

The St. John's Newsletter

St. John's Episcopal Church 254-803-3800 Marlin, Texas www.stjohnsmarlin.org November 2007

We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

THANKSGIVINGS

“I am thankful that I have a loving God, my church and fellow Episcopalians, my husband, daughter, family members and friends to see me through when adversity comes.” *Jean Trice*

“I am thankful that God has never left me alone and that each new day brings a fresh revelation of Him. ‘Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.’ Lamentations 3:22-23.” *Mary Smith*

“I am thankful for God’s mercy, compassion, forgiveness and love, my parents, my family, Cursillo, Christian friends and people who come into my life.” *Kyla Smith*

“I am thankful for my children, grandchildren, family, church – the list could become endless, but I am most thankful that even though I am me, I am loved by God.” *Cathy Phillips*

“I am thankful for St. John’s Church, its wonderful history and exciting present, and for each member and their families. God is good indeed!” *Judy Filer*

“Every morning when I wake up, I thank God for keeping me through the night and that a new day has dawned. I thank Him for the abundant life – health of body, mind and spirit. I thank Him for sending his son, Jesus Christ, who forgives all my sins, and for the Holy Spirit who guides me through each day – for my family and friends and church community. I thank God for eyes to see the beauty of the earth and sky – for lips to praise Him – for a heart to love – for ears to hear His still, small voice. There is no end to reasons for thanking God.” *Louise Burton*

“I am thankful for the gift of life, my family, St. John’s, Judy Filer and my health.” *Pam Williams*

“I am thankful for God’s mercy, grace, blessings and the unconditional love that He has given me. I am thankful for my family, church and friends. I have been given the most glorious sunrises, sunsets, singing birds, sounds of locusts and all the other little creatures. My cup runneth over. I am thankful for my home, daily bread, eyesight and health. I have been truly abundantly blessed.” *Mary Price*

“I am thankful for both my family and my church family whose love and support is unending. But even more than that, I am so thankful to know God loves me, a lowly sinner. Just to know God’s love is such an awesome blessing, to know when I look and only see one set of footprints, they are not mine for I am being carried in the most loving of all arms, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” *Pattie Bosnack*



St. John's Leadership

Vestry:

Senior Warden, Mike Meyer
Junior Warden, Troy Henderson
Polly Gaeke
Bobby Peterson
Joe Owen
Cathy Phillips, Clerk and Treasurer, Ex-Officio

Vestry Elect:

Bill Forson
Mark Patterson

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer

Minister of Music: Sue Visser

Parish Administrator:

Cathy Phillips

Altar Guild Chair:

Louise Burton

Altar Flowers Chair:

Polly Gaeke

Special Events: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

ECW President: Pattie Bosnack

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 4 — Polly Gaeke

Nov. 11 — Roppolo

Family

Nov. 18 — Cathy Phillips

Nov. 25 — Joe Owen

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



CURSILLO 2007 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

November 1-4, 2007
(campsite)

Applications are being taken for Parish Contact, Convocational Representative and Convocational Contact. The job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Bobbi Hopkins at bahopkins@hughes.net or Kyla Smith at iris4U@vvm.com.



ALTAR GUILD

There will be a Regional Altar Guild Workshop "Setting His Table" at St. Christopher's in Killeen on November 3, 2007. There is a \$5.00 donation. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. To RSVP, please call 512-478-0580. For driving directions to St. Christopher's call 254-634-7474.



ECW

St. John's ECW resumed on October 14th. The newly elected officers are

Pattie Bosnack, President; Polly Gaeke, Vice President; Mary Smith, Secretary; Jean Trice, Treasurer; Libby Price, Chairperson of the Hospitality, Bereavement and Kitchen Committee; and Weezie Burton and Jean Trice, Co-Chairpersons of the Call Committee.

The ECW hit the ground running at their first meeting and are selling silver crosses, as well as Episcopal t-shirts, caps, key chains, checkbook covers and teddy bears. They are also collecting items to send to our troops, as well as providing a Thanksgiving basket for the Faith, Hope & Charity ministry.



COFFEE HOSTESS

Nov. 4 – Libby Price, Pattie Bosnack and Cathy Phillips

Nov. 11 — Cindy Cox

Nov. 18 – Kyla Smith and Polly Gaeke IMO Gary Smith

Nov. 25 – Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack



NOV. BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 11 – Cathy Estes

Nov. 12 – Antonette Peterson

Nov. 13 – David

Henderson
Nov. 14 – Sam Bosnack
Nov. 15 – Joe Owen
Nov. 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 brunch on Sunday, November 25th in celebration of all parish November birthdays and anniversaries.

Please join us following the regular Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the Parish Hall, St. John’s Episcopal Church.

ST. JOHN’S MEN’S

ASSOCIATION

The St. John’s Men’s Association will not meet during the month of November.



LITTLE CHURCH CLUB

Little Church Club will meet at Camp Allen November 11 and 12. If you wish to attend, please contact Judy or Cathy. Scholarships are available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sean Farmer was elected

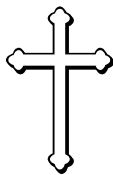
president of the Junior class at Mart High School.

Potters Vessel Ministries may be able to help work with pharmaceutical companies to provide medications at little or no cost. For more info, contact Larry Blount at 883-3625 or Potters Vessel at 757-3633.

Flu shots are available at the FCHC Rural health Clinic. The cost is \$25.00 but is free if you have Medicare. Call 803-3561.

Community-Wide Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held November 18, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Marlin High School Auditorium.

Howard Gruetzner will be at St. John’s on November 28th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Alzheimer’s Disease: Diagnosis, Treatment and Care.



