

# The Fabric of St. John's



May 2011

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

This Spring, unlike last year, has begun rather cold and wet, but we all know that warm days and the bursting of Spring will soon arrive. This Spring, we have a world in the throes of change. The Arab world is in the midst of what many are calling the Arab Spring because of the uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Yemen, and Syria. This is a time in which we can support them with our prayers. After all what the people of these countries are asking for is what we take for granted: freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free and fair elections.

As the days ahead continue to warm and lift our spirits, to see new growth in our gardens and new spiritual growth as a result of our Lenten meditations and devotions, let us remember our Arab brothers and sisters in our prayers that their bid for freedom will succeed. They are willing to give their lives for this cause.

We are Easter people in whom the spirit of renewal is always available to us because we have died and risen with Jesus Christ through our baptism and each year we have the opportunity to dig more deeply into our baptismal call to ministry. There are always new occasions that spur us on to a deeper understanding of God's call to us. The Kingdom of God is here, it is we who are called upon to bring it to fruition.

Enjoy the warming days and God Bless,



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### Reminders:

- UTO boxes due May 1
- Bishop visits May 8
- ECW May 22





### ECW Notes

Submitted by L. Mitchell

We hope all enjoyed the Easter Breakfast – a special thank you goes out to Shirley G., Angie B, Lorraine, and Shirley H – as well as all the other women and parishioners that make chairing the Easter Breakfast a fun job.

The next ECW meeting will be on Sunday, May 22 after mass 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.

### Easter Lilies in Memory of:

Submitted by D. Ballard

- George & Dorothy Delaney by Rev. Mary Delaney
- Mary White (and wedding anniversary) by Jack White of Nevada
- Charlie & Karen Mitchell by Bob and Lise Mitchell
- Margaret Radzibon by the Radzibon Family
- To loved ones by Melba Demas
- Ray Voelker & Logan Hansinger by Sharon Voelker
- Francis "Fritz" Hamilton, Marilyn Hamilton, & Arnie Banister by Jake & Shirley-Hamilton



### News from the Treasurer

Submitted by D. Ballard

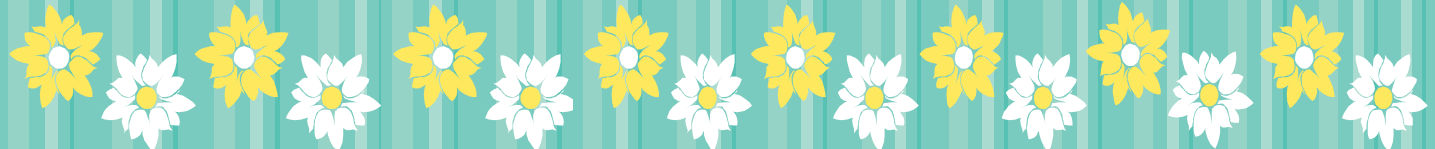
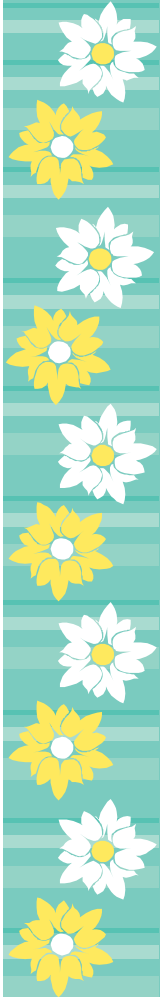
#### Announcements:

United Thank Offering *ingathering will be Sunday, May 1st. Envelopes and boxes are located in the Narthex. W. Brown*

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Vernon Andrews who passed away on April 14, 2011 and is with his Lord.*

#### May 8 -Bishop Todd Ousley's Visit.

- To be received into the Church: Teresa McHone
- To be received into the Church: The Mitchell Family.
- To be baptized: Skye, Gavin and Kaylee Singer.
- 7:00am. Vestry will meet with the Bishop at Big Boy.



