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Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:00 Sunday School

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Unction (Chapel)

FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

The prophet Isaiah wrote, ***Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:18-20)*** These are exciting times in 2014 to be a part of the life, mission, and ministry of St. John's! As we begin this New Year together, despite this frigid and harsh winter throughout our nation, new life continues to spring forth in our community of faith.

This past month our new Vestry, with Vickie Duff as Senior Warden and Todd Cooper as Junior Warden, began their work with me on behalf of this wonderful church. I am pleased to announce that St. John's had the best year-end financially that it has had in many years—I am so grateful for the faithful pledging and giving of our membership. We as well had a very successful Stewardship campaign led by Jay Box and driven by the Goals of the 3-Year Strategic Plan of St. John's. Our 2014 Budget for the Mission and Ministry of St. John's is just under \$309,000 and pledging over last year is up by \$28,000.

As I have said on a number of occasions, the core of our life at St. John's is our worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. The Holy Eucharist or Lord's Supper is the sign of the New Covenant in which Jesus said He would be fully present, and through which we receive the nourishment and strength to lead our daily Christian lives and faithfully carry out the mission of the Church. Our Sunday attendance has been steadily growing and we are often reaching the 150 mark that I set for us in 2013. I am very thankful for the choir, acolytes, chalice bearers, crucifers, torch bearers, lay readers, ushers, greeters, and altar and flower guilds for their ministries. And I am as well grateful for those who prepare our weekly Sunday brunch.

I ask your prayers for St. John's as we now live into our parish's strategic plan. Pray as well for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to be faithful in serving our members and the wider community through pastoral care, outreach, Christian education, and fellowship. God has blessed us abundantly at St. John's and you and I are called to be that blessing to one another, to Bishop Doug and our Diocese, and to those outside our walls who come in need and seeking Christ.

With thankfulness and in Christ's Name,
Father Philip+

**Are you up for
a challenge?**

**Chili Cook Off &
Brownie Bake Off!!**

Saturday, February 8, 6 pm

All St. John's adults: bring a pot of your best chili!!

All St. John's youth: bring a pan of your best brownies!!

Judging will be by popular vote of those in attendance!!

Don't want to cook? Just come and eat!!

\$4/person; \$10/family admission gets you an empty bowl to test the pots of chili and the brownies, one vote for the best chili and one vote for the best brownies, soft drinks, crackers and TUMS!

All proceeds will be donated to two local charities chosen by the winning cooks from a list provided.

Questions? See Jane Hansen or Katherine Harper

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN FEBRUARY 2014

Ah, February! The shortest month of the year seems very long when the weather is miserable and we know that spring is still weeks away. By the end of this month, my hands are itching to dig in the dirt; I want to plant some seeds. I want to watch them grow. I want to eat something I grew.

Here at St. John's, seeds are popping up all over. Our attendance on Sundays at our two services averages 150 people now, and we have room to grow even more.



This is a short, cold month, but St. John's is still bustling with activities: Chili Cook-Off and Brownie Bake-Off on the 8th, and the choir perform a Choral Evensong on the 16th. The Diocesan Convention takes place in Covington February 20 - 22 and our delegates need our prayers as they represent us there.

Your Vestry meets at 6:15 on February 11th, and you are welcome to attend. Last May we planted the seeds of St. John's Three Year Strategic Plan. The goals YOU asked to have accomplished in 2013 have been. In 2014 we are charged to accomplish much more—so come to our meetings when you can, and see how our garden grows.

February is a cold, short month and can seem to last forever. Black History Month, Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day, all take place in February, not to mention an endless stream of basketball games if you like that sort of thing. [I do!]

But the first holiday of February is Groundhog Day, February 2nd, which happens to be my birthday. Early spring or six more weeks of winter: only the groundhog knows! Several years ago, I found out February 2nd is the day in the Episcopal Church that we celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord at the Temple, and this year it falls on a Sunday. I'd much rather celebrate the Lord than a rodent on my birthday, or any day.

