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Sextons: Daniel Ramos and Ray Stull
Choir Director: James Caddell
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Chancellor: Lilly Plummer
St. John's Episcopal School Principal: LaRue Moore
Seabury Nursing Centre Administrator: Kelly Sewell

Vestry

Senior Warden: Bruce Shearer
Junior Warden:
Clerk:
Charles Chambers, Bill Cleaver, Emma Hudgins,
Michael Morris, Bill King and Phillip Zeeck

Organizations and Ministries

St. John's Episcopal School
Seabury Nursing Centre
Episcopal Church Women
Eucharistic Ministers/Visitors
Altar Guild
St. John's Youth Group -- EYC
Christian Formation and Nursery
Acolyte Corps
Usher Corps
Parish Food Pantry



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

We Episcopalians often refer to ourselves as being an incarnational people. We think we know what that means, but I wonder if any of us really knows what that means. We certainly understand that Jesus is the embodiment of God living among us. But this is only part of the story we get-the part we're most comfortable with because it doesn't require anything of us individually or as a community. We rarely get around to considering the whole thing. The part of the story that requires us to become disciples and take up our cross and follow Christ in ways that seek to lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, in humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-2). I find this journey to be both a struggle and blessing. A journey that Paula D'Acry describes as God coming to us disguised as our life. A journey taken in daily prayer, study and worship, in seeking communion with God in community with others who are truly seeking to see and love as Christ see and loves us and who desire us to be for the world "*God-Bearers*". A believing and practicing community that has as its primary purpose to make disciples who live authentically their faith because they have been forgiven and transformed by the sacrificial and divine love of God and the love and respect they have for each other.

It's only when we begin to understand these incarnational and transformational realities and begin to live into them that we can truly pray for the effectual working out of our salvation or well-being where things that were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made.

Thanks be to God!

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"Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character. "

William A. Ward

{taken from 20th Century Thoughts that Shaped the Church, by Vernon McLellan

Congratulations to John Plummer!

John Plummer has worked very hard and has completed all of his patches in order to be promoted from Cub Scout to Boy Scout! On Thursday, February 9th, John will receive his “Arrow of the Light” patch. This is one of the Scout’s highest honors signifying the completion of all his scouting requirements and moving on to the next phase of the scouting program. Congratulations, John, on a job well done!

Sunday Ministry Schedule

February 5th, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
EMs: Penni Howell Chambers and Charles Chambers
Acolytes: Kelton and Keller Reed Campbell and John Plummer
Vestry: Bruce Shearer
Ushers: Frank Deaderick

February 12th, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
EMs: Kathy Campbell and Lilly Plummer
Acolytes: Kelton and Keller Reed Campbell
Vestry: volunteer needed
Ushers: Frank Deaderick and John Cooper, III

February 19th, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
EMs: Candy Morris and Phillip Zeck
Acolytes: Bethany and Monica Ontiveroz and Julius Gomez
Vestry: Emma Hudgins
Ushers: Marcus Hudgins and D’on Paquette

February 26, First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
EMs: Penni Chambers and Kathy Campbell
Acolytes: Kelton and Keller Reed Campbell
Vestry: Charles Chambers
Ushers: John Cooper and Don Reaves





Pancake Supper February 21st

St. John's continues the Christian tradition of hosting an Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, our own version of Mardi Gras! As many know, this tradition marks the celebration before Ash

Wednesday, when we clear our cupboards of fat and flour before Lenten fasting begins. Pancakes and sausage cooked by the men of St. John's will be served in Angel Hall!

**Mark your calendar: Tuesday, February 21st
from 6:15 until 7:30 pm**

Tickets aren't sold but donations are welcome at the door.

In preparation for food ordering, please sign up on the Narthex table sheet or phone the Parish office (333-6022) by Monday the 19th to reserve your name with number in your party. This is a great event for newcomers and guests, so if you've not been a part of the St. John's Shrove Tuesday before, please join us this year!

Ash Wednesday Services February 22nd

Ash Wednesday, the Church's solemn commemoration of the beginning of Lent, will be observed February 22nd with three services, one for School students and their families, and two for Church members.



9:00 a.m. ~ All School Chapel in the Church ~ a simple service with the Imposition of Ashes.

Noon ~ in St. Francis' Chapel ~ a service of Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes.

5:30 p.m. ~in St. Francis' Chapel ~ a service of Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday is an important day in the Christian Year that invites reflection on our lives in Christ.

Odessa Ministerial Alliance - Together We Serve
2012 LENTEN LUNCHEON WORSHIP SERIES
Theme: Seven "I Am" statements of Jesus

- Feb 22 Crescent Park Baptist Church, 3002 E. University
Speaker Rev. Keith Gibbons
Theme I AM the bread of Life
Text John 6:35
- Feb 29 St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, 4141 Tanglewood
(Life in Grace Lutheran Preparing the Meal)
Speaker Rev Joseph Uecker
Theme I AM the light of the world
Text John 8:12
- Mar 7 Bethany Christian Church, 4522 N. Everglade Ave.
Speaker Rev. Courtney Johnson
Theme I AM the door
Text John 10:7
- Mar 14 Highland United Methodist Church, 1808 Dixie
Speaker Rev. Michael Mueller
Theme I AM the good shepherd
Text John 10:11-14
- Mar 21 First Presbyterian Church, 1401 Sam Houston
Speaker Rev. Steven Kelley
Theme I AM the resurrection and the life
Text John 11:25
- Mar 28 St. John's Episcopal Church, 401 N. County Rd West
Speaker Rev. Steve Digby
Theme I AM the way the truth and the life
Text John 14:6
- Apr 4 First Christian Church, 601 N. Lee Ave.
Speaker Rev. Clay Porter
Theme I am the true vine
Text John 15:1, 5

Apr 6 Stations of the Cross - Begins at Noel Plaza at 1:00

Suggested donation for meal \$5.00 per person

Schedule Lunch 11:15 a.m. - Noon
Worship 12:05 - 12:45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PANTRY

Saturdays: February 4th and 18th
Please join us to serve food to those in need.
Pantry begins at 8:00 a.m.

*The Food truck delivery is scheduled
for Friday, February 3rd.*

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- 2nd Shari Ganter
- 3rd Jay Rutledge
- 5th Cathy Figert
Dorothy Wein
- 7th Don Reaves
- 8th Tim Edgmon
- 11th Darrian Morris
- 12th Marlin Reaves
Kathy Campbell
- 13th Jacque McKee
- 16th Ryan Caddell
- 17th Stephen Kinnard
- 19th Eleeweese Elder
- 21st Gary Ganter
Hope Russell
- 24th Chaisley Cleaver
Alyssa Deutsch
- 26th Bruce Shearer

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If you or yours have inadvertently been left out of the birthday list or reported incorrectly, we apologize! Please phone the Parish Office and we will correct the mistake as well as St. John's Canonical Records.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY SERIES 2012

“Surprised by Hope; Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church” is a study that addresses the question of our ultimate Christian hope and the hope for change, rescue, transformation, and new possibilities within in the world at this present time. The DVD and discussion lead study is based on work of N.T. Wright. The series takes a look at the ultimate hope held out in the Christian gospel: the hope, that is, for salvation, resurrection, eternal life, and the cluster of other things that go with them. Second, it is about the discovery of hope within the present world; about the practical ways in which hope can come alive for communities and individuals who for whatever reason may lack it. And it is about the ways in which embracing the first can and should generate and sustain the second.

Study Sessions

Hope for the World-Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Hope of the Resurrection-Wednesday, February 29, 2012

The Hope of Heaven-Wednesday, March 7, 2012

The Hope of Jesus’ Second Coming-Wednesday, March 14, 2012

The Hope of Salvation-Wednesday, March 21, 2012

The Hope of the Church-Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Schedule

5:30 p.m. - Healing Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Study

N.T. Wright is one of the world’s top biblical scholars, a prolific author, and Bishop of Durham in the Church of England. His book, *Jesus and the Victory of God*, is widely regarded as one of the most significant studies on the historical Jesus. Among his many published works are *Simply Christian*, *The Challenge of Jesus*, *The Meaning of Jesus* (Coauthored with Marcus Borg), and *What Saint Paul Really Said*.

