

2016-2017 PROGRAM YEAR KICK-OFF PREVIEW

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

While it may seem that not much has been happening this summer as compared to last summer, a lot has been taking place behind the scenes to get ready for the 2016-2017 program year. Within the pages of this newsletter are articles about various aspects of what is coming up this fall, but I am attempting to provide a summary with this article.

River Days Festival—We were warned by the River Days Festival Committee, “be open all three days, or be moved from your prime spot.” We chose to heed their warning and be open on Sunday during this year’s Festival. We will have an 8:00a.m. worship service; no coffee hour afterwards, and head down to the river front to open our booth. We’ll see how it goes this year, if it is worth our effort again to be open on Sunday.

Kick-Off Sunday—will be September 18th. All of the youth classes will meet. The choir will also start back up again. Both the teachers and choir will be re-commissioned for their ministries. And, as usual we will have a pitch-in lunch after the service. (The Sunday adult Bible study group will not start until the next Sunday, Sept. 25th.)

Journey in Faith, Adult Inquirer’s Group—I am planning to move the monthly JIF presentations from Monday nights to Wednesday nights in order to keep my Sabbath Day open. The first JIF will be Wednesday, October 5th. So far I have two presentations planned for the fall. I am open to ideas on just about any topic. It may also be that a “movie night” might take the place of a JIF night some months.

THE LONG GREEN SEASON—To provide a change in this year’s long season of Sundays After Pentecost, during October and November, we will be using a set of green tapestries and vestments that have not seen the light of day in many years. The Eucharistic Prayer will change from “Prayer A” to “D”. I might ask the choir to consider changing up the music a little as well during these last two months before Advent.

CREDO II—Back in 2009, I attended the first of two CREDO conferences. I was invited to attend CREDO II last year, but did not feel it was right to be gone all summer and then turn around and be gone for eight days in the fall. CREDO is an intentional time for a clergy person to explore and reflect upon four areas of their life and ministry: Pastoral Ministry; Spirituality; Health and Wellness, and Financial Well-Being. I have been invited back to the Lake Logan Conference Center near Asheville, N.C. from October 17th through the 24th. Pastoral coverage will be arranged, and The Rev. Kempton Baldrige will offer supply service on Oct. 23rd.

Hoosier Bishop XI—The candidates for our next bishop will be in Evansville on Saturday, October 15th for a walk-about and meet-and-greet session. The election will take place during the diocesan convention, October 27th through 29th. Pray for me and our two delegates, Beth and Gail, as we cast our votes.

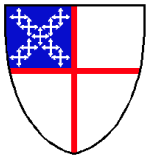
Fall Outreach Ministries—As I write this article, we are discerning if we have enough volunteers to work as a parish team on a Habitat build on September 24th. October 2nd is our annual animal blessing. In recent years we have been asking for donations of dog food, cat food, and kitty litter. It’s not too early to be collecting items for the Seaman’s Church Institute, Christmas on the River program. Ingathering will be in mid-November. The Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry is being handled differently this year. We are asking groups, families, and individuals to put together filled boxes. Then, bring your filled boxes to church on Sunday, November 13th. Instead of collecting coins for United Thank Offering in early November, we will be collecting them for Episcopal Fund For Human Need. “Change during the Time Change” will be collected in our metal buckets. The Outreach Committee is also looking into the possibility of partnering with the River Bend Food Pantry to assist with an elderly food ministry.

Advent and Christmas—Christmas Eve is on a Saturday. Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on a Sunday. There has been discussion regarding a children’s pageant (Proposed date, December 18th), and then if we want to change up service times for Christmas Eve this year. I am hearing voices wanting an early service and voices wanting to keep the late service. There is also discussion on whether to hold service on Christmas Day. It is a Sunday, after all.

