong vow to pray and serve. If at any point she decides to leave Daughters of the King, the pin should be returned to the national office.

Requirements of individual members are daily prayer, specifically to support the ministry staff and the parish, as well as other prayers. Service is also required. The chapter can decide with the church what the area of service will be. Some chapters make prayer shawls, some become the church prayer chain, and some make prayer bears. In addition, some chapters visit new members and the sick. Daughters of the King offers training on how to make these visits.

On September 28 and 29 the Daughters of the King Fall Assembly will be held at Camp Allen. All Daughters of the King members are eligible to attend. We at St. John's are in the process of trying to reconvene our chapter. If you are interested in this ministry, please let Cathy know. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for those interested in taking the training classes. After taking the training, one can decide whether or not to take the vows to become a Daughter of the King.



COFFEE HOSTESS

June 3: Pam Williams
June 10: Pat Smith
June 17: Jean Trice
June 24: Libby Price & Patti Bosnack



LITTLE CHURCH CLUB

The Little Church Club will meet July 22 and 23. Any member of St. John's is welcome to attend this conference. It is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and receive ideas.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

An ECW meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 10, 2007, following coffee hour to discuss the fundraisers for this year and to elect a new president. Please prayerfully consider your nominees for president or your willingness to serve as president.



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is a quiet ministry done behind the scenes. It is vital to every prayer service held in the church. Altar Guild members must understand seasons of the church year, as well as different services including Holy Eucharist, Morning Prayer, Healing Services, Baptism and all the services listed in the Book of Common Prayer. They carry out their duties prayerfully for the good of the parish. The service given by members

of Altar Guild is holy work that is vital to parish life. It is historic service in the church, dating back to the time of Moses and the Tribe of Levi. Altar Guild members are invited to serve by the Rector and serve under the leadership of Altar Guild Directress, Louise Burton. If this is an area of ministry and service that you would like to explore, please talk with our Rector. And by the way, there are many men throughout the Diocese who serve on the Altar Guild!

VISIONING STATEMENT FOR DIOCESE

The Diocese is in the process of writing a new Vision Statement. The Diocese will be writing its Statement within the next few months. They are seeking input from parishioners who are interested. Vision Events will take place in four locations throughout the Diocese during May, June and July. You are invited to participate in any of these events to help discern the future vision of the Diocese. There is no charge for the events, which last from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., but reservations are requested. If you wish to attend, sign up online at www.epicenter.org or call the church office.

June 9, Saturday: Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

July 7, Saturday: St. Thomas, College Station

I will try to attend the July 7th event in College Station if you would like to ride along. Thanks, Judy+



WORKING FOR CHRIST

The Working for Christ Housing Rehab Project will be held June 11-15. If you know of any families in your church or

elsewhere that need assistance with improving the appearance and accessibility of their homes, please contact 883-2157. Volunteers are needed, and there is a volunteer registration form in the Parish Hall. If you do not wish to paint, hammer, weed, re-screen or do any outdoor projects, please consider helping in the kitchen to prepare the breakfasts and lunches.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Jason and Desiree Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Rylie Elizabeth, on May 1, 2007. Proud grandparents are Bobby and Antoinette Peterson!



Congratulations to Samantha and Daniel Tatum on the birth of their son, Daniel, on May 3, 2007. Proud grandparents are Eddy and Sue Visser!

Congratulations to Natalie Forson and Danny Sedillo on the birth of their son, Isaiah James, on May 22, 2007. Proud grandparents are Margaret and Don Spelce and Bill Forson!



FOOD FOR JUNE:

Salvation Army — Canned Goods; Macaroni & Cheese; Peanut Butter and Jelly, Rice
Please remember to bring these items to put in the food baskets. Let's help restock their food shelves.

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

IN THE NEWS:

Cindy Cox, Byron Cox, Carol Crum, Sean Farmer, Morgan Crum, Charlotte Cox and Logan Crum attended the Waco Symphony Orchestra's final concert marking the end of the 45th Anniversary season. Check out the great pictures of them on the bulletin board.

We were all saddened by the loss of Lyons the Florist to a fire on May 22, 2007. The building that housed Lyons the Florist had been the rectory for St. John's. We are very sorry to lose this part of the rich history of our church. Please remember the owners and employees of Lyons the Florist in your prayers.

ATTENTION, WRITERS & ARTISTS:

A group of writers and artists in the Diocese is considering a chapter of Episcopal Church & Visual Arts for this year (<http://www.ecva.org/>). If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail addressed to Carol E. Barnwell at cbarnwell@epicenter.org with a short description of what you do, a brief bio and your contact information. If you have a website or an online portfolio, please include that as well.



