



The Lion's Roar



St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
DECEMBER 2010

St. Mark's on the Campus

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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tuesday — 12:30

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett, *Bishop*

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Bob Schlismann, *Curate*

Joyce Wagner, *Senior Warden*

Lyn Forester *Junior Warden*

Stephanie Hill, *Treasurer*

Mark Musick, *Asst. Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

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

Last month (November) we gathered as a diocese at our Annual Council. Council is a bit like a long diocesan-wide Vestry meeting, but it's also more. One of the best parts of Council is seeing others from the diocesan family whom one might not see very often the rest of the year.

There's usually a guest who offers meditations. One year it was Tom Ehrich, another year it was Jim Krotz, former bishop of the diocese; this year it was Steve Charleston, former bishop of Alaska who has since served in various capacities including as a seminary Dean and currently as Interim Dean at a cathedral. Bishop Charleston is a powerful speaker, and he also served as our entertainment at the council banquet.

In addition, the bishops of the dioceses of the Dominican Republic and Twik East in the Sudan were present. Along with Bishop Burnett, the bishops entered into a tri-partite relationship on behalf of their dioceses. No doubt we'll be hearing more about that relationship.

One of the most exciting announcements came from the Tri-Faith Initiative. Land has finally been purchased on which will be built an Episcopal Church, a Jewish synagogue, an Islamic mosque, and a community center where the three faith communities can meet together. The site is in Western Omaha, on land that previously was Ironwood Golf Course.

Those are some of the highlights from this year's council, which was the last for our current Bishop, Joe Burnett. Appreciation was repeatedly expressed for Bishop Burnett's ministry, and for the presence of his wife, Marty, among us.

We'll soon be electing delegates for next year's Council in North Platte as well as for the special election of our next bishop in early June. If you're interested in serving for either event, please let me know. It would be fun to have you there!

In the peace of Christ,

During its November meeting, The Vestry...

- ✘ discussed the 2011 budgetary shortfall and will be calling parishioners to request a larger increase.
- ✘ discussed personal stewardship
- ✘ approved a plan to gather costs for both outside and inside columbariums
- ✘ heard from the nominating committee that two candidates have agreed to serve on Vestry and the committee is working on a third
- ✘ discussed and approved a proposal for "Fourth Friday Food, Fellowship, and Fun," a monthly event being run by Mark Musick as a way to reach out to current and future members



ALL BACH CONCERT AT SMOC

Christopher Marks, Assistant Professor of Organ at UNL, and Julie Yoon, violinist in the Chiara String Quartet, will present an all Bach concert starting at 7:30 pm on Friday, December 10th at St. Mark's on the Campus. For more information, contact Kurt Knecht, Music Director.

Columbarium Survey Results Support the Project

written by Bob Kuzelka

Fifty six columbarium surveys were returned. The following is a summary of those responses. Not all respondents answered all questions in each category.

GENERAL OPINION - 45 in agreement on having a columbarium and 7 did not agree.

LOCATION - 26 felt the both outside and inside were appropriate locations, 5 favored only outside and 16 favored only inside.

COST - 38 felt the cost range of \$500 to \$1000 per columbarium niche was reasonable, 4 felt it was too low and 1 felt it was too high.

INTEREST - 8 were interested in buying, with 6 providing contact names, 2 maybe were interested, 20 had no burial plans, and 15 had other burial plans.

COMMENTS - Very few written comments were submitted. Two questioned having a columbarium in a student church. Three comments expressed concerns about possible costs to the parish. The project is planned to be self-funding as in the case of the memorial windows project.

GREETINGS FROM SIDNIE

Dear People of the Lion,

Dan and I are finishing up our leave of absence from the University this month, and planning our return to Lincoln. We have had a very good break, with hard work but also rest and renewal. Among the highlights for me was an overseas trip to Estonia, Finland and St. Petersburg, Russia. While in Finland I gave a keynote address at the International Organization for the Study of Old Testament/International Organization for the Study of Qumran meetings in Helsinki.

