



# *The Evangel*

## *May 2011*

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lenten fast has ended and Easter has come: “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” Or, as a familiar hymn tells it, “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain;” or, as Jesus told it, “unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (*John 12:24*) In other words, unless we are ready to die to one way of life, the old way, we cannot be reborn into new life in Christ.

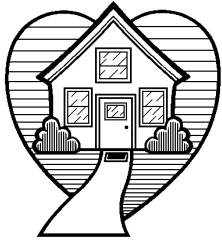
Nice metaphor... and challenging. What does it mean for you and me? Well, for one thing, and this is for me personally, it means I must live a resurrected life. A life that is more intentionally a life of faith – regular worship and prayer, more reading about “faith issues,” more participation in the life of the larger community, bringing about the fruit of a faithful witness to the prophets’ cry for justice and Jesus’ promise of mercy. And that means a bit of surrender, giving up habits and diversions that get in the way of my relationship with God in Christ. “Keeping the main thing the main thing.” Less administrative work (making bulletins) (thank you to Zach and Sandy for taking more of that on!), more visits to the sick and those in prison. Yes, yes, my vocation calls for as many hours as one could possibly fit into a week, but perhaps by being more efficient I will be able to focus more deliberately on those aspects of ministry which can take the church (and our faith) into the world, transforming and healing the broken spaces.

And what is the seed to bury? A feeling that I must do it all. The sense that I *can* do it all. I mustn’t and I cannot. I can only do my best, becoming the full human being that God wants me to be. I must acknowledge that I need healing, that I need a spirit of reconciliation, and that I am called, ultimately, to be the hands of Christ.

A resurrected life is one of surrender, a life of gratitude. It is a spirit reborn *of* the Spirit, brought about by prayer and listening. It is a vocational life, that meeting place, as Friedrich Schleiermacher suggests, of our own great joy and God’s great need. It is what we are called to do, who we are called to be.

Because our faith isn’t just something to keep to ourselves like some best-kept secret. Our faith is *alive* and calls us to take it beyond our doors, spreading the Good News of God’s abundant love in a world which so needs to hear some good news.

Easter blessings,  
Wayne+



## Remember our Homebound Members

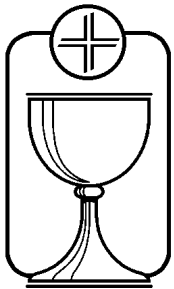
Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

**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

**Maribeth and 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



Jo Redman	3
David Blackburn	5
Lee Wirth	7
Jacob Hartshorne	10
Kathryn Wills	14
Patricia Claussen	16
Chip Schurr	18
Kate Brockman	19
Rachael Lovejoy	24
Emily Scott Shaffer	29
Joan Kadler	31
Tom Timmons	31

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	23
Robert and Olivia Ohler	28

### 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!



### Altar Flowers for 2011

There are still many dates available for providing Altar Flowers. Please find the Alter Flower Calendar posted outside the door of the Sacristy and sign up!



## *Outside the Tent*

I have three items to bring to your attention as I survey the world “outside my tent.”