### Mom's Zucchini Bread

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Moms-Zucchini-Bread/Detail.aspx>

Preheat oven—325°F

Yields 24 slices of Bread

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

#### Directions

1. Grease and flour two 8 x 4 inch pans. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
2. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, soda, and cinnamon together in a bowl.
3. Beat eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar together in a large bowl. Add sifted ingredients to the creamed mixture, and beat well. Stir in zucchini and nuts until well combined. Pour batter into prepared pans.

4. Bake for 40 to 60 minutes, or until tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on rack for 20 minutes. Remove bread from pan, and completely cool.





## Benefit Auction & Chili Dinner for Ron Clark

Submitted by: J. Hamilton

(Ron is the son of Royce & Trudy Clark, Grandson of Ron & Judy Perry)

**Saturday, May 21, 2011 at**

**St. Louis Church of Christ,**

**2pm-6pm**

Ron has a rare genetic disorder called von Hippel-Lindau disease. It's caused by a mutation on the tumor-suppressing gene, which in turn allows tumor growth on various parts of the body. In Ron's case, tumors developed on the pancreas and metastasized to the liver, kidneys, and spleen, leading him to a terminal prognosis of pancreatic cancer at 28 years old.

Ron is uninsured and has to drive at least once a week to U of M in Ann Arbor for treatment. His Medicaid has been on hold for over 90 days now and he still has not received disability.

All proceeds from the Auction and donations will go to help cover Ron's expenses.

There is no cover charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information please call:

- Kendalyn Perry at 989-285-0951,
- Doug Clark at 989-576-2700, or
- Kathy Kaiser at 989-560-4329.

## Notes from the Senior Warden

Submitted by J. Hamilton

Alleluia! He Is Risen! Do not be afraid ... For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that all might live! Wow! What powerful words! Let us strive to keep them in mind not only for this Easter season, but for every day of the year. This is especially important as we, as a congregation, seek out God's will for St. John's, Alma, in the coming year.

It was been heartening to see good attendance at our Holy Week services. There were 19 worshippers on Maundy Thursday and 29 on Good Friday! Both figures are significant increases over last year.

### Spring Projects

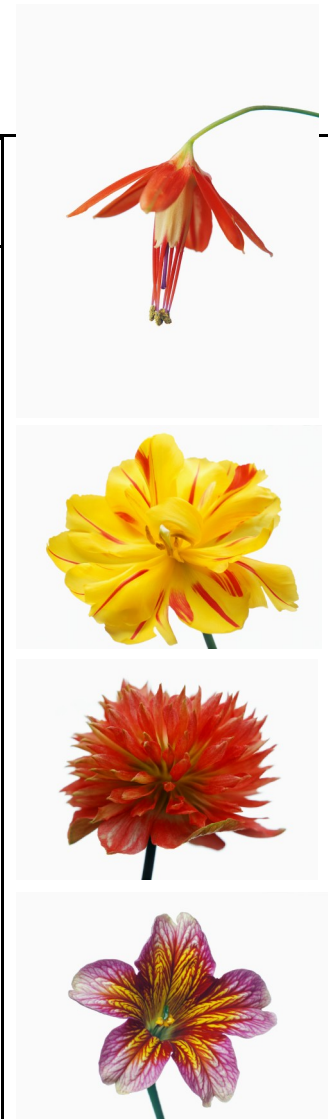
Spring maintenance needs for our building and grounds that require attention are listed here in no particular priority. If you can help out with labor and/or funds, let me know. We'll make arrangements to get the work done. Thanks in advance.

- Paint the outside wood trim on the north side of the building. We have the paint for this.
- Refinish the rear entrance door inside and out.
- Smooth and reseed the damaged lawn on the north side of the building.
- Remove dead trees (We had a bid to do this last Fall for \$750). That still might be the best way to go even if the cost might be a bit more now.
- Blow leaves away from the shrubs in the alcoves on the

south side of the building. The leaves can be scattered in the field behind the church.