Your Brother in Christ,

Allen +

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Sunday Morning Schedule — (starting Sept. 18th)

8:45-9:45a.m. Rite 13 Group

9-9:45a.m. Adult Study, Choir

Rehearsal, & Children's SS Class

10:00a.m. Holy Eucharist

Coffee & Refreshments follows the

Eucharist in the Parish Hall

**Sunday Morning Nursery Assistance
Available beginning at 8:45a.m.**

Mission Statement

The mission of the people of
St. John's Episcopal Church,
Mt. Vernon, Indiana is to:

**Proclaim the love of God
and the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through prayer, study, and
action.**

Vision Statement

With God's help,
we commit ourselves to:
Recognize God as the
author of all creation

**Be a place of welcome and
refuge for ourselves and
others**

Offer weekly worship and
Eucharist

Stay grounded in God's
Word through Christian
education

Pray for our needs and those
of others

Weekday Schedule

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30a.m.

May be sporadic during the summer



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Leadership at Church and Work

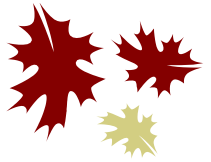
Treasurer's Notes

I guess everyone else is getting really tired of mowing grass too! This will be remembered as “the summer all we did was mow grass & spray weeds”. Well, believe it or not -- it will soon be time to complain about the cold again. We are quickly approaching the 4th quarter of our financial year at St. John's. Budget wise we have been running very close to projections and this is always a good thing. The pledge giving amounts were down slightly for the month of August but our pledge members are very good to get “caught up” as we move from summer into fall. The other number I watch closely is the “estimated annual income” from the Morris Fund. For August this number was comfortably above the \$ 90,000 which is required to meet our annual budget. Some of our grounds & building maintenance expenses are above budget but the projects and repairs which needed to be done are a noticeable improvement to the church.

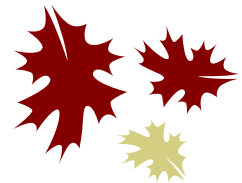
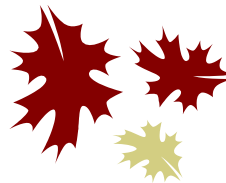
One thing I want to acknowledge in particular, because it took the efforts of several people working together to accomplish, is the contribution St. John's Outreach has made to the Mt.Vernon CAPE Head Start program. We discovered late last year that the donations of money which are made to the local Head Start program had to be filtered through the area office in Evansville. We discovered that many times the full benefit of St. John's contribution was not staying in Mt.Vernon. Through the efforts of Susan Gooden, Robin Price, Lorelei Barnes (the teacher for the Mt. Vernon Head Start program) and myself we devised a way to make direct contributions to the Mt.Vernon program. Robin set up a “gift registry” through my Amazon Prime account and Ms. Barnes could create a “wish list” of materials and equipment that were needed for the classroom in Mt.Vernon. Then Susan, Robin and I could go through the list and match the amount of St. John's donation with the requested items. The materials were then shipped directly to Ms. Barnes. This way the full benefit of St. John's Outreach donation remained with the Mt.Vernon CAPE Head Start program!! YAY us!! A fine example of “tis better to give than receive” it was a joy to be able to “shop” for these children! To “catch up” with our 2015 donation and to complete our 2016 donation, this year St. John's has provided \$ 800 in materials & equipment directly to the Mt.Vernon classroom. Thanks be to God! Where there's a will, there's a way!!

Thank you, St. John's church family. You are making a real difference in our community. We continue to walk in His way. We pass our blessings from Him, on to others. Thank you, God.

Susan Harrison,
Treasurer



Below is an article found in the school corporation newsletter about our very own Tammy Weatherford:



New life/activity for ActivTables!

Tammy Weatherford's Marrs library now has two ActivTables to engage students. Seeing that two ActivTables had been moved to an empty room, and that they were not being used by another, Tammy adopted them for use in the library. With the assistance of Jenny Jones, these girls got the tables ready for action.