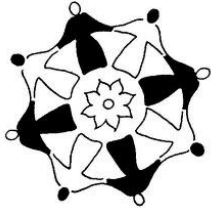
- At the final session of Wayne’s Lenten series on medical ethics, we talked about end-of-life care and the difficulty of ending treatments that no longer help. We give to our families at Woodland Hospice a small book, *Hard Choices for Loving People: CPR, Artificial Feeding, Comfort Care, and the Patient with a Life-Threatening Illness*. It is a practical book to help us through some of the dilemmas of end-of-life care: when to stop trying to feed someone whose body can no longer digest food; when to use/not use antibiotics for someone who is not going to recover; how to think about CPR, the use of ventilators, and dialysis. These are all emotional issues for us, and this book can provide enlightenment as we struggle with them. I have placed a copy in the church library: I highly recommend it.
- The diocesan mission team is sponsoring three events this summer: to South Dakota in the first week of July; to Kentucky in the third and fourth weeks of September; and to New Orleans in the third week of November. If you are interested, you may contact Terry Dorcy at [tjdorcy@aol.com](mailto:tjdorcy@aol.com) or at 269-349-3625. Costs to participants and reimbursement for gas mileage vary with the missions.
- The Rev. Cindy Nawrocki, a deacon in the diocese, is taking part in the mission to Barnes Mountain, Kentucky. She is hoping that each parish will provide a heavily-packed backpack for her to take along for the children she will be serving. I will place a basket in the narthex for collection. I will mail our contributions to Cindy the week of June 5, so I need everything by June 5. Following is a list of needs:
  1. Clear or mesh backpacks
  2. Primary, wide-rule, and college-rule paper
  3. Two-pocketed folders, various colors
  4. Composition notebooks: black and white hard-cover
  5. One-subject spiral notebooks
  6. Three-ring binders
  7. #2 pencils, colored pencils, pens, and crayons
  8. Glue sticks and 4 oz. white glue
  9. Black dry-erase markers
  10. Cap erasers and “pink” erasers
  11. Rulers and school scissors
  12. Deodorant
  13. Sanitizer wipes and hand sanitizers
  14. Pencil boxes
  15. Copy paper
  16. “Kleenex”
  17. Texas Instruments Scientific Calculators: T130X11s
  18. Paper towels

Thank you for anything you can do to help.

Nancy

## Next Gathering of The Red Tent

The Red Tent will gather on Saturday, May 7. In honor of Mother's Day, we will discuss *Traveling with Pomegranates*, a journey into spirituality by Sue Monk Kidd (author of *The Secret Life of Bees*) and her daughter, Ann Kidd Taylor. As the blurb on the book's cover notes, "The intimacy of travel and the wondrous nature of the sites they visit bring forth each woman's internal struggle and provide fertile terrain for reflection and inspiration. They also give voice to that most protean of human



connections: the bond between mothers and daughters." We gather at 9:30 for coffee and prayer, and we conclude after a noon lunch, which will be provided. Please join us for this wonderful morning of fellowship and conversation. If you have questions, check with Nancy Fulton, Eileen Swinehart, or Jeanne Maxon.

## Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to all the good people of St. John's who donated food and money for our annual Easter Baskets outreach program. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide 6 food baskets and 12 children's candy baskets. These baskets go to the Women's Aid Shelter. They, in turn, see that the baskets are delivered to those in need. Great Job St. John's!



## Mark Your Calendar! June 10 & 11! St. John's Annual Rummage Sale!

Please bring in your no-longer-needed items for the rummage sale beginning **Sunday afternoon, June 5<sup>th</sup>**! We will need volunteers to price and arrange items from June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>! We will also participate the following weekend, for the City Wide Sales. We will need volunteers to assist on sale days to help with purchases and for "customer service". In the meantime, we are accepting clothing year round. Please leave clothing donations in the Parish Hall kitchen. See Karen Varanauskas for more information!



## Summer Services At St. John's

We will begin our summer service schedule of **ONE** service at **9:00 a.m.** beginning **Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**!



# May 2011

## Sunday Lay Ministry



DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
May 1 Easter 2	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Anne Heibert Alton	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Jim Eikrem and Betsy Richard	Jo Redman and Harriett White	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31						
May 8 Easter 3 5:00 p.m. Evensong	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber 5:00 p.m. Karen V.	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh  5:00 p.m. Ralph Baber	Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne  5:00 p.m. John Rousseau	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35						
<b>Evensong 5:00 p.m. Readings:</b> Proverbs 4:5-18 Matthew 28:16-20						
May 15 Easter 4	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Gordon Bloem	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	David and Paula Shirley	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10						
May 22 Easter 5	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Laura Cochrane	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14						
May 29 Easter 6	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie	The Babcock/ Zygmontowicz Family	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21						
June 5 Easter 7	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Harry Kelley	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Steven Berkshire and Eileen Swinehart	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell Cindy Seger And Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11						

