



The Fabric of St. John's



February 2011

Pastor's Corner (Submitted by Revd. Mary Delaney)

February is the time for Valentines, fireplaces, and outdoor activities if you enjoy them. It is also a time to consider where we want to be in our spiritual life and where we want our country to go fiscally and spiritually.

Unfortunately I do not remember who said this first, but "The strength of a nation can be evaluated by the way it treats its poorest/weakest citizens." When we contemplate the manner in which we treat the poor, in body, mind, spirit, and pocketbook, it should greatly concern us.

What, then, is our responsibility as members of the body of Christ? Micah gave us great advice in the reading on the last Sunday of January. "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

The only way we can carry out this requirement is to walk with each person as we would walk with God; for it is only through another that we can touch God. It is only through another that we can do justice, be kind, and be truly humble.

God's blessings during this chilly month, have heart Spring is coming!



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Reminders:

- Potluck Feb 5.
- Eucharist is moving to 11:00 am until Spring.
- ECW Meeting Feb 20
- Turn the temp back down.





Member Change of Address

John E. Giles,
Masonic Pathways Home,
1200 Wright Avenue
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Alma, MI 48801.

ECW Meeting is February 20th after service. We will be discussing the Spring Tea. If you are interested in hosting a table or helping out, please plan to attend, we'd love to have you!

Notes from Convocation Meeting
(Submitted by Shirley Hamilton)
Monday, Jan. 17, 7 pm; at St. Albans, Bay City

Rev. Mary, Jake and Shirley Hamilton, and Barb Gladding attended.

A regular meeting feature of sharing information about convocation member church activities was begun at this meeting. St. Paul's – Gladwin reported on the initial distribution Sunday for their outreach project "Undies Sunday" this month. The project was a direct result of their receipt of a grant from the Saginaw Convocation in November. Underwear for 68 children in 38 needy families was distributed at the church. A well-received Christmas project was giving 76 bags of cookies to jail inmates.

The convocation proposed 2011 budget was explained, and 2010 expenses were reviewed. Over \$60,000 total was granted for a variety of specific church needs and outreach projects, diocesan programs and Haiti relief, The Saginaw Ezekiel Project, Camp Chick support, and The Mission Task Force (South Dakota). The convocation has had over

Dear Friends,

Below my signature is a list of Sundays not yet chosen by churches, organizations, families, etc. who would like to help feed the needy. If your group would like to offer this opportunity to members, confirmation classes, Sunday school classes, or whoever- please call our Director of Outreach Ministries- Dr. Jim Benjamin (989-395-6332) or call me (989-799-2189).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Blessed New Year!
Rev. Judy Boli
(St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Saginaw)

Open Sundays for 2011 as of 1-7-11

- May 22
- June 5, 19 (Fathers' Day)
- July 3, 24, 31
- August 7
- October 9, 23
- November 6
- December 11, 18

(received via e-mail January 7, 2011—updated January 11, 2011)



MEN'S GROUP

(submitted by Jake Hamilton)

Also note, that the Men's group will meet again on February 19 at 8:00 AM in the Parish Hall for breakfast, fellowship, devotions and a work session to do some of the odd maintenance tasks that always creep up on us.



Senior Warden's Notes

(Submitted by Jake Hamilton)

Our Annual Meeting held on Jan. 23 turned out well. We had a good turnout and the refreshments were tasty thanks to Barb, Wendy and Shirley H.

Your vestry members for 2011 are:

- Jake Hamilton - Senior warden
- Kenalee Atchinson and Nancy Mills – Co-Junior Wardens
- Doug Ballard – Treasurer
- Kay Wohlfeill, Bev Anderson, Wendy Brown, Erin Harrier, and Bob Mitchell
- Barb Gladding is our non-member, recording secretary

A packet of the various reports was distributed. There are some extra copies on the table in the Narthex.

After a brief summary of the main points from the congregational survey taken in 2010, the meeting closed with an exchange of “new Ideas” on moving St. John’s forward. These included having a local youth leader, building a new church building, selling the land and present church, sharing our facilities with another denomination, adding a second Sunday school teacher, reconvening the worship committee, offering a mentor program for young adults, establishing a “Dream” committee, and looking into greening up our building with solar shingles and/or a wind generator. Consideration of these possibilities and those from the earlier survey will keep the vestry busy in 2011.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to you as a congregation and as individuals for all your help and input this past year

Notes from Convocation Meeting (cont.)

\$70,000 available for projects and needs that may be applied for in 2011 (\$16,000 of which had already been granted pre-approval in 2010).

The grant request from St. Paul’s – Saginaw for \$5,000 for their Emergency Needs Fund for 2011 was approved. The fund is used for “helping members, frequent visitors, and others for whom we have a pastoral responsibility when they encounter urgent emergency needs.” Social Services type help given includes medical, transportation, housing needs, phone service, and clothing.

The diocesan mission trip to Eagle Butte, SD, takes place June 18-28 at a cost of \$250 per participant. More construction work will take place there, and a Vacation Bible School will be conducted.

Camp Chick dates are: Sr. Camp July 17-23 (Sun-Sat)
Jr. Camp July 24-30 (Sun-Sat)
Scholarships are available. Check for info online.



February 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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27	28					

Sunday Line-ups

- Feb 6—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Christian Education for Adults and Children
11:00 am Celebration of the Eucharist and all of our Saints
12:00 am Potluck
- Feb 13—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Christian Education for Adults and Children
11:00 am Celebration of the Eucharist
12:00 pm Vestry Meeting to follow
- Feb 20—Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Christian Education for Adults and Children
11:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm ECW Meeting
- Feb 27—Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Christian Education for Adults and Children
11:00 am Celebration of the Eucharist
12:00 pm DOK Meeting

Other Events

Feb 18—Martin Luther
Feb 19—Men's Breakfast
8:00 am—Parish Hall
Feb 21—Saginaw Valley Convocation
Meeting
7:00 pm, St. Alban's, Bay city

Birthdays

Feb 1—Carolyn Anderson
Feb 1—Nancy Mills
Feb 3—William (Bill) Harris
Feb 7—Jim Brown
Feb 8—Doug Ballard
Feb 9—Shirley Hamilton
Feb 15—Audley (Barney) Smith



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Prayer List

Please keep those listed in your prayers this week.

Bill Harris (Member)
Clarice White (Cousin of B. Gladding)
Evelyn I. LeBaron (Grandmother of T. McHone)
Gabrielle Giffords (Congresswomen)
Jerry & Kay Crispin (Members)
John Giles (Member)
Lee Beard (Brother-in-Law of B. Gladding)
Ron Clark (Son of Royce & Trudi Clark)
Royce & Trudi Clark (Members)

Serving in the Military

Billy Robertson (Nephew of C. Eckhoff)
Catherine (Zilch) McDonald (Daughter of C. & L. Zilch)
Christopher Ferris (Relative of B. Gladding)
Joe Ebnit (Nephew of C. & S. Grover)
Kara Miller (Relative of B. Gladding)
Krista Miller (Relative of B. Gladding)
Michael Harper (Nephew of M. Trimmer)
Robert Dill (Son of Mary Dill)
Tony Dill (Great-Nephew of J. & S. Hamilton)
Wesley White (Nephew of M. Trimmer)
Steven McLane (Friend T. McHone)

Please pray for those who have died

Ronald Anderson (Brother of Basil Anderson)
Rex Eugene Ballard (Father of Doug Ballard)
Garth Francis Hamilton (Father of Jake Hamilton)
Robert Trimmer (Brother of Tom Trimmer)



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Sunday Eucharist: 11:00 a.m.
Christian Education (all ages): 10:00 a.m.

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