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Edd McDevitt was elected senior warden of St. John's Vestry at the first meeting of the year on Jan. 10.

Re-elected to their posts were Bob Miller, junior warden; Ray Shackelford, treasurer; and Michelle Walker, clerk.

Diana Masso has resigned from the Vestry. She had one more year of service left. Accordingly, the Vestry has voted to elect the person who had the next highest number of votes for Vestry at the annual meeting last November. That person is Sallie Milam, who has agreed to fill Diana's unexpired term of one year.

All began their service by attending the annual Vestry Retreat Jan. 28 to 30 at Pipestem State Park. Vestry Commissioning will be Sunday, Feb. 6, at both services.

Appreciation is extended to those retiring from the Vestry -- John Canfield, senior warden, and members Beth Marquart, Brian Hamra and Parker Smith for their distinguished service during the past three years.

A Senior Moment

By Edd McDevitt, Senior Warden

I had discussed with a few folks the idea of writing a little piece for the *Interchange* to introduce myself and "my agenda." When Mel and Julie invited me to contribute an article, I decided it was an offer I couldn't refuse.



Edd McDevitt

Let me start by confessing, confessing that no one is more surprised by my being the Senior Warden than I am. Likewise, I was most surprised when I was elected to the Vestry, having been "assured" that I would need to be on the ballot two or three times before having any real chance of being elected. So the

natural question is "now that the big dog has chased and caught the little red sports car, what are you going to do with it?" Simply stated, move forward. *(Continued on page 3)*

SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 AND 27, 2011
Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Sundays
Of Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group
Discussion, library

9:00 a.m. Nursery open for infants to age 5,
Room 297

9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes for youth
(see page 4)

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum, (please see program
listings below), Room 109

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir

5:00 p.m. February 20, Taize service

5:00 p.m. Feb. 13 and 27, new Eucharist services

ADULT FORUM FEB. 2011

Feb. 6, Dr. Cubert Smith, noted sculptor, city councilman, and former head of the art department at WV State University, will discuss, "The State of the Arts in Charleston."

Feb. 13, Dr. Charles Stebbins, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. (Ret.) and former provost of the University of Charleston, will discuss "Finding Terrorists."

Feb. 20, Lyda Shepherd of West Virginia FREE will share highlights of her recent 8-month stay in China.

Feb. 27, The Rev. Dick Schmidt, former associate rector of St. John's, (1971-1975,) will speak on a topic of his choice.

∞ St. John's Mission Statement ∞

We reach out to the world in Christ's name in the hope that all might find a home in God's healing love.



Successful Vestry Retreat Promises a Productive Year

By The Rev. Susan J. Latimer

Dear Saints of John,

Your Vestry and I have just returned from a productive retreat, led by Canon Donald Vinson. We looked at characteristics of growing congregations and spent some time thinking about how St. John's can do more of the things that lead to growth and greater vitality.

We worshiped together, ate together, and played together, including a rousing game of Taboo one evening, and Cranium, the next. Some hidden talents and a lot of laughter emerged from the group experience. I am excited about the year ahead with this Vestry!

Ann+, our Associate Rector, is in Ethiopia as I write, and will bring her new son Muse' home soon. Thank you to all who made the "baby shower" celebration so wonderful with particular thanks to Dianna Canfield and Becky Burns. Ann+ will be on adoption leave for 8 weeks -- all of February and much of March. While Ann+ is on leave, we will be functioning with half the normal clergy staff. So many things that have been done with two full-time clergy will not be getting done. During this time, I will be giving priority to worship planning, preaching, and pastoral care.

I will still keep my "drop-in hours" on most Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. -- a time for anyone to drop by for 20 to 30 minutes to chat about anything they'd like, ask questions, etc. If you wish to make a longer appointment, please call or e-mail me and we can set something up.

Finally, we start a new worship offering this month - an informal 5 p.m. Eucharist on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. This will be completely different from our morning worship and is designed to appeal to new people who don't have a church community or are looking for a more inclusive community. All are welcome -- come as you are -- and tell your friends!

