

Good News from St. John's

February 2019

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 of Epiphany

The season of the church year we are currently in, is the Season after Epiphany. It is part of the ordinary time of the church year, those Sundays which are numbered after a Feast.

Epiphanytide in the Episcopal Church, connects us to the ancient understanding of this as a season, showing forth of Christ as the Son of God—fully divine as well as fully human.

During this season we have Christ's baptism, when Jesus is shown forth to be the Anointed One, beginning his public ministry. It is also the moment when the Trinity is first shown and made explicit. We are given the glorious gift of God's self-revelation, seeing there the mystery of Divine Love and inter-relationship, into which we are baptized as followers of Christ.

Throughout the closing weeks of Epiphanytide (all the month of February) we are preparing for Lent, where we need to listen what God is saying to us so that we might take up our cross and follow him.

May God richly bless you as you enter again into the mystery of this Holy Season.

Mother Sharon

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday February 3, 2019 For more than 20 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring has generated more than \$90 million dollars for local charities across the country.

Since we bring our non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month and the plate offering (usually for my discretionary fund) is given to a local charity, the Souper Bowl of Caring gives us an opportunity to bring an additional non-perishable food item or place an extra donation in the alms basin.

The food and loose plate offering will be given to Labette Assistance Center.

Instead of the usual wicker food baskets, we will have our bright yellow SOUPER BOWL OF CARING containers in the narthex. They will be brought forward to be blessed along with the offering.

As you enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those less fortunate.

Mother Sharon

Why Children Need Sunday School

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. Isaiah 54:13

Sunday School helps children respect, appreciate and utilize the Bible.

Sunday School teaches children how to navigate the Bible.

Sunday School gives kids a chance to ask questions.

Sunday School develops a community of believers.

Sunday School plants spiritual seeds.

Sunday School teaches kids a fundamental grounding of morals and values starting at an early, early age.

Sunday School can encourage discipline while helping to cultivate your child's relationships with their peers and elders.

Sunday School cultivates active participation in church traditions.



Prayer List

Our prayers have been asked for:

Terry, Teresa, Jim, Ruth, Kris, Terrell, Mary, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, William, Kelly, Nicky, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Raymond, Wally, Ed, Sue & family, Jim, Vincent, Jeffrey, Barry, Boo, Jane, John & family, Randy, Regina, Doug, Gale, Evelyn, Gale, Pat, Valerie, Janice, Sharon, Ava & Zoe, Bretton, Kathy, Richard, Alden, Mindy, Darren, Sharon, Judy, Robin, Bob, Rex, Lynn, Bishop elect Kathleen and her family, 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 transition committee, 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:

Bob Brandenburg

Terry Phillips

Chris Nichel



February Birthdays

2 Terrell Scarborough

6 Joe Brooks

14 John Daley



February Anniversaries:

12 Anna & Verlyn Bolinger, Sr.

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**St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting**

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December 10, 2018

Present: Candy Scarborough, Alice Miller, Martha Stone, Verlyn Bolinger and Mother Sharon.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Luke 21:20-28

Treasurer's report:

No printed report. \$ 31,000 to 32,000 balance.

Pledges: 13 parishioners pledged for a total of \$ 57,000.

Old Business: We will not have a float in the Christmas Parade.

Vestry vacancies: Verlyn Bolinger, Dennis Condon, Karla Cox and Bess Stone-Bolinger have agreed to be candidates for Vestry.

Delegates: Martha and Joe Stone. Martha will become Delegate and Joe alternate.

Endowment: Verlyn

Christmas dinner has been planned. The church will furnish the meat and beverages.

Church Publishing Lectionary inserts have been used during Advent. This is a trial

offering. Inserts are available in 2019 for a fee of \$ 1.80 x 52 weeks if we choose to get them.

New Business:

Annual Meeting: January 20th. Need reports by January 13th.

Community Christmas Dinner at First Christian Church. Voted to donate \$ 100.

Budget meeting: January 7th, 6:00 p.m., Brown Bag

Received \$ 599.00 at Convocation Confirmation. \$ 130.46 for expenses.

Balance of \$ 468.00 to Mother Sharon's Discretionary Fund

Add Mindy to prayer list.

Assessment:

Minutes from the November meeting were tabled until re-written.

Vicar's Report: Surgery on January 23, 2019.

Reports from the Wardens:

Senior: Vacant

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: No report.

Outreach: Pack Snack Packs on December 30 for first week back to school.

College Ministry: The lack of operational washers and dryers is putting the Laundry and Latte program in jeopardy. There are only 4 washers and 2 dryers. Will assess the situation after the first of the year

Communications: Martha took pictures of the Confirmation.

Stewardship/Planned Giving: No report.

Evangelism: Meeting November 25.

Education:

Children: No report.

Adult: Adult Formation going great.

Buildings & Grounds: No Report

Endowment: No Report.

ECW Making plans for Christmas Dinner on December 19th.

Next meeting: January 14, 2019.

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting

Alice Miller, Clerk



Treasurer's Report Summary

The Vestry budgeted \$ 67,464.00 for 2018.

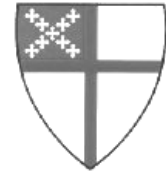
We came in at \$ 66,672.65. We ran behind most of the year. We kept our expenses down as usual to keep us in the black. This makes 18 years for me in this role. We sent another \$ 14,500. To the Clergy Support Fund. I am waiting on a report from Jay Currie on the balance of our fund there. Thank you for filling out your pledge for 2019.

Verlyn Bolinger, Jr.
Treasurer



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FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mother's day off	2
3 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	4	5	6	7 Mother in office 3-5 pm	8 Mother's day off	9
10 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	11 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	12	13	14 Mother in office 1-5 pm	15 Mother's day off	16
17 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20 Worship & Music 6 pm	21 Mother in office 1-5 pm	22 Mother's day off	23
24 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	25	26	27	28 Mother in office 1-5 pm		

St. John's February 2019 schedule

	02/03/2019	02/10/2019	02/17/2019	02/24/2019
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
Eucharistic Minister	Joe Stone	Martha Stone	Candy Scarborough	Verlyn Bolinger
Lector	Gloria Young	Linda Nichols	Daria Condon	Jupe Allen
Acolytes	Verlyn	Karla and Sidni	Karla	Verlyn, Alex, Elsa and Ava
Eucharistic/Pastoral Visitor	None	Senta Meister	Daria Condon	None
Sunday School	Jolene Main	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger
Greeters	David Bamburger	Carrie & LT Tierney	Jim & Linda Nichols	TBA
Coffee Hour	Jupe Allen	Daria & Denny Condon	Bess & Verlyn & Elsa	Candy Scarborough
Counters	Vestry			
Altar Guild	Martha Stone			