

Good News from St. John's

January 2016

St. John's Episcopal Church
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MISSION STATEMENT: With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Epiphany of our Lord is the wonderful liturgical festival observed on January 6th. It is the oldest of the Christmas festivals and originally the most important.

Epiphany Day itself commemorates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to worship the Messiah and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since the earliest days of the church, these wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the earth. By means of a miraculous star, God showed them that Jesus was born to be not only the King of the Jews, but the Lord and Savior of all nations.

We will be celebrating Epiphany on Wednesday January 6th at 6:30 pm with the Holy Eucharist, an Epiphany cake, wassail and the crowing of our three Kings or Queens. Please bring your favorite finger food to share.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very moving service and enjoy the celebration following the service.

Mother Sharon

Official Notice of the 2016 Annual Meeting

The 2016 annual meeting will be held on January 31, 2016 after the morning service.

Two vestry members will be elected, one endowment trustee and one convocation/convention delegate and alternate.

We will be voting to reduce the size of the vestry to five (5) members.

All written annual reports will be in a spiral bound booklet.

Please plan to attend "your" annual meeting.

Vestry Meeting-November 16, 2015

Present:

Alice Miller, Candy Scarborough, Gary Chubb, Martha Stone, Gloria Young, Mother Sharon and Jupe Allen, Clerk.

Verlyn Bolinger was absent.

Development:

Gospel Based disciples on Matthew 15:1-20

Treasurer's report was table due to thr absence of the treasurer.

Old Business:

Pledges shortages were discussed.

Discussed the delegate and alternate to the new convocation Vision Task Force.

Plans are complete for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Modified Gift Allocation Policy was distributed.

Child & Adult protection workshops will be held Nov. 21, 2015 beginning at 10 am.

New Business:

Church Women United's Summer Bookmobile has a new director, Loni Wells, who is the sponsor of the National Honor Society at PHS.

Discussed the positions to be elected at the annual meeting for vestry, convention/convocation delegate & alternate, and endowment trustee, and the new Vision Task Force delegate & alternate.

Will be proposing a change to the bylaws to reduce the size of the vestry.

Discussed the policy on the use of Fox Hall.

2016 Mission & Ministry Plan (budget) meeting scheduled for Dec. 9th at 6 pm.

One Christmas Eve service at 7:30 pm & Christmas Day service at 10 am.

Approved to donate \$100.00 to the Community Christmas dinner.

Assessment:

Minutes of October 12 meeting were approved.

Mother Sharon reported on the Gathering of Presbyters meeting.

Courses for the laity will be available soon at BKSM.



The offering from the Children's Sunday school was donated to PALS and given at the Christmas dinner. The Pals representative above is receiving the enlarged check in the amount of \$145.85.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the monetary Christmas gift. It is a pleasure to serve as the Vicar for such a loving and caring parish.

Mother Sharon

Diocese is discussing a policy for the presence of guns in church.
 Training for clergy on same sex premarital training will be available soon.
 Discernment:
 Outreach-28 shoeboxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child.
 Collecting monetary donation for a large gift for the YCS.
 Laundry & Latte-Fliers have been distributed at LCC.
 Communications-Christmas services need to be posted on the website.
 Evangelism-Participated in the Veterans day parade.
 Adult education-Advent study program will be on the Catechism.
 Endowment fund balance as of Oct. 31, 2015 is \$119,302.31.



Treasurer Report

The following is a brief report on how our 2015 pledges and donations received to date compare with 2014:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total of pledges received	23	22
Total pledged (annual)	\$48,800	\$59,496

Total Amount Received (to date Number of Pledges Received) \$53,363.00 we are \$1,175 behind of budget. The end of the year is near keep your pledges current.

Thank you again for your generous and persistent support of our great church. Thank you for all who have pledged for 2015.

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.
 Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church



Prayer List

Our prayers have been asked for:

Jim, Marla, Lois, Terry, Teresa, Jim, Sharon, Sammie, Ruth, Kris, Terrell, Jean, Rosie, Mary, Harry, Jolene, Syrus, Gina, Gloria, Michael, Lynn, Breklyn, Ben, Jean, Max, Bill, Jerry, Jennifer, Tony, Jordan, Derek, James, Betty, Ethan, Adin, Jane, Judith, Cathryn, Betts & Umbarger families, Jim, Janie, April, Avery, David, Harrison, Gary, Austin, Michael, Fred, Jamie, Jim, Steve, Danny, William, Jim, Becky, Nolan, Troy, Carole, Debbie, Pat, Diane & the Young family, Jackie, Julia, Able and the McCray family, Kelly, Kent, Veronica, Nick, Mary Ruth, the Smith, Haviland and Stangle families, Nicky, Ginger, Steve, John, Richard, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, President Obama & his family, all college ministries in the Diocese of Kansas, all Southeast Convocation clergy especially JW, Gary, and Dick, the men and women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served, and those persecuted for their faith in the Sudan.

Those who have died:



January Birthdays

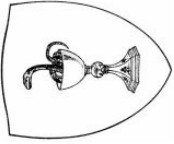
- 6 Sue Long
- 12 Karla Cox
- 26 Fran McLarty



January Anniversaries:

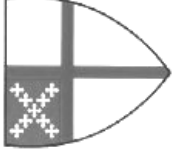
- 12 Mike & Candy Scarborough
- 18 Terry & Lynn Reeves

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday					1 Mother's day off	2
3 The Second Sunday after Christmas Day Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	4 Outreach team meeting 6:00 pm	5	6 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ HC and Epiphany celebration 6:30 pm	7 Mother in office 1-5 pm	8 Mother's day off	9
10 The First Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am ECW Meeting 11:00 am	11 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	12	13	14 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8 pm	15 Mother's day off Newsletter Deadline	16
17 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am Annual Meeting Reports Due	18	19	20 Worship & Music team meeting 6:00 pm	21 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8 pm	22 Mother's day off	23
24 The Third Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday - School 9:30 am	25	26	27	28 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8 pm	29 Mother's day off	30
31 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday - School 9:30 am, Annual Meeting and Brunch 11:00 am						

St. John's January 2016 Schedule

	1/3/2016	1/6/2016	1/10/2016	1/17/2016	1/24/2016	1/31/2016
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
Eucharistic Minister	Verlyn Bolinger	Candy Scarborough Bess Stone-Bolinger	Gary Chubb Daria Condon	Joe Stone Alice Miller	Martha Stone Gloria Young	Verlyn Bolinger Jupe Allen
Lector	Linda Nichols	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Daria Condon	Alice Miller	Gloria Young	Jupe Allen
Acolytes	Tim Downun, Bess Stone-Bolinger, Gary Chubb	Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone-Bolinger, Meisters	Tim Downun, Karla Cox	Joe Stone, Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone-Bolinger	Karla Cox, Tim Downun	Tim Downun, Bess Stone-Bolinger
Eucharistic Visitor	Senta Meister	None	None	Daria Condon	None	None
Greeters	Bruce Lindemann & David Bamberger	Need a Volunteer!	Verlyn & Bess Stone-Bolinger	Daria Condon & Bruce Lindemann	Tom & Wuanita Tanner	L. T. & Carrie Tierney
Coffee Hour	L. T. & Carrie Tierney	Epiphany Celebration	Tom & Fran McLarty	Bob & Carolyn Adams	Candy Scarborough	Annual Meeting Brunch
Counters	Gary Chubb, Martha Stone					

Altar Guild-Daria Condon