

Good News from St. John's

October 2018

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.

Retirement & Reappointment of Mother Sharon

Many of you know I have said that I am required to resign, according to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, upon reaching my 72nd birthday, which will occur on October 14, 2018. I can request to be reappointed, as the Vicar of St. John's, for 1 year according to the same canons.

I have had a conversation with the Vestry, and indicated I would like to stay on for one more year.

The Vestry approved my request, and a new Letter of Agreement was created.

The next step was, I would need approval from the Council of Trustees of the Diocese acting as the Ecclesiastical authority in the absence of a Bishop, to approve my resignation and reappointment effective November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019.

The Council of Trustees approved the resignation and reappointment and the new Letter of Agreement on September 19, 2018.

I am honored to serve as your Vicar, and am looking forward to serving you for one more year.

There are still a few things I need to turn over to the secretary and ministry teams. Actually, I have started turning some things over to the secretary, and more will continue during this last year.

Blessings,
Sharon+

A Community Service of Thanksgiving



Saturday October 6, 2018
11:00 am at the BARC Dog Park
1:00 pm at the Parsons Pet Hospital
by The Rev. Dick McCandless

Community Service
Sunday October 7, 2018
2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church
several churches participating
including
Petting Zoo, certificates, pet medals, and refreshments.

These services are held annually in honor of St. Francis of Assisi,
whose feast day is October 4th.
St. Francis loved all God's creatures,
just like we love our pets.

If you can't bring your pet, bring a picture,
so they can be blessed too.

**Vestry Meeting
August, 2018**

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting

August 13, 2018

Present: Candy Scarborough, Alice Miller, Verlyn Bolinger, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Absent: Martha Stone.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples including a reading from John 3:1-21

Treasurer's report:

The transaction report and the budget were reviewed and the treasurer's report was approved.

The mid-year pledge report showed a slight deficit. However it was in line with last year's report of the same time-frame. Pledge statements were distributed.

Old Business:

The Seifert Fund has been established at the Parsons Community Foundation for the present time. The stock lacked about \$110 adding up to the \$100,000 promised and a check for that amount was issued directly to the church.

New Business:

Maria Groves is the child care provider every Sunday.

The rent generated by Fox Hall will be deposited in the general fund.

Money from the sale of furniture and the money from the Seifert payment will be distributed per the Gift Allocation Schedule. The furniture brought \$300 and the Seifert fund payment was \$110.

A thank you note was received from Melanie Chapell of Mental Health Resources for books received from the now defunct Book Mobile.

We have accepted an invitation from Labette Community College to have a booth at the Cardinal Crawl. The event introduces students to community amenities. We will promote the church as well as the Laundry and Latte Ministry.

The church's insurance premium took a large increase. Some of the values are misrepresented. The treasurer will check it out.

Assessment

Minutes from the July 9, 2018 were approved.

Vicar's Report: A reinterpretation of the church canons requires Mother Sharon to resign her position as vicar at the end of the month following her seventy-second birthday. The date for her resignation is October 31, 2018. As a vestry we can petition the ecclesiastical authority, in this case, the Council of Trustees, to reinstate her as vicar for a one year period. The vestry has decided to petition the council to continue her service. We anticipate the petition will be granted and Mother Sharon will continue as our vicar.

Reports from the Wardens:

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: The annual cook-out will be held September 16. Church service will start at 10:30.

Outreach: Snacks will need to be packed for Head-Start in the next couple of weeks.

College Ministry: Laundry and Latte will begin

August 23.

Communications: No report.

Stewardship/Planned Giving: The Stewardship Campaign will run for the four Sundays of October. It will be based on a letter writing campaign with a letter presented every week.

Evangelism: No report.

Education:

Children: Sunday school resumes September 16.

Adult: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report

Endowment: Balance on July 31-
\$116,742.57

ECW: No report.

Next meeting: September 10, 2018.

A prayer by Mother Sharon. concluded the meeting

Jupe Allen, Clerk



Treasurer Report

The following is a brief report on how our 2018 pledges and donations received to date compare with 2017:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total of pledges received	17	17
Total pledged (annual)	\$61,717.00	\$67,464.00

We are behind \$4,418.00 in pledge income so please maintain your pledge of support. Thank you again for your generous and persistent support of our great church. Thank you for all who have pledged for 2018.



Prayer List

Our prayers have been asked for:

Terry, Teresa, Jim, Ruth, Kris, Terrell, Mary, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, William, Becky, Troy, Jackie, Kelly, Nick, Nicky, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Raymond, Wally, Ed, Sue & family, Jim, Bob, Kip, Vincent, Jeffrey, Barry, Sandy, Boo, Betty, Jane, Brittany, John & family, Lisa & family, Addlee, Randy, Regina, Chuck Minor family, Becky, Doug, Louise, Betts & Umbarger families, Gale, Evelyn, Gale, David, Debbie, Pat, Ewing & Bosley families, the Turner family, Valerie, Janice, Kent, Barb, Sharon & Kent, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all Southeast Convocation clergy especially Gary, Dick, and David, the Diocese of Kansas Council of Trustees and staff, the Bishop's search and transition committees, the nominees for the 10th Bishop of Kansas, those studying for ordination and lay certificates, 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:

Bev Winston
Bev Huffman



October Birthdays

1 Bess Stone-Bolinger
6 Anna Baker
8 Syrus Clairmont
10 Clay Long
13 Jennifer Stone

14 Sharon Billman
21 Daria Condon
23 Tommey McLarty
26 Heidi Daley



October Anniversaries:

4 Tom & Wuanita Tanner
19 Tim & Teresa Downum

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8pm	5 Mother's day off	6
7 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am Blessing of Animals 2:00 pm	8 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8pm	12 Mother's day off	13
14 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18 Mother NOT in office L&L 5:30 – 8pm	19 Mother's day off Diocesan Convention in Topeka	20 Diocesan Convention in Topeka
21 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	22	23	24 Worship & Music team meeting 6:00 pm	25 Mother in office 1-5 pm L&L 5:30 – 8pm	26 Mother's day off	27
28 The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 9:30 am	29 Evangelism Meeting 5:30 p.m.	30	31			

St. John's October 2018 Schedule

	10/7/2018	10/14/2018	10/21/2018	10/28/2018
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
Eucharistic Minister	Candy Scarborough	Martha Stone	Joe Stone	Verlyn Bolinger
Lector	Linda Nichols	Gloria Young	Daria Condon	Jupe Allen
Acolytes	Karla Cox	Verlyn Bolinger, Alex, Elsa, Ava,	Tim Downum	Karla Cox, Sidni
Eucharistic/Pastoral Visitor	None	Senta Meister	Daria Condon	None
Sunday School	Jolene Main	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger	None
Greeters	David Bamberger and Bruce Linedemann	LT & Carrie Tierney		Alice Miller and Joe Stone
Coffee Hour	Jim and Linda Nichols	LT & Carrie Tierney	Candy Scarborough	Alice Miller
Counters	Vestry			
Altar Guild	Martha Stone			