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## Parish Meeting and Election

The annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 9:15 a.m. in Hunter Hall. A continental breakfast will be provided by the Parish Life Committee.

One of the most important business items during this meeting will be the election of five new Vestry members. We will also elect three delegates to represent St. John's next year at the 2011 West Virginia Episcopal Diocesan Convention. Other agenda items will include a financial report from the treasurer and a state of the Parish report from the rector.

Persons wishing to cast ballots to elect vestry members and convention delegates must attend the Parish Meeting in person. Balloting will take place in Hunter Hall from 9:15 a.m. until the start of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Ballots will not be distributed or collected in the church once worship begins at 10:30 a.m. As was the case last year, absentee ballots will not be used for this election.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend this important Parish Meeting. *Meet our Vestry and convention candidates on pages 5 - 7.*

## New Acolytes Trained

Anna Barrett and Elena Pomponio are our two newest acolytes. They received their training on Sunday, Oct. 17. You will see them in worship very soon.

There is still time to become an acolyte before Acolyte Sunday, Jan. 9. Contact Carrie Swing at [cpswing@aol.com](mailto:cpswing@aol.com) or 744-9008.



**Our Next Deadline:** Have something to share in the December issue of *Interchange*? Please send your articles and photos to [julkemp@yahoo.com](mailto:julkemp@yahoo.com) or [bdearien@stjohnswv.org](mailto:bdearien@stjohnswv.org) no later than Monday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. And remember that earlier submission is a blessing to your editors.

## SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP

**SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2010**  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST,  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY & 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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,  
Nov. 7, Bishop Michie Klusmeyer's Visit

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE, NOV. 25 AT 10:30 A.M.**

### Adult Forum Speakers

Nov. 7 - **The Rev. Jim Lewis**, former rector of St. John's, will discuss "A Conversation -- A Foolish, Ordinary Faith."

Nov. 14 - **No Adult Forum**, due to the annual Parish Meeting

Nov. 21 - **Dr. John Hunt of Virginia**, nephew of parishioner Bob Cochran, will speak on the Bromley Episcopal Mission School for Girls in Liberia, West Africa, which is seeking assistance from the Episcopal churches in the United States.

Nov. 28 - **Rev. Zach Drennen**, who grew up at St. John's and is now a missionary to Kenya, will discuss his continuing work with its Elwana Project.

### Evensong on All Hallows Eve

The St. Ambrose Choir will sing choral evensong on Sunday, Oct. 31, All Hallows Eve, at 5 p.m. Anthems will include "They Are At Rest" by Edward Elgar and "And I Saw A New Heaven" by Edgar Bainton.

This service will be sung in memory of Sam Kitching, faithful parishioner and choir member. There will be High Tea following the service. Child care will be provided.

**!!!!!!! Ushers are needed for the fourth Sunday !!!!!!!!**

If interested, please contact Donna Hamra at 304-343-4709 or [donna.hamra@gmail.com](mailto:donna.hamra@gmail.com).



## Working Towards a Healthier, More Vital Parish

By The Rev. Susan J. Latimer

### Dear Saints of John,

As I write this, we have just had the second visit, and report, from our Alban Institute Consultant, Susan Nienaber. I hope that all of you who did not attend the meeting will get a copy of the report and read it. The report is available through the church office during the week, and on Sundays.

I remain committed to working through the difficulties with you towards a healthier, more vital parish. The Vestry will decide soon as to which course the parish will take at this juncture. I am very aware that much work is ahead of us all, no matter which course is chosen. I will do my part, as long as I am your rector, to work for healing, reconciliation, and health.

November is a busy date for us: Put these dates on your calendar:

\* Bishop's visit with confirmation and reception, special coffee hour - Sunday, Nov. 7, The Feast of All Saints'.

\* Annual Meeting - Nov. 14 at 9:15 a.m. in Hunter Hall.

Please continue to pray for the parish.