We also made time for family visits, seeing my mother and step father in Connecticut several times, getting to know our grand daughters in New Jersey even better, and spending time with our California relatives, including my sister and her family, Dan's oldest son and his family, and Dan's sister and assorted nieces and nephews. We also had a large family gathering at the Barn (our Pennsylvania home) for Thanksgiving.

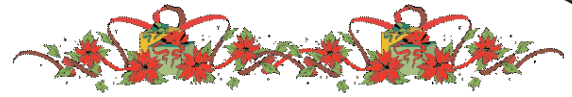
I have supplied a few times at Christ Church in Stroudsburg, PA, but for the most part have been content to be "in the pew." You have always been in my prayers, and I look forward to seeing you all again. If people are interested in having Sunday afternoon bible study again, would you let Denise know? If we have enough interest we can start the class again in January. Blessings, Sidnie+

KNITTING FOR CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The St. Mark's knitters are once again knitting for Christmas at Sea. Hats and scarves will be given by the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) at Christmas to mariners. Once back at sea, a special gift at Christmastime - a hand-knit watch cap, some toiletries and candies - warm their hearts while away from loved ones. Founded in 1834 and affiliated with the Episcopal Church, the Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey (SCI) is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. Annually, its chaplains visit 3,400 vessels in the Port of New York and New Jersey and along 2,200 miles of America's inland waterways.

The Seamen's Church Institute also adds these items to their gift packages: lip balm, hand lotion, sudoku or word search books, microwave popcorn, hard candy, or playing cards. Non-knitters wishing to contribute these items are welcome, and we will mail them in with our hand-knit items.

If you are interested in knitting with us, please join us at the St. Mark's knitting group on Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon at Cultiva Cafe, 727 S. 11th, or knit at home. Patterns and yarn are available from Susan Ugai at 580-4156 or email to: book1456@aol.com. Anyone wanting to do any kind of hand work is welcome to join the group. We have crocheters, beaders, and quilters.



Order Poinsettias for Christmas

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Poinsettias being ordered
_____ x \$15.00 = Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to
St. Mark's on the Campus.

Please include this form with your
payment, so we know we have the right
information for the dedications.

Please note your dedication for each
Poinsettia that you order:

I would like to contribute \$ _____
To the cost of the 2010 Christmas greens.

BOOK MARK'S BOOK CLUB and MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next Meeting will be in January

PRAWNS: (Parents of Rugrats or Anyone Who Needs to Socialize) is a group of parishioners with young children — or without — that gathers once a month for fun and fellowship. If you are interested in visiting a gathering or would like more information, please contact Stephanie or Timothy Hill.

December Birthdays

Pamela Starr
Bob Stock
Michael Fairchild
Alexander Vannorsdall

Hunter von Holt
Shana Durham
Taavi Cyd Sirota
Lucy Webster

Mark Sellmyer
Don Tilley
Don Gray
Pat Talbott

Financial Report October 2010

INCOME	2010 OCT	2010 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2010 BUDGET
Contributions					
- Pledge contributions	20,420.12	167109.57	176380.84	-9271.27	211657.00
- Faith contribution	815.00	3548.50	1000.00	+2548.50	2592.35
- Flower Income	180.00	1307.50	1510.00	-202.50	2150.00
- Christmas Offering	0	100.00	0.00	+100.00	1500.00
- Easter Offering	0	1506.00	1500.00	+6.00	1500.00
- Plate offering, general	653.70	5932.88	9166.66	-3233.78	11000.00
Total Contribution Income	22,068.82	179,504.45	189,557.50	-10,053.05	230,339.35
Diocesan Grant in Aid	0	18750.00	18750.00	+0	25000.00
Miscellaneous Income					
- Designated Income	0	75.00	0	+75.00	0
- Interest Income	-22.08	237.61	1250.00	-1012.39	1500.00
- Other Misc Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Use of Church Income	114.25	2332.63	2500.00	-167.37	2600.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	92.17	2645.24	3750.00	-1104.76	4100.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,160.99	200,899.69	212,057.50	-11,157.81	259,499.35

