



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
JANUARY 2012



St. Mark's on the Campus

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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tuesday — 12:30 pm
Wednesday — 7:00 pm

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop
The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*
The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate
The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle,
Priest Associate
Lyn Forester, *Senior Warden*
Jim Karas, *Junior Warden*
Stephanie Hill, *Treasurer*
Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*
Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*
Kirsten Boothe, *Nursery*
Denise Meredith, *Admin. Assistant*
Trevor Vargason, *Sexton*

*St. Mark's on the Campus
strives to be a Eucharistic
Community of reflection and
action, acceptance and
growth, Gospel and world.*

A View from the Courtyard - By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

When the Episcopal Church was being established shortly after the American Revolution, there were obvious issues with referring to the church as "Anglican." Even though we were the remnants of the Church of England in the United States, it wasn't a popular time to be associated with things English!

Hence, the term, "Episcopal," which means "we have bishops." (Whether we would have them was debated at the time.) Lots of traditions have bishops, and some of us have come from one or another of those traditions. In the Lutheran tradition, for example, bishops are primarily administrative figures; they have relatively little to do with local church decisions. In the Roman Catholic tradition, bishops have far greater authority.

We Episcopalians, of course, are somewhere in the middle, combining the two ways of being: less authority in some ways, more authority in others. We do understand the basic unit of the church to be the diocese and not the congregation, as challenging as that is to live into on a day-to-day basis. Conceptually, we exist because we are part of the diocese, not as an independent local church. Dioceses are headed by bishops.

I'm fond of telling a story that in part captures the Episcopal sense of bishops. My wife, Carol, and I were attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Detroit in the eighties. We were walking down a hallway where the House of Bishops had just adjourned, and there was a purple-shirted mass parading toward us, led by the then-Presiding Bishop, Edmond Browning.

It was quite an awe-inspiring sight and this seminarian must have had his mouth hanging open because the Presiding Bishop glanced over at me and winked! **(continued on page 2)**

A View from the Courtyard (continued from page 1)

I have since lost some of my open-eyed wonder at the office of bishop, but I still hold my bishop very dear. Our bishops are “chief pastor” of the diocese and “the pastor to our pastors.” I have already consulted our new bishop on a personal spiritual matter, and he has been in office only since October! In other words, the most important role to me of my bishop is as caregiver to my soul – a practical as well as symbolic role. I hold him or her (I’ve had both male and female bishops) in highest regard, as entrusted with most important realities.

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, will be visiting St. Mark’s on the Campus on January 29. We will have one Eucharist only that Sunday (10:30), and I hope that you can be present to join in welcoming Bishop Barker to SMOC!

Happy New Year to you all, *Fr. Jerry*

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please note that Annual Reports are due in the office no later than Monday, January 9th in order to be printed for the January 22nd Annual Meeting.

During its December meeting, The Vestry...

- ✘ Heard that Kevin Cole, Jeanine Jewell, Nancy Brown, and Sarah Fairchild have agreed to serve on Vestry next year.
- ✘ Adopted a budget of \$242,636.06 for 2012.
- ✘ Approved a Housing Allowance of \$25,000 from the Rector’s financial package, which is for IRS purposes only and does not affect numbers within the SMOC budget.
- ✘ Approved moving forward with installing an elevator, for which approximately \$70,000 has been committed or received.
- ✘ Authorized the hiring of Kirsten Boothe as the Nursery Attendant
- ✘ Heard that the new website will be up Jan. 1 or shortly afterwards.
- ✘ Heard that Father Jerry is planning a partial sabbatical in June 2012, when he will be completing a thirty day silent retreat.



BISHOP’S VISITATION

Mark your calendars!! Our new bishop, Scott Barker, will be visiting St. Mark’s on the Campus on January 29. In addition to SMOC having several people confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, we will all have an opportunity to meet and visit with Bishop Barker.

There will be a potluck celebration after the Eucharist. Watch the bulletin for further announcements!

