

## From the Treasurer:

First off, let me wish you all a Happy 2011! I hope this year is a happy, healthy one for you and yours.

If you weren't at the annual meeting on January 9, here's a brief synopsis of my report. For 2010, we finished the year at \$49,580.32 in the red. This year's projection is that we will finish \$86,172.33 in the red. The major difference being that for slightly over six months of 2010, we did not have a full time rector, thus the 2011 projected difference between revenue and expense is quite a bit higher.

Hopefully, that projection is wrong and we can finish 2011 under budget on some items. Building and grounds is a big expense area for us and as we all know, those repairs can be quite expected and are often expensive. Pray hard for no "surprises" this year!

Also, if you weren't at the annual meeting, then you did not hear my announcement to resign as church treasurer after 2011. My work load at my regular job is increasing more and more and I expect more travel as well. I never want my work at St. John's to suffer due to demands at my regular job. I also don't want to hang on the position thinking I can handle it all when I most likely cannot. I do have one potential replacement, but if there is anyone else interested in stepping in, please feel free to contact me. One thing I also announced is that as of October 2010, our payroll and payroll taxes are being handled by Paychex. Therefore, those things will not be on the to-do list for the new treasurer. (And no, I'm not leaving St. John's, just need to resign the position. You can't get rid of me that easily!)

Another bit of 2010 business is donation statements. All statements were placed in the back of the church on 1/23/11. Any statements that were not picked up after the services on 1/30/11 were mailed on 1/31/11. If you do not have your statement by 2/15/11 or if you feel there is an error on your statement, please feel free to email me at

[kallie67@comcast.net](mailto:kallie67@comcast.net) or call me at 410-939-1203.

Finally, if you don't have 2011 donation envelopes and would like them, please sign up via the sheet at the back of the church. I need names/addresses to be certain we can get donation statements to you next year!

Peace and blessings to all~

Kallie Lyons

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## Penny's Veggie Pizza

2 cans (8 oz. each) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

1 (8 oz) package of cream cheese, softened

½ C sour cream

1 teaspoon dried dill weed

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

Selection of chopped veggies equaling 2+ cups

(check your local salad bar for shredded carrots, English unpeeled cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms, green onions, red/green pepper, plum tomato)

Heat oven to 375

Unroll both cans of dough. Separate dough into 4 long rectangles.

Place dough in ungreased 15 x 10 pan. (I use a larger jelly roll pan and parchment paper)

Bake 13-17 minutes, until golden brown. Cool completely.

In small bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, dill and garlic until smooth. Spread over crust. Top with veggies.

Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate 1-2 hours. Cut into pieces.

# The Eagle

## The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church— February 2011



### St. John's Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting January 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Bill Burt at the end of the 10:15 am service. It was determined a quorum was present. Barbara Snyder was appointed secretary.

The minutes of the previous year's meeting were distributed. On a motion from Jan Biondo that was seconded by Anne Shinn, the minutes were accepted.

#### The Rector's Report

Fr. Bill expressed his gratitude for having been called as St. John's forty-first rector. For the time being, Sunday services will remain at 8:00 and 10:15. He has seen an upswing in attendance at the first service. Monday morning and Wednesday after noon prayer is also offered. This year he celebrated a "Blue Christmas" service, and he plans to celebrate other lesser feasts. He would like to study "Bad Boys of the Bible" in the next Bible Study course.

Fr. Bill is participating in a newly-formed Latino Outreach mission in Baltimore on Sunday afternoons. He also participates in Fresh Start, a program for newly-appointed diocesan clergy. Our ministry at St. John's is linked with the newly-formed Upper Chesapeake Ecumenical Ministerium as well as the Susquehanna Ministerium. He is a regular celebrant at the Episcopal Carmel in Rising Sun.

For the Lenten Adult Education series, Fr. Bill has arranged for Canon Dan Webster to share the topic of "Scripture, Reason, and the Tradition of Sex and Marriage." Canon Webster will also be meeting with the Vestry to discuss "Church Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Fr. Herb Lodder of Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland will be opening a counseling office in one of the rooms in the office building. It is anticipated that this service will become a vital outreach to the public.

Fr. Bill quoted scripture, Where there is no vision, the people perish, from Proverbs 29:18 at the conclusion of his report.

#### The Senior Warden's Report

Jan Biondo began by expressing her delight that St. John's has a new rector. She emphasized that as we grow, the parish is encouraged to share their times and talents. She thanked Bill Price for his contributions as Junior Warden, and announced that Greg Shinn will be taking over this position.

#### The Treasurer's Report

Kallie Lyons began by thanking Anne Shinn for completing last year's audit. She explained the new Paychex system that has made payroll much more efficient. Because of increasing demands at her job, this will be Kallie's last year as treasurer. The Paychex system and the keeping of all records at the church will make the transfer to a new treasurer easier than what she had when she started. She

asked parishioners to pray for someone to come forward to accept this position. Pledge cards were distributed. An estimated budget was also given to parishioners in attendance. Donation statements will be available by the end of the month.

#### The Junior Warden's Report

Bill shared with the parish the many jobs that were done to manage the upkeep of the buildings and grounds. The Rectory received a lot of attention in preparation of Fr. Bill's move. When the basement of the Rectory flooded, Bill was instrumental in using his influence to get the local fire company to pump it out. Bill arranged for snow removal services. The roof over the kitchen was repaired. Painting was completed. He has gathered estimates to replace the stone pillars. He has filled the sink hole in the back repeatedly. Hopefully, it has been satiated. Bill expressed his thanks to Joe Smith and Greg Shinn for their invaluable assistance.

