



The Evangel

December 2009

My brothers and sisters,

Just last week I was having a conversation with my spiritual director – something I do faithfully once each month. We were talking about a particularly vexing issue I was facing, and she said, “And where do you see God in this?”

I was brought up short.

It seems to me that too often we have a problem – or a joy! – and fail to see God’s presence in the context of our story. And yet I so often pray – for example, with people who are sick – “Help us to be aware that you, God, are always with us. That you never abandon your children. That your presence is our lifeline.”

This is how spiritual direction works, and I encourage each of you to prayerfully discern how spiritual direction might strengthen your faith – or, at least, your awareness of God’s abiding presence.

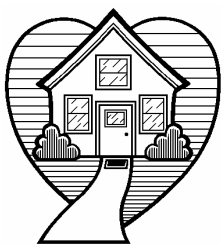
Spiritual direction is perhaps a misnomer, for a spiritual director does not actually “direct.” No, he or she asks questions, enters into conversation with the directee, and prayerfully guides the directee toward a greater or deeper understanding of God’s love. Some spiritual directors call themselves “soul friends” – a friend who is on the same journey we all are toward greater compassion for ourselves as well as for others. A spiritual director asks hard questions sometimes, to be sure – “How is your prayer life?” is one. “How goes it with your soul?” is another. They’re hard questions because they inspire us to go deep within our selves as explorers of faith.

A spiritual director is a sort of tour guide. This image is particularly helpful to me because of my former life as a corporate and leisure travel agent! He or she takes us by the hand and walks with us on our journey toward the divine presence that is always in us and with us, pointing out landmarks and sites of interest, helping us avoid (but not ignore) places that are dark and forbidding.

I encourage you to consider spiritual direction. Our two spiritual directors (and I can certainly point you to others) are here on the second Thursday of each month, and there are times available to meet with them. This is a ministry of the church – there is no charge, but a donation of thanksgiving to a favorite charity (or St. John’s) on behalf of the director is certainly appropriate. If you are interested in pursuing this, please call the office to schedule a meeting with the spiritual directors who grace us with their gifts.

May God’s abiding presence bless you this holiday season.

In Christ,
Fr. Wayne +



Remember our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Stella Prybyla - Rosebush Manor,
4210 E. Rosebush Rd., 433-0150

Verna Schurr
Applewood, 5775 West Isabella Road

Connie Smith,
1526 C Canterbury Trail, 772-4577

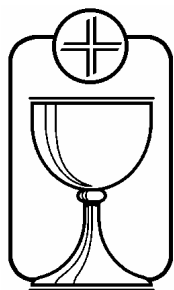
Judy Sweeney
1441 E. Broomfield #221, 779-9353



Mary Ellen Blackburn	2
Connie Smith	2
Lois Klumpp	2
Andy Brockman	4
Diane Benn	6
James Wilson	13
Renee Babcock	20
Robin Mower	21
Harriett White	24
Doris Sherwood	25
Patricia DeLong	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Neil and Robin Mower 17



Home Communion

Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive communion or a visit from either the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

St. John's Prayer Group

The 16 members of the Prayer Group offer petitions

daily for the church and for specific requests. All parishioners are welcome to become members of the Prayer Group or to submit requests by contacting Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office, 773-7448.



St. John's Rummage Sale Info:

The St. John's Rummage Sale Committee is accepting good used clothing all year long! Please leave all contributions in the Parish Hall kitchen. Thank you!

Building & Grounds Policy

No items that belong to the Parish will be loaned out without the permission of the Building & Grounds Committee. If you wish to borrow any items, please call the church office.. If you have questions, call George Clapp, 773-33632

Meijer Community Rewards Program
St. Johns' Account Number
972219

Outside the Tent

“A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.”
(from Proverbs 31:10-31)

So begins the last chapter of Proverbs, which is probably not familiar to many of us, because September 20 was the first time—thanks to the Revised Common Lectionary—that we used it at Sunday Eucharist. A parishioner spoke to me after the service with some disappointment that this picture of the admirable wife should be included in our worship. I can understand his reaction, because on first glance it seems a sexist document. But I see it in a different way, and so do many of the people I serve in hospice, especially those who are sitting down with me to discuss the funeral for a much-loved wife or mother. This portrait of the capable wife, despite some archaic references (“her lamp does not go out. . . her hand holds the spindle . . .”), reminds them in many ways of the good woman who has left them: “She considers a field and buys it . . . with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard” (a woman who farmed); “She makes herself clothing . . . She makes linen garments . . . all her household are clothed in crimson” (a woman handy with sewing machine, knitting needle, or crochet hook); “[She] does not eat the bread of idleness. . . She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household” (a woman who worked hard); “She opens her hand to the poor . . . Strength and dignity are her clothing . . . the teaching of kindness is on her tongue” (a woman who was compassionate).