Financial Report November 2011

INCOME	2011 NOV	2011 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2011 BUDGET
Contributions					
- Pledge contributions	13438.17	170700.30	176258.50	-5558.20	192282.00
- Faith contribution	1245.00	15926.00	14250.00	+1676.00	17582.20
- Flower Income	110.00	1350.00	1900.00	-550.00	2300.00
- Christmas Offering	0	100.00	0	+100.00	1500.00
- Easter Offering	0	1558.89	1500.00	+58.89	1500.00
- Plate offering, general	1189.53	12004.97	8250.00	+3754.97	9000.00
Total Contribution Income	15,982.70	201640.16	202158.50	-518.34	224,164.20
Diocesan Grant in Aid	0	9040.15	9500.00	-459.85	9500.00
Miscellaneous Income					
- Designated Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Interest Income	17.57	133.23	275.00	-141.77	300.00
- Other Misc Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Use of Church Income	40.00	703.01	1440.00	-736.99	2480.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	57.57	836.24	1715.00	-878.76	2780.00
TOTAL INCOME	16,040.27	21,516.55	213,373.50	-1856.95	236,444.20

EXPENSES	2011 NOV	2011 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2011 BUDGET
Campus Ministry	1040.46	10745.20	8890.00	+1855.20	9500.00
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	46.67	1562.92	1750.00	-187.08	2100.00
Diocese Asking	2166.77	23834.47	23834.47	0	26000.00
Education Expenses	304.28	2384.51	1975.00	+409.51	2100.00
HVAC Replacement Fund	100.00	1100.00	1100.00	0	1200.00
Insurance	792.15	4631.00	3650.00	+981.00	3650.00
Kitchen Supplies	-40.00	-116.08	275.00	-391.08	300.00
Legal and Professional Fees	0	399.00	350.00	+49.00	350.00
Misc Expenses	4.00	38.72	25.00	+13.72	25.00
Office Equipment	200.85	3011.61	2385.00	+626.61	2970.00
Office / General Admin	310.32	6620.20	6555.00	+65.20	7170.00
Repair & Maintenance	87.00	2830.64	4150.00	-1319.36	5150.00
Travel	75.63	330.63	500.00	-169.37	500.00
Utilities	383.12	9886.99	9225.00	+661.99	10400.00
Worship and Music	228.34	3539.12	2810.00	+729.12	2970.00
Payroll Expenses	12,317.48	150047.12	149663.83	+383.29	162059.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,017.07	220,846.05	217,138.30	+3707.75	236,444.20

Net Income after Expenses -1976.80 -9329.50 -5564.70

GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE	November 30, 2011	46,375.35
UNRESTRICTED CD BALANCE	November 30, 2011	12,556.37
TOTAL BALANCE OF ABOVE FUNDS	November 30, 2011	58,931.72

MISC DESIGNATED FUNDS	November 30, 2011	105,993.46
SOLAR PANEL FUND	November 30, 2011	- 4254.21
PANTRY FUNDS BALANCE	November 30, 2011	2583.54
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND	November 30, 2011	772.95

OUTREACH FUND TO TRANSFER November 30, 2011 421.95

2012 PLEDGE DRIVE

Please prayerfully consider your 2012 pledge to the ministry of SMOC. Pledge packets can be found in the Narthex. They can be returned in the envelope provided either by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the office.

TREASURE CHEST

We passed through November without issue, our numbers looking pretty normal heading into the Christmas season. The Allington Fund, you'll note, is significantly reduced as it was used to pay for the windows in the lounge. If you haven't been in the lounge in a while, take a minute and look around; the view is much improved.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

These are the balances of the misc funds currently being held in interest-bearing accounts.

Spire Faulkner Music	\$ 13,024.46
Endowment at ECF	\$ 84,484.84
HVAC Replacement	\$ 2,300.00
Allington Fund	\$ 1,369.01
Bathroom Fund	\$ 94.09
CE - Music Director	\$ 360.00
Kitchen Fund	\$ 1,038.05
Kitchen Window Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 592.59
Youth Fund	\$ 1,480.42
TOTAL MISC FUNDS	\$105,993.46

MARK-US NOTES

ADULT FORUM - JANUARY

Beginning January 8, Adult Forum will devote several weeks to an article the vestry has been reading. It is written by Rowan Williams and is titled, "Shaping Holy Lives." The Vestry has found the article particularly helpful in terms of Christian community, and it asked that the article be more broadly disseminated among the parish as a whole. Copies for anyone interested are available in the narthex.

LION'S ROAR BY E-MAIL

In an effort to be more "green," as well as to keep costs to a minimum, we will no longer be mailing the Roar in bulk. We will send the Roar out electronically to anyone who has given us email, and printed copies will be available in the narthex for those who want to pick it up on Sunday morning rather than receive it electronically. We will continue to mail a handful of copies to those who are not able to attend church, but it will be first-class rather than bulk.

