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A Senior Moment *by Edd McDevitt*

As I finalize this month's offering, I note that I have been in "office" 48 days. And it's amazing what you can learn in such a short time. My thanks to so many of you who have taken time to give me background information, their very personal thoughts, concerns, recommendations, general suggestions and, most importantly to me, their good wishes and encouragement. Please "keep the cards and letters" coming in.

In the last several weeks, a number of steps have been taken by your Vestry and our Rector to improve "life" at St. John's. Sallie Milam got the ball rolling on a very important one, pointing out the need to improve our communications with the Saints of John, and doing so on a "timely" basis. We hope that our new efforts will be found of interest and value to all.

The long anticipated kitchen renovation project through Manna Meal has at last begun. There will, no doubt, be a number of "inconveniences" in connection with the project. Ann Garcelon, liaison to Manna Meal, will keep us posted on developments. (See Ann's report on page 6)

The Finance Committee convened to review the 2011 Budget. The news is not good. There is little to nothing that may be cut from this year's budget at this time. So what are we going to do about it? A couple of things. First, over the course of the coming year, every single item in the budget will be looked at for potential reduction and even elimination. This process will not be easy and has a potential to be very painful. We are bound and determined to produce a balanced budget for 2012 - balanced from presentation through year end.

What are we going to do about 2011's deficit? Frankly, the only realistic thing we can do - ask all of you to contribute more this year. Those who have already pledged, we are going to ask you to consider increasing your pledge for this year. This is a "one-time" increase in giving to assist our Parish to get through this year. (Continues on page 3)

Ash Wednesday Services

Two services will be held on Ash Wednesday which falls this year on March 9. Please plan to attend at 12:10 p.m. or at 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, 20 AND 27, 2011

Last Sunday of Epiphany and First Three Sundays of Lent

- 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 7)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum, (please see program listings on page 3), Room 109
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir
- 5:00 p.m. March 13 and 27, "Come As You Are" services;
March 20, Taize service

New "COME AS YOU ARE" Services

New Sunday evening service on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 offers something completely different

Our new service has had a wonderful start - with 27 attending the first Sunday, and 23 the second. We sit facing one another in a circle of chairs in the chapel, with the altar in the middle. The liturgy is a blend of the New Zealand Prayer Book and one of the newer Eucharistic prayers from *Enriching our Worship* - inclusive in language and images of God. We sing contemporary music - ranging from gospel to praise to camp songs to old faithful hymns to Taize' to (you never know what will be next!) Ray Shackleford and Mark Owen are the music leaders - and we are blessed by their talents and dedication. After the Gospel, we have a "shared sermon" - a time for reflection on the Scripture together.

We will have a simple soup supper after the next service, which will be March 13th at 5 p.m. Come and bring a friend! Our hope is to reach out to the community around us and offer the love of God in a new way through this service. Contact Ray Shackleford if you are interested in offering your musical talents for a service.



Lenten Musings

By *The Rev. Susan J. Latimer*

Dear Saints of John,

What do you bring to Lent? By that, I mean, what is your idea of the purpose of Lent, and how does that shape your feelings about Lent?

I find this a helpful question to think about each year as we approach this important season. Some of us look

forward to Lent – and some of us probably dread it, and the rest of us fall somewhere along that spectrum. The way we approach Lent is shaped by our understanding of the season and its relationship to our spiritual lives, and our experiences in the past.

As a young person, my understanding of Lent was as a time to “give up” something. The “giving up,” the sacrifice, was the main point – but I wasn’t really clear as to its purpose. As a college student, I became adept in keeping my Lenten sacrificial practices – and lost weight in the process – but I was still missing the point. I was concentrating on giving something up for the sake of giving something up – almost like a contest – and at the end of Lent, I won!

I have experimented with various practices during Lent since then, sometimes giving something up, sometimes taking something on with the intent and purpose of reminding myself on a daily basis of my connection to God, my need for God. What worked really well for me 10 years ago may not work well this year. (I am still thinking about what my practice will be this Lent. I am inspired by some families I know who, as a family, give up television for Lent, and I see that for them this is a very helpful and useful practice, but I don’t think my family will adopt that practice this year!).

