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Who Supports Good Music? We do!

On **Sunday, February 27**, St. John's will welcome back the *Scott Tuttle Quartet*, a jazz group based at Saginaw Valley State University. Many of you will remember them from last year's choir fundraiser! We're excited to welcome them back to St. John's for an evening of food and dancing!

This fundraiser, a "**Swingin' Supper**" is to support the music program, specifically our Choral Scholar Program, at St. John's. Dinner will be catered by Fedder's Classic Catering featuring delicious home-style classics such as roasted chicken, BBQ ribs, stuffed shells (for the veggies among us). **Tickets which are \$25**, include drinks and will be available after Sunday worship as well as directly from the church office.

The doors will open at 6:00, with dinner served at 6:30. For more information, contact Kevin Simons at kevin@stjohns-saginaw.org or (989) 793-9575.



LOOK INSIDE...

What do you need to know if you're an **usher**? Find out!

Learn more about a new **Children's Worship** service.

Read what you missed at our 2011 **Annual Meeting**.

A fun look at February in **Episcopal History!**



This Month in Episcopal History:

February 2, 1594 - Giovanni F. da Palestrina, one of the most gifted composers of Renaissance church music died.

February 2, 1976 - Presiding Bishop and Oklahoma Bishop Chilton Powell, chairman of the Standing Liturgical Commission, gathered at the Episcopal Church Center to commend the Draft Proposed Book as a study guide.

February 5, 1736 - John and Charles Wesley, Anglicans who helped pioneer the Methodist movement, arrived in America at Savannah, Georgia.

February 8, 1693 - King William III and Queen Mary II granted a charter to establish The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The college was originally intended to educate Anglican clergy and is America's second-oldest higher education institution. (The oldest higher education institution is Harvard University.)

February 10, 1604 - King James I of England authorized an English Bible translation, which was completed in 1611.



February 11, 1531 - King Henry VIII was recognized as supreme head of the Church of England.

February 14, 1913 - James A. Pike, controversial Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



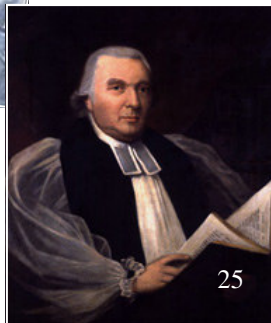
February 21, 1173 - Pope Alexander III canonized Thomas Becket three years after the Archbishop of Canterbury's martyrdom at the hands of King Henry II's knights.



February 22, 1993 - The Church of England held a special meeting to allow the ordination of women.



February 23, 1455 - Johannes Gutenberg published the Bible, the first book ever printed on a press with movable type.



February 25, 1796 - Samuel Seabury, first bishop of Episcopal Church in the United States, died.



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Pat Lynes
- 2 Mary Spence
- 4 Marion Petzko
- 4 Elizabeth Trogan
- 6 Frederick (Will) Sunderman, IV
- 9 Marc Baillargeon
- 13 Paige Seibert
- 13 Kathryn Spence
- 13 Mark II Wilson
- 18 James Joswiak
- 18 Louise Small
- 19 Richard Sedwick
- 22 Louberta Weathersby
- 25 Al Vondrasek
- 26 Christine Schaub
- 27 Connor Shinaberry
- 28 Betty Galbraith
- 28 Marcia Hoffman

Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Kathie & Dave Humpert
- 26 Mary Jane & Ken Scott

Thank You

A HUGE thank you to **Sue Luxton** and all of her kitchen/clean-up helpers who treated us all to our parish breakfast before the Annual Meeting.

Thanks to all of the Eucharistic Visitors that will soon begin their service including: **Clara Vlassis, Herb Spence III, Michael Keenan, A. Edwards Grigg, Jeffrey Endean, Joan Wendland, Sharon Voelker, Amy Simons, Andrew Christensen, Kim Burau, Karen Parr, and Ellen Redfield.**

Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.