Resourcefulness, wisdom, strength: we see these qualities in many of the women in our lives: our mothers, our spouses, the women who share our pews on Sunday morning, our colleagues. As Advent begins, I think about these same qualities in Mary, the mother of Jesus, a woman barely emerged from girlhood when she agreed to obey God’s wish that she give birth to God’s son. It seems that, like the woman described in Proverbs, Mary did not fear the time to come. And yet her path with Jesus was hard. She gave birth to him in a shelter for animals, with only Joseph, some livestock, and a few perplexed strangers to keep her company. When Jesus was an infant, she learned from Simeon that “a sword would pierce [her] own soul too.” She endured the disappearance of the twelve-year-old Jesus on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. She stood at the foot of his cross, watching him die an agonizing death. She watched him as he ascended into heaven, out of her sight after only 33 years.

And yet Mary lived through it all with grace and strength. And with confidence: she was certain at the wedding at Cana that her son would do as she instructed him (she was, after all, a good Jewish mother!). In this season of expectation, Mary can be for us a source of contemplation. We can read Proverbs 31, seeing in its poetry a reflection of Mary. We can read again the bittersweet stories in Luke of Mary’s pregnancy, of Jesus’ birth, of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. We can wait with Mary for the birth of her son. We can wait with Mary, and with all the people of the Old Testament, for the dawning of a new age.

In quietness, Nancy

Thanksgiving Baskets!

Thank you to all who donated food and money for the Thanksgiving Baskets. These baskets go to the Women's Aid Shelter. They, in turn, deliver them to their clients. Also, thank you George and Diana Clapp and Martha Rarick for organizing this ministry to the poor.



The Center for Christian Spirituality Presents...

Meeting Mary: Mother of Wisdom

An Advent time of Prayer and Reflection for Women

December 4th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

December 5th, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Leader: Dare Cox

Advent Evensong

Sunday, December 13th

5:00 p.m.

and perhaps...
a visit from St. Nicholas!

Children are welcome –
Nursery care will be provided



Hanging of the Greens

Immediately after worship on Sunday, December 20th, all who are able are invited to stay and assist in the Hanging of the Greens. If you like decorating for Christmas, then join us!!

Christmas Flowers and Greens

This year we are asking for contributions for *real* greens and flowers to decorate the church. These contributions may be made as a memorial or as a thank offering and will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Contributions and announcements **MUST** be in the church office by **December 15th** and may be placed in the offering plate until **December 13th**.



I wish to contribute money for Christmas flowers/greens.

In _____ honor or _____ in memory of: _____

From: _____

"Here we Come a Wassailing..."

Please join us as we gather to **spread St. Johns' special brand of holiday cheer** to those who have difficulty sharing it with us in church. **Come One, Come All!** We will gather at the church on **Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m.** and then venture out to sing carols. We will visit 3 or 4 homes to sing to and with our friends, then



gather back at Fr. Wayne's home for **cookies and hot chocolate.** This has traditionally been a warm and joyful holiday gift in the midst of the typical frenzy, both to those of us who have participated, and for those we visit. Feel free to dress up in hats, antlers, red noses, or traditional caroling garments!

Bundle up and bring your voice!

Christmas Worship 2009

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Evening Christmas Mass

11:00 p.m. Festal Christmas Midnight Mass
with Special Music and
the First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



The Goodrow Fund 2010 Benefit Ball

The Evening will include...

Social Hour at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m.

Enjoy a Silent Auction throughout the night and Dancing
with the music of The Nichol Quartet

100% of Proceeds are used to provide services needed for the Goodrow Fund

Comfort Inn Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant

Friday, January 15, 2008

Tickets are \$30 each, or \$300 for a table of 8.