In Christ, Susan+

Say Happy Birthday

Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating February birthdays: Feb. 2 - Paula Farris; Feb. 3 - Cameron Jarvis & Dominique Tyson; Feb. 4 - Dianna Canfield & Judy Wellington; Feb. 5 - Joe Farris, Jr. & Julianne Kemp; Feb. 6 - Robert Jones; Feb. 7 - Amy Hively; Feb. 10 - Diana Masso; Feb. 11 - William Cooke; Feb. 12 - Corey Farris & Rick Winnell; Feb. 14 - Page Hamrick; Feb. 15 - Dotti Thomas, Adrienne Walker & Grant Williams; Feb. 17 - Blane Michael; Feb. 18 - Susan Latimer & Steve Thomas; Feb. 19 - Jesse Snyder; Feb. 20 - Ellen Archibald; Feb. 21 - Anil Kuruvilla; Feb. 22 - Mary Coburn; Feb. 23 - Carter Blundon & Benjamin Robinson; and Feb. 28 - Forrest Akers & David Milam

On the Paper Trail with Archives

Think an archivist's job is easy? St. John's archivist Janet Morris shares this letter she recently received from parishioner Ann Bird:

"I just finished reading 'The Liquid Continent' by Nicholas Woodworth. On page 195 he tells of the library in Venice and meeting the archivist that told

the story of a number-addled geographer Andre Bellini who calculated there were 693,176,720 pages of paper in the archives. "If laid out one after another they would create a trail 444,800,000 feet long and go eleven times around the globe," he declared.

"So thank your lucky stars you are an archivist in Charleston, WV," said Ann.

2011 Stewardship Data

- 22 people pledged between \$12 and \$500
- 25 people pledged between \$501 and \$1,000
- 44 people pledged between \$1,001 and \$2,500
- 26 people pledged between \$2,501 and \$5,000
- 6 people pledged between \$5,001 and \$7,500
- 4 people pledged between \$7,501 and \$10,000
- 5 people pledged \$10,001 or more

If your income is \$40,000 annually:

- 1% of your income would be \$400
- 3% of your income would be \$1,200
- 5% of your income would be \$2,000
- 10% of your income would be \$4,000

What percentage of your income do you give away?

A Senior Moment *(continued from page 1)*

We at St. John's have been dealing with a number of "distractions" over the last year plus that have not helped us with our mission and church stability. As Senior Warden, I intend to use that office to move us ahead and build on our core values. St. John's is a loving, caring, open and accepting family. Don't think so? I suggest you picture Sunday's 10:30 Eucharist Service. Fast forward to "the Peace." What do you see? An exchange of caring, sharing and love that needs to be "gaveled back to order." Folks, it's still there. That's who we are! To the best of my abilities, it is my intent to look forward – we have had our say on the issues, whether one agrees with the improvement plan or not, the reality is that there is a plan to fix and improve matters

I believe that we all have a good-faith obligation to try to make things work or at a minimum not to impede the efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that all sides to each and every one of our differences care whole heartedly about St. John's. I pray that we can all put our disappointments, hurts and disagreements aside for the long-term health and stability of St. John's, a place we all love.

As we move through the year, it is my hope and plan to work from a "can do" attitude. I hope that over the course of the next year to speak with at least one person in every household of our parish. The goal is to hear the good, the bad and the indifferences. We need to know, first hand, what our congregation thinks and that means not just those who fill the pews every Sunday. We are undertaking an audit. Page Hamrick will head up this important effort. We are going to get by-laws. We've been around pushing 190 years and we have none. Bren Pomponio is taking the lead on this one. We anticipate draft by-laws and initial discussion at the May Vestry meeting, full discussion and "amendment" at the June meeting and "final" amendments (clean ups) and adoption at our July Vestry meeting. And we are going to deal with finances. Our 2011 budget has a large deficit. The 2010 budget had a deficit. The 2009 budget had a deficit. We have been dealing with this by selling off non-performing assets, dipping into our endowments and receipt of unexpected gifts. We are just about, if not, out of assets we can sell off. We want to stop the "dipping" before it becomes a habit we can't control. The Finance Committee that developed the 2011 budget included suggestions to help deal with the

deficit issue. Your 2011 Vestry will start dealing with these financial issues at the February meeting. I will report to you in the March *Interchange* on our efforts. Fixing our finances cannot be done overnight. I believe that to get on a sound financial footing it is going to take two or three years at a minimum.

I would love to be proven a pessimist.