In addition to the ActivTable software, these giant-sized iPad-like tables can be used with a plethora of activities located on the Internet. There will be no wasted downtime while waiting for others to check out books, Tammy's tables will be using CNN Student News, ABCya, Go Noodle, PBS Kids, The Adventures of Peep, and many other free Internet activities to engage waiting students in meaningful play!

Serving Christ through...: Christian Education & Formation

PROGRAM YEAR KICK-OFF IS SEPTEMBER 18TH PITCH-IN LUNCH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

Meat Provided

Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall, or call the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TIMES

**J2A Class
8:45 A.M. (SHARP!)**

**Adult Bible Study
9:00 A.M.**

**Pre-K—4th Grade
9:00 A.M.**

**The Nursery will be staffed
beginning at
8:45 A.M. for anyone with
little children wishing to
participate in the Adult Bible
Study.**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group will begin on September 25th at 9:00AM.

We will begin our study of John.



Who Do YOU say that I AM?

The Pre-K-4th Grade Class will be studying the Bible Names and roles of Jesus. Studies include Jesus as:

The Christ
Word of God and Creator
Son of Man, Son of the Most High
Emmanuel
Son of God
Man of Prayer
Light of the World
Teacher
Healer (Great Physician)
Life-Giver
Living Water
Forgiver of Sins
Bread of Life
I AM
Demon Fighter
Master
Savior
Friend
Servant
Great High Priest
Good Shepherd
King of the Jews
Lamb of God
Eternal Life-Giver and Second Adam
Prince of Peace
King of Kings and Lord of Lords

***Journey in Faith* *Adult Inquirer's Class* is Moving to Wednesday Evenings**

**The first presentation will
be held on October 5th**

Journey in Faith is open to anyone who wants to know more about the Bible, Church traditions and their faith, and other topics of interest. Seekers and seasoned scholars are both welcome! Each class begins with a soup supper at 6:00p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

HOW TO FILL

A SHOEBOX



Step One: We have pre-printed boxes from Samaritan's Purse. No need to find one! The cost to ship is \$7.00. St. John's has set aside a fund for the shipping. If you prefer, you can donate online, and use a special "Follow Your Box" label and see the final destination of your box.

Step Two: Girl or Boy?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.



USE THESE LABELS

Cut out the appropriate label and tape it on top of your shoe box gift. If you need additional labels, make photocopies or download from samaritanaspurse.org/oc.

Mark the correct age category:		 Boy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old		

Mark the correct age category:		 Girl	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old		

Step Three: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

Step Four: Pray

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.



DO NOT PACK:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Collection of the Shoeboxes will take place on November 13th.

National collection week is November 14-21

River Days Festival

2016 St. John's "Sweet Shop" Booth Details

We will be open all THREE days!: September 9th, 10th, & 11th

THURSDAY EVENING, September 8th

Loading and Set Up: We will meet at the parish hall at **5:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY MORNING, September 9th

Continuing Set Up: Set up volunteers meet at river front at **8:00 a.m.**

A couple of volunteers pick up product from parish hall.

- Friday and Saturday evenings are always our busy times, we need plenty of booth workers and help stowing away gear at the close of the evening's sales.
- Because we will be open on Sunday, we will be stowing gear and NOT tearing down on Saturday evening.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 10th

Resetting booth: Set up volunteers meet at river front at **8:00 a.m.**

A couple of volunteers make or pick up more product from parish hall.

SUNDAY MORNING, September 11th: *Worship Service* at the church, 8:00a.m.

NO COFFEE HOUR AFTER SERVICE!

We are encouraging members to either volunteer at the booth or go down to the river front and listen to gospel music and have refreshments there.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, September 11th

The Festival Ends at Approximately 3:00p.m.

We would like to have volunteers ready to tear down by 2:00p.m.

If there is still a crowd and sales are going well we will hold off tearing down until 3:00pm, but if sales are slow, we will begin tear down at 2:00p.m.

SIGN-UP SHEET

A booth worker sign-up sheet is now posted on the parish hall bulletin board.