So, in this short, cold month, I hope we will all present ourselves at this temple of ours. Let's plant seeds. Let's watch them grow. Let's be present for all that's good and growing at St. John's.

Peace be with you. And, Happy Spring!

Vickie Duff
Senior Warden

NOTES FROM BILL

On Sunday, February 16 at 5pm, our very own Parish Choir of 24 members will lead us through the traditional service of **Evensong**. This is one of the most beautiful and inspiring services of The Episcopal Church, and comes from our Daily Office tradition. There are four daily prayer offices in our church, and the people who most often do them are the members of our religious orders and communities; that is, our monks and friars (brothers) and our nuns (sisters). Those four offices are Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer (or Evensong if sung), and Compline.

I have designed this Evensong service to be sung by everyone, not just the choir. So come prepared to sing with us !!

Having belonged to one of our religious orders earlier in my life as Brother William Chad (for St. Chad of England), I look forward to sharing this part of our liturgy with our Parish Choir and our Parishioners at St. John's. **HEAR YE, HEAR YE !! WE WILL HAVE A POT LUCK DINNER FOLLOWING THE EVENSONG ON FEBRUARY 16.** It is being organized by Linda Reeves, so contact her if you can bring a dish to share.

Announcing our new concert series, MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S!

There will be four events in our 2014 series:

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| Sunday, April 6, 4pm | The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra |
| Sunday, May 18, 4pm | The Sweet Adeline's Barbershop Chorus |
| July ? | Organ Re-dedication recital (if it is finished by then) |
| Sunday, October 19, 4pm | The Kentuckians Barbershop Chorus |

Also, don't miss the annual **Kirkin o' the Tartans** service on Sunday, November 16, 10am, we will parade down Main Street and celebrate Holy Eucharist and the Feast of St. Andrew with our Parish Choir and The Kentucky United Pipes and Drums (Bagpipes)

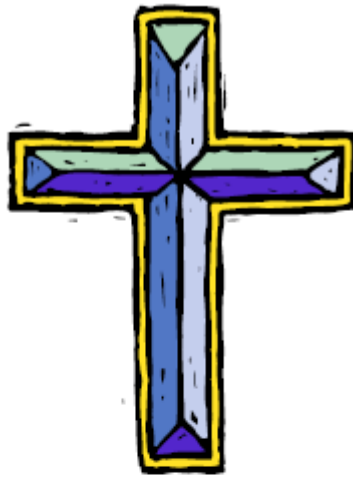
Please mark these musical events on your calendars, and plan to attend.

Soli Deo Gloria;

William Webber (Bill)
Organist/Choirmaster, St. John's.