*In Christ, Susan+*



### It's Somebody's Birthday

Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating November birthdays: Nov. 1 - Anthony Simpson; Nov. 4 - Julia McDonald and Barbara Walker; Nov. 5 - Tim Nelson and Paul Ochs; Nov. 8 - Maryn Poe; Nov. 9 - Nancy Lince, Betty Jo Lloyd and Larry Rowe; Nov. 10 - Fran Simone and Brenda Vanderford; Nov. 15 - Rick Wilson; Nov. 17 - Rob Ferguson and Sarah Kimble; Nov. 18 - Priscilla Lawson and Tom Rardin; Nov. 19 - Stephen Blake and Martha Miller; Nov. 20 - Brooklynne Latimer-Sheely; Nov. 22 - David Costelli and Carrie Swing; Nov. 23 - Wanda Dettinger; Nov. 24 - Ann Lovejoy Johnson; Nov. 25 - David Morton; Nov. 26 - Stan Forrest and Amanda Morris; Nov. 27 - Matty Eisner; and Nov. 30 - Sue Cater and Juanita Cook.

### Kroger Card Update

Thanks to all of you who use the Kroger card, we now have \$3,515.17 in the Outreach budget from the Kroger Company. Here is a list of just some of the projects we support with this money: Manna Meal, Covenant House, SAGA, RCCR, CICSC, St. Paul's School in Belize, Center for Peace through the Arts in El Salvador, Bike & Build.

Don't have a Kroger card? Pick one up at the Manna Meal office daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or contact Donna Hamra with questions at [donna.hamra@gmail.com](mailto:donna.hamra@gmail.com) or 304-343-4709.

### China Topic for WIFFF Luncheon

Women in Faith, Fun and Fellowship will meet Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Molly Warwick Room and Room 209. Parishioner Juanita Cook will speak on her trip to China last summer at the luncheon program. Please call the church office, 304 346-0359, for a reservation for which a \$6 donation will be appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will follow. All are welcome.

### Peterkin Lists Summer Camps

The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia announces dates for the 2011 summer camp season at Peterkin. Descriptions of the new camps that have been added, as well as revised information about returning camps, will be available soon on the Peterkin website ([www.peterkin.org](http://www.peterkin.org)).

The dates are: May 22-27, Young Adult Camp; June 5-11, Staff Training; June 12-15, Mini Camp; June 15-18, Beginner Camp; June 19-25, Day Camp; June 26-July 2, Family Camp; July 3-9, Junior Camp; July 10-16, Senior Camp; July 17-23, Intermediate Camp; July 23-30, Hallelujah Hike; and July 24-30, MAD (Music, Art, Drama) Camp.

### Note of Thanks

By Lawton Posey

I want to thank the members and friends of St. John's for the beautiful celebration of the 50th anniversary of my ordination in the Presbyterian Church. The balloons and the "Pick a Posie" event were heartwarming. I am grateful for the love and friendship extended to me by my adopted congregation. God bless you all.

#### New Address

Bridget and Lawton Posey  
1202 Kanawha Blvd. E  
Apt. 3C, Charleston, WV, 25301-2922.

### In Memoriam

We are sad to report that Parishioner Sam Kitching died Oct. 14 at Hubbard Hospice House. A celebration of his life was held at St. John's on Oct. 24.

*May light perpetual shine upon him.*

## The Bread Lady's Gone, But Not to be Forgotten

By Julianne Kemp

We've all taken the bread for granted.

We knew that when we came for communion at St. John's, we would be given a piece of real bread, freshly baked by loving hands, the hands of parishioner Pat Stevens.

Sadly Pat's last Sunday with us was Oct. 3, when she was honored for her years of service as a longtime member of the Altar Guild.

She's not quite sure when all of this baking started . . . "It was April, or maybe May, of '93 or '94," she said. "I took over from a member of Sacred Heart who baked bread for both Sacred Heart and St. John's. Originally, I used his pans and his recipe," she recalled. But the bread had a tendency to break into crumbs.

And then Former Rector Karl Ruttan went on a retreat and returned with a recipe from an abbey.

"It made wonderful bread," recalled Pat, "It was easier and faster - took half of the time to make it -- and no crumbs."

And so it went for 16 (or 17?) years, She would bake three batches at a time and freeze them, each batch consisting of two large loaves for Sunday services and a small one for the Wednesday service. Plus high holidays which meant more services and more bread.

Pat has retired from her position as an occupational therapist with Charleston Area Medical Center and is now residing



Pat Stevens holds her farewell gift, a framed portion of an embroidered altar cloth.

Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd

in Palm Harbor, FL, a small town on the west coast near Clearwater where her sister Mike and family reside. "Her name is really Mildred but we've always been Pat and Mike -- it's a family joke."