# May 2011 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 <i>Easter 2</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer, The Rev. Dn. Nancy Casey Fulton, Officiant and Homilist	2 <i>St. Mark, Evangelist.</i>  <b>Noon</b> Daughters of the King	3 <i>St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</i>	4 <i>Monnica, Mother of St. Augustine</i>	5	8  <i>Office Closed</i>	7  <b>Red Tent Gathering in the Undercroft</b>
Fr. Wayne Away – Clergy Conference						
	<b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> The Compassionate Friends		<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir		
8 <i>Easter 3</i> <i>Mothers' Day</i> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist  <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Evensong for Graduates and Educators	9 <i>Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop</i>  <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	10  <b>5:30 p.m. VESTRY</b>	11  <b>Noon</b> Eucharist	12  <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	13  <i>Office Closed</i>	14
15 <i>Easter 4</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist	16  <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	17	18  <b>Noon</b> Eucharist	19 <i>Dunstan, Archbishop</i>	20 <i>Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	21
22 <i>Easter 5</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist	23  <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	24 <i>Jackson Kemper, Bishop</i>	25 <i>Bede, The Venerable</i>  <b>Noon</b> Eucharist	26 <i>Augustine, Archbishop</i>	27  <i>Office Closed</i>	28
29 <i>Easter 6</i>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Choral Eucharist	30  <b>5:30 p.m. E F M</b>	31 <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	June 1 <i>Justin, Martyr</i>	2 <i>Ascension Day</i>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir	3 <i>Martyrs of Uganda</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	4  <i>Next Weekend: St. John's Annual Rummage Sale!!!</i>

**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**

#### **May**

- 1 Jim Eikrem and Betsy Richard
- 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

#### **June**

- 5 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 12 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 19 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz
- 26 David and Carrie Blackburn

#### **July**

- 3 Steven Berkshire and Eileen Swinehart
- 10 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 17 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 24 George and Diana Clapp
- 31 Laura Cochrane and Christine Brooks

### **Coffee Hour Rotation**

#### **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 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz

#### **June**

- 5 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 12 David and Carrie Blackburn
- 19 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 26 Christine Brooks and Laura Cochrane

#### **July**

- 3 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 10 George and Diana Clapp
- 17 Harold and Mary Cook
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 31 Ford and Pamela Dingman

**St. John's Episcopal Church - Special Vestry Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 3, 2011**

**Next Regular Meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**

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

Rev. Wayne Nicholson called the meeting to order at 11:35am with an opening prayer for the Parish.

**Old Business:**

**\*The Parochial Report for last year was presented for the National Church; A motion to accept and compete the report was seconded by Karen and was passed by acclamation.**

**\*Karen proposed that the organist and choir director be listed under mistrial staff rather than under the programmatic title of music. John seconded and the motion was passed by acclamation.**

**Finances:**

\*Harold presented the Finance committee's recommendations for the projected deficit the parish is facing. Discussion followed.

Wayne, Karen, and David will meet and create a plan to be sent out to the vestry and the finance committee. Announce to the congregation that there is a budget issues and they will be addressed through cottage meetings planned by Karen, Wayne, and David to happen directly after Easter.

By the June Vestry meeting we will need to make decisions based on feedback from the cottage meetings and any additional funds.

moved to adjourn at 12:45 pm; the motion was seconded by John and the motion was passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth (Betsy) Richard, Vestry Clerk

**St. John's Episcopal Church - Vestry Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

**1. Mission and Outreach**

Special Sunday offerings for the Food Pantry and Red Cross continue, with strong congregation response. Easter baskets offerings continue. The Africa Team Ministries sale will continue through the next week. Christi Brookes has asked for the blessing and support of the Vestry as an official sponsorship for her ministry in the Migrant Trail annual walk. Eileen moved, with Karen seconding, that the Vestry will support Christi in this ministry; this motion was unanimously approved.

There is an anti-discrimination policy proposal for Mt. Pleasant under discussion, and the first meeting for those involved and those who want to be involved is Monday, April 28.

