

Good News from St. John's

February 2022

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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.

Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday February 13, 2022

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, this year we will have two Sundays to bring non-perishable food for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Labette Assistance Center has given us a list of items needed: mac and cheese dinners, peanut butter, canned fruit, pop top lid items, such as spaghetti, beanie weenies, etc., granola bars, dish soap and laundry detergent.

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.

As you enjoy the Super Bowl football game, let us show God's love to those less fortunate than us.

Mother Sharon

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.

Epiphany tide 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 Epiphany tide (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

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

November 8, 2021

Present: Carrie Tierney, Verlyn Bolinger, Bess StoneBolinger, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Absent: Karla Cox.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Matthew 24: 15-31.

Treasurer's Report:

2021 pledge and plate have both ended the year above budget.

13 pledges have been received for 2022 promising \$39,897.

The budget meeting will be January 10 to be held in conjunction with the Vestry meeting.

The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The report was approved.

Old Business:

A Worship Leader license for Jupe Allen was signed by the Bishop.

Thanksgiving dinner was successful serving 85 dinners. \$120 was receive in donations.

A plate commemorating the Stocker Family for donating the arbor in the garden was created.

New Business:

Renewal of lay leader licenses for the year include:

Eucharistic Minister- Verlyn, Candy, Joe, and Martha.

Worship Leader- Verlyn, Bess, Joe, Martha, and Daria.

Eucharistic Visitor- Daria and Senta.

The parish Christmas dinner will be held December 15 with ECW hosting.

The church will be decorated after the service on December 19.

The presents for the Good Sam residents will be wrapped the week of December 19.

Special music will be played during the Offertory on Christmas Eve by Ava Tierney.

The Epiphany service will be held January 6, 2022 at 6:30.

Ryan Willis' ordination as a Priest will be January 8 in Topeka. St John's is planning to get him a cross to commemorate the event.

The amendment of the bylaws, raising the Vestry to 7 members, has been sent to the Diocese for approval.

The election of Vestry members at the January Annual Meeting will include:

3- 3 year terms- Martha, Karla and Candy are running.

1-1 year term- Verlyn is running.

The election to the Endowment Board:

1-1 year term- Verlyn is running

The election of delegate and alternate to the Convocation and Convention:

Martha for delegate and Verlyn for alternate.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022.

Assessment:

Sharing:

Minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

Vicar's Report: Read the Litany of Thanksgiving at the Community Thanksgiving Service.
Co-Officiated Laurilla Fowler Crispel's funeral.

Wardens:

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: Meets Thursday. Ryan Willis' will be with us Sunday as his last as a Deacon.

Outreach: Plans are in place for the whole church to pack snacks in February.

Evangelism: Arrangements are being made for the Epiphany party on January 6.

Communications: Due to lack of personnel, no services will be broadcast until Epiphany.

Education: Children's: No report

Adult: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Planned Giving: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Endowment: Balance as of 11/30/2021 \$115,942.28

ECW: Laurilla Fowler's funeral dinner went well.

Next meeting, Monday January 10, 2022, at 5:30.

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen,
Clerk



Treasurer Report



Prayer List

Teresa, Jim, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Janie, Kelly, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina & family, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Randy, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, Jackie, John & family, Special needs children their families and caregivers, Les, Mark, Kay, Priscilla, Jennifer, Jaden, Kelle, Michelle, Alice, Anna, the Fowler family, Barb and the Wulf family, Keith, Lu, Olive, Michelle, Johnson & Pawlus families, Vicki, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 and their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all clergy in the Southeast Convocation especially, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.

Those who have died:

Glenda Johnson



February Birthdays

6 Joe Brooks
29 Brody Ellis



February Anniversaries:

12 Anna & Verlyn Bolinger, Sr.

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

COFFEE HOUR AND GREETERS!

We have begun Coffee Hour again and need hosts for each Sunday. Please check the sign-up sheet in Fox Hall and sign up. We have such small numbers these days and need everyone to help.

Please, Please, Please!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Candy Scarbough, Karla Cox and Martha Stone elected to a three year terms on Vestry and Verlyn Bolinger elected to a one year term. We now have a seven member Vestry.



St. John's Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------|--|-----------|--|---------------------------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Mother in Office 1-5 pm | 4 Mother's day off | 5 |
| 6 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany HC & Sunday School 9:30 am Minister Meeting 1 pm at St. Peter's | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Mother at PMA 1-3 pm Mother in Office 3-5 pm | 11 Mother's day off | 12 |
| 13 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany HC & Sunday School 9:30 am SE Conv Bd Mtg 2:30 pm at St. John's | 14 | 15 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm | 16 | 17 Mother in Office 1-5 pm | 18 Mother's day off | 19 |
| 20 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Morning Prayer and Sunday School 9:30 am | 21 Newsletter Deadline | 22 | 23 | 24 Mother in Office 1-5 pm Worship & Music 5:30 pm | 25 Mother's day off | 26 |
| 27 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany HC & Sunday School 9:30 am | 28 | | | | | |

St. John's February 2022 Schedule

| | 02/06/2022 | 02/13/2022 | 02/20/2022 Morning Prayer | 02/27/2022 | |
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| Officiant | Mother Sharon | Mother Sharon | Martha Stone | Mother Sharon | |
| Eucharistic Minister | Candy Scarborough | Verlyn Bolinger | | Joe Stone | |
| Lector | Jill Chambers | Patti Vernacchia | Alice Miller | Jupe Allen | |
| Acolytes | Alex | Sidni, Ava, Zoey | Karla | Tim | |
| Greeters | David Bamberger & Tom Tanner | Vernacchias | Alice Miller | Candy Scarborough | |
| Coffee Hour | Mark & Jill Chambers | Tierneys | Karla Cox | Jupe Allen | |
| Counters | Vestry | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Bess Stone-Bolinger | | | | |