EXPENSES	2010 OCT	2010 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2010 BUDGET
Advertising / Promotional	55.80	446.44	0	+446.44	0
Campus Ministry	166.45	8002.09	14650.00	-6647.91	17000.00
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	34.36	2160.40	2500.00	-339.60	2525.00
Diocese Asking	2820.75	28386.75	30000.00	-1613.25	36000.00
Education Expenses	0	1832.45	2040.00	-207.55	2200.00
HVAC Replacement Fund	100.00	1000.00	1000.00	0	1200.00
Insurance	0	3965.62	4450.00	-484.38	5250.00
Kitchen Supplies	55.87	233.96	250.00	-16.04	400.00
Legal and Professional Fees	0	349.00	349.00	0	349.00
Misc Expenses	157.58	498.64	375.00	+123.64	450.00
Office Equipment	135.85	4285.90	4859.45	-573.55	5151.15
Office / General Admin	338.75	6251.29	5572.00	+679.29	6802.00
Repair & Maintenance	87.00	5816.63	3773.00	+2043.63	4593.00
Travel	0	0	0	0	500.00
Utilities	306.43	9171.25	9590.00	-418.75	11000.00
Worship and Music	267.95	2637.39	2885.00	-247.61	4420.00
Payroll Expenses	16585.28	133445.02	137295.43	-3850.41	161659.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,112.07	208,482.83	219,588.88	-11,106.05	259,499.35
Net Income after Expenses	+1048.92	-7583.14		-51.76	

We received \$1048.92 more than we spent this month, but we have spent \$7583.14 more than we have received YTD. With expenses under budget, we only have \$51.76 less in the bank than we expected to have on this date.

GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE	October 31, 2010	53,855.78
UNRESTRICTED CD BALANCE	October 31, 2010	12,446.96
RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE	October 31, 2010	94,293.05
TOTAL BALANCE OF ABOVE FUNDS	October 31, 2010	160,595.79
PANTRY FUNDS BALANCE	October 31, 2010	3,471.21
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND	October 31, 2010	79.66
FOR GENERAL OUTREACH FUND	October 31, 2010	1719.62

TREASURE CHEST

Though currently in a deficit, we seem to be headed on a positive trend that will hopefully result in a balanced budget by the end of 2010. We brought in more money than we paid out this month, and there is reason to believe this will continue in the remaining two months of the year. If you have any questions about our current budget, please feel free to contact me. As always, if you can, please be sure your pledge is up to date.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Joyce Wagner, Sr. Warden

We have received 63 pledges out of 80 for a total of \$171,765.00. The 2011 budget is based upon receiving \$214,814.24 in pledge income. The finance committee met and managed to cut some expense items. For the healthy continuance of our parish, an essential part of our stewardship is returning some of our God given personal financial gifts. If you haven't pledged for 2011, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or if you have already, then please consider increasing your pledge for 2011. Thank you for your support of St. Marks on the Campus.

January Lion's Roar Deadline

Due to the holiday break for both SMOC offices and our printer, all Lion's Roar submissions MUST be made by the December 15th deadline so the Roar can be printed before the break.

MARK-US NOTES

DESSERT POTLUCK

Coffee hour on Christmas Eve will include a Birthday cake for Jesus after the 7:00 pm service, and a dessert potluck after the 11:00 pm service. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with all of us after worship!

HOLIDAY HUGS

During Advent, St. Mark's will once again collect Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks (HUGS). Mittens and scarves are welcome, too. Your warmth - and theirs - will be much appreciated by the people staying at the City Mission. Donation boxes are located near the church entrance and in the lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Sheldrick.

FOOD PANTRY

So far in 2010, we've served over 550 people and have helped around 275 families with needed food and supplies. Currently, our largest needs are for:

toothpaste, SPAM, toilet paper, saltines, cooking oil, shampoo, jelly, and juice

If you travel, please pick up unused shampoos, soaps, and conditioners from your hotel rooms, as we can use them in the Pantry

ADULT FORUM

Dec 5: Pamela Starr: Bach Cantata (Advent Anthem)

Dec. 12: Discussion: Marcus Borg, *The First Christmas*

(Please let Father Jerry know if you want to buy a copy of the book)

Dec. 19: *The First Christmas* discussion (continued)

Dec. 26: No Forum

PROCESSIONAL TORCHES A MEMORIAL TO FRANK M. HALLGREN

On November 7th we blessed the new processional torches that were designed and crafted by Julee Lowe. They are in the style of the other altar and processional fixtures and incorporate remnant glass from the nave and sanctuary memorial windows.