**2. Programs**

Community Quiet Day will be Saturday April 16, 10am-3pm

The Parish Retreat will be held Saturday, May 21 with the focus of Living into Our Vision. [Note: This "away day" has been postponed until Fall. WPN+]

### **3. Building and Grounds**

Ongoing needs of painting the undercroft and the stairway. Karen obtained two estimates for painting the back hall. Karen will talk with the person with the best estimate. Gordon moved, with Eileen seconding, that we will go forward with that person on the condition that the person is bonded. Approved.

David will follow up on lighting of walkways between buildings.

### **4. Liturgy and Music**

The chancel and choir will go back to their usual places for Easter. The different setting for communion during Lent has had positive responses from the congregation.

The search continues for an organist. Wayne has had several leads, including students with experience in playing the organ for their home churches.

Holy Week and Easter schedule discussed.

### **5. Report from the Diocese Convention**

Gordon and Karen, delegates to the Diocese convention, reported on the annual gathering. The Diocese has new Mission and Vision statements; the Diocesan Canons have been revised and updated; and speakers emphasized the strengths of both diversity and unity.

Karen went to the Stewardship breakout session, and came back with ideas to think about stewardship in new ways. She brought forward a package of ideas from this session, to work toward a long-term approach to giving. There is a Stewardship University on May 21 in South Bend, Indiana that Karen plans to attend and would like anyone else who can to attend to let her know.

Gordon attended the Mission breakout session. They discussed the partnership with the Dominican Republic.

### **6. Finances**

Several choir members have offered to help support the Choral Scholars.

The Rummage Sale will be the second and third weekend of June, to be coordinated with the city-wide rummage sale.

Wayne is putting together a Narrative Budget (including congregational involvement with, and giving to, the different programs and ministries), to be included with the congregational survey to prepare for congregation-wide Cottage Meetings (small group meetings during Easter week) [See earlier notes. WPN+].

Harold explained the audit report of February, 2011. Actions taken based on the auditor's report:

Either the Senior or Junior Warden will review all checks written once a week.

Sandy will back up membership records at home.

Sandy and the Vestry treasurer will change their passwords to access accounting and pledge records.

Sandy will place checks that come in the mail in the new safe after marking them "for deposit only".

There should be two people required to open the safe – this was moved, seconded, and approved.

Harold presented the current financial report.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Cochrane, Vestry Member

## Anglican Worthies

246. Key, Francis Scott (1779-1843)  
Lawyer

Francis Scott Key was born into a landed family in Carroll County, Maryland. His father was a successful planter who served under Washington in the Revolutionary War. It is possible that Key met Washington when the president visited his father in later years. Key's education did not formally begin till he was ten when he was sent to St. John's Grammar School in Annapolis. After seven years there he continued at St. John's College, where he distinguished himself in his studies. Then he joined his uncle in a legal practice in Frederick. Key began practice in 1800 in Georgetown, a suburb of the new capital.

While at Annapolis he fell in love and married Mary Taylor Lloyd, whose grandfather had been governor of Maryland prior to the war. This was a favorable match on both sides. By this marriage there were eleven children, one of whom lived until 1897! Key built a very successful practice in Georgetown.

Politically Key was a Federalist, that is, an advocate for a unified constitution and country, as opposed to "states' rights" thinking. He opposed going to war with Great Britain in 1812 and invading Canada. Nevertheless he got involved in the conflict, forming his own militia from the District of Columbia, a unit of horse-drawn artillery to defend the area from imminent attack. He was witness to the British bombardment of the new capital near his home in 1814. A friend, Dr. William Beanes, and others were taken prisoner by the British in Baltimore; as a lawyer, Key was sent to negotiate their release. Key met with a negotiator on the British side, dined aboard the British frigate HMS Tonnant with the commanding officers, and a prisoner exchange was arranged. But as soon as the British began to shell Fort McHenry, Key was not allowed to cross enemy lines. His party was put in a small boat in the harbor, from which vantage they watched the awesome attack.

The British shelled Fort McHenry for twenty-five hours but were unable to reduce it to capitulation. Key had little difficulty at the end spotting the American flag at sunrise because the commander the previous year had ordered one so large that the enemy could see it at a distance without difficulty! (This flag had just fifteen stars and fifteen stripes.)

