

St. John's Episcopal Church



THE HOLY BABBLE

June 24—July 28, 2009



In Need of a Priest Call/ email:

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surprisedby
grace@yahoo.com

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stjohnfs@stjohnfs.org

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Mary Ann Arnold
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PRIEST-IN-CHARGE – SEARCH UPDATE

Your Search Committee completed the interview process of the five candidates presented by Bishop Benfield's office. After prayerful consideration the Committee was interested in calling one of the candidates back for a second interview, but that candidate asked to be withdrawn from consideration at this time for personal reasons. We did not feel any of the other four candidates would be a good match for St. John's needs at this time. During Dennis Campbell's leave-of-absence we have been working with Dan McKee and Bishop Benfield to find a Priest-in-Charge. Both Dan and Bishop Benfield have been in contact with me and assured me that they are putting forth their best effort to find candidates for the Search Committee to interview. I know they have been searching for and contacting potential candidates. In a recent e-mail from Bishop Benfield he said "I am as anxious as anyone". Please keep your church, your search committee, Bishop Benfield and Dan McKee in your prayers. Should you know someone that you would like to nominate as a potential candidate for the position please give that name and as much contact information as you can to one of the Search Committee members (Roney Rouse, Sandra Kilpatrick, Farrah Fielder, Harold MacDowell, Louise Watts or Al Snider).

Respectfully,
Al Snider
Chair of the Search Committee

Reception

You are invited to attend a reception following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 28th to honor Marti and thank her for her 3 1/2 years of faithful service to St. John's. We look forward to seeing you there.



First Sunday Breakfast: July 5, at 9am, join us for breakfast.



CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED: Monday, July 6, to observe the July 4 holiday.



Upcoming Events



Girls Night Out: All women are invited to attend. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm at TGI Fridays. Call Bettye Fields at 452-2637 for reservations.

Come and join in the fun.



St. John's Welcomes:
John & Carol Henely
and
Janet Graige
to our parish family.

Upcoming Events

- June 21-26:** Primary Camp at Camp Mitchell
- June 25:** Episcopal Café, DJCC Night
- June 26:** Laymen's League, noon, menu is brisket & fixins'
- June 28:** Reception for The Rev. Marti Dalby
- June 28-July3:** Middler Camp at Camp Mitchell
- June 30:** Girls Night Out, at TGI Friday's, 6:30pm
- July 2:** Episcopal Café, Summer Luau
- July 4:** Saint's Alive at the home of Linda Gabriel
- July 5:** 1st Sunday breakfast
Discretionary Fund Sunday
- July 6:** CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
For the July 4th holiday
- July 6-10:** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at ST. BART's
- July 11:** Peace & Justice Hero Award Banquet, 6:30, St. Paul's, Fayetteville
- July 12-18:** Habitat Crew at St. John's
- July 14:** Vestry Meeting
- July 17-19:** Episcopal Café, trip to McCabe Lake House
- July 18:** Episcopal Café, Day at Heifer Ranch
Family Outing at Alma Water Park
- July 21:** SAHMs, 10:30
- July 24:** Episcopal Café, movie night
Newsletter Article Deadline
- July 27:** Sustainable Women's Camp Out
- July 28:** Girl's Night Out, 6:30
- July 31:** Laymen's League



Laymen's League: The June meeting of the Laymen will be held June 26th at noon. Chef Birnie Harper will prepare bar-b-que and all the fixins'.

Discretionary Fund Sunday, July 5: all undesignated offerings will be collected for outreach in our community. Memo on checks : "Discretionary Fund."



Saints Alive: The July Saints Alive will be on July 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Gabriel, at 1012 Azure Hills Cir. (off Azure Hills, two blocks south of Fir in Van Buren). The Van Buren fireworks are in her backyard, so bring a lawn chair and enjoy. New York style hot dogs are a must on this day.



Episcopal Café:

- Thursday, 2: Summer Luau
- Friday-Sunday, 17-19: Trip to McCabe Lake House
- Saturday, 18: Day at Heifer Ranch
- Thursday, 23: Movie Night
- Saturday, 25: Grape Festival in Altus, AR, followed by Rockin' Fort Smith charity concert at Fort Smith Riverfront

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Episcopal Cafe will be putting together a St. John's Cookbook and we need your recipes! We'll have sections for appetizers, salads, main dishes, sides, breads, & desserts. You can either drop recipes off in the Parish Hall, or email them to episcopalcafefs@gmail.com. We will be collecting recipes until September 1st. We will put a few cookbooks together, then put them on display in the Parish Hall with order forms. We're very excited to see how many great recipes we can gather! We will also be including some church history and photos in the cookbooks. We will have them ready to pick-up by Thanksgiving, so you'll have some new recipes to try for the holidays, as well as a great gift to give at Christmas!

