

# The Fabric of St. John's



April 2011

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

### Beginnings

by John O'Donohue

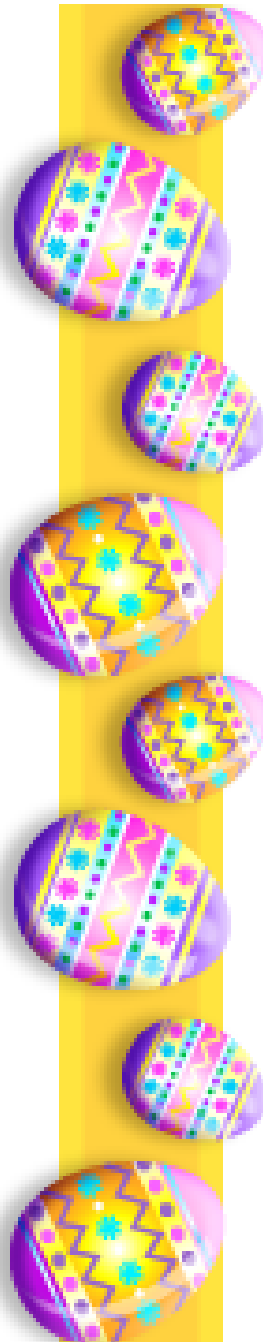
I arise today  
 In the name of Silence  
     Urgency of thought,  
 Womb of the Word,  
     Miracle of health,  
 In the name of Stillness  
     Embrace of God.  
 Home of Belonging,  
     Of the Soul and the Earth.

I arise today  
     May I live this day

Blessed by all things,  
     Compassionate of heart,  
 Wings of breath,  
     Clear in word,  
 Delight of eyes,  
     Gracious in awareness,  
 Wonder of whisper,  
     Courageous in thought,  
 Intimacy of touch,  
     Generous in Love.  
 Eternity of soul,

As we prepare to engage again in the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus the Christ, we too shall arise with him. We too shall have our new beginnings and be refreshed in the name of God. The Holy Spirit will lead us in the way of Compassion, generosity, and of love. The renewal of spirit accompanies the renewal of Spring and the Son of Heaven.

God's Blessings this Lenten/Easter Season.



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### Reminders:

- Easter April 24
- UTO boxes due in May



### ECW Notes

Submitted by L. Mitchell

ECW met on Sunday, March 20. The minutes from the last ECW meeting in February were approved and the financial report showed \$1850.37. Everyone agreed that the chili cook-off was a success and very delicious. Discussions and plans were made for upcoming events.

Mark your calendars for the Easter breakfast on April 24th at 8:30am with Easter Service to follow at 10am. Also in April is our annual fundraiser, the Ladies Spring Tea on April 30th. Sign-up sheets for hostesses for the Tea are up in the Parish Hall. Whether you can be a hostess or just want an enjoyable afternoon, come join the fun. Tickets are \$6.50.

The next ECW meeting will be on Sunday, May 22 to continue our plans for the year and discuss more ways for ECW to fund outreach activities. All women of the church are welcome – everybody's input is needed.

### DOK Prayer

Submitted by W. Brown

Lord,  
Grant me joy when I'm in pain,  
grant me peace when I'm distraught.  
Give me laughter when I am happy,  
and love when I am not.  
Grant me light when I'm in darkness,  
grant me hope when I'm in doubt.  
Give me a spark of strength when I'm weary,  
and the will not to blow it out.  
Grant me the patience to forgive,  
grant me courage to let go.  
Give me the strength to overcome,  
and the willingness to let it show.  
Grant me wisdom through my failure,  
grant me understanding through my mistakes.  
Give me guidance and endurance,  
in whatever path I take.  
Grant faith when I struggle,  
grant me safety when i fall.  
Give me the want to keep on living,  
and love through it all.  
Amen

### Special Thanks

Submitted by B. Gladding

Thank you to members of St. John's who called, brought food, sent cards, and/or visited after my recent surgery. A special thank you for the prayers offered and to Rev. Mary who sat with my family that morning. I am on the mend and will soon be back at church. God is good!!

### Spring Tea

Submitted by V. Bethka

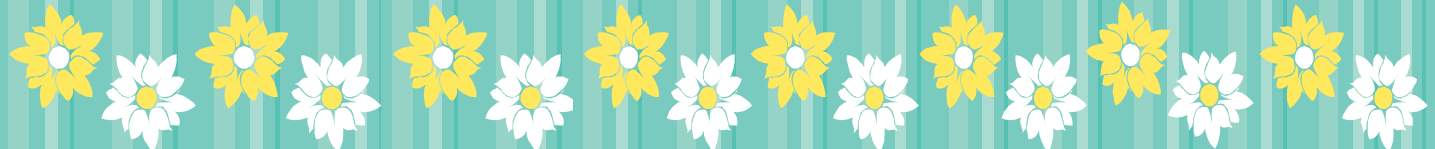
ECW Spring Tea will be again this year – April 30th, 2-4pm. Tickets will be \$6.50.