Key watched the successful defense of the fort with pride, and composed a poem on the occasion. It is in the poetic style of the preceding century, beginning with an awkward grammatical construction, in which the direct object of the verb is a lengthy subordinate clause:

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

It is a poem of four stanzas, the second and third of which hardly anyone has ever heard. But in the flush of victory his poetic effusions were printed on a widely circulated handbill, which became immediately popular. It was set to a minuet composed in 1780 by an Englishman, John Stafford Smith, for a men's club in London. (The fourth stanza contains the first known use of the phrase, "In God we trust," which became our national motto in 1956.)

Renamed the "The Star-Spangled Banner," the song proved popular in the military and was recognized for official use by the navy in 1889. But throughout the century it competed for recognition with other songs like "America," "Hail Columbia," and "My Country, 'tis of Thee," which also opens with an awkward grammatical construction in which the subject and verb do not appear until the third line. (It is also the tune of the national anthem of Great Britain, our former enemy.) It can be argued that these other songs would have made more appropriate national anthems, celebrating as they do the beauty of our land. Moreover, all the others are easier to sing, while "The Star-Spangled Banner" demands of the vocalist a range of an octave and a half. But one suspects that the military provenance of the lyrics always seemed more appealing. (It was not made our national anthem until an act of Congress in 1931.) It is not the only poem Key wrote, but it is his best known. In later years he was asked to compose epitaphs for tombstones.

Key's legal practice involved him in a number of cases involving slave-ownership. He owned slaves. While he was not sympathetic to abolitionists, he opposed the institution and for decades was heavily involved in projects to return slaves to Africa. Eventually he freed his own.

Key was an Evangelical Episcopalian and served frequently as a delegate to General Convention. (At one time he considered throwing over his practice and reading for Holy Orders.) We are told that he held family devotions twice a day for everyone in his household, including the slaves. He believed that God judged all men in this life according to the good or evil that they did. In his church he served on vestry and read the lessons. He died of pneumonia in 1843.

There are monuments to Key's modest achievement everywhere. Nowadays he is regarded as the lyricist of perhaps the least singable of all national anthems, and ever since the late Ernie Harwell invited José Feliciano to sing it before the 5th game of the World Series in 1968, popular vocalists have felt free to do whatever they pleased with it. Nowadays, if you want to hear it played properly, you need to listen to the United State Marine Band. If you want to hear it sung "straight," you have to go to a professional hockey game.

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## Pledge Report and March 31, 2011 Financial Report

As of April 17, total pledges continue to stand at \$142,000. Additional pledges of no more than \$6,000 to \$8,000 are expected. At this time last year, pledges of about \$157,000 had been received. The Vestry is planning a series of parish meetings to discuss church programs and their relationship to church finances.

The following is a financial report for the first three months of 2011, or 25 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$40,895	(about 24.5% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>46,413</u>	(about 26.4% of year's budget)
<b>Excess of operating expenditures over receipts.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,518</b>	<b>(13.5% of the receipts)</b>
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011. ....	<u>28,075</u>	
<b>March 31, 2011 operating fund balance</b>	<b>\$22,557</b>	

Receipts are slightly below the amount expected, and expenditures are slightly higher than expected. The deficit is expected to continue growing unless steps are taken to stem it. Enough cash is on hand to meet this year's expenses; however, prudent planning calls for actions this year to make sure programs are not interrupted next year.

Another way of looking at our finances is to compare the average weekly year-to-date receipts with the expected average weekly expenditures for the year. These two numbers are as follows:

Year-to-date weekly average receipts.....	\$3,146
Budgeted weekly average expenses.....	<u>3,387</u>
Weekly year-to-date deficit.....	\$ 241

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:

Senior Warden: Karen Varanauskas, 506-3750

Junior Warden: David Dingman, 633-8413

Vestry Clerk: Betsy Richard, 772-2369

Treasurer: Harold Cook, 773-9781

### Vestry Members:

Gordon Bloem, 773-5480

Laura Cochrane, 493-5885

Jane Gilmore, 317-0343

Rod Leslie, 386-8131

John Rousseau, 630-6798

Eileen Swinehart, 773-9961