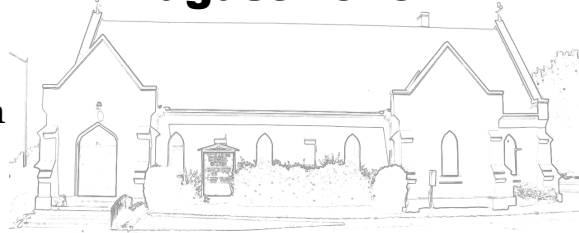


Good News from St. John's

August 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.

Season after Pentecost through the Eyes of Daily Life

The twenty-six collects for the Sunday's that follow Pentecost, this year, fall broadly under four themes. Each theme is a statement of a basic Christian truth, which applies to us at any age. As organizing principles for learning, these truths enhance the educational life of the church community and make teaching more than mythology, because they are directly related to our lives.

We are God's children:

- ❖ Throughout his life on earth, Jesus told others about his Father, and did what he knew to be God's will for his life. Jesus served and honored his Father in all ways in his life and in his death.
- ❖ As we grow in faith and in years, to know ourselves as children of God calls for increasingly mature responses, but the underlying truths are there for us at any age.
- ❖ Because we are God's children we trust him, we believe in him, we want to worship him, and most of all we want to discover his will for our lives.

We have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a ministry of love to other people:

- ❖ Through our prayers, the sacraments, and the life in the community of the church we have a relationship of faith with the living Christ and his mission.
- ❖ We know that Jesus is God. We know, too, that he is our brother. His incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension are faith events for us, centered in the celebration of the Eucharist,
- ❖ We try faithfully to respond to the commandment of Jesus Christ that we love another as he has loved us.

God calls us to be open to the reality of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit:

- ❖ We learn to understand the nature of the Holy Spirit as shown to us in the teaching of Jesus and elsewhere in the Bible.
- ❖ We increase our ability to recognize the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world through prayer and thoughtful listening

We believe in the church as the Body of Christ in the world and in the church's mission:

- ❖ We believe in and work with the church as it carries on its mission of bringing about the Kingdom of God in the world through prayers, service, and witness.

It is our hope that you have enjoyed these articles and have grown in your spiritual life and journey.

Adult Education Ministry Team
Gloria Young
Martha Stone

Evangelism Ministry Team
Gloria Young
Alice Miller

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
July 11, 2016

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

Absent: Gary Chubb.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Matthew 25: 1-13.

Treasurer's report:

Pledges are ahead \$1731.48

The report was approved.

Old Business:

The Vestry signed a card in appreciation of service for Fr. Bill Wolff of Pittsburg. He is relinquishing his position and moving to Iowa.

No bids to caulk the windows in the parish hall were presented. The search seeking someone to do the work continues.

The response to the letter from the Vision Team to the Diocese was read. More significantly an email from Fr. Mayes, the priest at Sedan, indicated classes would be held in SE Kansas to certify those who were called to the ministries of Pastoral Leader, Lay Preacher, or Catechist.

Four applicants were interviewed for the child care position, second interviews will be scheduled.

The final bill for the PA system update has been submitted. A payment of \$1,284.00 to The Video Center was approved.

The Lenten Study on John will conclude the first and third Mondays in August.

New Business:

The Annual Picnic will be held September 18th.
Mass in the Grass will begin at 10:00 am.

A directive from the Bishop concerning possession of firearms in church was read.

In light of the fact the television in the parish hall has been stolen, security will be tightened. In the future the office will be locked. Keys will be in the possession of the Vicar, the Senior Warden, the Treasurer, and the secretary.

There is a leak in the basement in the big classroom on the east side. Cleaning the gutters and fixing the downspout should fix the problem.

A request from the Labette County Sheriff to help fund a program on child safety, bullying, and drug education will be forwarded to the Evangelism committee for further study.

A thank you note from Labette Assistance for 171 items donated was read.

Assessment:

Minutes from the June 13 meeting were approved with corrections.

Vicar's Report: No report.

Reports from the Wardens:

SR-No report

JR- No report

Discernment:

Worship & Music: No report

Outreach: Upscale Country is now collecting money for the Snack-Pack program. Supplies are to be purchased for the S-P program for the rest of 2016.

College:No report

Communications:No report

Stewardship/Planned Giving: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Education:Sunday school will begin September 11.

Building & Grounds: No report

Endowment: No report.

ECW: No report

Next meeting: August 8, 2016

Meeting closed with a prayer by Mother Sharon.



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) \$23,896.50 we are \$1,854.81 ahead of budget.

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, Terry, Teresa, Jim, Sharon, Sammie, Ruth, Kris, Terrell, Jean, Mary, Harry, Jolene, Syrus, Gina, Gloria, Jean, Jennifer, Derek, James, Ethan, Adin, 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, Kelly, Nick, Nicky, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Trinity, Roger, Cindy, Shelby, Kylie, Bruce, Vickie, 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, Dick, and Jerry, 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:



August Birthdays

21 Ayden Main
26 Verlyn Bolinger, Jr.



August Anniversaries:

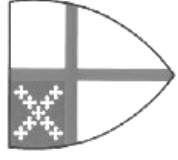
23 Tommey & Fran McLarty
24 Jim & Linda Nichols
26 LT & Carrie Tierney

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St. John's Episcopal Church

AUGUST 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Adult Study 6-8pm	2 Outreach meeting 6:00 pm	3	4 Mother in office 1-5 pm	5 Mother's day off	6
7 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 9:30 am	8 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Mother in office 1-5 pm	12 Mother's day off	13
14 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 9:30 am Pack snack-paks 11 am	15 Adult Study 6-8pm	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Mother in office 1-5 pm	19 Mother's day off	20
21 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 9:30 am	22	23	24 Worship & Music team meeting 6:00 pm	25 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L at Fabric Care Laundry 5:30-8 pm	26 Mother's day off	27
28 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 9:30 am	29	30	31			

St. John's August 2016 Schedule

	8/7/2016	8/14/2016	8/21/2016	8/28/2016
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
Eucharistic Minister	Martha Stone	Candy Scarborough	Gary Chubb	Joe Stone
Lector	Gloria Young	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Linda Nichols	Alice Miller
Acolytes	Karla Cox, Tim Downum	Verlyn Bolinger, Bess Stone-Bolinger, Alex & Sidni Meister, Gary Chubb	Verlyn Bolinger, Karla Cox, Joe Stone	Tim Downum
Eucharistic/Pastoral Visitor	None	Senta Meister	Daria Condon	None
Greeters	Bruce Lindemann,	Meister Family	Candy Scarborough	Verlyn Bolinger & Bess Stone-Bolinger
Coffee Hour	Help Yourself	Help Yourself	Help Yourself	Help Yourself
Counters	Gary Chubb, Martha Stone			
Altar Guild	Bess Stone-Bolinger			