The torches are a gift from the estate of Frank M. Hallgren (1918-2009) and are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Franks' memory. Frank was a lifelong Lincoln resident and served the University of Nebraska for 38 years in a variety of teaching and administrative roles, including Dean of Men and founding director of the Career and Placement Center.

Though not a member of Saint Mark's, he was a good friend and neighbor of Fr. Linn McMillin who served as Vicar for the then University Chapel from 1920 through 1947. Frank had a continuing interest in our parish and the original and current chapel buildings and furnishings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

This year, the Sunday school students' Christmas project will be a bit different. Instead of fundraising activities, we'd like to invite the congregation to participate with us in a "Baby Shower" to symbolically welcome the Christ Child and to literally welcome babies in needy families. The items we collect – purchased, hand-made, monetary – will be donated to the Early Head Start Program at Community Action Partnership (formerly Lincoln Action Program). Theresa, from Early Head Start, had these suggestions: diapers (including sizes 3, 4, and 5 for older siblings), baby shampoo/ lotion/ cleanser, nail clippers, pacifiers (use helps prevent SIDS), booties, mittens, socks, receiving blankets, bibs, teething toys, cloth "books" with interesting things to touch and look at, And for new moms: nursing pads and slippers (one-size fits all). If you have questions, call or email Opal Doerr (contact info in the directory).

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY

If you or you know of someone who would be interested and qualified to serve on the Vestry at SMOC, please talk with any vestry member. To be eligible a person must be:

- a) a follower of Christ committed to the Christian life,
- b) attend church regularly,
- c) contribute financially to the SMOC mission
- d) willing to make a 3 year commitment to represent parishioners in the decision making ministry of SMOC.

Submitting a name does not obligate anyone at this time. All names will be considered and persons may be contacted by a member of the Vestry nominating committee exploring their interest and desire to be presented on the slate of candidates. The election of new vestry members will be held at the annual meeting. If you have further questions contact Ray Lowther or Julee Lowe."

DECK THE WALLS OF THE SMOC LOUNGE

On Thursday, December 2nd, all volunteers are welcome to join in the decorating of the lounge beginning at noon. Hot chocolate, coffee, Christmas carols, and a warm fireplace will be provided.

EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD

It is that time of year again when we consider the people around us and nominate those we feel deserve special recognition for the efforts that they have made for this parish. Some of the past recipients are:

- 2010 Nancy and Darrell Brown
- 2009 Kelly Grey Carlisle and the Jim Karas family
- 2008 Opal Doerr
- 2007 Bob Stock and John Flint
- 2006 Rector search committee
- 2005 Dean Settle
- 2004 Connie Backus Yoder and Anne Puls

Please submit your nomination with an explanation of why you have chosen to select them. Entries should be submitted as soon as possible to Joyce Wagner at jaw4138@inebraska.com or Opal Doerr at doerrfam@windstream.net. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

SMOC CAMPUS EVENTS SCHEDULED

STUDY LOUNGE is on Wednesday and Sunday nights from 8:00-11:00 pm. Father Jerry will also be available for appointments after the SPACE service on Wednesdays. We are happily accepting donations of snacks and drinks, including individual servings of cheese sticks, yogurt, and other munchies!

DEAD WEEK AND FINALS WEEK: The Study Lounge will be open Sunday thru Wednesday on both Dead Week and Finals Week. Come in and enjoy a warm fireplace and free snacks and drinks as you study for your exams.