Save the Dates for Lenten Series and Retreat

Authors Bob Gallagher and Michelle Heyne will lead St. John's Lenten Retreat on Friday evening, March 25, and Saturday, March 26.

Gallagher's new book is "In Your Holy Spirit - Shaping the Parish Through Spiritual Practice." Heyne is author of "In Your Holy Spirit - Traditional Spiritual Practices in Today's Christian Life."

The five-week Lenten Series will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. beginning March 16 and will be based on Heyne's book.

This book provides practical assistance to Christians seeking to deepen their own spiritual discipline in the traditional areas of Weekly Practice (eucharist, mass, holy communion), Daily Practice (office, liturgy of the hours), Reflection Community and Service. Using ancient practices, modern adaptations and a spiritual practices map, this book will help readers form their own rule of life and create their own approach to spiritual discipline and practice within the church's traditions. This book meets readers where they are and then provides concrete, manageable opportunities to stretch and grow and to experiment with a wider range of choices about spiritual life.

Books can be ordered through the church office before March 1 or directly from Episcopal Booksellers in Seattle for \$13.95 plus shipping. The web site is - <http://episcopalbookstore.com>.

Nepal Trip Topic for WIFFF

The Women of Fun, Faith, and Fellowship (WIFFF) will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday Feb. 10, in the Molly Warwick Room and Room 203 for lunch. Afterwards parishioner Diana Masso, a counselor in private practice, will speak on her trip to Nepal.

A short business meeting will follow and later the Shawl Ministry will convene. Anyone who has an interest in handiwork is welcome. Please call the church office, 304 346-0359, for a reservation. A \$6 donation will be appreciated.



Christian Formation for Children and Youth

The Young Saints of John

Our Sunday Schedule

Nursery - (Infants – age 5)
Room 297

Each Sunday at 9 a.m. to noon

Sundays 9:15 a.m. – as scheduled:

Godly Play (Grades PK- 5)
Room 298

Team of Godly Play

Teachers & Assistants:

Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Juanita Cook,
Wanda Dettinger, Doris Redfield,
Edd McDevitt, Karen Glazier

Journey to Adulthood Program:

Rite 13 (Grades 6-7) Room 224

Rite 13 Mentors: Julie McQuerrey,
Bren Pomponio, Maggie McCabe

J2A (Grades 8-9) Third floor

J2A Mentors: Randy Cain, Kate Alie,
Stephen Blake

YAC: Young Adults in the Church (Grades 10-12)

Children's Chapel, Room 225

YAC Advisors: Tim Bradford, Tricia Poe,
Lia Palmer

For more information contact
the church office at (304) 346-0359,
or

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson at
alovejoy@stjohnswv.org

Godly Play Schedule

The children in Godly Play, in grades Pre-K through 5th grade, will be meeting EVERY Sunday at 9:15 a.m. except on Easter Sunday when we hold our annual Egg Hunt. Sunday, May 15, concludes the program year which we will celebrate with our family picnic on May 22.

Dear Saints of John,

Thank you for the blessing of your generous gifts bestowed upon my family at the Adoption Shower for my son Muse! I am thankful for your kindness and for your sharing this journey with me. Muse will be well outfitted! And now he has warm bed linens, fun blocks and great toys to enjoy. Likewise, thank you to all who gave infant formula and cash contributions towards this donation for Horizon House. Your generous outpouring is well over 50 pounds worth! The staff will be very grateful for this gift. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

I am happy to have received confirmation of my appointment at the US Embassy in Ethiopia. I will be traveling from Jan. 27 returning on Feb. 5. While I am away my mother will be caring for my daughter Azalech. My hope and plan is to introduce you to Muse on Sunday, Feb. 6 when we will offer prayers in thanksgiving for the adoption of a child (found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 439).

We will be in the midst of an intense time of transition as Muse joins our family and has many new experiences day after day. Transitions and adjustment seem to go hand-in-hand. This will be important family "nesting" time for us. During the eight weeks I am on Family Leave this will be my focus - loving on my two little ones! Although I will not be at church or performing my regular ministries you may see me around town walking with Muse in the baby backpack. During my leave we may worship locally at St. Christopher. Then in late March Muse will transition to day care and I will be back with you at St. John's. You will be in my prayers while I am away.