The hands that baked our bread have done some other remarkable things. "I came to Charleston from Brunswick, ME," Pat explained. "I've been an EMT instructor, a crafts instructor, and was a Roman Catholic nun for 11 years."

Her new address is Apt. 807, 3731 Derby Dr., Palm Harbor, FL, 34684, or you can reach her by e-mail at [pwscwv@yahoo.com](mailto:pwscwv@yahoo.com) "I'll probably work again as a therapist part time and I may teach knitting, crocheting and cross stitch for the shop where my sister is manager.

"But I will miss St. John's, a really special place," she said. "I hope I can find a church half as special."



Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, previously Bishop of Nevada, the twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, visited Charleston on Sept. 30, accompanied by The Right Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia.  
Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd

## Highlights of Vestry Meeting, Oct. 11

- Based on decisions noted in January from the vestry meeting, John Canfield made the motion to draw down the 3.5% interest on the Endowment Fund and Housing Fund, line items 7 & 8 in the budget. This is roughly \$36,000. The idea in January was to wait to do this and now, the situation has determined that now is the time to draw down these funds for a healthier cash flow. Motion passed.
- Approximately \$6,000 in repairs are needed for the piano in Hunter Hall and it was decided to sell the piano.
- Diana Masso shared an idea for "Building an Inclusive Church," a program that helps congregations become a community that openly welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Vestry will review the option of the project.
- Next month SAGA will be offering a program to bring awareness to bullying, called "Protecting ALL Students in WV Schools" and will include a moderated panel discussion inviting the community to participate on November's second Sunday.
- It was agreed that \$800 be made available for Evensong expenses, to come from the Young Memorial Fund.
- The next vestry meeting is Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
- Submitted by Michelle Walker, Vestry clerk



# Christian Formation for Children and Youth

## St. Nicholas Celebration on Dec. 5

This year we will join the spirit of St. Nicholas, patron saint of needy children, with needy children in the Holy Land today. We will become one of the many parishes which support the work of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. As a non-political, independent nonprofit, AFEDJ acts as a partner with the Diocese of Jerusalem by helping to increase its capacity to teach and heal. AFEDJ raises funds for and promotes the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and its institutions.

The Diocese of Jerusalem serves 7000 Episcopalians spread out over five countries including Palestine, Jordan, Israel, Syria and Lebanon. This is over 121,000 square miles. The first Episcopalians arrived here in 1841. Over the years, many institutions were added to provide for the religious, educational and healthcare needs of local Christians. Today, the Diocese includes dozens of parishes, two major hospitals, a full service health clinic, 16 schools and a number of institutes for the deaf, the blind, the elderly and the mentally and physically disabled. They serve the needs of all, regardless of religious or cultural background.

At St. John's we are planning a wonderful celebration for all ages. On Sunday, Dec. 5, we will have a surprise visit from St. Nicholas including a special photo opportunity with donations to AFEDJ, a variety of prayers and hymns. We will bless oranges -- to remind us of Saint Nicholas' gifts to people in need -- and have a St. Nicholas cookie sale. The smallest children also will have a St. Nicholas story in Godly Play for their lesson. The senior high youth, YAC group, have been invited to a special evening with the Rev. Esber Tweel who will share his pilgrimage and ministry experiences in the Holy Land.

And parishioners of all ages and talents are invited to bake St. Nicholas cookies to sell and share at coffee hour. To add your talents and ideas to this new-this-year parish celebration, contact Ann Lovejoy Johnson at the parish office. May Bishop Nicholas inspire us all to live generously!

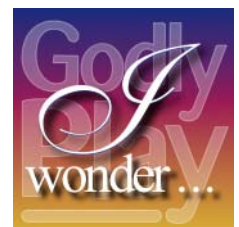


## An Invitation to Donate Godly Play Materials

Godly Play is a Montessori approach to learning through discovery and creative play. When Christian language is learned by the Godly Play approach, it is learned as a means to know God and to make meaning of our lives.

Godly Play teaches children the art of using the Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Godly Play provides sensorial materials to work with in a safe, stimulating environment. All the stories from the Godly Play teaching method require specific visual, tactile objects that draw listeners more deeply into the story. These materials are handcrafted from solid wood and use bronze and other casting materials. They are sold by Godly Play Resources as sets for each Bible story.