I invite you all to be intentional about how you approach Lent this year. We have two offerings to help with this – a Lenten Series on Wednesday evenings beginning March 16 (skipping March 23), and a Lenten Retreat on Anglican Spiritual Practices – Friday evening, March 25, and Saturday, March 26. Details are found in this newsletter and on our website. Contact me for more information.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 9**, with two services at St. John’s at **12:10 and 7 p.m.** St. John’s tradition is to use Rite I (the older, more formal liturgy) during Lent. If you are new to the Episcopal church, this may be somewhat unfamiliar to you. I invite you to pay attention to how praying Rite I helps, or hinders, your Lenten devotion.

Lent can be a time of great richness for our spiritual lives. It can be a time of renewal and connection to God, who is the source and ground of our being. I invite you to regular worship and intentional practice with the Saints of John this Lent.

In Christ, Susan+

Who Has A Birthday in March?

Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating March birthdays:

March 1 - Lauren Coccari & Hugh Rockwell; March 2 - Michael Amory & Holden Pomponio; March 3 - Bob Rosier; March 5 - Kim Williams; March 7 - Beth Hamrick; March 8 - Evan Blackwood & Brian Kastick; March 9 - Mary Locke Gallaher, Randy McCoy & Parker Smith; March 11 - Madelene Blackwood; March 12 - Melinda DiCarlo & Rosie Pfeiffer; March 15 - Catherine Blackwood. Lisabeth Caudill & Joe Mullins; March 16 - Dan McDonald & Jackson Newsome; March 17 - Janice Kessler; March 18 - Polly Diller; March 19 - Anna Megyesi; March 20 - Sarah Clifford, Ann Garcelon & Leah McDonald; March 22 - Matthew Blackwood, Sandra Kidd, Bob Kidd & Barbara Knight; March 23 - Emily Birckhead; March 25 - Judy Teel; and March 28 - Edd McDevitt & Archie Morris.



The Rev. Faith Perrizo, Arch Deaconess of the Episcopal Diocese, delivered the sermon and officiated at Eucharist on Feb. 20. She is shown in a pre-service moment with Olive Meyer, chorister and director of the Bell Choir and Taize services.

Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd



Thanksgiving for Adoption Prayers were offered at St John’s on Feb. 6 for Associate Ann Lovejoy Johnson and her son Muse, who has just arrived home from Ethiopia. They are pictured with Rector Susan Latimer, Ann’s daughter Azalech and mother, Lois Johnson. Ann is presently on Family Leave.

Photo by John Canfield

A Senior Moment (Continued from page 1)

Those who haven't pledged will be contacted by a Vestry member in an effort to get those who give without signing a pledge to "formalize" their giving and to get those who don't give to get on board and help get us all through this crisis. There is plenty of capacity in this congregation to cover our projected deficit. Everyone's help is needed.

There is good news on the financial front. Page Hamrick reports that he and his crew have completed their audit of 2008 and 2009. Page advises no surprises and that the records were in good order. There will be recommendations made as a result of the audit. These will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Vestry. Another half-day or so, Page says, and the team will get 2010's audit completed. Joining Page in the audit were Phyllis Atwood and Sara Walker. Pitching in were David Ramkey and Brenda Dearien. To each, "thank you." And to Bob Swartz, who came with Sara and ended up spending his entire Saturday helping out, a "special thank you" for showing the St. John's spirit.

One recommendation of last year's Budget Committee was the creation of a "Personnel Committee." The Finance Committee agreed that this recommendation could and should be implemented now. At the March 14 Vestry meeting, I will present and seek approval of the creation of a personnel committee. This committee, which I believe we very much need, will be charged with, among other things, developing job descriptions for all staff and employees, creating an evaluation process, and making recommendations regarding salaries, benefits and other compensation issues. Those appointed to this committee will be well schooled in human resources.

We at St. John's, I believe, are going through a renewal. A process that will require all of us to engage in introspection, giving and adapting to change. These changes will affect how we interact with one another, how we contribute - money, talents and time - and perhaps, even how we pray. We are going to need to get out of our comfort zones. Most of us, me included, are going to need to give of ourselves more freely. It will not be easy. John W. Gardner said, "As an organization or society ages, vitality diminishes, flexibility gives way to rigidity, creativity fades and there is a loss of capacity to meet challenges from unexpected directions." [Gardner, John W., *Self-Renewal: The Individual and The Innovative Society*, New York 1964.] Our challenge is to overcome these impediments to our future.

I'm betting my lunch money on the Saints of John.

A Gift for Coffee Hour

During the church kitchen renovation, coffee hour on Sundays will go on as usual, thanks to a donation from Brenda Vanderford. She has covered the cost of paper supplies so those who gather after Sunday church services will be able to be served cold and hot beverages. Thanks so much, Brenda.