Faithfully, Ann Lovejoy Johnson

Youth Schedule

The upcoming youth classes...
Sundays at 9:15 am
for this
winter/spring
are as follows:

Feb. 6 & 27
March 13 & 27
April 10
May 1 & 15



Left: Mary Coburn, cutting the cake which says "Welcome Muse" Right: Dianna Canfield, Ann Lovejoy Johnson and daughter Azalech
Photos by Betty Jo Lloyd

Christian Formation for Children and Youth *(continued)*

Meet Our YAC Advisors

The Journey to Adulthood program includes three separate youth ministry groups - Rite 13, J2A, and YAC - each designed specifically for the grades of the group members. Each group has its own leaders who serve for two years. The YAC Advisors work with the high school youth, grades 10, 11 and 12. Their curriculum is 'self-directed' by the group, hence the term YAC Advisors. Introducing:

Tim Bradford

While attending Marshall University my roommate's girlfriend invited me to an Episcopal Church college student picnic. Some of the people at that picnic became lifelong friends. Upon graduating from college I searched for a church that would give me the same sense of belonging that I felt with the Marshall group. St. John's felt like home the first time I walked through its doors in 1985. Over the years I have had different levels of involvement at St. John's. The church has enriched my life through educational programs, outreach, and its social justice spirit. Ann encouraged me to consider working with the youth and I'm glad she did so. Working with the youth has been another enriching experience.



Tricia Poe and Lia Palmer

Lia Palmer

I am 32 years old, a Charleston native and currently live in Clendenin. I am married and a mother of two boys, Landon and Wyatt. My boys and I were both baptized at St. John's. I was confirmed here as well and have attended church at St. John's most of my life. My mother, Brenda Vanderford, is the director of music, organist and choirmaster. I am currently

employed at the Charleston Chop House where I have worked for nine years. I have a B.S. degree in sociology from West Virginia State University, and an M.S. degree in criminal justice from Marshall University. I am drawn to St. John's because of its inclusiveness, as well as all of the various outreach programs that the parish provides. I am blessed and honored to be involved in the youth ministry and feel that the youth play an important and crucial role in the future of our parish.

Tricia Poe

I am 31 years old and mother of two children. I work as a full-time mortgage loan processor/closer at the West Virginia Housing Development Fund and am also a part-time student at West Virginia State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in finance. I have been attending St. John's for about 7 years and both of my children have been baptized in the church. I enjoy attending St. John's and am very excited to be mentor for the YAC group. I have greatly enjoyed meeting the youth and getting to know them better. They are a great group!

Ski Retreat for Middle And High School Students

All middle and high school students of the Episcopal Diocese are invited to take part in a ski retreat at Winterplace near Beckley. The event will start Friday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beckley where all will have dinner and some "icebreaker" games and end the night with compline. Saturday morning after breakfast they will travel to Winterplace Ski Resort. Participants are asked to bring money for lunch on Saturday. The event will end around 5 p.m. at Winterplace.

Tubing is another option for participants. You can tube all day for \$39 or you can add on tubing to a regular ski/snowboarding lift ticket for \$13.

For registration forms and documents, please contact Stephen Day at the Episcopal Diocese of WV, PO Box 5400, Charleston, WV, 25361, phone 304 633-6454, or email him at sday@wvdiocese.org. *(Do this ASAP as the regular deadline is noted as Feb. 1)*

Matching Gift Challenge Raises \$1.8 Million

Last fall, for the second year in a row, a group of generous donors offered to match all donations received during the six-week-long Matching Gifts Campaign of Episcopal Relief & Development. The 2010 campaign raised a total of nearly \$1.8 million to help heal a hurting world. This includes \$1,295,385 in donations that were received during the campaign, and the \$500,000 matching gift, which will benefit the Global Needs Fund.

Throughout the campaign, individuals could donate to the fund of their choice, knowing that the same amount would be donated from the matching funds to Episcopal Relief & Development's Global Needs Fund. This year's matching fund of \$500,000 is double last year's, and 2010 donations also exceeded those of 2009 by nearly 30 percent.

"The success of the campaign is amazing, especially considering the financial challenges of the past couple years," said Judy Sawler, Episcopal Relief & Development's Manager of Direct Response Marketing. "Our donors made generous, and I think sometimes sacrificial gifts during the campaign because they knew the impact of their gift would be doubled."

Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States and an independent organization. Together with the worldwide church and ecumenical partners, the agency rebuilds after disasters and empowers people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Manna Meal Kitchen Renovation Outlined

Here is the proposed schedule for renovation of the Manna Meal kitchen:

Jan. 25 - Contractors' bids were opened

Jan. 25 to Feb. 1 - Review of bids

Feb. 1 - Contract was to be awarded to qualified low bidder- notice to proceed issued; contract prepared

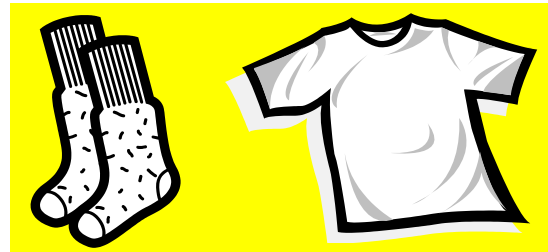
Feb. 3 - Contractor applies for building permit.

"The whole process has been long," said Jean Simpson, director, "but we have been assured by the Wehrle family that the kitchen will be built."

A Gift for the Person Who Has Everything

The Kroger card makes a perfect gift for all occasions. Just pick up a Kroger card at the Manna Meal office, take it to Kroger and put a dollar amount on it, and give it as a gift. Explain how it works to the recipient and they will continue to put money on the card.

This is a wonderful way to give the gift that keeps on giving! So far, we have received \$4,361 by using the Kroger card. Cards are available at the Manna Meal office every day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Covenant House Has Urgent Appeal

Covenant House needs men's socks and underwear. Donations can be dropped off at Covenant House weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or put in the drop-off box behind Covenant House at the entrance to the parking lot. The drop-box is available 24/7. Covenant House is located at 600 Shrewsbury St. Contact Parrish Thompson at jthompson@rslwc.org for more information.

SAGA to Explore Bullying in Schools

Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) at St. John's is hosting "Bullied: Protecting ALL students in WV Schools - Continuing the Conversation," a movie presentation and panel discussion, on Sunday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Hunter Hall.

The movie, "Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History" (38 minutes), presents the story of Jamie Nabozny and will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A period. Panelists include: Jeri Alley (member PFLAG), Bonnie Brown (state legislator for Kanawha County), Kathryn Burgess (former Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinator for Kanawha County Schools), Robin Rector (member Kanawha County School Board) and Paul Sheridan (founding member of OneKanawha). Please join us for this timely and pertinent topic during the current legislative session.



Betty Scott Ireland, former WV Secretary of State, who has announced that she is running for governor, spoke to Adult Forum on Jan. 23.



Stephen Blake, an alternate photographer for *Interchange*



*January Happenings
around and about
St. John's!*



The Rev. Esber Tweel is former rector of Good Shepherd Church which was closed to form St. Christopher. His poncho was made for him by a former parishioner.

Deadline, Remember It!

The next issue of **Interchange** will cover the entire month of March. We'd love to have your articles and photos and urge you to send them to julkemp@yahoo.com or bdearien@stjohnswv.org no later than Monday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. But earlier is so much better for your editors. Thanks.

All photos by Betty Jo Lloyd

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2011 Acolytes Commissioned

On Jan. 9, 17 young people were commissioned as St. John's Acolytes for 2011. As part of the ceremony, two new acolytes were inducted -- Anna Barrett and Elena Pomponio. Two others -- Jonathan McQuerrey and Andrew Swing -- were honored as high school seniors. They will be leaving the acolyte corps when they depart for college later this year and will be greatly missed. The acolytes who will be serving St. John's in 2011 are as follows: Anna Barrett; Catherine, Ellen, Evan, Maddy and Molly Blackwood; Jonathan and Shauna McQuerrey; Jacob Miller; Collin Morris; Landon Palmer; Elena Pomponio; Hugh Roberts; Andrew Swing; Jocelyn Taylor; Dominique Tyson and Mika Vickers. Many thanks to these young people and to their families for their service to St. John's. They are all pictured above right with Acolyte Supervisor Carrie Swing.



Group Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd



Our Newest Acolytes
Anna Barrett and Elena Pomponio
Photo by Carrie Swing



Our High School Seniors
Andrew Swing and Jonathan McQuerrey
Photo by Carrie Swing