After many months of organizing the materials and stories in our Godly Play Worship Room, we would like to add some additional stories. We invite parishioners at St. John's to consider making a donation of a particular set in memorial or thanksgiving. The following are ideas: Epiphany Lesson, \$33; The Communion of Saints, \$128; The Story of St. Nicholas, \$60; The Prophets, \$38; Parable of the Deep Well, \$90; Synagogue and the Upper Room, \$321; and Story of Joseph Lesson, \$77.



### The Young Saints of John

#### Our Sunday Schedule

#### Nursery

(Infants - age 5)

9 a.m. to noon, in Room 297  
with

#### Toddler Transition

(Ages 2 - 3) in Toddler Room,  
Bible story at 10:30 a.m.

#### Godly Play

(Grades PK- 2)

9:15 a.m. in Room 298

#### Episcopal Children's Curriculum / ECC:

#### "St. John's Eagles"

(Grades 3-5)

9:15 a.m. in Room 224

#### Journey to Adulthood Program:

9:15 a.m. - as scheduled

#### Rite 13

(Grades 6-7) Room 221

#### J2A

(Grades 8-9) Third floor

#### YAC: Young Adults in the Church

(Grades 10-12)

Mollie Warwick Room,  
Second Floor

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

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy  
Johnson at  
[alovejoy@stjohnswv.org](mailto:alovejoy@stjohnswv.org)

# Meet Our Vestry Candidates

The following eight parishioners are candidates to fill five positions on the St. John's Vestry.

In alphabetical order they are Ann Garcelon, Page Hamrick, Stephen James, Una Karner, Sallie Milam, Edd McDevitt, Liz Nix, and Bruce Wilson.



## Ann Garcelon

I've been a member of St. John's since 1971. Currently, I'm the director of the Opportunity Shop, chalice assistant, and volunteer gardener for Manna Meal. I have twice served on vestry and been elected senior and junior warden and convention delegate. Additionally, I've

chaired stewardship and outreach committees and am an EFM graduate. I was search committee chair in 1994 and served as Diocesan search consultant for eight years, receiving training from the Episcopal Church USA.

I retired in 2000 from the WV Department of Health and Human Resources as communications director/press. During the Legislature, I am Sen. Brooks McCabe's legislative analyst. I'm recently widowed and live in Charleston.

My hope for St. John's is for its restoration as a caring community where all feel valued, supported and engaged. My prayer is for healing as a congregation to enable us to fully live into our mission statement: to reach out to the world in Christ's name that all might find a home is God's healing love.



## Page Hamrick

I have been a member of St. John's for over 36 years. Through the years, I served two terms on vestry, as treasurer, on numerous committees, usher for about 35 years, the guitarist at Taize services, and enjoy entertaining at sing-alongs.

We raised our children here and love the worship service, the music, the sense of belonging, the friendship, and the religion.

I am committed to seeing us preserve our rich heritage as one of Charleston's finest religious institutions, gain back its lost sheep, and go forward with a renewed sense of what a church should be.



## Stephen James

When I first walked through those red doors in 2004, I hoped that I would, indeed, find a home in God's healing love. Six years later, not only have I found it to be my home, but also a very diverse family united by common goals and concerns.

I retired from AT&T in 1998 and returned to West Virginia. My field was financial; developing staffing plans and budgets for numerous in-bound call centers. I analyzed our monthly performance to our goals and objectives.

At St. John's I am a greeter, served on the Stewardship Committee last year and have organized several High Teas. I volunteer with Manna Meal and think of them as my second family within our building. If elected to the vestry, I will work as a team member to fulfill our mission statement. Therefore, we must continue our outreach programs and ministries. We also need to grow active membership, reaching out to all people. We need youth in our church programs and their families to worship with us. We must be creative to remain fiscally secure so that we may continue to grow and preserve the legacy we have inherited.



## Una Karner

I was born in Dublin, Ireland, and have lived in Charleston half my life where I raised three daughters. I am a semi-retired counselor working part time with addicts in Lincoln County.

I have been an active member of St John's for over 10 years. As a former Catholic I find comfort in the familiar liturgy and St John's openness is more congruent with my values. I'm especially drawn to our outreach toward those less fortunate, including Manna Meal where I volunteer. In the past I was very active leading spiritual growth groups that enhanced our spiritual community and would like to do that again. I am especially happy that we are reaching out again to our Muslim community. That is the spirit of Christianity I want to claim.