Church News

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all those in our church family who have contributed to the fund to send Marti on a clergy trip to the Holy Land. We are close to our goal to make this a reality. It is our way of saying "thank you" for the love and pastoral care she has given to so many of us during her time with us at St. Johns. We have been blessed to have her and pray for only good things for her in the years to come. If you would still like to donate it is not too late. Please give your contribution to Norm Ward or Harold Braswell.

Sally Vick, Sam and Amalie Koenig



Bookstore News: Get your Episcopal t-shirt in blue or white for \$5.00. Get a hug or give a hug!

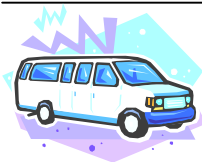
The Bookstore has been very slow for the last couple of months. I pray that our members have not forgotten the convenience and ministry that our Bookstore provides. Please shop with the Bookstore and contribute to this giving ministry.

Volunteering to work in the Bookstore is a Ministry. If you are looking for a ministry that is fun, please call Cindy Cole at 648-3043 or call the church and leave a message.



Welcome Again Habitat for Humanity Crew

St. John's will provide lodging for another Habitat for Humanity group in the Skinner Building Youth Room the week of July 12. Lisa Brashears is the new volunteer coordinator for this organization and will be working with us in collaborative efforts.



Van to Provide NEW Group Opportunities

The Next Step Day Room has generously made provision for St. John's to obtain the 15 passenger van. The van use will be authorized under developed policies with designated drivers and check-out procedures. This will be handled through the office of the Youth Ministries Coordinator as the youth will be given priority in its use. ALL drivers will be pre-authorized and driving back-ground checks will be run. Thank you, Next Step Day Room.

Search Committee: If you have a name you would like to submit for nomination as our priest-in-charge position, please contact one of the committee members; Harold MacDowell, Farrah Fielder, Sandra Kilpatrick, Al Snider, Roney Rouse or one of the following:

Bishop Benfield bishopbenfield@mac.com

Dan McKee dmckee@anglican.org

Or their toll free number is 1-866-887-1114

St. John's Directory Updates:



John & Carol Henley
109 N. 16th
Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-4468
candjhenley@cox.net

Liberty Loyd
21 Vista Blvd.
Fort Smith, AR 72901
420-4168



SAHMs (Stay At Home Moms) -
We will not be meeting during the
Summer. See you in the Fall.



Women's Institute 2009

Back Row: The Rev. Marti Dalby, Carol Stitsworth, Candi Hamill, Jeannie McCabe, Mary Ann Arnold, Molly Stitsworth, Janee Crotts, Anne Thrift, Bettye Fields. Front Row: Elvira Real, Amalie Koenig, Cathy Bain and Suzy Smith.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmations will be September 20, 2009. We will have 6 weeks of classes starting in early August. Classes are for those 16 years and older. If interested call Vickie at the church office, 782-9912. More information as it is available.

BENEFIT FOR "MEALS FOR KIDS"

The wonderful people at the Outback are opening their doors on Friday, July 17th, for special lunch to benefit the summer "Meals For Kids" program. Outback is providing everything, all you do is buy your ticket and have a wonderful lunch.

For a \$20 donation to the "Meals For Kids" program, you may select either chicken or steak for your main course, begin your meal with a salad, select a second vegetable to go with your potato, have all the free non-alcoholic drinks you like, and top the whole thing off with cheesecake.

Oh, what a meal!

Tickets are required, and they are limited. Call Rick or Sue at 782-5074 to make sure you get yours before the July 10 deadline. Sorry, we cannot offer carry out.

Benefit Lunch for the Meals For Kids Summer Program The Outback Steak House 6800 Rogers Avenue Fort Smith, AR Friday, July 17 11am - 1pm \$20 per person ALL MONEY DONATED TO THE MEALS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Upcoming Events

Sustainable Women's Girls' Night Out Camping Trip!!! July 27-28th Petit Jean Mountain FREE

You won't want to miss this upcoming Sustainable Women event. Remember at the Women's Open Space we were all wishing there were more girls who wanted to go camping and we realized we had each other? Well, here it is...

Activities: Lots of hiking and exploring, sheep petting, a little learning, and a Saturday night Girls' Night Out potluck & outdoor movie screening at Carrie's house

Who: all women interested in girls having fun and fending for ourselves

When: July 27-28th all weekend. Come when you can, leave when you must, stay as long as you can and have fun!

Where: Join us on Petit Jean Mountain to camp on Carrie Scott' land (many of you are probably familiar with the Petit Jean Farms products Carrie helps produce) and pet the sheep & Nicholas the sheep herding donkey. I will send directions soon.

What to bring: food, beverages, personal toiletries, bedding, clothes, bug spray, sunscreen, etc. Please RSVP so we can coordinate sharing tents and the bigger supplies.

Amenities: showers/toilets

RSVP: ASAP to Lauren Thrift Lthrift05@yahoo.com

Sustainable Women

An officially unofficial organization dedicated to women interested in Girl Power with an emphasis on sustainability and caring for Mother Earth.

- women only
 - inclusive/free/accessible
 - education/wisdom/expertise all presented and chosen by the women in attendance
- a common vision of the unification of women and sustainability

We all know individuals who struggle with day to day living because of a hearing loss. While the purchase of hearing aids for many is only a dream, help is available for those who lack the resources to purchase hearing aids. The Starkey Hearing Foundation works to make hearing aids available to those in need. Any assistance you can lend to the effort of sharing the information with the members of your congregation and/or school is greatly appreciated.

The Foundation has a program that serves low income individuals residing in the US to acquire hearing aids. The United States program has provided over 77,100 hearing aids to 45,100 individuals since 1999. Hearing aids are provided through an application process to those low income individuals permanently living in the US who have no other resource to acquire hearing aids. All applicants must meet the program's financial criteria, complete the application process and be approved for hearing aids. Verification of the applicant's financial situation and proof of a need for hearing aids are a part of the application process.

Hear Now works with licensed practitioners, in the applicant's area, willing to donate their time and talent to assist clients with the fitting and follow up processes. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the hearing evaluation and a nominal processing fee to the program. The recipient is also financially responsible for the cost of batteries and repairs. Once an application is approved, the aids are given to the applicant at no additional cost.

If this program can be of help to the members of your congregation, or if you want further information, please call the Hear Now program at 1-800-328-8602 and ask for the Hear Now program. Please visit the Foundation at www.sotheworldmayhear.org. We look forward to the opportunity to speak to you about the program and how we can serve you and your people. Thank you for helping us to assist those in need in your area.

Joanita Stelter, Program Coordinator
Starkey Hearing Foundation

6700 Washington Ave S, Eden Prairie, MN 55344



June Vestry Meeting, 06/09/09

Present: Louise Watts, Farrah Fielder, Al Snider, Math Dalby, Richard Falkner, Dave Arnold, Julia Dobbins, Steve Kilpatrick, Nancy Sparks, Harry Foltz, Jim Horton, John Hamill.

Absent: Jeannie McCabe, Norm Ward, Christine Davis, Sally Vick, Chad Lowe.

Opening Prayer, Scripture, Lord's Prayer.

Approval of May 12, 2009 minutes, motion, second, carried.

Financial Report:

Attached. Lawn and Garden is over budget. Secrest utilities are considerably over budget. Year- to-date expenses are \$7,254 more than our income. Regarding the Capital Fund Project Report, a letter was sent out explaining the original pledges and the amount expected to get in. A pledge statement was also included in this mailing. Mayhue bequest status is still unknown.

Sr. Warden's Report:

Attached. The Search Committee met the fifth candidate from the names given to us by the diocese. We have asked the bishop to revisit two names previously suggested. We do not currently have a name to recommend to the vestry but continue to make every effort to move forward with the process. Second Sunday Service is suspended for the summer months. Bishop Benfield's visit is September 20th. The Pentecost picnic on May 31 was well attended.

Parish Report:

Attached. Twelve parishioners attended Women's Institute at Camp Mitchell June 5-7.

Priest Associate Report:

Attached. Marti Dalby and Farrah Fielder are facilitating a new Christian education class (The Bible, by Karen Armstrong). Sunday mornings beginning June 14.

Youth Ministries Coordinator's Report:

Attached. Children's Chapel began Sunday, June 7.

Jr. Warden's Report:

The Secrest Building had minor repairs. We received several letters of recommendation for Lonnan to work on the stained glass windows. The parking lot hole is being looked at for future repair. The baptismal font has been repaired.

Committee Reports:

a. It is being considered to revamp the Outreach Committee. