



# *The Evangel*

## *March 2011*

My brothers and sisters,

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Our Senior Warden just sent me this as a reflection piece, and it says exactly (but in her words) what I would be writing to you this month. With her permission, it is here on the front page. I encourage you to read it and reflect upon it.

And I send you my best wishes for a Holy Lent.

Fr. Wayne +

What is Lent?

To lots of folk, Lent has something vaguely to do with 'giving something up'. Like giving up chocolate. But Lent is so much more than that. The period of Lent gives us an opportunity to grow spiritually, and forge a deeper relationship with Christ.

Historically, the period of Lent was indeed a time of fasting or sacrifice. It was also a time of prayer, charity and scripture reading. Many orthodox religions still give up meat for all or part of Lent. Most liturgical churches follow readings that focus on the last weeks of Christ's life.

The word 'Lent' comes the Teutonic term for springtime; Lent is a time for a spiritual inventory and spring cleaning. The forty days are based on the forty days Christ retreated to the wilderness.

Think of what Jesus saw in the wilderness. His wilderness was a desert, barren, dry. He turned inward, searching His soul, fighting his demon, searching for his Father.

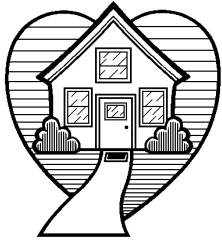
If we live into the season, thinking of the last days of Christ's life, putting our spiritual lives in order, we can find renewed vigor and growth. This is the time to take up the practices we have been meaning to follow: reading the Bible daily, praying often, and attending all those many Holy Week services.

To reflect Christ's time of extreme asceticism, we have changed the familiar comfort of our church. It is our hope that by changing the church, we can facilitate change within each one of her members. This is a change only for the season. Shifting away from business as usual for a time may help us change business as usual in our spiritual practices.

We have brought the Eucharist closer to the people, by moving the altar. We will gather around it as a community to share the Body and Blood of Christ, and we will communicate each other. This will feel different from taking individual communion at the altar rail, but it is part of the spiritual depth-plumbing the season calls for. The rich, heavily decorated purple hangings and vestments we are accustomed to at Lent will also change, for this year, to un-adorned, humble sackcloth, evoking the robes of the disciples, and the cloth at the last supper.

So in this season of Lent, live more deeply into your Christianity. Take a spiritual inventory, and fill in the missing elements. Read the scriptures. Pray with compassion. Reach out to others.

Karen Varanauskas



## Remember our Homebound Members

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

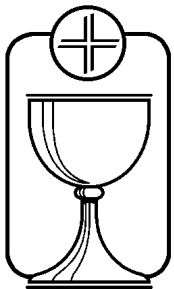
**Maribeth Injasoulian** - Room 364,  
Medical Care Facility

**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

**George Injasoulian**  
Prestige Place, 5785 E. Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant



### 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.



**Meijer Community Rewards Program**  
St. Johns' Account Number 972219



Mina Son	5
Neil Mower	6
Jeanne Maxon	6
Stacey Church	13
Laura Schurr	20
Bryson Church	20
Chelsea Bloem	23
Diana Clapp	29
Moonyeen Albrecht	31

### Ongoing 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!



### 2011 Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your 2011 contribution envelopes in the narthex of the church. If you would like a set of envelopes, call the church office, 773-7448, or see Pam Dingman.



### Altar Flowers for 2011

There is a new Altar Flower calendar posted in the Parish Hall. Flowers may be given in honor of someone special, in memory of loved ones, or simply to glorify God. Please take a moment and see if there is a Sunday that suits you best, and sign up!

## *Outside the Tent*



Joyce, a resident at Lynnwood Home, died on January 19 after a year of increasingly severe pulmonary problems. She was the third resident of the home to die since I began leading weekly worship there in September, 2005. The first was Carolyn—unexpectedly, during the night—in the winter of 2007. Dawn, whose health began to fail that same winter, died the following November after two or three hospitalizations on a ventilator. Deaths in group homes are not unusual, because this is an aging, medically fragile population. But they are difficult: the residents and the staff—as well as the biological family, staff from Community Mental Health and the agency that oversees the home, friends and supervisors from the workshop or other places of employment—make up a unique family that feels keenly the loss of one of its own. The memorial service or funeral for a resident from a group home is never a small event, but a crowded affair, rich with tears, stories, and laughter.

After Joyce's memorial service, as we were enjoying pizza at Lynnwood Home, Lisa (the house manager) suggested that we find someone to embroider the names of Joyce, Dawn, and Carolyn on the prayer shawl that I wrap around each resident at our weekly worship when I sing them a blessing. Lisa is not a believer; she has not been baptized, and she has never gone to church. But for her that prayer shawl is a symbol of comfort and love. Dawn died with it wrapped around her shoulders. We had tucked it around Joyce for prayer and anointing not long before the ICU staff removed her ventilator. And so I have spent some time the last month trying to find someone to embroider their names. As you can see from the picture at the top of the page, I found the right person, Jill Stalter at "In-Stitches," who did a beautiful job for us. She told me that her father, a psychologist at the Mount Pleasant Center many years ago, had often brought residents home for lunch or dinner. She loved those meals, and so she was pleased to be part of the story of the prayer shawl.

The shawl has had a long journey with me. My friend Betty Harris, who was our parish secretary for many years (she died in 1996), gave me this weaving one year for Christmas. At first I used it as a table runner, but it had been tucked away for a long time when I ran across it in 2005 or 2006 and decided to use it as a prayer shawl at Lynnwood Home. I think Betty would have been pleased, because she and a few other women at First United Methodist Church used to sponsor a “Friendship Club” for adults with cognitive impairments. So Betty too is part of the story of this beautiful weaving that has become sacramental for the staff and residents of Lynnwood Home. When I sing the blessing song, assuring the residents one by one that Jesus loves them and that they belong in God’s family, that shawl becomes the presence of God touching them and surrounding them with love. And the newly-embroidered names on the shawl remind us of the three women who have left us: Dawn in pink, for the “girly” girl who enjoyed having her nails done and a glamour photo taken; Carolyn in green, for her Native American tradition’s love of the earth; and Joyce in red, the color she liked best.

Soon we will welcome a new resident to Lynnwood Home—a woman in her 70’s, I’ve been told—and she will become part of this ongoing story of God’s love for us, and our love for one another.

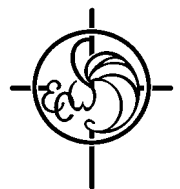
Peace, Nancy



**Coming soon from...**  
**The Center for Christian Spirituality**  
**“Priest and Physician:**  
**Faithful Morality in Medical Issues”**

**We will meet for four Wednesdays beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Please call the church office to register– readings will be required.**  
**A \$20 donation is suggested.**

**Episcopal Church Women-Mark Your Calendars!**  
**The 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Meeting of the ECW**  
**will be held at the new Church of the Mediator in Harbert**  
**on Saturday, March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**If you are interested in attending, please see Sandy Wood for**  
**a registration form. All women of the Church are welcome!**





# March 2011

## Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
March 6  Last Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie	Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie	Seth Hartshorne	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9						
March 13 1 Lent 5:00 p.m. Evensong in honor of St. Patrick	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Anne Hiebert Alton	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Jim Eikrem and Betsy Richard  Evensong Ralph Baber	Ford and Pamela Dingman	John Rousseau  Evensong John Rousseau	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11						
<b>Evensong Reader: Karen Varanauskas-Readings:</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12 Matthew 28:16-20 Psalm 96:1-7						
March 20  2 Lent	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Henry and Nancy Fulton	Seth Hartshorne	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
<b>Lectionary:</b> Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17						
March 27  3 Lent	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Gordon Bloem	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Babcock/Zygmuntowicz Family	Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger	John Rousseau	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
<b>Lectionary:</b> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42						
April 3  4 Lent	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	David and Carrie Blackburn and family	Joyce Baugh and Roger Hatch	Seth Hartshorne	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger and Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41						



