

# Good News from St. John's

February 2020

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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## **“ASHES TO GO”**

Have you ever heard about “Ashes to go?” It was begun in St. Louis, in 2006, by an ecumenical Bible study group made up of clergy, spearheaded by an Episcopalian. This group realized that many people could not attend church on Ash Wednesday to receive the Imposition of Ashes because of work schedules or other valid reasons. They mentioned, you can order food at the drive-thru, pick up your cleaning and do your banking, so why not offer “ashes to go.”

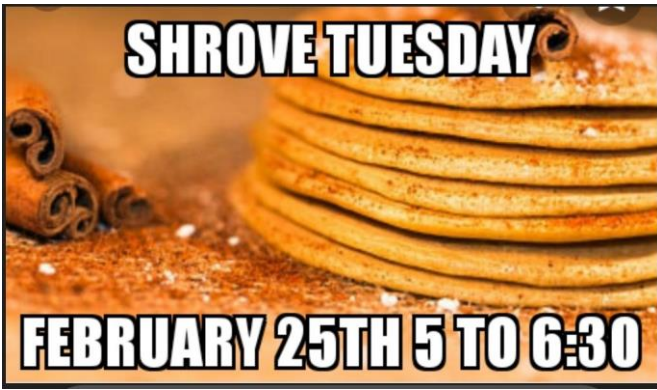
So the idea was born to take ashes to the streets. They felt very strong that the need, humility, and healing, shouldn't be confined to a church building. Jesus preached and taught everywhere he went; feeding multitudes of the hungry, preaching from the mount, plain, riverbank, by going out to meet his people where they were, even walking on water and climbing that hill with his cross. This movement has spread across the country to at least 31 states and Canada, the UK and South Africa, as an expression of liturgical evangelism.

So taking ashes out to share with our communities cannot begin to compare with the impact that Jesus' life and ministry had and still has on the world.

This is not to be used as an excuse not to attend the Ash Wednesday service, but it is an opportunity for those, of the Episcopal tradition, as well as ALL people to receive ashes and to take a fresh look at the church and the gospel.

We will be distributing ashes in front of the church and at 18<sup>th</sup> & Main from 11:00 to 1:00 pm.

Mother Sharon



Lent Formation Study "Walk in Love" by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, both Episcopal Priests, will begin on Wednesday March 4th for 6 weeks. We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm in the church, a light meatless meal, with study to begin immediately. Signup sheet for books will be on the table by the office. Looking forward to many of you joining us for the very informative study.

Thanks,  
Sharon+

### **2020 Daily Lent Disciplines**

The Outreach ministry team is asking all parishioners to donate a food item every day each week during the 40 days of Lent, Sunday's are excluded. We will be blessing the food each Sunday, and taken to Labette Assistance Center at the end of Lent.

Please no glass jars.

- Box or package of Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Box of Stuffing
- Instant Potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned tuna &/or chicken
- Cake & brownie mixes
- Canned chili, with or without beans
- Any canned meats, including Manwich
- Canned applesauce
- Canned Sweet Potatoes

- Canned beans
- Box of Crackers
- Package of Rice
- Ramen Noodles
- Package of Instant Oatmeal
- Package of any pasta
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Any kind of canned Soups
- Any kind of canned vegetables
- Any other non-perishable food items

Thank you in advance for accepting this as part of your Lent discipline.

- Outreach Ministry Team
- Carrie Tierney, Coordinator
- Candy Scarborough
- Martha Stone
- Deacon Charles Durland
- Mother Sharon

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School prepared for Christmas with a movie night on December 20<sup>th</sup>. They learned all about the birth of Jesus through the donkey's eyes with the movie The Star. A delicious dinner of pigs-in-the-blanket and macaroni and cheese was served, and they enjoyed yummy popcorn while kicking back in beanbag chairs and on the sofas in Fox Hall. The kiddos were super helpers with clean up when the movie was finished. We had 14 kids in attendance. Thank you to all that helped to make this event happen.

We had super Greeters at the Epiphany Celebration the evening of Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School kids were adorned in homemade crowns they made during class time. And the procession of the wise men and their camels was extra special, with the kids processing them to the nativity to the hymn We Three Kings.

- Bess Stone-Bolinger
- Sunday School Coordinator/Teacher

## St. John's Episcopal Church

### Vestry Meeting

December 11, 2019

Present: Verlyn Bolinger, Karla Cox,  
Mother Sharon. Alice Miller, Martha Stone  
and Dennis Condon.

#### Development:

Gospel Based Disciples was not presented  
due to the length of the meeting.

18 Pledges turned in.

Treasurer's Report Approved as submitted.

#### Old Business:

Thanksgiving Dinner was great. Had  
around 100 people.

