

Good News from St. John's

April 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 Great Fifty Days of Easter

The Easter services and Easter egg hunts are over. But Easter isn't over, at least not for millions of Christians. We have entered into a new church season: Eastertide.

Celebrating Easter for 50 days is not duplicating Easter Sunday fifty times over. It's taking time to reflect upon and delight in the truth of Easter and its implications for our lives. The basic truth of Easter is simple.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia.

The Season of Easter gives us a chance to reflect more broadly and deeply on the multifaceted meaning of the resurrection of Jesus.

- You could meditate upon what the resurrection says about the character of Jesus Christ as the Righteous One of God (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:25-28).
- You might ponder the fact that death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54-56).
- You could reflect upon the fact that the very power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you today (Ephesians 1:15-23).
- You might think of how the resurrection of Jesus is a precursor to your own resurrection (1 Corinthians 15).
- You could consider how the resurrection gives us "new birth into a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3).

Eastertide allows us to think deeply and broadly about what the resurrection of Jesus means, both to us and to our world. Recognizing Eastertide gives us a chance to take the truths of Scripture and to allow them to percolate in our hearts.

What would happen in our lives if we went through each day with a sixth-sense awareness of the resurrection? What would we attempt if we truly believed that the power that raised Jesus from

the dead was available to us? What difference would it make if we knew for sure that death had been defeated through Christ?

The Great Fifty (50) Days of Easter helps us surrender to the grace of God's love. Let us challenge each other to embrace the energy, which only comes from knowing the Lord of Life, that we might move beyond the narrow confines of our imaginings, and catch a glimpse of the limitless world of the Kingdom of God.

Together, as a Body that has died and risen again in the waters of Baptism, we can live our lives more in harmony with desire of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Mother Sharon

Vestry Summary-February 8, 2016

Present: Alice Miller, Candy Scarborough, Gary Chubb, Gloria Young, Verlyn Bolinger, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Absent: Martha Stone

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples including a reading from John 18: 15-18, 25-27.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:

Canon Lightcap attended our annual meeting and a discussion on the type of Ministry Review he will be working with us at a future date.

It was decided to remove the amendment to reduce the size of the vestry.

A full compliment of vestry members were elected at the annual meeting.

Mother placed the name of Candy Scarborough to be Senior Warden-approved.
Gloria Young was elected Junior Warden
Jupe Allen was elected as clerk.

Verlyn Bolinger was elected Treasurer.

Mother, Gloria, and Verlyn will be offering "Ashes to Go" in front of the church on Ash Wednesday from noon to 1 pm and 5-6pm.

Bids will be sought on the renovation of the sound system.

New Business:

Parochial report was approved.

Thank you note from LAC.

2016 Ministry Team Coordinators were appointed.

Assessment:

Minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

Discernment:

Worship & Music-Lenten study on the Gospel of John, Rite 1 for the Sunday services.

Outreach: Sent \$1000.00 to the Ngeya School in Kenya; application has been submitted for a grant from the Parsons Community Foundation for the Snack-Pack program.

ECW-Brunch for the Bishop's visitation and the Baptisms and Confirmation.

Next Meeting-March 13, 2016

Closing Prayer by Mother Sharon

Respectfully,
Jupe Allen, Clerk



Treasurer Report

The following is a brief report on how our 2016 pledges and donations received to date compare with 2015:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total of pledges received	22	17
Total pledged (annual)	\$59,496	\$52,900

Total Amount Received (to date Number of Pledges Received) \$7,930 we are \$ 3,521.66 ahead of budget.
This is a great start for the year

Thank you again for your generous and persistent support of our great church. Thank you for all who have pledged for 2016

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, 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, Pat, Diane & the Young family, Jackie, Julia, Able and the McCray family, Kelly, Kent, Veronica, Loretta, Nick, the Smith, Haviland and Stangle families, Nicky, Ginger, Steve, John, Richard, Kara, Phyllis, Karla, Bess, Kelly, Trinity, Donna, 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 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:

Danny Griggs



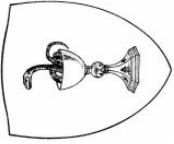
April Birthdays

6 L.T. Tierney
18 Jordan Stone
26 Gary Chubb
27 Jim Nichols



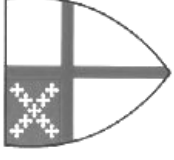
April Anniversaries:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mother's day off	2
3 The Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am	4 Outreach meeting 6:30 pm	5	6	7 Mother in office 3-5 pm L&L 5:30 -8 pm @ Fabric Care	8 Mother's day off	9
10 The Third Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer and Sunday School 9:30 am	11 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	12	13	14 Mother in office 3-5 pm L&L 5:30 -8 pm @ Fabric Care	15 Mother's day off Newsletter Deadline	16
17 The Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer with Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	18	19	20 Worship & Music 6:00 pm	21 Mother in office 3-5 pm L&L 5:30 -8 pm @ Fabric Care	22 Mother's day off	23
24 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer and Sunday School 9:30 am	25	26	27	28 Mother in office 3-5 pm L&L 5:30 -8 pm @ Fabric Care	29 Mother's day off	30

St. John's April 2016 Schedule

	04/03/2016	04/10/2016	04/17/2016	04/24/2016
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Verlyn Bolinger	The Rev. Canon Lightcap	Joe Stone
Eucharistic Minister	Joe Stone		Martha Stone	
Lector	Jupe Allen	Daria Condon	Alice Miller	Linda Nichols
Acolytes	Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone- Bolinger	Tim Downum	Meisters, Verlyn Bolinger, Karla Cox, Gary Chubb	Tim Downum
Eucharistic Visitor	Senta Meister	None	Daria Condon	None
Greeters	Bruce Lindemann & David Bamberger	Jim & Linda Nichols	Bruce Lindemann	Alice Miller
Coffee Hour	Daria Condon	Jim & Linda Nichols	Candy Scarborough	Katrina Balke
Counters				
Altar Guild		Martha Stone		