For Tickets, see Sally Goodrow, Marvin Lett, Elizabeth Brockman,
or any board members

The John H. Goodrow Fund, a United Way Agency, was established in 1988 to provide emergency assistance for those in need within Isabella County

This is our Greeter/Coffee Hour Host Schedule—If you cannot serve on the date you were given, please exchange dates with someone else on the list and call the Parish Secretary at 773-7448

Greeter Rotation

December

- 6 Babcock/Zygmontowicz family
- 13 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 20 David and Carrie Blackburn and family
- 27 Tim Brockman and Harold Cook

January 2010

- 3 Bob Cosan and Henry Fulton
- 10 David and Jennifer Dingman and family
- 17 Ford and Pam Dingman
- 24 Jane Gilmore/Cindy Seger family
- 31 Joyce Baugh and Roger Hatch

February 2010

- 7 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 14 Lynne and Pete L'Hommedieu
- 21 Marian Matyn, Rod and Zachary Leslie
- 28 Tom and Betty Timmons

March 2010

- 7 Babcock/Zygmontowicz family
- 14 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 21 David and Carrie Blackburn and family
- 28 Tim Brockman and Bob Cosan

Coffee Hour Rotation

December

- 6 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 13 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman
- 20 Marian Matyn, Rod and Zachary Leslie
- 27 David and Paula Shirley

January 2010

- 3 Tom and Betty Timmons
- 10 Harriett White and Sandy Wood
- 17 Babcock/Zygmontowicz family
- 24 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 31 David and Carrie Blackburn and family

February 2010

- 7 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 14 Harold and Mary Cook
- 21 Bob and Kip Cosan
- 28 David and Jennifer Dingman and family

March 2010

- 7 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 14 Henry and Nancy Fulton
- 21 Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger and family
- 28 Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh



December 2009

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
December 6 Advent 2	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Moonyeen Albrecht	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	The Babcock/ Zygmuntowicz family	Tim and Elizabeth Brockman and family	Megan Blackburn and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell and Harriett White
Lectionary: Baruch 5:1-9 Canticle 16 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6						
December 13 Advent 3	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman	Seth Hartshorne and Sandy Wood	Alice Louisell and Harriett White
Lectionary: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18						
December 20 Advent 4	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Gordon Bloem	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	David and Carrie Blackburn and family	Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie	Matthew Blackburn and Brandon Gilmore	Sally Goodrow and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 3 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45						
December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. Karen Varanauskas 11:00 p.m. Harry Kelley	5:00 p.m. Eileen Swinehart 11:00 p.m. Henry Fulton	5 pm Jane Gilmore/ Cindy Seger 11 pm David and Carrie Blackburn	5:00 p.m. Acolytes: Brandon Gilmore, Seth Hartshorne	11:00 p.m. Acolytes: Megan and Matthew Blackburn, Pete L'Hommedieu	Sally Goodrow and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20						
December 27 Patronal Feast of Saint John	10:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire ONE Service	10:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart followed by	Tim Brockman and Harold Cook BRUNCH	David and Paula Shirley	Seth Hartshorne and John Rousseau	Sally Goodrow and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Exodus 33:18-23 Psalm 92 1 John 21:19b-24 John 21:19b-24						
January 3 Christmas 2	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Andy Brockman	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Bob Cosan and Henry Fulton	Tom and Betty Timmons	Megan Blackburn and Brandon Gilmore	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84:1-8 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a Matthew 2:13-15,19-23						



December 2009 at St. John's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 29, <i>Advent 1</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist Deacon Nancy Casey Fulton preaching at both services 8:00 pm AA	30 <i>St. Andrew</i>	December 1 <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon</i> 7pm Compassionate Friends	2 <i>Channing Moore Williams, Missionary</i> Noon Eucharist and Bible Study	3 5:30 Choir	4 <i>John of Damascus</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Meeting Mary: Mother of Wisdom</div>	5 <i>Clement of Alexandria</i>
6 <i>Advent 2</i> <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 8:00 pm AA	7 <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan</i> Noon Daughters of the King	8	9	10 5:30 p.m. Choir	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 CMU Winter Graduation!
13 <i>Advent 3</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Evensong of Advent Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends Candlelight Service 8:00 p.m. AA	14	15	16 Noon Eucharist and Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Vestry	17 9:30 a.m. Staff 5:30 p.m. Choir	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 10:00 a.m. St. Demetrios worships at St. John's
20 <i>Advent 4</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling Party! 8:00 p.m. AA	21 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	22	23 Noon Eucharist and Bible Study	24 5:00 p.m. Eucharist for the Feast of the Eve of the Birth of Our Lord 11:00 p.m. Festal Midnight Mass for the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord	25 9:00 a.m. Eucharist for Christmas <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 <i>St. John the Evangelist</i> 10:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist for our Patronal Feast 8:00 p.m. AA	28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	29 <i>Thomas Becket</i>	30 Noon Eucharist and Bible Study	31	1 <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2



**Monday through Friday, Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
 For Updates: Visit the Parish Website and Click on "Calendar"**

Christmas Outreach Need YOU!