FEBRUARY SERVER SCHEDULE

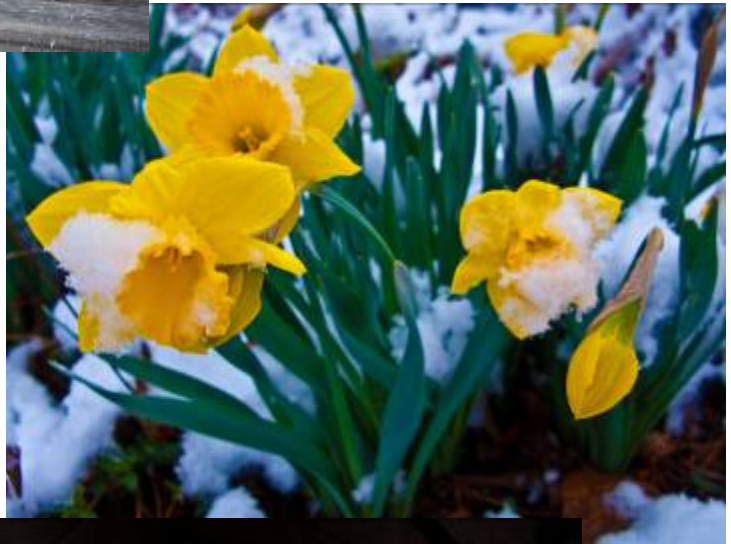
	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb
	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
Acolyte	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Ben Harper	Ann Richmond
Altar Guild	Susan & Betty	Vickie Duff	Debby Edelen	Vickie & Jane Hansen
	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
Crucifer	Susan White	Conrad Linder	Eric Sandknop	Ned Meekins
Torch Bearers	Emma & Sophie Berger	Leah & Quinn Cardwell	Sophie Edelen & Maddie Kuebler	Ian Cooper & Leah Cardwell
Acolyte	Ned Meekins	Ann Richmond	Katherine Harper	Linda Reeves
Chalice	Cindy Kinkead	David Richmond	Christine Brasseale	Conrad Linder
Lector	James Wells & Julie Ross	Stacey Oxlade & Virginia Ballard	Jay Box & Debby Edelen	David Richmond & Nancy Dawson
Gift Bearers	Bob & Wanda Johnson	Emily & Willa Cardwell	Vickie & Jocelyn Duff	Jo & Mike Gardone
Ushers	Ron Mobley & Sam Hawkins	Linda Reeves & Libby Kelly	John & Teresa Range	Todd & Angel Cooper
Altar Guild	Virginia & Connie	Christine & Stacey	Vickie & Julie Ross	Virginia & Connie
Brunch	Crawley/ Lefever	Bruens	Berger/Hawkins	Edelen/Cundiff
	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb
Acolyte	Ben Harper	Katherine Harper	Ned Meekins	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff	Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~Thomas Merton
Thoughts In Solitude





Tremendous Response to the Stewardship Campaign

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the Vestry, I want to thank you for your tremendous response to the Stewardship Campaign. As of January 1, 2014, we have received all but 10 pledge cards. The best news is that we have 18 new pledges this year and 22 pledges that were increased over last year resulting in a 9% increase in pledge revenue available for the 2014 Budget.

In the campaign this year, we distributed a Missional Budget along with a pledge card. We asked you to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to support the St. John's Mission as outlined in the St. John's Strategic Plan. Because of your positive response to the campaign this year, the Vestry has been able to allocate our additional resources toward the plan's prioritized strategies for 2014 as well as enhance many of our ministries. Here are some examples:

ENGAGING MEMBERSHIP: The Vestry increased funding in this area by 7.8%. Among other things, this increase will allow us to meet the increasing interest in and cost of our Sunday brunch. It will also provide additional resources for our music program. (Strategy 1: "Increase participation of current members in ministries and activities." Strategy 2: "Integrate new members into ministries and activities.")

EXPANDING PROGRAMMING: The Vestry increased funding in this area by 8.9%. Some of that increase is earmarked for the hiring of a part-time youth director. (Strategy 3: "Offer more adult Christian education and youth programs.")

FOCUSED OUTREACH: There was a 2.9% increase in funding for this area. Most of this increase will be used to promote outreach programs for this year. (Strategy 3: "Publicize information about outreach program opportunities.")