A trio of female acolytes leads the recessional at a recent Sunday service.
Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd

St. Marks Mardi Gras Open to All

You are invited to attend a "Mardi Gras Celebration" at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Albans on Saturday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu will include jambalaya, chicken gumbo, red beans and rice. Coleslaw, beverage and dessert are included. Take out is available and the public is invited. Lunch tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. A variety of arts and crafts will be offered. Antique jewelry and collectibles also will be for sale. Come and enjoy the New Orleans-style food and music. The event is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's Episcopal Church located at 405 B St., St. Albans (next to the post office). For more information call the church office at 304 722-4284, or Betty Evans at 304 722-5369.

March Adult Forum Speakers

- March 6, Dr. Evelyn Harris**, former head of the political science department of the University of Charleston, will pose the question, "Whose 'Ism' Is It?"
- March 13, Paul Nyden**, award-winning Charleston Gazette columnist, will discuss "The 1931 Hawk's Nest Tunnel Disaster" in which 764 died, making it America's worst industrial accident.
- March 20, Martha Ballman**, director of the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, will discuss successful efforts to preserve and revive numerous local landmarks such as the Quarrier Diner.
- March 27, Sen. Brooks McCabe** will address the problem of rising retiree health care benefits.



Dr. Cubert Smith, at right, noted sculptor, city councilman and former head of the art department at West Virginia State University, spoke to the Adult Forum on Feb. 6 on "The State of the Arts in Charleston." At left is Marion Perry, director of the Adult Forum.
Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd

Anglican Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Focus at St. John's

Wed. Evening Series for St. John's and Lenten Retreat

with guest leaders Bob Gallagher and Michelle Heyne

You may attend one or both – each will reinforce the other.

Lenten Program – Wednesday Evening Series - Begins
March 16 (with no class on March 23rd)

A refresher for those familiar with practices, an orientation for those new to St. John's. A perfect Lenten opportunity to discover and nurture practices that feed you, while also trying on practices that may challenge you and stretch you.

What if I've done something like this before? You'll probably find it useful to do this program each year. The course is based on broad categories of spiritual practice that you may have worked with in the past. A yearly time of reflection on our spiritual life is helpful for most of us. This does that. It also may help you consider changes in your spiritual life that will better serve you and the world you serve. The leader will vary the specifics each year so you're also exposed to something new each time.

This is an opportunity to go into more depth around your spiritual life than is the norm in most parish programs.

- Assess your spiritual life
- Learn about a system of spiritual practice, grounded in the tradition, rather than a piece-meal or smorgasbord approach
- Experiment with ancient and traditional practices to serve life in a modern world
- Develop or refine your own spiritual discipline

The program is a mix of presentation, discussion and experiential activities. Participants are asked to complete some readings and to experiment with spiritual practices during and in between sessions. It is appropriate for both newcomers and for longer-term members and is an important vehicle for adult spiritual development.

Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30

March 16 Overview; Weekly Spiritual Practice: Holy Eucharist

Advance reading: Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2 In Your Holy Spirit: Traditional Spiritual Practices in Today's Christian Life

March 23 NO CLASS – Lenten Retreat is March 25 and 26 – you are encouraged to attend

March 30 Daily Spiritual Practices:
The Prayers of the Church

Advance reading: Chapter 3

April 6 Integrating Practice: Reflection

Advance reading: Chapter 4

April 13 Integrating Practice: Community

Advance reading: Chapter 5

April 20 Service and Maintaining & Changing Our Spiritual Practice

Advance reading: Chapter 6 and 7

Leader – The Rev. Susan J. Latimer, Rector, and Trainer in the Shaping the Parish program.

Readings: In Your Holy Spirit: Traditional Spiritual Practices in Today's Christian Life, Michelle Heyne, Ascension Press, 2011. You may order from the Episcopal Bookstore, Seattle, WA. You may also order a copy by March 1st from the parish office (\$13.95)

Register: Signup sheets are available on the visitor's table and on the bulletin board.

You may also call Susan+ at 304 -926-4554 or email Susan+ at slatimer@stjohnswv.org.

Anglican Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Retreat

March 25 and 26th, St. John's Charleston

Sponsored by the Charleston Episcopal Parishes and
The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

A refresher for those familiar with practices, an introduction for those ready to go deeper. A perfect Lenten opportunity to discover and nurture practices that feed you while also trying on practices that may challenge you and stretch you.