#### Elections/Appointments

Two 3 years Vestry positions were approved by the parish and duly appointed by the Rector. Mary White and Keith Butler will be the new Vestry members. They were sworn in by Fr. Bill. All Vestry members were asked to sign the Vestry record book.

Barbara Snyder was reappointed as Registrar.

The Delegate to the Convention is Jan Biondo. The Alternate Delegate to the Convention is Jean Tress. Jan Biondo will also continue as St. John's representative to the Regional Council.

#### Question and Answer Period

Jackie Brandon asked for Altar Guild help. Perri Cianelli-Fair and Evelyn Brendle answered the call. Jackie also spoke of how well-received the Gospel choir was. She shared an idea of an outdoor community service involving neighboring churches. The Gospel Choir has participated in such a service in their area and it seems, to Jackie, that such a service here would be very successful.

Barbara Snyder discussed the upcoming May Market and invited parishioners to look for further printed information and descriptions of help needed. She also reported on the success of the gift card program initiated this year for Christmas charity. She invited parishioners to the Peter Griggs guitar concert to be held in the church on February 12.

Alexis and Rodney, new members of the church, informed the parishioners that the guest singers at the Christmas Eve service were her daughter and husband, Monica and Jason Anderson from New Jersey.

Anne Shinn reminded parishioners that a Bull Roast/ Mardi Gras party is tentatively scheduled for March 5.

On a motion from Jan Biondo that was seconded by Mary White, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Snyder, Registrar



## The Rector's Corner

Well, now that the holidays are behind us for another year, it's important for us to pause, take a breath and consider what our direction together will be. While this may sound ominous, it needn't be so; the important thing ahead of us is to discover just where God will lead St. John's in the future.

In the King James Version of Scripture, The Book of Proverbs tells us:

*Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

As our treasurer, Kallie Lyons correctly points out, like it or not, a church is a business. Granted, we are a not-for-profit business, but a business nonetheless. All successful businesses have in common several traits. Among them is a vision for the future, usually the process of much deep in-looking and much sober inventory of their present reality.

As Joel Barker, a well-known businessman puts it:

*Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.*

It is my intention to begin that process with this parish as soon as possible. To that end, I am currently looking into parish visioning processes for us. Expect in the months ahead to get together, perhaps over community pot-lucks, in order to begin this important process of discovery.

Now, on to activities for the coming month... and we've got a lot to offer!

First, on Feb. 10, we will be hosting "Fresh Start," a required program for new clergy to the diocese. On that day, we will need to make the church, the hall and the vestry room available to upwards of 35 persons. We also are asked to provide coffee at 9:00 am and lunch at noon for the same people. Please ask Jan Biondo for details.

On Feb. 12, the vestry will be meeting in the hall with Canon Dan Webster, the Diocesan Missioner to hear a presentation on "Church Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." This is an important educational part of our visioning process, so I ask as many vestry members and officers as possible to attend from 10 am to 1 pm.

Also on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb., we will be hosting a guitar concert by Peter Griggs at 7 pm. There will be a free-will admission charge. This should be a wonderful concert, so help us get the word out.

There have also been some minor improvements in the sacristy. The holy oils, which are used for baptism and the anointing of the sick, have been moved to their own dedicated shelf over the vestment cabinet. Also, a new hasp has been added to the wall cabinet, making it more secure. These are my humble gifts to the parish!

Finally, I am encouraged by one major piece of news. Sometime this month or next, Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland will open an office on our premises. This marks an important piece of outreach to the community.

Shalom,  
Fr. Bill

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From our new Junior Warden:

I am happy to have been asked to serve as Junior Warden, and I look forward to helping keep our facilities in the best shape possible as we grow as a congregation. I welcome suggestions any one may have regarding maintenance issues, and will try to accomplish all that gets the vestry's blessing and that finances allow.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions personally, through a vestry member, or by my email ([shinnbad1@verizon.net](mailto:shinnbad1@verizon.net)).

Thank you in advance for your support!

Greg Shinn



MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S SHROVE TUESDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 TO 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL ADMISSION IS FREE!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

### February Calendar

#### Happy Birthday:

- 2: Rev. Alicia Alexis
- 7: Ava & Wade Brendle
- 13: Helen Farro
- 16: Laura Brandon
- 17: Fr. Bill Burt
- 20: Derek Pryor
- 21: Libby Green

12: **Peter Griggs Concert:** 500 Years of Guitar Music 7:00 pm at the church Free-will donation

15: **Vestry Meeting,** 7:00 pm

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### May Market: Saturday May 7, 2011

Let's think spring and begin preparing for the May Market!  
There are many ways that parishioners are needed to help.

- Volunteer to **set up and clean up** that day. Volunteer some time that day.
- Do you know a **crafters/vendor** who might like to sell their wares that day? Please provide their contact information to Barbara ( [stjohnshdg@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshdg@verizon.net) or 410-9393-2107). Spaces for booths are \$20 each, payable in advance.

- Donate to the **bake table and water sale.** Gladys Keithley is coordinating this part of the sale.
- Provide items, services, etc. for the **Silent Auction.** We will be contacting local businesses for donations that can be auctioned off (gift cards, products, etc). If you have something to donate or have a connection for a donation, please help us in gathering these items. Anne Shinn and Kallie Lyons are the people to contact to coordinate your efforts. These items need to have a value that will encourage lively bidding.
- Donate food/drink items for the **gourmet basket** to be raffled off. See Barbara about this.
- **Distribute posters** and spread the word.

### THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

"One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us." — **Gordon MacDonald**, American pastor and teacher

"We are rich only through what we give: and poor only through what we refuse and keep." — **Anne Swetchine** (1782-1857), Russian-French writer

And for a little levity:

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."