MINISTRIES

Faith, Hope & Charity has set a goal to provide 50 food baskets (turkey and all the trimmings) for families with children who have a parent in prison. Items needed for the food baskets are: frozen turkey, canned green beans, stuffing mix, canned whole kernel corn, canned yams, rolls, cranberry sauce, cake mix and icing. The

deadline to deliver the food items is November 16th. Drop the items off at the Marlin Senior Civic Center between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

Faith, Hope & Charity’s Coat Drive will be held on November 24th. If you have a coat, sweater or jacket that you no longer use, please drop it off at Western Auto on that day.

If you need any additional information or would like to volunteer or assist in this ministry, please contact Shirley King at 883-3004 for more information.

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”
I Cor. 13:13

ALL SAINTS DAY AND UTO

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 4th and the UTO offering will also be collected on that day.



THANKSGIVING

“Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and

the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.”

Psalm 100



ST. JOHN'S SCRAPBOOK

Is there someone in the church who likes to scrapbook? We would like to put together a scrapbook of events in the life of St. John's. If you are interested, please let Judy or Cathy know.



ST. JOHN'S PHOTO ALBUM

We would like to put together a photo album of events that have taken place throughout the years at St. John's. If you are interested, please let Judy or Cathy know.



FAVORITE

PRAYER

Do you have a favorite prayer from the Book of Common Prayer? Please contact the church office with the information. We will be printing these in the newsletter.

Bishop Wimberly – *In the Morning* BCP, p. 461
“This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*”

Cathy Phillips – *For Guidance* BCP, p. 832
“O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

Those for Whom our Prayers are Requested:
Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Archie

Lee Maguire, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Joe Roppolo, Te Andria Mason, Louise Rozario, Connie McLelland, Dorothy Benedict, Alyssa Hudler, Merrit Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Kay Evans, the Reverend Nick Novak, Charlene Luedke, Maria Padilla, Betty Goodrich, Levi Goodrich, Richard Young, Susan Young, Betsy Allen, Lionel Gleason, Helen and Adam Marsh, Dick Donovan, Nina Leeth, Shirley King, Troy Livingston, Sam Bosnack, the Reverend Rich Barrett, Betty Maxey, the Reverend Will Douglas, Anne and Cory Burrough, Reverend Jimmy Phillips, Bill Hunnicutt, Mary Price, Willie Null, Sue Visser's sister Mary Seebach, the Reverend John Wells, Margaret Spelce's sister, Maria Maldonado, Kathy Sartor, Gloria Vanegas, Tina Kluckner, Marilee Painter, Tommy Sehon, Dorothy Bennett, Sue Visser, Christi and Baby Ticknor.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Jay Milton Tobias; Marilyn Hunnicutt (Mary Price's sister-in-law); Pat Hargrove (Ray and Willie Null's friend)

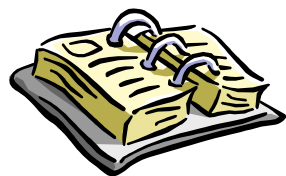
We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

“O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered:

Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." *Amen*

Cathy's Corner:
Remember, the office will be closed from Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

Leadership:
"Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts."
Nick Giovanni, American Poet



CALENDAR!

November 1, 11:00 a.m.:
Clericus, Christ Church, Temple
November 1-4: Cursillo
November 2-4: Grief Recovery Workshop, Camp Allen
November 3, 8:00-10:00:
Marlin Ministerial Fellowship
November 3, 10:00-1:30:
Diocesan Altar Guild Regional Workshop, St. Christopher's, Killeen
November 4, 4:00 p.m.:
Ultreya, Holy Spirit, Waco
November 5, 10:30-1:30:
Leadership for Ministry,

Pflugerville
November 6, 7:00 p.m.:
Choir Practice
November 7, 10:00-11:30:
Grief Support, St. Paul's, Waco — Note: Office will be closed until 1:00 p.m.
November 7, 5:15 p.m.:
Healing Service
November 8, 12:00 Noon:
Coalition Meeting
November 9-11: C.S. Lewis Foundation SW Regional Retreat, Camp Allen
November 10, 8:45-11:00:
Kairos Unit Advisory Board Meeting
November 10, 2:00 p.m.:
Bridal Shower honoring Desiree Bates
November 11: ECW meeting
November 11, 10:30:
Who Are We, Why Are We Here, and Why Do We Do the Things We Do? Bible Study
November 11, 4:00 p.m.:
Ultreya at St. Christopher's, Killeen
November 11-12: Little Church Club, Camp Allen
November 13, 4:00 p.m.:
Staff Meeting
November 13, 7:00 p.m.:
Choir Practice
November 14, 10:00-11:30: Grief Support, St. Paul's, Waco — Note: Office will be closed until 1:00 p.m.
November 14, 5:15 p.m.:
Healing Service
November 16: Food Baskets
November 17, 8:00-3:30:
Kairos Team Meeting, St. John's, Marlin
November 18, 6:00-8:00:
Community-Wide

Thanksgiving Worship
November 20, 7:00 p.m.:
Choir Practice
November 21: No Healing Service
November 21-23:
Thanksgiving Observance – Office Closed
November 24: Coat Drive
November 25:
Celebration of November Birthdays and Anniversaries
November 27, 7:00 p.m.:
Choir Practice
November 28, 10:00 a.m.:
Alzheimer's Disease: Diagnosis, Treatment and Care by Howard Gruetzner, Alzheimer's Association, St. John's, Marlin
November 28, 5:15 p.m.:
Healing Service
November 28, 6:00 p.m.:
Vestry Meeting