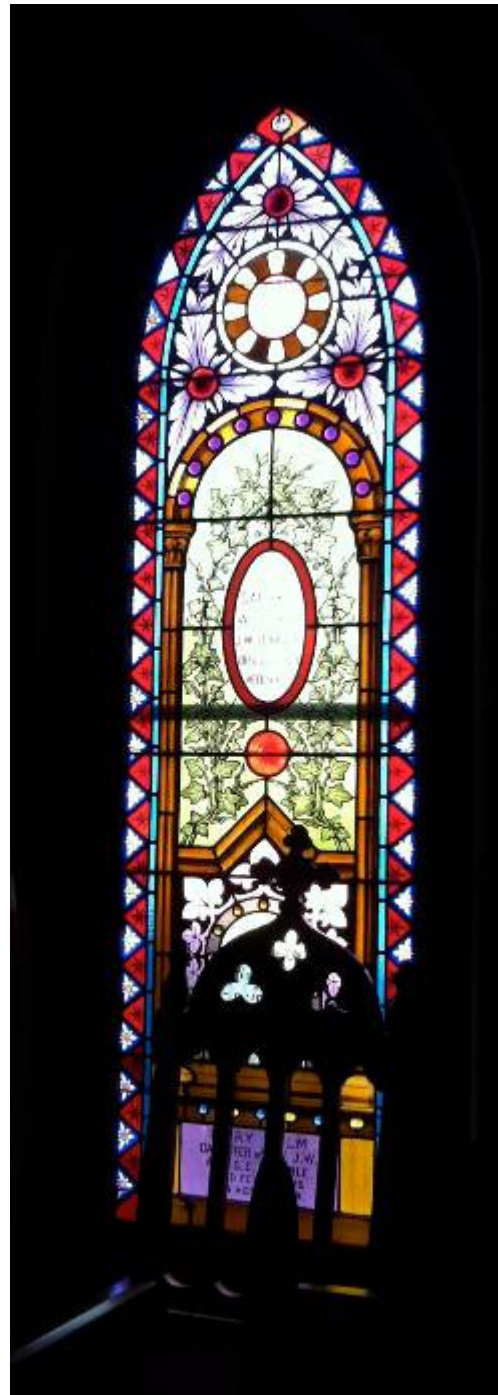
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS: The budget aligned with this goal was increased by 4.3%. The production cost for the recently released Parish Directory came out of the 2013 budget. (Strategy 1: "Develop and publish a membership/ministry directory.") This will allow the increased funds to support other ways to improve communications. (Strategy 2: "Assess the effectiveness of current communication processes and revise/improve as needed.")

VIBRANT CONGREGATION: The Vestry increased funding by 5.5% in this area. This budget area includes all of the "nuts and bolts" of running the church including property insurance, maintenance, supplies, and custodial staffing. Most of these expenses are projected to increase this year. For 2014 the Strategic Plan calls for two strategies for this goal to be addressed. (Strategy 2: "Develop a plan to educate the congregation about resources." Strategy 3: "Publish timely financial information.")

Jay Box, Stewardship Chair

St. John's 2013 Ministry Directory

Altar Flowers.....Cindy Kinkead
 Altar Guild.....Vickie Duff
 Baptisms.....Father Philip Linder
 Buildings and Grounds.....Todd Cooper
 Christian Education.....Emily Cardwell
 Clerk of the Vestry.....Patrick Hall
 Clothing Bank.....Sara Meekins
 Community Dinners.....Louise Jones
 Daughters of the King.....Betty Gill
 Eagle Wings.....Ann Richmond
 Episcopal Church Women...Shirley Elkins
 Episcopal Youth.....
 Finance Committee.....Jay Box
 Food Bank.....Louise Jones
 Funerals.....ECW
 Garden.....Jo Hughes
 Housekeeping.....Penny Thurman
 Junior Warden.....Todd Cooper
 Kroger Cards.....Gayle Box
 Lay Eucharistic Ministry...Sarah Sandknop
 Men's Club.....Ben Harper
 Music and Worship.....Linda Reeves
 Needlepoint.....Maribell White
 Newcomers' Committee.....Al Beatty
 Organist/Choirmaster.....William Webber
 Outreach.....Louise Jones, Rick Keeling
 Parish Email.....Elaine Menges
 Parish Life.....Jane Hansen
 Parish Secretary.....Kathy Sparrow
 Pastoral Care Ministry.....Sarah Sandknop
 Personnel.....Father Philip Linder
 Reading Club.....Sara Meekins, Betty Gill
 Rector.....Father Philip Linder
 Recycling.....Ned Meekins
 Senior Warden.....Vickie Duff
 Stewardship.....Jay Box
 Sunday Brunch.....Ann Richmond



Sunday School.....Emily Cardwell
 Treasurer.....Julie Skeeters
 Website.....Sarah Sandknop
 Weddings.....Father Philip Linder
 Woodford Sun.....Sammy Cundiff

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