SALES PROCEEDS SPLIT

Friday and Sunday's sales will go towards the parish Capital Projects fund. Saturday's sales will go into the Youth Group fund.

"OH, FUDGE"

We are hoping to have enough fudge to sell all three days, so we need plenty of fudge makers. We would like mostly chocolate and peanut butter. We will accept small quantities of other varieties. NOTE: Fudge recipes are typically made in a 9" x 9" pan. Cut into 1½" squares.; bagged in sandwich bags, three pieces to a bag. We hope for consistency in our product sales. **Please let Robin know what type of fudge you are making so she can make labels.**

IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN A DETAIL, PLEASE E-MAIL FATHER ALLEN.



Serving Christ through... Being Good Stewards

Freshening up the building and grounds

Over the last month, several changes have taken place around the church to freshen up the building and grounds. Earlier in the spring the Vestry approved a landscaping bid to change out some of the bushes on the south side of the building. It's a shocking difference, but it should fill in nicely as the new plants grow. The front porch was sanded down and repainted. The side railings were replaced. The sign attached to the front of the church was looking yellowed, so it was replaced with new, clear glass. The yard sign also had new plants put under and around it.



"Water, Water Everywhere...."

In the afternoon of Wednesday, August 10th, nearly five inches of rain came down in a narrow band of Mt. Vernon. St. John's was in its path. Over three inches of water piled up against the corner of the prayer garden at the door. It flooded into the choir closet again and part of the back office and parish hall. We have yet to find the right solution to keep water out of the building in this area.



Worship & Fellowship

St. John's Church Fall Eucharist & Picnic



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 9th
10:00 A.M.**



**Harmonie State Park
TULIP SHELTER HOUSE**
(weather permitting)

***NO SERVICE AT THE CHURCH THAT DAY
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THAT DAY***

**There is a \$7 per car entrance fee
into the park.**

**Car pooling can be arranged by
calling the church. To car pool, please
arrive at the church by 9:30 A.M.**

Meat will be provided.
Side dishes, desserts, and drinks can be
provided by parishioners.

Please mark this on your calendar and come join us
for a great day of worship, food, fun, and
fellowship in the great outdoors.

Reaching Out To Others

FOOD PANTRY September Contribution Spaghetti Sauce

Please bring in
cans of spaghetti
sauce and place
them in the round
bin in the parish
hall.



September Outreach Tithe Recipients

Young Life \$250

Family Matters \$1000

Jail Ministry \$375

YWCA \$250

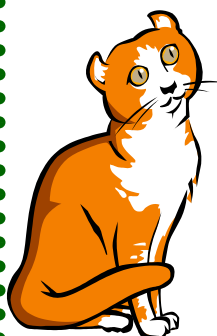
**Blessing of the
Animals Service
in honor
of St. Francis**



Sunday, October 2nd, 4:00p.m.

**On the front lawn of St. John's, or in
the parish hall if inclement weather.**

All pets are welcome. Everyone is
welcome to come
and participate in
the service, even if
you don't have a
pet. Past services
have been both
prayerful and
entertaining.



We are asking people to
bring donations of dog
and cat food on Sunday
morning or to the
afternoon service for the
Posey County
Humane Society.



River Ministry Christmas

Each Christmas, The Seaman's Church Institute's
Ministry on the River requests donations of various
items to assemble gift packages for the riverboat
employees and their families. St. John's has always
been supportive of that project. It is that time of year
again to start purchasing and bringing into the church
your annual donations for this ministry. We are
collecting these items until Sunday, November 8th.



- Handmade Christmas Cards
- Chewing Gum
- Unscented, Colorless Lip Balm
- Unscented, Hypoallergenic
Hand Lotion (2-4 oz. bottles)
- Playing Cards and Puzzle Books
- Individual packages of microwave popcorn
- Individual packages of facial tissue
- Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
- Pre-stamped postcards

FALL CLEANING

As you are cleaning out
closets and switching from
summer to winter clothes,
don't forget about the
rummage sale coming up.