### **Edd McDevitt**

I am truly a new kid on the block, having been attending St. John's since late 2008. I was attracted to St. John's as a direct result of my working at Manna Meal. While raised Roman Catholic, I had for sometime been looking for a church that was a true

community. The more I searched, the more I found that St. John's didn't talk but rather "walked the walk." Since joining our parish, I have been active with the Outreach Committee and recently accepted an invitation to work with our "pre-schoolers." Manna Meal continues as a passion.

My hope, if selected to membership to the Vestry, would be to "spread the word of St. John's." That is to get out our message of welcome and caring and at the same time, hopefully expand our membership, all while building on our wonderful traditions. I am married to Pam, an oncology pharmacist, and we have three grown daughters.



### **Sallie Milam**

I have attended St. John's since 1996. I married my wonderful husband, Dave, 2 ½ years ago. With our three cats, we live in Charleston and enjoy cooking ethnic food, wine tasting, travel, camping and music.

St. John's social justice mission, inclusive community and beautiful music attracted me. Participation in small group activities, such as various book groups, the simplicity dinner series, dinners for eight, bell choir, and the outreach committee, have kept me engaged and in touch with fellow parishioners.

Moving through and then beyond our conflict is critical not only to St. John's, but to our larger community. We are a church of great thinkers and busy activists. As we clarify what is important to us and our path, we will invite new opportunities as well as vigor.



### **Liz Nix**

I was raised in the Episcopal Church in Cambridge, MA, where I lived until after I graduated magna cum laude from Harvard (Radcliffe) with a concentration in social psychology, supplemented by an interest in math.

I have been a member of St.

John's for over 40 years. I raised my children at St. John's and I am dedicated to this church. As one example of this dedication I have been the treasurer of the Opportunity Shop for more than 35 years.

Having met at Adult Forum, Quentin and I were married at St. John's in July, 2008 with our families and many members of the congregation attending our wedding. Quentin and I regularly attend Bible Study, Adult Forum and Sunday worship services.

I was the financial manager of the Women's Health Center for over 30 years. There I developed many financial skills such as bookkeeping, money management, and budget preparation that will be very useful to St. John's as a vestry member. Moreover, I am a retired painting contractor having owned Roderick's Painting & Papering Service. These skills will be helpful to the Property Committee. I currently do volunteer work at the Hospice Care office.

St. John's commitment to the Outreach Program, inclusivity, and Christian Formation for our children is very important to the vitality of our church. These commitments should continue. St. John's is a strong church and I am excited about being a part of its future.



### **Bruce Wilson**

I was born in 1959 in Kalamazoo, MI, and baptized by Bishop Bennison, and have been an Episcopalian all my life. I grew up in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the heart of the "Biretta Belt", and thus am a bit more High Church than is the norm here. In my previous

parishes I have sung in the choir, been a lay reader and lay eucharistic minister, and have supervised acolytes.

I came to Charleston with the new century, and have been a member of St. John's ever since. Here at St. John's I have sung in the choir and worked with the Spokes4Folks ministry. (Now a separate nonprofit corporation, whose board I chair.) I work for the State of West Virginia as a legal reference librarian. I am a Freemason active in the Scottish & York Rites, as well as the Order of the Eastern Star and I am the Chapter "Dad" for the local chapter of the Order of DeMolay, an affiliated organization for young men.

The two main challenges I see for St. John's is to, as Paul said to Timothy, "guard the deposit" or "hold fast to the tradition"; I submit that many of the adults at St. John's who came up in a different Christian tradition, have been insufficiently acculturated to our Anglican ethos, and that our young people's formation has been deficient also in that respect. Hence, I would seek to strengthen those aspects of our adult and youth formation programs, while maintaining our current strengths of excellent music and active social outreach.

# Meet Our Convention Delegate Candidates

St. John's will elect three delegates to attend the 2011 WV Diocesan Convention to be held in Charleston in September 2011. The following four parishioners are candidates to represent St. John's at the convention: Beth Hamrick, Beth Marquart, Brooks McCabe and Michelle Walker.



