

# Good News from St. John's

June 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.

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## SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Christian Church—it marks the day when Jesus' disciples felt the Holy Spirit come upon them and empower them to tell Jesus' story to the world.

The Season of Pentecost is the sixth and final season, and the longest season, of the church year. It is known as Ordinary Time, meaning counted time. Each Sunday after Pentecost is numbered. There are 23 to 28 Sundays after Pentecost, depending on the date of Easter. This year there will be 26 Sunday's after Pentecost. This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, alms giving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us by His grace to share the Gospel with others.

The lectionary readings, using the Revised Common Lectionary, will be a semi-continuous series of the Old Testament readings, where we recount the stories of Jesus' ministry, and letters written by disciples for members of the early church.

Green is the color for the Season after Pentecost; therefore it is the color of life. Green has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection.

The main holy days during this season are Trinity Sunday (which we just celebrated on May 22nd), The Transfiguration on August 6 is the commemoration of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor. However, in the RCL, it has been moved to the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, which we will celebrate in 2017. All Saints Day is November 1, which we will celebrate on Sunday November 6, the Christian Memorial Day on which all who died for their testimony of Jesus are remembered. The last Sunday after Pentecost is Christ the King on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about the Season after Pentecost, please ask.

Mother Sharon  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
**May 9, 2016**

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

Development:  
Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Matthew 8:5-17  
Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:  
Meeting with the Sunday School teachers and Gary Chubb to discuss basement is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> after church.  
Sound system upgrades and wiring will begin this week.  
Newspaper advertisement will be placed in the Parsons Sun to try to hire a child care attendant.  
The downstairs bathrooms in the parish hall need upgrading. It was approved to spend up to \$700 to replace the sinks and fixtures.  
The Instructed Morning Prayer presided over by Canon Tory Lightcap was discussed. Most comments reported were positive and many found the service instructive.  
Richard Tobel was contacted for a bid on recaulking the parish house windows.

New Business:  
The Convocation Vision Task Force held it's first meeting. Many ideas concerning future pastoral care in the SE Convocation were discussed. The consensus is more lay training is needed and should be provided by the Diocese. A survey was distributed to get the feeling of the vestry on where St. John's as well as the SE Convocation is in relation to the present condition and future of the church. This information will be returned to the Task Force.  
Thank you notes from Labette Assistance and from LCC Miles for Meals 5K Run for help with the event.

Assessment:  
Minutes from the April 11 meeting were approved.

Discernment:  
College: Laundry and Latte is over for the year. Bess Bolinger has assumed the role of Communication Liaison.  
Evangelism: Pentecost is next Sunday. Altar Guild will decorate Saturday and the food is arraigned for the cookout after church.  
Building & Grounds: An inspection of the bathrooms revealed a need to expand the scope of the refurbishing project. New tile, paint and a fixtures upgrade will be added.  
Endowment: March 31 total \$117,427.60

Next meeting: May 9, 2016  
Meeting closed with a prayer by Mother Sharon.

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) \$19,341, we are \$1,708.14 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

Please send Articles for The Good News to Senta Meister, [sentabradmeister@aol.com](mailto:sentabradmeister@aol.com) or St. John's Episcopal Church, PO Box 882, Parsons, KS 67357.

**Our prayers have been asked for:**

Jim, Marla, Terry, Teresa, Jim, Sharon, Sammie, Ruth, Kris, Terrell, Jean, Mary, Harry, Jolene, Syrus, Gina, Gloria, Jean, Jennifer, James, Ethan, Adin, Jane, Judith, Cathryn, Betts & Umbarger families, Jim, Janie, April, Avery, Harrison, Austin, Michael, Fred, Jamie, Jim, Steve, William, Jim, Becky, Nolan, Troy, Carole, Diane & the Young family, Jackie, Julia, Able and the McCray family, Kelly, Nick, the Smith, Haviland and Stangle families, Nicky, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Trinity, Roger, Cindy, Shelby, Greg, 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:**

**Lois Wernli**  
**Rosie Stocker**



**June Birthdays**

12 Bruce Lindemann  
22 Glenda Johnson  
27 Candy Scarborough  
28 Jean Scarborough



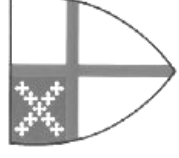
**June Anniversaries:**

2 Bob & Carolyn Adams  
5 Brad & Senta Meister



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## JUNE 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>3</b> Mother's day off	<b>4</b>
<b>5 The Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am Child Education meeting after church	<b>6</b> Outreach team meeting 6:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>10</b> Mother's day off	<b>11</b>
<b>12 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am	<b>13</b> Vestry Dinner meeting 5:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>17</b> Mother's day off	<b>18</b>
<b>19 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am Bless YCS gifts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Worship & Music team meeting 6:00 pm	<b>23</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>24</b> Mother's day off	<b>25</b>
<b>26 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am	<b>27</b> Evangelism team meeting 5:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm		

# St. John's June 2016 Schedule

	06/05/2016	06/12/2016	06/19/2016	06/26/2016
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Candy Scarborough	Gary Chubb	Joe Stone	Verlyn Bolinger
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Nichols	Jupe Allen	Daria Condon	Alice Miller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone-Bolinger, Meisters	Tim Downum, Karla Cox	Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone-Bolinger, Gary Chubb	Tim Downum, Karla Cox, Joe Stone
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Senta Meister	None	Daria Condon	None
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce Lindemann, David Bamberger	Alice Miller		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Help Yourself	Help Yourself	Help Yourself	Help Yourself
<b>Counters</b>	Alice Miller,			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Daria Condon			