- Tend to the shrubs on the south side of the church; Deer chewed on them over the winter, and they are overgrown. Perhaps removal of them ala the north side would be the best solution.
- Repair the chipped sidewalk in front of the church. I have the materials to do this.
- Refinish and repair/replace as needed the wood trim and paneling outside the front entrance. We will need to hire someone to do the high part of this.
- Strip and wax the tile floors in the kitchen, adjacent rest-room and the parish hall.
- Stain the storage shed.

**May God's blessings be with you.**





# May 2011

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29	30	31				

## Sunday Line-ups

- May 1st—2nd Sunday After Easter  
9:00 am Adult Gospel Study and Church School  
10:00 am Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
12:00 pm Vestry Meeting to Follow
- May 8th—3rd Sunday After Easter  
7:00 am—Vestry to meet w/ Bishop at Big Boy  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Holy Baptism, Reception and Holy Communion  
11:15 am Potluck
- May 15th—4th Sunday After Easter  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Morning Prayer
- May 22nd—5th Sunday After Easter  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am ECW Meeting
- May 29th—6th Sunday After Easter  
9:00 am Gospel Discussion and Church School  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

## Other Events

May 8—Bishop Todd Ousley visitation  
May 22—ECW Meeting



## Birthdays

May 8—Kay Wohfeill  
May 9—John Giles  
May 10—Doug Clark  
May 16—Vickie Bethka  
May 21—Lise Mitchell  
May 31—Charlie Mitchell



## Vestry 2011

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Wendy Brown (2011-2014)  
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*

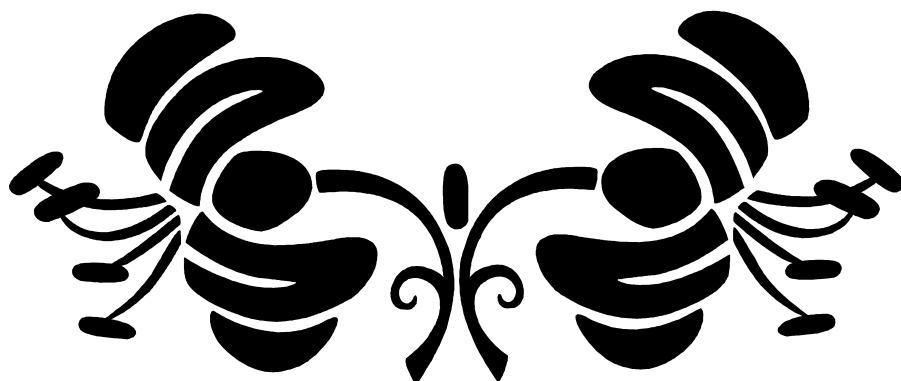
Aaron Crispin (Son of Jerry Crispin)  
Clarice White (Cousin of B. Gladding)  
Connor Dechman (Great-Grandson of Estella Ruskowski)  
Dwight Gay (Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gay)  
Erin Dechman (Granddaughter of Estella Ruskowski)  
Evelyn I. LeBaron (Grandmother of T. McHone)  
Harold & Cyndi Park (Former Members)  
Jaden Dechman (Great-Grandson of Estella Ruskowski)  
Jerry & Kay Crispin (Members)  
John Criswell (Former Member)  
Lee Beard (Brother-in-Law of B. Gladding)  
Mary Hamilton (Friend of Estella Ruskowski)  
Vern & Pat Andrews (Members)  
Ron Clark (Son of Royce & Trudi Clark)  
Shawn Austin (Friend of Bill Harris)  
Tom Trimmer (Member)

### *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)  
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)  
Joseph Hoffman— Uncle of Wendy Brown (March 24,2011)  
Jean Wohlfeill—Stepmother of Kay Wohlfeill (March 30, 2011)  
Vernon Andrews—Member (April 14, 2011)



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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  
Bob Crist, Organist  
Basil Anderson, Sexton

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Doug Ballard (Treasurer), Barb Gladding  
(Clerk), Kay Wohlfeill, Bev Anderson,  
Wendy Brown, Erin Harrier, and Bob  
Mitchell