ATTENTION ALL EDUCATORS: If you would like to be one of our study lounge volunteers, please contact Father Jerry.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 8-11: Study Lounge	29 Fr. Bob Day Off	30 Fr. Bob Day Off 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 pm - Kappa Phi	Dec 1 5:30 pm: Choir 7:00 pm: SPACE 8-11: Study Lounge	2 Starting at Noon: Decorate SMOC Lounge 5:00 pm - Alcoholics Anon	3 Fr. Jerry Day Off	4
5 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30 Adult Forum 8-11: Study Lounge	6 Fr. Bob Day Off Denise Out of Office for Continuing Education	7 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 pm - Kappa Phi	8 5:30 pm: Choir 7:00 pm: SPACE 8-11: Study Lounge	9 5:00 pm - Alcoholics Anon	10 Fr. Jerry Day Off 7:30 p.m. Bach Concert	11
UNL DEAD WEEK - Study Lounge Monday thru Wednesday						
12 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30 Adult Forum 8-10: Study Lounge	13 Fr. Bob Day Off	14 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 6:30 pm - Kappa Phi Gathering Place	15 5:30 pm: Choir 7:00 pm: SPACE 8-11: Study Lounge Lion's Roar Deadline	16 5:00 pm - Alcoholics Anon	17 Fr. Jerry Day Off	18 11:00 am - 3:00 pm National Federation of the Blind
UNL FINALS WEEK - Study Lounge Monday thru Wednesday						
19 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30 Adult Forum Vestry Meeting	20 Fr. Bob Day Off UNL Winter Break thru January 9th	21 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	22 5:30 pm: Choir	23 LPS Winter Break thru January 2nd	24 Office Closed 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Services	25
26 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST NO Adult Forum	27	29	29	30	31	Jan 1, 2011
Office Closed for Christmas Break						

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

ADULT FORUM: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: Tuesdays at 12:30 pm

SPACE: CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP: Wed nights at 7:00 p.m. thru Dec 15th

STUDY LOUNGE: Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 pm thru Dec 15th

KAPPA PHI: Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m.

The Lounge will be open on Wednesday nights for study or other purposes.

Father Jerry will be available for appointments after the SPACE service.

All Student activities will be on break at the same time as UNL.

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

REMINDER: THE
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will be
December 15th

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SUNDAY SERVICE PARTY VOLUNTEERS							
Date	DECEMBER 5 Advent 2	DECEMBER 12 Advent 3	DECEMBER 19 Advent 4	DECEMBER 24 7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER 24 11:00 PM	DECEMBER 26 Christmas 1	JANUARY 2 Christmas 2
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Don Gray	John Flint	Chris Slane	none	none	Todd Sneller	John Flint
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Chris Slane	Sara Toren	Don Gray	Don Gray	Mary Lutz	Don Gray	Todd Sneller
Acolytes	Mary Lutz Lisa Schaumburg	Chris Slane Don Gray	Mary Lutz Todd Sneller	Carol Thompson Lisa Schaumburg	Todd Sneller	Carol Thompson Lisa Schaumburg	Mitchell Karas Nathan Karas
Ushers	Lisa Sutton Lyn Forester	Dave Sellmyer Bob Kuzelka	Susan Ugai Dennis Alfrey	Doug Durham Bob Stock	Michelle Waite Roger Wait	Dennis Alfrey Lisa Stock	Bob Kuzelka Roger Wait
Lector (OT)	Ray Lowther	Opal Doerr	Sarah Fairchild	Donna Harler Smith	Opal Doerr	Pamela Starr	Leroy Svec
Epistler	Berwyn Jones	Cathy Sellmyer	Pippa Lawson	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Jeanine Jewell	Bette Sperry	Berwyn Jones
Intercessor	Bob Kuzelka	Colleen Baade	Tim Hill	Pamela Starr	Peg Sheldrick	Laura Waldman	Ray Lowther
Greeter	Opal Doerr	Julee Lowe	Tim Hill	Doug Durham	Lisa Sutton	Joyce Wagner	Lisa Sutton
Coffee Host	Nancy Brown	Nan Graf	Andrea Nelson	none	Special Events	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Jim Karas
Bread Baker	Nancy Brown	Jessica Freeman	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	Kathy Schmutte	Loris Purtzer	Jessica Freeman
Altar Guild	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Opal Doerr	Joyce Wagner
Tellers	Richard Toren Stan Sipple	Andrea Nelson Anne Puls	Leroy Svec Doug Durham	none	none	Michelle Waite Anne Puls	Leroy Svec Stan Sipple

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