NO JANUARY SOUP SUNDAY

Since we will be busy with both the Annual Meeting and the Bishop's Visitation, there will NOT be a soup Sunday in January. We will resume on the second Sunday in February. Please use the sign up sheet on the office door if you plan to bring soup or chili. Thanks.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

will meet on Sat, Feb 18th. Our book is **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese. There will be no meeting in January.

BOOK MARK'S BOOK CLUB

Sunday, January 15th @ 3:00 p.m.

Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by Rebecca Skloot

Andrea Nelson

2430 S. Canterbury Lane

402-423-0663

January Outreach Collection

Due to the first Sunday falling on New Year's Day, when we offer only one service at 10:30 a.m., the monthly Outreach Collection will be taken on January 8th.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Reminder that the office is closed Dec 26-30. Father Jerry is available for Pastoral Emergencies or by appointment. Please contact him on his cell phone 402-217-3010.

PRINTED OFFERING ENVELOPES

PRINTED OFFERING ENVELOPES are not scheduled to be delivered until after Sunday, January 1st, 2012. In that day's bulletin, you will find generic offering envelopes for your use. Please remember to put your name (and account number if you know it) on the back of the envelope. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING

We are very excited to launch our new website. On January 8th, www.stmarks-episcopal.org will be a more modern, dynamic site that will be more attractive and user friendly, with added features including a music page and photo gallery. See the new logo representing St. Mark's on our written materials. and links to social media connections.

Special thanks to website committee members Father Jerry, Kurt Knecht, Denise Meredith, Jonah & Kate Sirota, Tim & Stephanie Hill, Opal Doerr, Allison Cole, Peg Sheldrick, and Berwyn Jones - who have been working diligently with our website designer, Amy Ebbeka, during this lengthy process.

DONATION CHALLENGE: There are still a few more expenses involved in completing the changes in our logo and branding, with funding depleted. Jonah & Kate Sirota have offered to match donations of up to \$500. Please prayerfully consider meeting this challenge.

FOOD PANTRY

So far in 2011, we've served over 400 people and helped more than 250 families with needed food and supplies. Currently, our largest needs are for: Soups (all except tomato), 1 lb. boxes of sugar, 15 oz cans of tomato sauce, dried beans, green beans, rice, juice, 5 oz pkgs of pancake mix, toilet paper.

The checking account balance for the Pantry is also running lower than usual. Please remember the Pantry in your monthly financial donations. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry.

*The Annual Meeting will
take place on Sunday,
January 22nd following
the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist
Bring a Potluck dish to share!*

BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE!

Sundays at 12:00 in the Narthex (the church entrance). We will resume on January 15th with a study of Exodus.

FOURTH FRIDAYS:

have been discontinued for 2012. Watch for information on further fellowship opportunities in future issues of The Lion's Roar.

January Birthdays

Don Steinegger
Pat Svec
Susan Ugai
Susan Steinegger
Gretchen Naugle
Collin Sipple
Richard DeFusco

Sidnie White Crawford
Sara Toren
Kevin Cole
Jerry Puls
Joanne Harse
Walt Stroup
Carole Webb

Ilaria Hawley
Mark Fairchild
Nora Pitts
Charles Lowe
Joyce Wagner

*Be sure the office has your
birthday so you can be included*

SPACE: Contemplative Student Liturgy

Our student-focused liturgy, called SPACE, continues January 11th on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Those who have previously attended the contemplative liturgy based on the Order for Evening Worship have found it meaningful. We wanted to develop a liturgy that called on the strengths of this church -- both the Episcopal tradition and our own St. Mark's congregation. Especially appreciated is the quiet time for meditation and the music which our Director of Music has prepared for this service.

We've added a new aspect after the Wed evening liturgy.

Afterwards, anyone interested in reflecting together about the gospel used in the liturgy can gather in the lounge for a while after the Eucharist.

CHALLENGE GIFTS ACCEPTED FOR PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past few months two large challenge gifts have been made to our Parish that could result in major long term improvements for the use and life of the building that is home to Saint Marks' on the Campus. The Vestry has decided to accept the gifts and the financial challenges presented by both of these gifts.