## Beth Hamrick

The parish of St. John's seems always to be in discernment. Even the consultant alluded to our thoughtfulness.

Our congregation is reasoned and considers all implications of situations. So it is important that St. John's contribute all that it can to the

life of the Diocese.

Representing the church at the convention is a privilege, and I would be most grateful for the opportunity to be a delegate so that the St. John's message continues to be heard.



## Brooks McCabe

As a life-long member of St. John's, I have watched as we developed, in a thoughtful and inclusive manner, our ministry to our parishioners and to the community. Servant leadership, putting others before ourselves, has been St. John's strength.

As a delegate to the 2011 WV Diocesan Convention, I would want to better understand the positions of the churches in the Diocese which have differing opinions from those of St. John's, so the Saints of John can help the West Virginia Diocese move toward a more active role in dealing with social issues confronting our Diocese.



## Beth Marquart

I love the Episcopal Church and want to be part of the body that prayerfully frames our present and future through the actions of our diocesan convention.

I do all sorts of things around St. John's - vestry, help out in the kitchen, Manna Meal board, choir member, adult

formation, fill-in for childcare, wrote all our resolutions to diocesan convention for the past three conventions - and perhaps most important, regularly worship here with all of you.

I attended the 2009 General Convention as first alternate and have been elected as a lay deputy to the 2012 General Convention. I hope you'll seriously consider electing me to represent us and our interests at our diocesan convention, too.



## Michelle Walker

I have been attending St. John's since the fall of 1989. Over the years my involvement has included singing in the choir, being on the Altar Guild, volunteering as a money counter, serving on the Vestry, joining the J2A pilgrimage, helping with

outreach projects, Vacation Bible School, and with parish life events.

I have been elected as a voting lay delegate to the Diocesan Convention the past three years and would be pleased for the opportunity to serve our parish again in this capacity in 2011.



## Pet Blessing

October  
2010

Photos by  
Betty Jo Lloyd

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| <b>The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson</b><br>Associate Rector  | <b>Ray Shackelford '12</b><br>Treasurer                | <b>Donna Hamra</b><br>Outreach                                    | <b>Carter Blundon</b><br>Altar Guild                                      |
| <b>Brenda Maurice Vanderford</b><br>Organist/Choirmaster | <b>Michelle Walker, '13</b><br>Clerk                   | <b>Evangelism/New Member</b><br>Vestry Liaison Diane<br>Hendricks | <b>Betty Jo Lloyd</b><br>Worship Rota                                     |
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## The Wednesday EfM Needs You

By Beth Marquart

OK, the Wednesday afternoon (4:30-7 p.m.) EfM group at St. John's is on hiatus because we are one participant short of a full group. (And yes, there MAY be a theological relationship between being one participant short of a group, one card short of a deck or one fry short of a happy meal but you'll need to enroll in the Wednesday afternoon EfM group to have that conversation).

We're suffering from withdrawal. We need your help with our group recovery which we're hoping will begin in January. Here is a list of the top 12 reasons to participate in EfM as compiled by our group last year - and by the way, there are reasons why the list has 12 items. Join us and learn the answer to this mystery of our faith and many, many more:

12. Gestalt. Or Ah Ha! Whichever term floats your boat.
11. People who honestly care for one another.
10. Opportunities to grow into reconciliation with one's self and others.
9. Actually reading the Old Testament and discovering there isn't a novel written or movie produced that can equal its mayhem -- and message of faith and hope.
8. Alternately hearing a specific call from God and the more general sort that keeps one faithfully on the journey.
7. It is Godly Play for adults.
6. A grammarian to help us through the more difficult run-on sentence structures as we write our closing prayer in the best Anglican tradition.
5. The Birthday Card Ministry that was created as a result of a theological reflection about doing ministry and what is possible.
4. Wallowing in the joy and love of spending the entire year immersed in the New Testament.
3. Regularly provided snacks. (Mostly offering a well-balanced approach to nutrition except when there is a group-wide mad craving for popcorn....)
2. Lots of laughter. (Check with anyone who has been part of EfM at any time, any group.)
1. Listening to one another as we study, worship and consider different theological perspectives. (See Gestalt.)

Please talk with Bill Holmes, Ann Morris, Melinda DiCarlo, Juanita Reed or Beth Marquart if you want to learn more. Or, check EfM's web site <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM>.