## March 2011 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 27, <i>Epiphany VIII</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist	28   <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	March 1 <i>David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales</i>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> The Compassionate Friends	2 <i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield</i>  CCS: Clergy Quiet Day 10-3 <b>Noon</b> Eucharist	3 <i>John and Charles Wesley, Priests</i>   <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	4   <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 <i>Epiphany Last: Farewell to the Alleluias!</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist	7 <i>Perpetua and Her Companions</i>  <b>Noon</b> Daughters of the King  <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	8   <b>6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>	9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <b>Noon</b> Eucharist  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Eucharist with Music, Imposition of Ashes	10   <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	11   <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 <i>Lent I</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist  <b>5:00 p.m. Evensong for St. Patrick</b>	14   <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	15	16   <b>Noon</b> Eucharist  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> CCS "Moral Medicine"	17 <i>Patrick, Bishop</i>   <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	18 <i>Cyril, Bishop</i>   <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>St. Joseph</i>  <b>Red Tent Gathering</b>
20 <i>Lent II</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist with Hymns <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Flicks and Faith: "The Pianist"	21 <i>Thomas Ken, Bishop</i>   <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	22 <i>James De Koven, Priest</i>   <b>5:30 p.m. VESTRY</b>	23 <i>Gregory the Illuminator</i>  <b>Noon</b> Eucharist  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> CCS "Moral Medicine"	24 <i>Oscar Romero, Bishop, and the Martyrs of El Salvador</i>  <b>9:30 a.m. Staff</b>	25 <i>The Annunciation</i>   <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 <i>Lent III</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Flicks and Faith: "Enemies of War"	28   <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	29 <i>John Keble, Priest</i>	30   <b>Noon</b> Eucharist  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> CCS "Moral Medicine"	31 <i>John Donne, Priest and Poet</i>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	April 1   <i>Office Closed</i>	2   <b>Tomorrow: "Refreshment Sunday"</b>

**Morning Prayer is held Monday-Thursday, at 9:00 a.m.  
For Updates: Visit the Parish Website and Click on "Calendar"**

**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**

#### **March**

- 6 Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie
- 13 Jim Eikrem and Betsey Richard
- 20 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 27 Babcock/Zygmontowicz family

#### **April**

- 3 David and Carrie Blackburn and family
- 10 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 17 Tim Brockman and Harold Cook
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman and family

#### **May**

- 1 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 8 Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh
- 15 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 22 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Laura Cochrane
- 29 Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie

### **Coffee Hour Rotation**

#### **March**

- 6 Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie
- 13 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 20 Henry and Nancy Fulton
- 27 Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger

#### **April**

- 3 Joyce Baugh and Roger Hatch
- 10 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 17 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman

#### **May**

- 1 Jo Redman and Harriett White
- 8 Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem
- 15 David and Paula Shirley
- 22 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 29 Babcock/Zygmontowicz

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Next meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

Present: Gordon Bloem, Laura Cochrane, Harold Cook, David Dingman, Jane Gilmore, Rod Leslie, Rev. Wayne Nicholson, Betsy Richard, John Rousseau, and Karen Varanauskas.

Rev. Wayne Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:35pm with an opening prayer for the Parish.

**Announcements:**

- \***Parish Directory:** Sandy has posted a directory for all members of the parish in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to check the contact information as it will be made available for everyone in the parish each Sunday
- \***Mission:** Special Sunday offerings has started off well with an abundance of peanut butter! Updates will follow regarding the next item to donate
- \***Wedding:** Richard Robertson, Shirley Robertson's son, will be married in the Church on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>
- \***Clergy Quiet Day** on be at St. John's on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \***Sunday School** for children: Rob will check with parents to arrange a meeting time to discuss details of holding Sunday school
- \***Discussion:** "Moral Medicine" ("Priest and Physician") will take place on Wednesdays, March 16-April 6, 7-9pm and is sponsored by the Center for Christian Spirituality
- \***Community Quiet Day** will be the Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
- \***Parish Retreat** at Neithercut Woodland will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>; the focus is Living into our vision
- \***Parish Leadership Day** is on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm at St. Mark's in Grand Rapids. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Karen Varanauskas is attending, let her know if you would like to carpool with her

**Building and grounds:**

**1) Ongoing needs:**

- \***Paint** is needed in the undercroft and in the stairwells. Karen suggested that we hire someone to paint the stairwells and will obtain a bid for the work. It was agreed that it was a good idea. Karen will obtain a bid for the work.
- \***Lighting** bid for the walkway between the church and the parish hall was over \$1,000. Ford and David Dingman have offered to complete the work at no cost other than supplies when the weather warms up. It was agreed to accept this generous offer. A light in the church also needs to be replaced.
- \***Parish Hall heating** is completed! Thanks to George and Diana Clapp who sponsored the project!