I hope each of you will prayerful consider this a part of your Lenten discipline and join us for this thought provoking study following our Wednesday Evening Healing and Eucharistic Service.

Please let Cheri know if you are planning to attend so that we can order participant guides for everyone. The cost of the study guides are \$11 each. If you are unable to purchase a guide for yourself, let us know and we will make other arrangements for you.



St. John's Recipe of the Month

Sugar Free Chocolate Pie

1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust, prick w/fork, bake 10 minutes, 400 degree oven or until golden brown. Let cool.

- 1 lg. pkg. sugar free chocolate pudding
- 2 1/2 cups cold milk (use 1 or 2 per cent)
- 4 pkg. Equal
- 1 tsp. vanilla

With mixer, mix 2 minutes and chill. Pour into cooled pie crust. Top with 1 carton sugar free Cool Whip.

For a chocolate mousse pie fold in 1/2 container Fat Free Cool Whip (1 gram of sugar). Top with remaining 1/2.

We would like to feature a new recipe each month. If you have a recipe to share, please send it to Cheri via e-mail at cstull@stjohnsodessa.org or mail it to PO Box 3346, Odessa, TX 79760-3346.

Income & Expenses through January 31, 2012

INCOME:	Budgeted	Actual
Plate	\$ 416.67	\$ 421.00
Pledges	16,109.00	16,333.67
Other	2,315.73	1,690.73
Total Income:	\$ 18,841.40	\$ 18,445.40
Expenses:	19,779.88	18,054.60
Balance: Inc-Exp.	-938.48	390.80

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

This month we GIVE THANKS and PRAY for:

- February 5 - The Anglican Church of Canada.
- February 12 - The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
- February 19 - Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.
- February 26 - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you
of selfish ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win
some false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Be good anyway.

Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People need help but will attack you if you help them.

Help them anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Theresa



The people of St. John's extend prayer and sympathy to:

~~All casualties of war, terrorism and natural disasters throughout the world.

Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord. And may light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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**Prayer is at the heart of our life in Christ. This month, prayer has been requested for:** Carolyn, Cathy, Don, Jennifer, Dana, Bill, Byron, David, JoAnn, Danci, Ingrid, Shelby, Marshal, Barbara, Theresa, Elizabeth, Peggy, Alyson, Doris, Mike, Becky, Ray, Christin, Yolanda, Gianna, Britt, David, Alex, Jimmie, Charles, Steve, Rica, George, Zach, Jenny, Luke, Odella, Angel, and for all who have no one to pray for them. Are there others?

**for** Katharine, Rowan and Scott, bishops;

**for** Frank, Les and Charles, Priests;

**for** Ingrid, Deacon.

**for** Lilly and for all who seek to discern a call to ordained ministry in the church

**for:** Jovanni, Chaisley, Evan, Beth, Christopher, Cathy, Danci, Reagan, Kendall, Amber, Brittany, Isaiah, Hope, Shelby, Annie, Eleanor, Kate, Karyn, Jax and Ryan, college students; and for the students, staff and faculty of St. John's Episcopal School.

**In light of national, worldwide and Church-related concerns,** we remember before God: the suffering and those who minister to them; Barack, our President; all elected officials; American Armed Forces and their families, especially Brett Brown, Trevor Nichols, Canyon Shearer, Jeremiah Peryam, Greg Robinson, Jesus Mendoza, Dillon Walker, Blas Manzanares, Megan Sterling, Eric Crettenden and the Baeza family.

**Prayer requests may be made through the Parish Office (333-6022) or via the Church e-mail address [ctull@stjohnsodessa.org](mailto:ctull@stjohnsodessa.org). The St. John's community will remember your request in prayer.**