The first gift of \$70,000 was to install solar energy panels on the roof of the building. These will produce power that will significantly cut our long term electrical utility costs. When the Vestry accepted this gift, it was with the plan that the windows in the lounge, kitchen, and office areas also be made more energy efficient. Funds were available for most of this improvement and the panels have been installed and are operating effectively as planned. The windows have been installed in the lounge with funds on hand. About \$20,000 is needed to complete replacing the windows in the kitchen and offices.

The second gift is \$45,000 is to help install an elevator that would service the main floor and lower floor of the building. In addition to making both floors totally handicapped accessible the elevator would be of great assistance with stocking and distribution in our Community Pantry that is located on the lower level. The pantry is kept stocked through food and money contributions from Saint Mark's and other parishes in Lincoln. It currently serves over 25 families a month. To date with the challenge gift and committed pledges we are within about \$18,000 of the \$90,000 needed for the elevator to be installed.

Both of these gifts will aid our Parish in meeting its mission of "being a Community of action and growth." The Vestry has voted to proceed with the completion of the window project and the initiation of the elevator project when funds for both have been secured either through pledges or loans. Bob Kuzelka has been asked to chair the fund raising committee for this effort. Please contact him if you have questions about these projects and if you want to pledge towards their completion (a great Christmas gift to Saint Mark's). He can be reached by phone at 402-475-0221 or 402-417-9424 or by email at rkuzelka1@unl.edu.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JAN 1 SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. Service Only	2 Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	3 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	4 5:30 - Choir	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Outreach Collection	9 Fr. Jerry Off <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Back to School </div>	10 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	11 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	12	13	14
15 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Vestry Meeting Book Mark's	16 Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	17 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	18 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	19	20	21 National Federation of the Blind
22 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) ANNUAL MEETING	23 Fr. Jerry Off <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Lions Roar Deadline </div> 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	24 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	25 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) BISHOP'S VISITATION	30 Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	31 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	FEB 1 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	2	3	4

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

9:30 - 10:15 am: SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT FORUM - Christian Formation Classes
12:00 pm: BIBLE STUDY with Sidnie White Crawford - resumes January 15th

OTHER WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays 12:30 pm HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays 7:00 pm SPACE: Contemplative Worship Service - resumes January 11th
8:00 pm STUDY LOUNGE with free WiFi, snacks, and pop for all students

The Lounge will be open on Wednesday nights for study or other purposes during the school year. Father Jerry will be available for appointments after the SPACE service.

THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER
 DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY from 9 am - 4 pm
 PHONE: (402) 474-1979
 smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org

The Deadline for
 the February
 LION'S ROAR
 will be Monday,
 January 23rd.

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SUNDAY SERVICE PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Date	JAN 1 Holy Name	JAN 8 Baptism of Our Lord	JAN 15 2 Epiphany	JAN 22 Annual Meeting	JAN29 Bishop's Visitation
8:30 RH/Acolyte	None	Kate Maattala-Sirota	Don Gray	John Flint	10:30 Banner Bearer: Pamela Starr
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Don Gray	Mary Lutz	Todd Sneller	Don Gray	Don Gray
Acolytes	Mitchell Karas Nathan Karas	Lisa Shaumburg Nathan Karas	Parker Durham Mitchell Karas	Allison Cole Molly Durham	Todd Sneller Lisa Shaumburg
Ushers	Lisa Sutton Roger Wait	Dean Settle Roger Wait	Durham Family	Bob Stock Lyn Forester	Michelle Waite David Sellmyer
Lector (OT)	Pippa Lawson	Colleen Baade	Sarah Fairchild	Dean Settle	Laura Waldman
Epistler	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Don Gray	Leroy Svec	Doug Durham	Cathy Sellmyer
Intercessor	Peg Sheldrick	Tim Hill	Berwyn Jones	Bob Stock	Roger Wait
Greeter	Lyn Forester	Donna Harler-Smith	Kate Maattala-Sirota	Tim Hill	Jim Karas
Coffee Host	Jim Karas	Andrea Nelson	Nan Graf	Special Events	Special Events
Bread Baker	Laura Waldman	Don Steinegger	Kathy Schmutte	Jessica Freeman	Loris Purtzer
Altar Guild	Don Gray	Opal Doerr	Kathy Schmutte	Opal Doerr	Kathy Schmutte
Tellers	Doug Durham Leroy Svec	Stan Sipple Anne Puls	Leroy Svec Andrea Nelson	Anne Puls Stan Sipple	Michelle Waite Doug Durham

Readers at the 10:30 service are reminded to please check in with the Eucharistic Minister prior to the service.