UTO Special prayer. Boxes turned in on  
December 15

Southeast Minster Pilot Project. Will meet  
on January 5, 2020.

Thanks to all who went to Pittsburg for  
Lessons and Carols.

Advent Study going well.

Send cars to all Minster Team  
members about Epiphany

Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Social time at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Memorial Garden Plaques. Dennis found  
hem as PSHTC for \$ 10.00 each.

We will need 7 plaques. Dennis will order.  
Raffle going well. We have printed 1,000  
tickets.

It was decided to have a Christmas Day  
Service at 9:30 a.m.

#### New Business:

Approved minutes as submitted.

Voted to send PMA \$ 100.00 for the  
Christmas Dinner.

Thank You from Parsons Schools.

They paid lunch accounts for 133  
children

With our donation from the College Fund.  
Thank you from Westside Christian Church.  
Epiphany Service will be held on January 6.  
We received an anonymous gift of \$4,000.  
\$ 1,960 went to Endowment, \$ 1,000 to  
Clergy Support and \$ 240. To Mrt.  
Discretionary Fund

Balance in the General Fund \$ 30,713.00  
Minutes Okayed as submitted.

Vicar's Report-No Report

Warden's Reports

Senior- No Report

Junior- Sending cards

Discernment:

Worship & Music: Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach/Evangelism tickets being sold.

ERD Kansas to Kenya. Met to determine  
what area to sponsor for Outreach

Communications: Mailing cards

Children's Education: -Sunday School  
going great.

Charles will lead Advent Study

The Messiah-Stations of Nativity.

Buildings & Grounds: No report

Endowment: No report

ECW will decorate for Christmas Dinner

Stewardship-Karla will be chair again next  
year.

Evangelism: Will celebrate Epiphany on  
January 6th

Next meeting, January 13, 2020

Closing Prayer by Mother Sharon

Meeting adjourned to Budget Meeting.



### Treasurer Report

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.

Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church

Thank you again for your generous and persistent  
support of our great church. Thank you for all who have  
pledged for 2020.



### Prayer List

#### Our prayers have been asked for:

Teresa, Jim, Ruth, Mary, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, Kelly, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Raymond, Jeffrey, Barry, Boo, Jane, John & family, Randy, Regina, Doug, Gale, Valerie, Janice, Ava & Zoe, Bretton, Kathy, Richard, Alden, Mindy, Darren, Sharon, Robin, Bob, Lynn, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Robbie, Breklyn, Casey, Cayla, Randall, Dominic, Jaylyn, Joe, Rachal, Marla, Rick, Alan, Kay, Jennifer, Darrell & Andrea, Leslie, Jim, Peg, Amy, Lori, Bishop Cathleen and her family, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, the Southeast minster project, all Southeast Convocation clergy especially Gary, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and 1<sup>st</sup> responders, 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:



### February Birthdays

6 Joe Brooks  
 14 John Daley  
 29 Brody Ellis



### February Anniversaries:

12 Anna & Verlyn Bolinger, Sr.

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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jupe Allen was elected to the Vestry for a 3 year term.

Senta Meister was elected to the Endowment Committee for a 3 year term.

Candy Scarborough was elected as Delegate to SE Convocation Board/Diocesan Convention, and Bess Stone Bolinger as alternate.



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## FEBRUARY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>7</b> Mother's day off	8
<b>9 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am SE Convocation Board Mtg 2pm	<b>10</b> Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	<b>13</b> Mother in office 1-3 pm	<b>14</b> Mother's day off	15
<b>16 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	<b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline	18	19	<b>20</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm Worship & Music 6:30 pm	<b>21</b> Mother's day off	22
<b>23 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	24	<b>25</b> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm	<b>26</b> Ashes to Go 11 am-1pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm	<b>27</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>28</b> Mother's day off	29

# St. John's February 2020 schedule

	02/02/2020	02/9/2020	02/16/2020	02/23/2020	02/26/2020 Ash Wed
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Verlyn Bolinger	Candy Scarborough	Joe Stone	Martha Stone	Deacon Charles
<b>Lector</b>	Ivan Crow	Jupe Allen	Daria Condon	Linda Nichols	Alice Miller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Verlyn and Alex	Karla Cox	Karla Cox	Verlyn and Sidni	Verlyn and Karla Cox
<b>Eucharistic/ Pastoral Visitor</b>	None	None	None	None	None
<b>Sunday School</b>	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger	Bess Stone-Bolinger	None
<b>Greeters</b>	David Bamberger & Tom Tanner	LT & Carrie Tierney	Candy Scarborough	TBA	Alice Miller
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Candy Scarborough	LT & Carrie Tierney & Ava & Zoe	Fran & Tommie McLarty	Jupe Allen	
<b>Counters</b>	Vestry				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Candy Scarborough				