Good Samaritans:

Jan. 23 - Feb. 5	Ellen Redfield	799-4401
Feb. 6 - Feb. 19	Michael Keenan	790-8712
Feb. 20 - Mar. 5	Susan Daugherty	249-1989

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What You Missed: The Annual Meeting 2011

It's tricky to fit a entire years worth of business into one meeting. Luckily, St. John's has a body of elected and volunteer leaders who work on the Vestry, finance team, and other ministries to divide the business of St. John's in to much more manageable bites. Reporting these "bites" and the election of new leaders is the business of our Annual Meeting.

In 2011, our meeting was led by our outgoing Senior Warden, Keith Birdsall who masterfully facilitated the election and speakers. Other speakers were, Marcia Hoffman, who presented the budget for 2011, Herb Spence III, who reported on the status of our Accessibility Project, and Burris Smith who brought us up to speed in regard to our search for a new Rector. Burris has included his report in this edition of The Messenger and all other reports can be found on our website by downloading a PDF copy of the 2010 Annual Report.



Thanks and Congratulations to our New Leadership!

New Vestry Members:



Jane Girdham, a life-long Episcopalian, has been a member of St. John's for 10 years. She sings in the choir, serves as a lector, has assisted with Sunday school and frequently hosts coffee hour with her family.

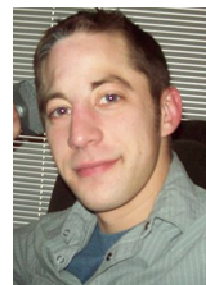
Sue Marquardt has been a dedicated part of the choir for years, in addition to helping with parish activities such as fellowship and outreach, Sue was an active participant on our Vision Committee. This will be Sue's second term serving as a Vestry member at St. John's.



Duncan Redfield has been attending St. John's since he and his wife Sandy were married here in 1987. He has volunteered as part of our Lunch Bag Outreach program, helped bring the bike rack to St. John's and frequently contributes photos to The Messenger. This is Duncan's first nomination for Vestry.

New Parish Delegate to Convocation and At-Large Delegate to Convention:

Drew Christiansen recently transferred from Calvary Episcopal Church where he was a member for many years. Here at St. John's, Drew sings in the choir, functions as both a lector and a LEM and assists in parish events such as Lessons & Carols and Holidays in the Heart of the City.



Rector Search: Status Report

Job one for 2011 is clear: finding our next Rector. Our efforts are well underway and progressing according to an established and realistic timeline. We have a clear picture of what we want and require in our next Rector – thanks to your many thoughts and ideas from the cottage meetings and follow-up surveys. Taking time to understand and articulate our needs is a major part of telling our story. That story, along with an honest picture of our community and its history and future are the Parish Profile. It is – or shortly will be – posted nationally for prospective candidates to see.