**2) Building and Capital Campaign:**

- \***Capital Campaign:** Wayne has been speaking with the Episcopal Church Foundation who operates with a sliding scale rather than a flat fee or a percentage of the money raised and they understand the needs of churches. Their contact person in NYC feels that it will be quite possible to raise enough money for the new building because there is a promise of seed money of approximately half the amount from a parish member who wishes to remain anonymous. Discussion followed. Karen moved that a representative from the Episcopal Church Foundation come for a free consultation. John seconded and the motion passed by acclamation. A committee will be formed to meet with the representative. Karen and David

expressed interest in serving on the committee. It was suggested that Roger Hatch, Harold Cook, Tim Hartshorne, and Barbara Sheperdigian be invited to be on the committee as well as any other member of the parish who comes forward.

**\*Building and Grounds:** Karen proposed that the Building and Grounds Committee meet on a more regular basis to keep work needed updated and maintained. David will confirm the makeup of the committee and initiate meetings (Members may include George Clapp, John Rousseau, Sandy Wood, Ford Dingman, and Ken Klumpp).

### 3) Liturgy and Music:

**\*Meeting** on Tuesday 2/22 to decide how to proceed in replacing both Mina and Marcus who are on one year contracts.

**\*Rearrangements of the Church** for Lent were discussed as well as the potential services leading up to Easter. The current schedule and possible changes to it were discussed. Some suggestions were a dramatic reading about Mary Magdalene as an alternate to Tenebrae, the addition of a documentary about El Salvador, Enemies of War, narrated by Martin Sheen, and moving the great vigil of Easter from dawn on Sunday to 11pm the evening before.

The tentative schedule is:

Monday (4/18), 7pm, Holy Eucharist with a Guest Preacher  
Tuesday (4/19), 7pm Holy Eucharist with a Guest preacher  
Wednesday (4/20), 7pm Tenebrae or a Dramatic Reading  
Thursday (4/21), 7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Rev. Dn. Nancy Casey Fulton,  
Preacher, Stripping of the Altar, Vigil of the Altar of  
Repose, Agape supper?, Footwashing  
Friday (4/22), Noon, The Good Friday Liturgy; 3pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday (4/23) 11pm Holy Saturday, The Great Vigil of Easter?  
Sunday (4/24), 10am Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection

### 4) Finances:

**\*New collection procedures** were reported in a memo from Pam Dingman. Discussion followed. David presented pricing and specifications of a drop box safe that bolts to the floor and could be stored in a closet costing just under \$600. Gordon moved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee to investigate and to authorize a budget of up to \$750 for a suitable safe. Karen seconded the motion and it was approved by acclamation.

**\*The Current Financial** situation and the January budget report were presented by Harold Cook. Discussion followed. Gordon motioned that the vestry authorize the Finance Committee to put up to \$15,000.00 into a certificate of deposit. Karen seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

**\*The Audit report** presented to the Vestry by Harold Cook. Swana Deng, a MBA student at CMU, performed the audit for credit towards her MBA. This audit took approximately 150 joint hours of work between Harold and Ms. Deng and saved the parish \$2,000-\$3,000. Harold was happy with the work Ms. Deng performed. The Vestry thanked Harold for the extra work performed to oversee the project.

Karen moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm; motion was seconded by Jane and passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth (Betsy) Richard, Vestry Clerk

## ANGLICAN WORTHIES

244. Chase, Philander (1775-1852)  
Bishop of Illinois

Chase was a contemporary of John Henry \*Hobart. Like Hobart he was instrumental in developing the American Episcopal Church beyond the boundaries of the original colonies. Like Hobart he was argumentative; not one to cross.