The retreat is a mix of worship, silence, presentation, limited discussion and experiential activities. It may feel like a mix of workshop and retreat. Participants are asked to complete some readings in advance and to experiment with spiritual practices during the sessions.

Schedule

Friday March 25

The Feast of the Annunciation 6:30 – 9:20 p.m.

Please come having eaten.

6:30 Evening Prayer

6:50 Session One

9:00 Compline

9:20 Close

Saturday March 26 9:00 a.m. – 3:30

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:20 Session Two

12:00 Noon Prayer & Lunch

1:00 Session Three

3:30 Close

Leaders

Michelle Heyne brings empathy, humor, and a solid grounding in ecclesiology and effective organizational dynamics to her work as a trainer and consultant. She has worked as a financial services executive for over 25 years and served as a parish lay-leader for 15. Michelle is a member of Trinity, Seattle and has spent the last several years focused on the integration of spiritual and secular life. Michelle and Bob are the founders of Shaping the Parish.



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What Is The Fellowship Committee And What Are They Doing Here?

by Diane Hendricks

As a member of the committee I think I can speak for all of us when I say we aren't quite sure what we are doing here ourselves. We know we are committed to facilitating healthier communication within the congregation and to establish a better way to deal with concerns a.k.a. grievances.

We have established a "mission statement." But how do you get from a mission statement to some real 'meat on the bones?' That's where you come in... We are listening and processing what you tell us you need. We have heard that we need more social offerings -- joyful, fun stuff like food and entertainment. We have thought of a parish-wide book read with some small group discussion. We have considered bringing in an expert on communication such as the popular "Non-violent Communication." The truth is, there will not be a magical something that appeals to everyone. One way to address this might be to ask: "What kind of communication / behavior from your fellow parishioners would help you feel loved and included in this parish?"

When people feel unloved and rejected they often express this by being angry. When they are angry they often speak to those they feel will understand them rather than talking to the person who has hurt them. As a result there is not an opportunity to resolve or correct the problem. Some people choose to confront via email. This sounds like a reasonable option given our acceptance of technology and its efficiency. Some argue that they can "write it better than they can speak it." However confronting via email is risky in that, like texting, it lacks non-verbal cues, prohibits the recipient from responding (spontaneously) and also lacks the privacy of a face-to-face conversation. It kind of reminds me of a teenager who breaks up with his girlfriend (or boyfriend) by phone. Avoiding confronting the person who hurt us and confronting via email are two of the "trappings" that the consultant cautioned us against. Emotionally-laden conversations need to happen in person even if it is painful. Are we being mindful of this? How can we do better?

Our congregation is in a "year of discernment." This committee is open to your suggestions as to what you feel we need in order to rebuild trust and goodwill among us. Susan is also charged with the task of rebuilding trust with us as her parish. She is depending on the Ad Hoc Committee to help her navigate this with feedback and regular meetings. We must learn to treat each other with love and dignity no matter who is in the pulpit, on the Vestry or in the pews.

Give us your feedback by contacting me, Diane Hendricks, at [344-9916 \(home\)](tel:344-9916), [344-3853 \(work\)](tel:344-3853), [444-3651 \(cell\)](tel:444-3651) or by email at Tennispa19@yahoo.com

In the meantime, the Fellowship Committee invites you to join them in attending the 5 p.m. service on Sunday, March 13, followed by a soup/salad/fellowship supper. Come as you are!

A Lenten Retreat *(continued from page 4)*

Robert Gallagher offers exceptional skills in facilitating shifts and changes in people and organizations. Fr. Gallagher has served on an industrial mission staff, as a parish priest and a diocesan staff person. Bob is an Associate Priest for Ascetical and Practical Theology at Trinity Parish, Seattle and has taught Anglican



Spirituality at Bangor Seminary in Maine. He has developed an approach to congregational development rooted in Anglican spirituality. His companion book to Michelle's is *In Your Holy Spirit: Shaping the Parish through Spiritual Practice*.

Readings: Advance reading - For those wanting to do more – **In Your Holy Spirit: Traditional Spiritual Practices in Today's Christian Life**, Michelle Heyne, Ascension Press, 2011. There will be some copies available at the retreat for \$14.00.