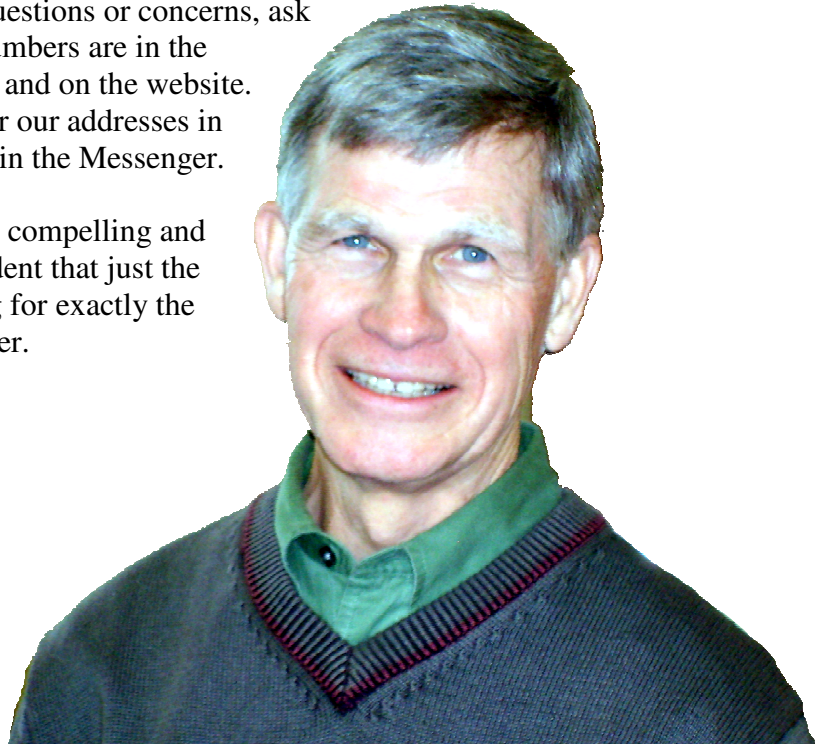
Next steps? The search committee's work continues in earnest: Collecting information, evaluating credentials, preparing for interviews, checking references, preparing for additional interviews and visits, discerning the call, preparing the parish for our new priest, and finally celebrating the new ministry together. At the Bishop's suggestion, our Search Committee is essentially the Vestry, augmented by several other parishioners. It's an exciting task. We've already learned a great deal about ourselves as a parish. It's not an easy or short process. Nor should it be.

Openness and inclusion are critical in the process. But hearing as many voices as possible and including those voices in our final portrait has a drawback: it's messy. It doesn't lend itself to going fast at the expense of getting it as right as possible for as many as possible. We're committed to getting it right. Please bear with us.

Openness, however is a two-way street. We need to hear from you, and you need to hear from us. Expect to hear from the vestry and search committee on a regular basis as the search continues, including Sunday announcements, bulletin information, Messenger articles and website postings. If you have questions or concerns, ask any one of us. Our telephone numbers are in the weekly bulletins, the Messenger and on the website. Email is a good option – look for our addresses in the directory, on the website, or in the Messenger.

We know that St. John's story is compelling and its future exciting. We're confident that just the right person is out there, looking for exactly the opportunity St. John's has to offer.

Faithfully,
Burris Smith



I'm so turned around! What Greeters & Ushers need to know...

Learning to use our new accessible worship space can take some time and adjustments. So when we have a question or when something isn't in its usual place we ask the ushers, right? Right. But what if YOU'RE the usher? Good news! Burris Smith will be hosting a **"Review/Orientation Meeting"** for all greeters and ushers, **Sunday, February 20th, at 9:00am** to help answer some questions like:

- How do we use the new lift?
- Who rings the bell before service?
- Where is the handicap parking?
- Do we lock the doors?
- What is inside the Children's Activity Bags?
- Are we still using name tags?
- How do we communicate the total for service attendance?
- Are passing out Welcome Cards our job?

Ushers have a big job. Sure, they make it look easy but there is a lot do and knowing exactly what's expected will go a long way to make ALL of us feel more relaxed and welcomed each Sunday morning. So, for ushers, help is on the way. And as for the rest of us... ask an usher!

Children's Service & Prayer

Beginning this February, Sonni Magyar will be leading as special Children's Service that will parallel our 10:30 service. Here, the children will hear a special "Sermon for Kids" and participate in a short activity. This can be an ideal time for our children to experience the lessons at their own level and with their peers. It's a time to ask questions and learn to share their faith in a way that is easy and natural. What can be expected? If you or your children would like to participate in this special Children's Service please join Sonni in the Garden Chapel (located beyond the sacristy) prior to the 10:30 service. Children will rejoin their family at The Peace and stay for Holy Communion before returning to their small group for prayer.

Because St. John's is a "Safe Church" we require two adults to be present when working with our youth. Could you volunteer to join Sonni? Thank you for helping make St. John's relevant for all of its members... including the young.

You're invited to Dinner

Lent and Easter fall a little later this year and so goes the **Pancake Supper (March 8th)** and our **Lenten Fish Supper (April)**. These, in addition to our Swingin' Supper Choir Fundraiser will make the next few months a delicious time to be a part of St. John's!