BATTER UP!

July 3: Episcopal Night with the Astros, 7:05 p.m., Minute Maid Park

It's time once again for Episcopal Night with the Astros. The Episcopal High School Choir will sing the National Anthem, and Bishop Wimberly will throw the first pitch. Prior to the game, there will be free popcorn and hotdogs at the Beacon (1st floor of the Cathedral garage), and free parking is also

provided. The Cathedral garage is located at San Jacinto Street between Texas Avenue and Prairie. The price of discounted tickets are \$22.50 for Field Box; \$16.00 for Bullpen Box; and \$13.00 for Mezzanine. For more information, go to www.epicenter.org.

NEEDED ITEMS:

When you empty your egg cartons, please bring them to the church and leave them in the Parish Hall. Bobby and Antoinette Peterson need them. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S WISH LIST:

St. John's would like to add the following to its Wish List: a *digital camera*. The camera would be used to photograph events at the church, and the photographs would be posted on our web site.

FELLOWSHIP:

Interest has been shown in more fellowship at the church. Suggestions have included a men's association, a church picnic, an ice cream social, a lady's day and holiday dinners for those who either have no family joining them or plans to travel during a holiday. Also, September 9 or September 16 have been suggested as possible dates for our church's Rally Day, Parish Picnic and Parish Photograph. Please consider each of these suggestions and let us know your thoughts and ideas. These would be great opportunities for fellowship, fun and ministry.

BANNERS:

Please contact Cathy, by phone or email, and advise if there are currently any banners for the church, ECW, the choir, DOK, Altar Guild, any former men's association, Christian education or the Vestry or whether the banners would need to be made. We would really like to have these banners for Rally Day this fall.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Ann Bowdon Grimland, May 14, 2007
Thomas McGowen (The Rev. Carol Blaine's father)

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

CATHY'S CORNER:

Well, it has been a busy and exciting month for me as Administrator. I am learning many things and hope to learn more so as to be a benefit to the members of St. John's and to our Rector. If you need to contact me, you can reach me at the church office, 803-3800, on my cell phone, 716-6851, or at home, 803-3515. My regular hours at the church are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and I am also here on Sundays.

I will be out of the office during the morning on June 11, 12 and 13, but will be in the office by 1:30. I will be helping with Working for Christ on those days. I will then leave for Camp Allen to attend Crosspointes June 15-17.

Please note that the Rev. Judy Filer's days in the church office are Wednesdays and Sundays. Also, please note her cell phone number (254) 722-2013.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember: Deadlines for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. In the shorter months, this is very critical. Also, if you have any information or articles you would like to share in the newsletter, please drop them off at the office or email them. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 3: Trinity Sunday, Morning Prayer, Ray Bagby officiating
June 9: Vision Event, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston
June 9, 8:30-11:00: Kairos at St. John's
June 10 @ 11:00: ECW meeting
June 10 @ 4:00: Ultreya, St. Luke's, Belton
June 11-15: Working for Christ
July 1-September 4: Choir on summer sabbatical
June 14-17: Cursillo, Camp Allen
June 15-17: Crosspointes, Camp Allen
June 20 @ 6:00: Vestry meeting
June 23: Transitional Deacon's ordination, Christ Cathedral, Houston
July 3 @ 7:05: Episcopal Night with the Astros, Minute Maid Park, Houston
July 4-8: Kairos, St. John's
July 7: Vision Event, St. Thomas, College Station
July 8 @ 4:00: Ultreya, All Saints, Cameron
July 11 @ 10:00: Howard Gruetzner, Coping with Loss, Grief & Alzheimer's and Dementia, St. John's
July 12-21: Sue Visser on vacation
July 14: Cursillo Day of Deeper Understanding, St. John's, Waco
July 22-23: Little Church Club, Camp Allen
August 2-5: Cursillo
August 9-11: Willow Creek Leadership Summit, Truett Seminary, Waco
August 12: Safeguarding God's Children
August 12 @ 4:00: Ultreya, St. Paul's, Waco
August 19: Safeguarding God's Children
September 6: Clericus
September 9 @ 4:00: Ultreya, Christ Church, Temple
September 9 or September 16: Rally Day/Parish Picnic/Parish Photograph

September 28-29: Daughters of the King Fall Assembly, Camp Allen

September 28-30: Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop at Camp Capers

October 6: Blessing of the Animals

October 7: Parish Meeting

October 13 @ 4:00: Ultreya, St. John's, Waco

November 1-4: Cursillo

November 4 @ 4:00: Ultreya, Holy Spirit, Waco