Anyone willing to have a table please sign the sheet in the Guild Hall. Need hostesses for 10 tables that seat 8, and 2 tables that seat 6.

Menu will be cookies, cupcakes, and tea sandwiches. Each table has a white tablecloth and you can decorate your table any way you wish. Bring your own dishes and cups. Most important – bring your teapot.

Table favors have been made this year and will be on your table. Also each hostess will bake her best tea cookies (small size) – 2 dozen please.

This year the entertainment will be Rick Carver a mime. So gals sign up! Happy Tea time.



### Greek Easter Cookies from Smyrna

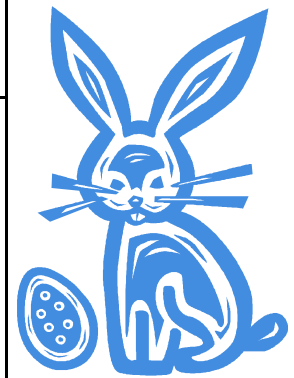
Preheat oven—350°F  
Yields 60 cookies (5 dozen)

#### Ingredients

- 2 Cups Butter
- 1 1/2 Cups white sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp orange zest
- 1 egg

#### Directions

1. Sift together flour and baking powder and set aside. In large bowl, cream together butter and sugar. Add 4 egg yolks one at a time, beating well after each one. Add milk and flour.
2. Work with the hands until dough is smooth. Add grated orange rind. Dough should be stiff so add additional flour if needed.
3. Break off small portions of dough and roll out into pencil-size strips about 11 inches long. Fold each strip into thirds, sideways, and press lightly together at ends.
4. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet. Brush tops with beaten egg. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 18 to 20 minutes.





## Letter from Midori

Submitted by **B. Gladding**

Barbara,

Thank you so much for your prayer.

The tragedy occurred in the northern part of Japan. It is quite far from my place.

I do not know what will happen in the future, since this is the first time we experience this scale of gigantic earthquake. Several thousands of people are dead or missing at this moment. A few hundreds of bodies are still left on the beach because the rescue workers and even Japanese self- defense force cannot collect them until Tsunami warning is dismissed.

Red Cross and other government agencies already started to help victims of the earthquake and Tsunami.

I would like you to know I am fine. Thanks for your concern.

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## Welcome

Submitted by S. Hamilton

Thank you to newcomer Teresa McHone, who started attending St. John's –Alma last fall, for submitting the following article which helps all of us get to know her. She also attends the Thursday morning Women's Spiritual Growth Group and the Adult Christian Education Discussion Group that meets before church on Sundays.

## Teresa McHone

Submitted by **S. Hamilton**

My name is Teresa McHone. I was born in Alma, but I grew up in St. Louis. I was adopted and raised by my grandmother Evelyn I. LeBaron. I graduated from St. Louis High School. My grandma and I then moved to Janesville, WI, so Grandma could be closer to her daughter Lynn Tabbert.

I met my now ex-husband in Wisconsin and had two kids. We moved to Minneota, MN, where I had our third child.

After having returned to this area of Michigan to live, I moved to Pine Winds II apartment complex in Alma almost two years ago. This is where I met Sue Young, who became my close friend. She is like a mother to me.

When I was growing up, my grandma and I attended religious services at the Salvation Army in Alma. I didn't go to church again until I moved back to Michigan from Minnesota. I attended a Baptist church and felt out of place. Then "Mama Sue" asked me to go to church with her. I feel so accepted that I've decided to join this church. I am also a part of the Thursday morning group.

My hobbies are reading, jigsaw puzzles, cross-stitch once in a while, and computer and video games. I enjoy my pet. I have a seven month old part Siamese cat. I've named him Max. The State Road vet near Alma called him a Blue Point.

## Jennifer Singer

Submitted by **S. Hamilton**

Jennifer Singer and her three children have been attending St. John's –Alma since late fall. As a youngster, Jennifer attended church here at St. John's with her mother Traci Richards, her brother Jeremy, and sister Janna. She has now returned to worship with us, bringing her young family.

Skye Ann, oldest of the three children, turned six years old in August. She is in 1st grade at Luce Road Elementary, Alma. She loves all animals, especially horses. Mom describes her as being very helpful, sweet, and shy.

Gavin L. T. just turned five in March. In Mom's words, "He is a very lovable little boy." He also attends Luce Road Elementary. His special education class there has been very good for him. It's helped him to be more talkative and outgoing. Gavin loves dogs. Interacting with them brings out his personality and liveliness.

KayLee Jean is three years old and will celebrate her birthday in May. KayLee attends the preschool at Alma College. According to Mom, "She is a sweet girl when she wants to be. But she is a character!" KayLee loves animals, too.

As a family the Singers enjoy having movie nights and going for walks. They live near the Pine River and like to feed the ducks. They love to visit zoos during the summer. At the top of their zoo trips list is Potter Park in Lansing and the Detroit Zoo.