Chase was born on a farm in New Hampshire, and attended Dartmouth College. His family was Congregationalist, but he converted as a young man to the Episcopal Church. He prepared for Holy Orders under a priest in Albany and was ordained priest by Samuel \*Prevoost in 1799.

Chase served new parishes in western New York from 1803 to 1805 and was called to be rector in Poughkeepsie. Hobart recommended him to be rector at Christ Church in New Orleans, but ill health brought him back north, where he became rector of Christ Church in Hartford. After the War of 1812, however, he joined the wave of settlers into Ohio, becoming only the second priest in the state. There he organized new congregations in Zanesville and Columbus. In 1819 he was consecrated the first bishop of Ohio. But the remuneration was so modest that he supplemented his income by operating a saw mill and by farming.

In 1823 he decided that he wanted a school in his area for educating priests. (He was hardly the only leader of the church who wished to do so). The newly established General Seminary in New York was just too far away. Hobart opposed this; moreover, Hobart and other leaders also opposed Chase's plan to go to England to solicit funds to build this seminary, fearing that this implied some renewed connection between the two communions. But Chase went anyway--and Hobart followed him, attempting on his own to do something of the same! (Hobart refused to sail in the same ship with Chase.) Chase was far more successful raising funds than Hobart was; Chase made some profitable connections with persons of rank and title.

The result was the founding of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and Bexley Hall, for the education of postulants to the priesthood. Samuel Manross states:

Chase was, if possible, even less capable of tolerating opposition than Hobart was, and he had not the latter's personal charm with which to cover this intolerance. He had gone to England in spite of the opposition of most of his brother bishops, and when he started work upon his college, he soon made it evident that he did not intend to pay much attention to anyone's advice.

Instead of placing the institution in a settled community, he chose a forest because he figured it would be cheaper. (Gambier is not a forest now, but it remains pretty isolated; the nearest town is Mt. Vernon.) Chase felt as bishop he should also be president of the college. The faculty, however, felt differently; they objected to his paternalistic and authoritarian attitude. Eventually Chase was asked to choose between being bishop and being college president. Typical of his contumacious temperament, he quit both, and returned to farming, first in Ohio, then in Michigan.

In 1835 Chase was called to be Bishop of Illinois. At that time he founded another college that eventually failed. His last years continued to be controversial in that he quarreled with the High Church Tractarians in Chicago. An old-fashioned Low Churchman, "he rejected any deviation from the prayer book, whether by evangelical or by Anglo-Catholic innovators." A contemporary portrait of Chase is not especially flattering. He is not depicted in robes or tabs but with a stern face, punctuated by glasses. Nevertheless, he must be regarded as one of the more energetic leaders of the American Episcopal Church in the early nineteenth century.

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## **Pledge Report and January 31, 2011 Financial Report**

As of February 21 total pledges of about \$142,000 have been received. At this time last year about \$156,000 in pledges had been received. Last year all of the pledge cards for the year had been received, but this year there seem to be between 5 and 10 regular contributors who have not submitted a pledge card. We are hopeful that these pledge cards will come in soon. The Vestry is not anticipating that changes will have to be made in the 2011 budget, but the absence of the pledges does add some uncertainty to church planning.

The following is a financial report for the month of January, or 8.3 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$17,096	(about 10.2% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>15,504</u>	(about 8.5% of year's budget)
<b>Excess of operating receipts over expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,592</b>	<b>(9.3% of the receipts)</b>
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011. ....	<u>28,075</u>	
<b>January 31, 2011 operating fund balance</b>	<b>\$29,667</b>	

Receipts were significantly higher than expected, and expenditures were about the same as the expected amount. While it is difficult to infer much from one month's experience, these results are very encouraging.

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

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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

### Rector:

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203

### Deacon:

The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

### 2011 St. John's Vestry Officers:

Sr. Warden: Karen Varanauskas, 989-506-3750

Jr. Warden: David Dingman, 989-633-8413

Vestry Clerk: Betsy Richard, 772-2369

Treasurer: Harold Cook, 773-9781

### Vestry Members:

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