Register: Cost is \$12 which includes lunch on Saturday. Registration Forms available through the website: www.stjohnswv.org and from the church office. Registration Deadline: March 22nd

For more information, contact The Rev. Susan J. Latimer at slatimer@stjohnswv.org.

Coming in Easter Season: Toward Authentic Community

*A small group experience,
Led by The Rev. Susan J. Latimer, Rector
Pre-requisite: Lenten Series or
Lenten Retreat on Anglican Spiritual Practices*

I have been struck lately by the longing for authentic community that I hear expressed in many ways. Some people are familiar with the 12 step programs, and realize that these groups invite and nurture more honesty and self-reflection than most people find in their church community.

Others have experienced a taste of authentic community in a small group, but aren't sure how to translate that experience into another setting.

Building on the work of individual spiritual growth coming out of the Lenten Series/Lenten Retreat on Anglican Spiritual Practices, this small group (limited to 8) will explore together what it might take to build an authentic community of faith. Meetings will be twice a month for 4 months.

To enroll, attend the Lenten Series and/or Lenten Retreat, and then speak with the Rector.

Lynn Clarke Writes First Novel; Book Signing To Be March 29

By Julianne Kemp

Lynn Clarke is a nocturnal novelist.

The author of a new novel, "Evidence and Judgment," explains that she wrote this work "mainly in the middle of the night. When you have a job and a family, there's no special time left for writing," she said.

Lynn, who holds a law degree from Harvard University, notes that her daytime job is with Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graf and Love law firm. And a longtime parishioner of St. John's, she is a former editor of *Interchange* and served as last year's Stewardship Committee chair.

Her publisher, Anaphora Literary Press, describes the novel which follows the story of a young, divorced lawyer. "This book explores one attorney's search for what is really important in her life. With so many professionals wrestling with issues of work/life balance and the "mancession," 'Evidence and Judgment' appeals not only as an engaging escape but as a way to start a vital conversation about quality of life after passing the bar."

As to Lynn's inspiration for the book, "You write from your experience -- being a woman lawyer and knowing the challenges facing young women lawyers who are well educated and up against the glass ceiling. I thought it would be a good read," she says.

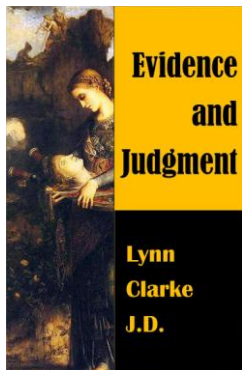
"There are also spiritual aspects in the book. The main character, Jane, goes to church and has varying degrees of awareness of a spiritual life. She also gets closer to God by sinning, and while I'm not advocating that, it was a spiritual path for her and gives her more of a need for closeness to God.

"I have written non-fiction before and non-published articles on women's Bible stories as well as published legal manuscripts, but this is my first published novel," she explains.

And sums it up by saying, "It's been so much fun." Her book is available at Taylor Books where she will have a book signing on March 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. "Evidence and Judgment" also may be ordered online from Amazon.com and from Barnes & Noble.



Lynn Clarke



Parking Arrangements Made For Manna Meal Renovation

By Ann Garcelon

When the dumpster arrives the first week of March for the Manna Meal kitchen renovation, we will lose 4-5 parking spaces.

To alleviate the parking shortage, arrangements have been made for temporary parking in First Presbyterian overflow parking lot next to Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home. Manna Meal Director Jean Simpson has asked all Manna Meal staff and volunteers to park in that parking lot during the construction period. Brenda Dearien says that St. John's clergy and staff is also willing to park in that lot.

To identify you as a St. John's visitor, place a colored 3" x 5" colored index card on your dashboard. Brenda has these cards.

We are also requesting all able-bodied folks who have business at St. John's during the week to park in the auxiliary lot to give spots closer to the church to those who are older or have a difficult time walking. Even if all the spaces in our parking lot are not used by the "walking challenged," this is still a gracious gesture of hospitality and accommodation.

We anticipate that the kitchen renovations will be completed by early June. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.



The Rev. Richard Schmidt of Cincinnati, a former St. John's associate priest (1971-75) addressed the Adult Forum and both Sunday services on Feb. 27. He also autographed some of his books at coffee hour.
Photos by Betty Jo Lloyd

In Memoriam

We are sad to report two deaths in the St. John's family. Jenevieve Jacquelyn "Jackie" Purkey, mother of parishioner Julie McQuerrey, died on Feb. 12. Services were held Feb. 19 at The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkersburg.