Jennifer indicates that she can't work outside her home right now. Gavin is a 24\7 kid. She enjoys helping people and says, "I'm good at it!" She's been raising her kids by herself for years with the help of family.

For five years Jennifer could be seen working at Glen's Market in the meat department, the deli, or bagging groceries. Also, for four fall sugar beet seasons she worked at the Monitor Sugar Beet Collection Depot on State Road as a boom operator.



# April 2011

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### Sunday Line-ups

- April 3—4th Sunday of Lent  
9:00 am Adult Gospel Study and Church School  
10:00 am Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Potluck  
12:00 pm Vestry Meeting to Follow
- April 6th—Wednesday  
7:00 pm—Celebration of Holy Eucharist
- April 10—5th Sunday of Lent  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Morning Prayer
- April 13—Wednesday  
7:00 pm—Celebration of Holy Eucharist
- April 17—Palm Sunday  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- April 18-21—7:00 pm Eucharist for Holy Week
- April 22—Good Friday  
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- April 24—Sunday of the Resurrection  
8:30 am Easter Breakfast  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Other Events

- April 13—Wednesday  
10:00am-2:00pm Clergy Conference  
2:00pm-5:00pm Faculty Meeting
- April 21—Maundy Thursday
- April 22—Good Friday
- April 24—Easter Breakfast 8:30 am
- April 30—Ladies Spring Tea
- May 8—Bishop Todd Ousley visitation



### Birthdays

- April 7—Neil (Jay) Atchinson
- April 7—Sue Young
- April 8—William (Bill) Harris
- April 14—Melba Demas
- April 19—Marilyn McClintic



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Doug Ballard (2010-2013)  
Erin Harrier (2011-2013)  
Bob Mitchell (2011-2014)  
Kay Wohlfeill (2010-2013)

## Prayer List

### *Keeps those listed in your prayers this week*

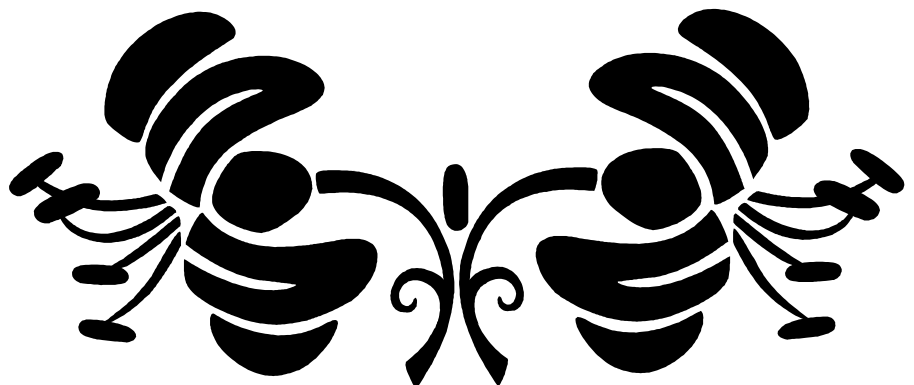
Adolfo Benavidez (Uncle of Nora Kowitz)  
Aaron Crispin (Son of Jerry Crispin)  
Barb Gladding (Member)  
Bill Harris (Member)  
Clarice White (Cousin of B. Gladding)  
Connor Dechman (Great-Grandson of Estella Ruskowski)  
Denny Seaman (Brother-in-law of J. Crispin)  
Erin Dechman (Granddaughter of Estella Ruskowski)  
Evelyn I. LeBaron (Grandmother of T. McHone)  
Gabrielle Giffords (Congresswomen)  
Jaden Dechman (Great-Grandson of Estella Ruskowski)  
Jerry & Kay Crispin (Members)  
John Giles (Member)  
Lee Beard (Brother-in-Law of B. Gladding)  
Robert Nelson (Friend of the Rector)  
Ron Clark (Son of Royce & Trudi Clark)  
Royce & Trudi Clark (Members)  
Sheri Rinfret (Relative of J. Atchinson)  
William Watson (Friend of the Church/AA Group)  
William & Nora Kowitz (Church Secretary and husband)

### *For those 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)  
Steven McLane (Friend T. McHone)  
Tony Dill (Great-Nephew of J. & S. Hamilton)  
Wesley White (Nephew of M. Trimmer)

### *For those who have died.*

Rex Eugene Ballard-Father of Doug Ballard (Nov.12, 2010)  
Robert Trimmer-Brother of Tom Trimmer (Nov. 15,2010)  
Garth Francis Hamilton-Father of Jake Hamilton (Dec.24, 2010)  
Ronald Anderson-Brother of Basil Anderson (Jan.22, 2011)  
Terry McKay-Brother-in-law of Sue Young (Mar. 11, 2011)



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

**After March 13—**

Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.  
Christian Education (all ages): 9:00 a.m.

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The Rev. Dr. Mary Delaney, Rector  
Nora Kowitz, Secretary  
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