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Where? Finch Fieldhouse on the campus of CMU (corner of Preston and Franklin)
When” Dec. 2 and 3, 1-7 p.m., Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8, 1-7 p.m.
What items are needed?(all items must be new or gently used and clean!)

Infants’/Children’s Winter Clothing	Bed Linens & Towels
Adult Winter Clothing	Books for all ages
Boots, Mittens, Hats, (all sizes)	Non-Perishable Boxed or Canned Foods
Jeans (all sizes)	Personal Hygiene, Paper, Cleaning products
Baby Items	Toys (used & new)

Monetary donations are always appreciated and go toward the gifts given to people in need. Send checks payable to Christmas Outreach to Immanuel Lutheran church, 320 S. Bradley St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or take to any local branch of Isabella Bank.

VOLUNTEERS:

For Sorting of Donated Items at Finch Fieldhouse, CMU

Nov. 30 and Dec.1, 12-4 p.m.	Dec. 2 and 3, 1-7 p.m.	Dec. 4, 12-4 p.m.
Dec. 7 and 8, 12-7 p.m.	Dec. 9 and 10, 12-6 p.m.	

For Distribution of Items to Families in Need at Finch Fieldhouse, CMU

Dec. 14 and 15, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
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All interested in volunteering must call Immanuel Lutheran Church at 773-4204 to schedule a time! We ask that all volunteers commit to working at least 2 hours.

Christmas Outreach Works Because of YOU!

ANGLICAN WORTHIES

229. Smith, Sydney (1771-1845)
Priest & essayist

Smith is known now more for his famous wit than for his ecclesiastical career, though the latter is not lacking in merit. Like Dean *Swift, he was anxiously ambitious and would eventually be disappointed in his hopes. But his career was liberal and generous, and his sense of humor won him many friends and patrons.

He was one of five children born to a financially feckless father and a kindly mother, who suffered from epilepsy, a common condition for which in those days there was no remedy. Smith's childhood was peripatetic, as his father invested in international schemes, was often absent, tyrannical when present, or obliged to move the family frequently. A recent biographer, Peter Virgin, estimates that Smith as a child lived in probably more than five residences. Dysfunctional families are not a modern phenomenon.

Smith was sent to Winchester, a public school in academic decay, as its headmaster, Joseph *Warton, was too old to maintain its standards. Smith was taught more Latin and Greek than he needed to know, succeeded well, and moved on to New College, Oxford, where the same thoughtless and dated curriculum was pursued.

His first responsibility, prior to ordination, was as curate at a small, impoverished village on Salisbury Plain in 1794. He could do very little for this flock, but he did begin a Sunday School and a "school of industry" for girls. In 1798, now ordained, he served as a tutor to a spoiled young man in Edinburgh, which proved formative. Here he met three young liberals, Henry Brougham (who eventually enjoyed a distinguished career in Parliament), Francis Horner, and Francis Jeffrey. Early in 1801 Smith suggested to Horner and Jeffrey that they start a literary magazine. They acquired sufficient financial backing, and thus was born one of the most influential magazines of the nineteenth century, the Edinburgh Review, first published in 1802. Jeffrey was named editor. (It was Jeffrey, remember, who trashed *Wordsworth's early poetry.) Smith contributed lively reviews and articles for every issue. By this time he had married, loved his wife and their domestic life. There were five children. But to set up housekeeping in London his wife had to sell her jewels.

Smith had no parish yet, but he preached and lectured at several city pulpits, drawing large crowds. As a preacher Smith was known for a "fiery delivery," but he was not an Evangelical; rather his sermons tended toward moral concerns, the good life, good works. "The concise, bold raciness of his style," his daughter remembered, "was singularly calculated to stir up a lazy London congregation, accustomed to slumber over their weekly sermon; and the earnestness of his manner caused many to think who never thought before." He also cultivated a strong relationship with Holland House, one of several meeting places for liberal Whig politicians; Virgin says that this relationship became a valued source of patronage, necessary to advance in the Church.