Events & Celebrations

September 2016

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

September Dates to Remember

- 05 — *Labor Day Holiday*, Church Office closed
- 09 — Mt. Vernon River Days (St. John's Booth)
- 10 — Mt. Vernon River Days (St. John's Booth)
- 11 — Mt. Vernon River Days (St. John's Booth)
- 11 — Grandparent's Day
- 15 — Vestry Meeting, 6:00p.m. in parish hall
- 17 — Executive Council Meeting
- 18 — Kick-Off of Sunday School & pitch-in lunch
- 19 — St. John's, MVMA Food Pantry volunteer day
- 20 — Mt. Vernon Ministerial Association meeting, 3:00p.m.
- 21 — Deanery Council Meeting, Vincennes.

First Sunday for Choir to begin again.

The first Sunday that the choir will begin again to rehearse and sing with the congregation will be September 18th. We look forward to all of our choir members inspiring and leading the congregation in worship music and providing their unique offertory anthems and hymns.

September Birthdays:

- 02 — Brooke Sanders
- 03 — Grace Cox
- 05 — Bailey Weaver
- 07 — Lexxi Watts
- 09 — Michael Weatherford
- 12 — Susan Colson
- 15 — Chuck Akins
- 24 — Dylan Rutherford
- 25 — Robert Henry Bell
- 28 — Sara Goad



September Anniversaries:

- 25 — Carrie & Chuck Akins

If we missed your day or listed it incorrectly let us know so we can update our files.

Sue Webster's Burnt Toast

YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 slices of bread—your choice
- Toaster you are willing to sacrifice

1. Turn toaster to highest setting
2. Insert bread, push down lever
3. Done when smoke detector goes off or Firefighters arrive
4. Remove burnt toast
5. Discard charred toaster
6. Spread on your favorite condiment to help hide the burnt taste.

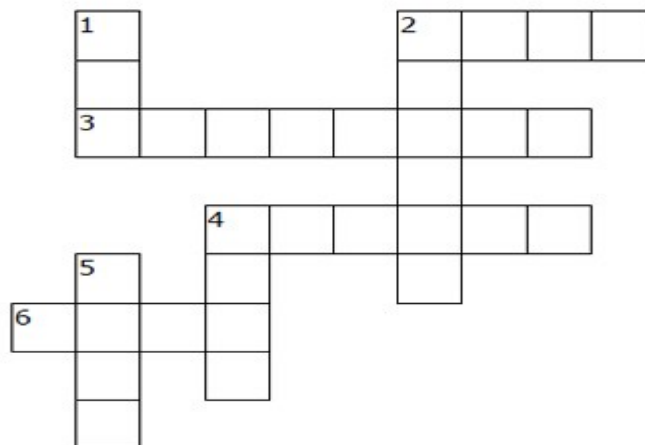


Serving Christ through...: Connecting Kids To God

Parable of the Good Samaritan

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



ACROSS

2. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
3. Someone who lives very near to you
4. A person who performs religious duties in the church
6. To hit someone again and again

DOWN

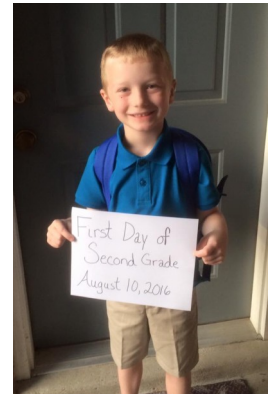
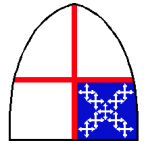
1. An adult male human
2. Someone who takes money or property illegally from another person
4. To feel sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune or suffering of another
5. Not living

MAN	PRIEST	PITY	ROBBER
ROAD	BEAT	DEAD	NEIGHBOR

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, AUGUST 10TH

Labor Day



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the *labor* movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2016