Thank you to all who donated to the St. John's Accessibility Project

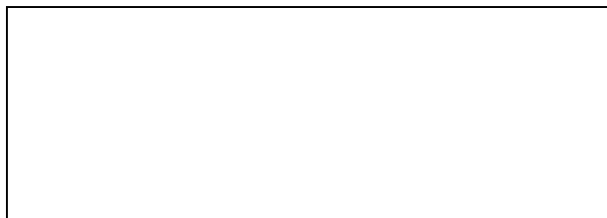
The finishing touches have been made to our new worship space since we've "turned the church around." Except one... we will be adding a plaque to acknowledge those who made our Accessibility Project a reality including:

<i>Birdsall, Keith and Nancy</i>	<i>Peters, Derek and Stephanie</i>
<i>Blodgett, Clarence and Shirley</i>	<i>Reardon, Jon and Sharon</i>
<i>Burau, Florence</i>	<i>Redfield, Duncan and Sandra</i>
<i>Buzon, Linda</i>	<i>Redfield, Ellen</i>
<i>Cosenza, Janet</i>	<i>Roberts, John and Barbara</i>
<i>Coulouris, Andrew and Natasha</i>	<i>Rump, Michael and Janis</i>
<i>Czerwinski, Joyce</i>	<i>Samra, Ruth</i>
<i>Donaghy, Thomas</i>	<i>Santhany, Claire</i>
<i>Emond, John and Susie</i>	<i>Scharffe, William and Mary Jo</i>
<i>Endean, Jeffrey and Myrna</i>	<i>Schaub, Paul and Christine</i>
<i>Frederick, William</i>	<i>Simons, Kevin and Amy</i>
<i>Garber, Sperry</i>	<i>Small, Louise</i>
<i>Grigg, A. Edwards and Diane</i>	<i>Smith, Burris and Katherine</i>
<i>Grills, Elizabeth</i>	<i>Smith, Ida</i>
<i>Hoffman, Daniel and Marcia</i>	<i>Smith, Jerry and Louise</i>
<i>Hollman, Gary and Melanie</i>	<i>Sonefeld, Carmen and John</i>
<i>Ilkka, Raymond and Barbara</i>	<i>Spence, Andrew and Susan</i>
<i>Jacqmain, Stephen and Charlotte</i>	<i>Spence III, Herbert and Kathryn</i>
<i>Jones, Bernard and Barbara</i>	<i>Spence Jr., Herbert and Mary</i>
<i>Joswiak, James and Ruth</i>	<i>Stringer, Richard and Janet</i>
<i>Kaylor, Sharon</i>	<i>Stuart, Charles and Judith</i>
<i>Keenan, Michael and Girdham, Jane</i>	<i>Swarthout, Ronald and Lorraine</i>
<i>Koepfingler, Leon and Marion</i>	<i>Thom, Dennis and Janis</i>
<i>Lee, Josephine</i>	<i>Vondrasek, Albert and Jane</i>
<i>Ludwig, Susan</i>	<i>Wendland, Joan</i>
<i>Luxton, John and Sue</i>	<i>Wetmore, Edwin and Jill</i>
<i>Lynes, Thomas</i>	<i>Young, Jerry and Janice</i>
<i>Marquardt, Richard and Susan</i>	<i>Anonymous</i>
<i>McDonald, Valerie</i>	<i>DeGroat Keenan Commercial</i>
<i>Mitzel, Joanna</i>	<i>Emily Morris Memorials from non-</i>
<i>Morris, Emily</i>	<i>parishioners</i>
<i>Mott, Richard</i>	<i>Spence Brothers Construction</i>
<i>Parr, Karen</i>	

Still want to participate? You can! Our Building and Grounds team still has a punch list of further improvements that can be made with your support. Contact Jan Young in the parish office to continue to fulfill your pledge or to make your contributions.

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