In 1809 he obtained his first parish in a small community in Yorkshire. This would hardly be his end point; he would see to that. But we are told that he planted small orchards, the fruit of which was for his parishioners; he rented his glebe at reasonable rates, and he “doctored” for his flock, ordering medications from London. We are also told he was elected a magistrate and “was especially lenient” toward poachers. He was particularly interested in the treatment of the mentally ill and advocated the elimination of restraints. He was there for fourteen years. After the parish in Yorkshire he was given the wealthy living of Londesbrough (£800), then Combe Fleury in Devonshire.

While writing for the Edinburgh Review he became famous as a wit. He said, “Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, but punishing anyone who comes between them.” “Correspondences are like small-clothes before the invention of suspenders; it is impossible to keep them up.” When it was proposed to construct a wooden sidewalk around St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, Smith said, “Let the Dean and Canons lay their heads together, and the thing will be done.” “I never read a book before reviewing it; it prejudices a man so.”

In spite of his wit, Smith struggled with depression much of his life. A very sociable man, he also liked to eat and drink, and in his mature years was overweight, which augmented a natural clumsiness.

Smith hoped the political and aristocratic connections he so carefully cultivated would eventually land him a bishopric, the prize nearly all our clerical worthies aspired to. In this he was unsuccessful. What he did gain was a canonry at St. Paul’s in London, and we are told that in 1832 his annual income was £2900. That for a priest in the Church of England was extraordinary.

Reform was in the air, and Smith wrote on its behalf. But along with political reform came a motion in Parliament to establish an ecclesiastical commission to look into the regulations and privileges of the Established Church. Like many others Smith was uneasy about this because it implied that the traditional system of preferment, patronage, especially as it pertained to cathedral employment, was going to be investigated. Peter Virgin calls Smith’s defense of this traditional and potentially abusive privilege “a shabby episode” in Smith’s career, but it hit close to home for many clergy.

As a canon at St. Paul’s he moved his family permanently to London, only making seasonal visits to Combe Fleury. His residence in the capital was very sociable as befitted his extroverted temperament. He dined out frequently each week (too often for one with weight problems); he was granted membership in The Club, founded by *Dr. Johnson in the 1760’s; he counted Dickens among his friends. But the pains and plagues of aging were even closer associates, and he feared his own death. He suffered a heart attack the fall of 1844 at Combe Fleury and died the following February in London.

Smith is classified today among the great essayists of his period, along with Hazlitt, DeQuincy, Lamb, John Wilson Croker, and Christopher North. Besides reviews of books his writings covered prison reform, the education of women, the Irish question—and sermons! -hlf

October 31 Financial Report

The following is the summary financial report for the first ten months, or 83.3%, of 2009:

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$126,896	(about 83.3% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>131,601</u>	(about 80.4% of year's budget)
Excess of operating expenditures over receipts...	\$ 4,705	(3.7% above the receipts)
Transfer from endowment fund.....	1,967	
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2009	<u>19,910</u>	
October 31 operating cash balance.....	\$17,172	

The year-to-date deficit grew from \$1,136 at the end of September to \$4,705 at the end of October. The increase resulted primarily because of one time quarterly payments such as the contributions to the Goodrow Fund and the rector's pension fund. At this time last year, there was a deficit of \$9,581. Receipts usually exceed the expenditures during November and December, so it is anticipated that the deficit will shrink or even disappear by the end of the year.

Pledge letters have been sent out. If you have not already submitted your pledge, please submit it as soon as possible. Spending requests submitted so far are at least \$10,000 above the anticipated receipts for this year. Hence, Vestry has to make some hard decisions, and they are made easier if all the pledges have been received.

Questions about details of the church's finances may be directed to Pam Dingman or Harold Cook.

2010 Pledges

In order for the Finance Committee to plan for the coming year, it is very important that all 2010 Pledges are turned in as soon as possible! If you did not receive a letter and a Pledge Card in the mail, you will find them in the narthex of the church, or you may request one through the church office, 773-7448.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your financial gift for the ongoing services and programs at St. John's for 2010!



Attention: All Parish Contributors!

In order to claim your contribution in 2008, donors MUST deliver all checks or cash to the church on or before December 31, 2008. If you are sending donations by mail, they MUST be postmarked on or by December 31, 2008 to be claimed as charitable contributions and deducted for the year 2008.

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Our Mission:

St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Anglican tradition, lives to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by ministering through worship, outreach, fellowship and education.

We welcome all who enter our doors, and we support the diverse callings of each member as we seek to serve Christ in every person

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The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

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