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BEGINNING A HAPPY NEW YEAR AT ST. JOHN'S!

2012

marks the beginning of a new year as well as new beginnings at St. John's! This January we will formally welcome our new rector, celebrate baptisms, confirmations, and elect new leadership to our vestry. We're reminded to pick up our new pledge envelopes, our copies of the annual report, and hit the ground running in 2012.

St. John's is a place where we are all invited to use our talents and this year is a great year to renew your commitment! Whether you have been volunteering for years or are just thinking of getting started our **Annual Meeting** is an excellent way to learn about the "big picture" of parish operations. Our Annual Meeting will take place on **January 29th** from 9:15 to 10:15am. Here you'll learn about our 2012 Budget, vote for new members to the Vestry, hear addresses by the rector and wardens, and much more. Copies of the Annual Report will be available prior to the meeting in the Community Room or online. See you there!

Warden's Report

About a year ago – February, I believe – I had my first opportunity to write this Warden's Corner report. It began: "Job One for 2011 is clear: finding a new Rector." And it concluded with the following thought and belief: "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."

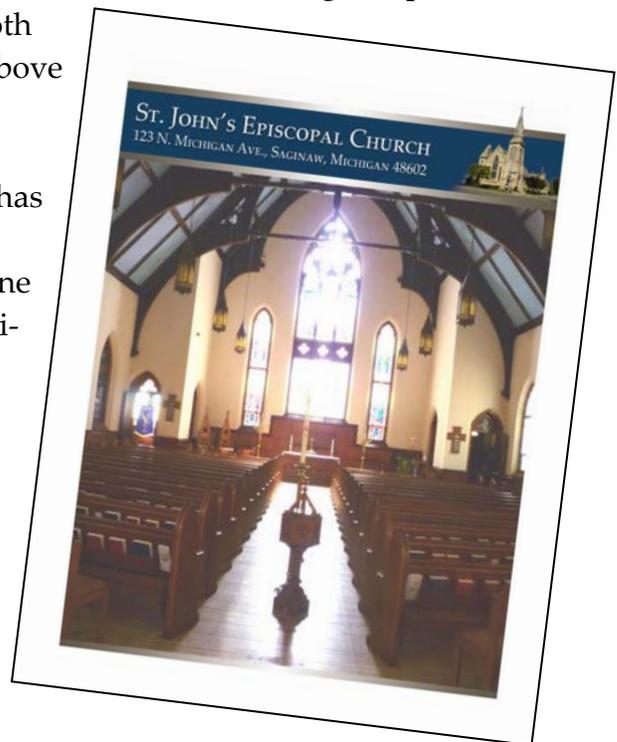
As a congregation, we were setting the bar high. Together we identified what this "just the right person" should bring - some pretty lofty skills, dispositions, and characteristics. As a Vestry, I'm sure we believed that person did exist. I also suspect that, at one time or another, each of us may have had doubts. Job One took time, more than we imagined. It asked all of us to be patient, optimistic and prayerful. It asked even more of the Vestry and the Search Committee. We met and talked to many who expressed interest in becoming St. John's next Rector. And in the end, the words turned prophetic – we did find just the right person who was looking for exactly the opportunity St. John's had to offer.

As the days and seasons go by we get to know Fr. Daniel and his family better and better, and he us. We know increasingly that the future we painted in our Parish Profile is in exceptionally good hands. Hands that will indeed gently lead all of us – young and old alike - to know, understand and appreciate the traditions of the Episcopal Church in a world changing rapidly around us. Hands that belong to a person who is compassionate, healing and spiritual both personally and in leading the congregation. Above all, the hands of a good man. We are blessed.

St. John's feels good and alive and exciting. It has been my privilege to be a part of the Vestry for the past 3 years when so many people have done so much to bring about that good exciting liveliness. More than ever, St. John's is a wonderful place to be. Thank yourselves profusely. It's well deserved.

Faithfully,

Burriss Smith
Senior Warden



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Barbara Jones
- 1 Ian Marc Baillargeon
- 4 Kerrie Blackney
- 9 Jack Luxton
- 9 Mary Jane Scott
- 10 Marie Blake
- 11 Sue Brigham
- 12 Owen Baillie
- 15 David Winters
- 16 Jacob Stuber
- 18 Jacob Winters
- 19 Andrew Hoag
- 20 Alexandra Vlassis
- 21 Diane Grigg
- 22 Tom Grantham
- 27 John Emond
- 28 Katie Wilson
- 29 Jan Young
- 31 Bill Frederick

Happy Anniversary!

- 9 Katie & Fred Sunderman
- 16 Tara & Matthew Gerhardt
- 22 Nancy & Keith Birdsall
- 30 Wendy & Ed Majask

Thank You

Thank you **Nancy Birdsall, Sallie Swanson, Linda Buzon, and Marcia Hoffman** for helping with the Lessons & Carols reception.

Thanks to **Sue Luxton** and everyone who contributed a dish or aided with our Advent Potluck!

Thank you **Dave Humpert & Burris Smith** for leading our Christmas Basket Outreach project!

Thanks to **Pam Renna** for organizing our trip to see the Living Nativity.

Thank you **Bill Frederick, Pat Lynes, and Sue Brigham** for helping fold our Christmas Service bulletins!

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:

Dec. 25—Jan. 7	Sue Luxton	684-9196
Jan. 8—Jan 21	Marcia Hoffman	793-8354
Jan. 22— Feb. 4	Ellen Redfield	779-4401

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THE BISHOP OF EASTERN MICHIGAN TO VISIT ON JANUARY 8TH!

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese
of Eastern Michigan will visit
St. John's Episcopal Church on
January 8th, 2012.

We will be formally welcoming
our new priest, Fr. Daniel
Cannon, baptizing new mem-
bers, and holding confirmations
at our 10:30 am service.



ST. JOHN'S IS CALLED TO CARE, SHARE, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE, AND LOVE.