Chip Bird, son of parishioner Ann Bird, died Feb. 16. His funeral service was held out of state and the ashes will be placed in St. John's Columbarium.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

You Have a Deadline

Want something in the April issue of *Interchange*? We'd love to receive it but the deadline is Monday, March 28, at 2 p.m. And if you want to make sure we don't run out of space, please send your material sooner. Email addresses are julkemp@yahoo.com or bdearien@stjohnswv.org.



Margaret Lieberman, center, purchases quilt raffle tickets from Janet Morris, right, at a recent coffee hour. The quilt's creator, Juanita Reed, is shown at left with Bob Swartz. Photo by Jean Simpson

Quilt Raffle Tickets Still Available

You've seen the beautiful quilt in Hunter Hall, created by parishioner Juanita Reed. It could be yours if you purchase a raffle ticket -- \$1 each or six for \$5. Juanita has done her part -- now please do yours. All proceeds will be used to buy new chairs for Hunter Hall, which serves as the Manna Meal dining room.



Happy Harvesters: This was the scene last August at the Manna Meal garden when this group of volunteers posed with some of the bounty. Bob and Jodi Barbazette, right rear, and Angela Rexroad of the WV Extension Office are shown with the Barbazette children and their friends.

Photo by Jean Simpson

Manna Meal Receives \$750 Grant for Garden

Jean Simpson, director of Manna Meal, shares the following correspondence from The Rev. Christopher A. Johnson, social and economic justice officer of the Episcopal Church Center in New York, NY.

"Dear Jean, My apologies for the delayed response. Your application was received electronically on Nov. 07 and I proceeded to overlook its inclusion as we reviewed grants. I am happy to advise you that we will award a \$750 Health & Nutrition Grant to Manna Meal for your gardening ministry. The award will be made directly to your diocese for distribution to you as is our funding practice. We wish you every success getting your garden planted and nurtured for a prosperous harvest throughout the summer months. Grace and peace, Chris"

Shredding Session Brings Profit

Jean Simpson says, "Thank you, Donna Hamra, for your creative idea for a recent fundraiser in support of the Manna Meal Soup Kitchen. Your great idea of 'shredding your problems away' brought to Manna Meal \$ 147."

Kroger Card Hits \$5,000

By the time this Interchange is released, we would have received over \$5,000 from Kroger just by using the Kroger card! Most of you who have been using the Kroger card know how easy it is to use. For those of you who don't have a card yet -- what's holding you back? Stop by the Manna Meal office in the St. Elizabeth house (the old Covenant House next to our church) and pick up your card. If you have any questions call Donna Hamra at 304 343-4709.

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

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.

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

Youth Schedule

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

March 13 & 27; April 10; May 1 & 15

For more information contact the church office at

(304) 346-0359, or

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

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Mary Knighton and Phyllis Atwood tend to their needlework at a session of the Shawl Ministry which follows the monthly meetings of Women In Faith, Fun and Fellowship. *Photo by Betty Jo Lloyd*

Investment Fraud Program Rescheduled

Women In Faith, Fun and Fellowship will meet Thursday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Molly Warwick Room and Room 209. Lunch will be provided and a \$6 donation will be appreciated. Afterwards, J.R. "Junior" Ellis of the WV State Auditor's Office and AARP will speak on "Seniors Against Investment Fraud." This program was cancelled in January due to inclement weather. The Shawl Ministry will convene after a short business meeting.

Please make your reservation with Brenda Dearien at 304 346-0359.

Musical Fundraiser Set March 19

The fourth annual Manna Meal Fundraiser featuring Bare Bones and the Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at St. John's. The Bare Bones ensemble consists of Beckey and Bill Kimmons and Mark Davis performing a cappella, gospel and folk tunes.

The performance will take place at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in Hunter Hall. Donations will be received with all proceeds going to the Manna Meal soup kitchen

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

By Becky Burns

We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on March 8 -- our last day to feast before Lent begins -- with an array of pasta dishes and salads prepared by our St. John's chefs. The rest of you are invited to bring your most sinful desserts.

Suggested donation for the dinner is \$5 per person over the age of 12, \$3 for children ages 7-12, free for children under age 7, and a maximum of \$15 per family. Wine will be available for purchase.

Donations will be used to defray the cost of the event with leftover funds being donated to Horizon House in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Please mark your calendar for March 8 at 6 p.m. and plan to bring friends and family for an evening of celebration and feasting! Nursery care will be available.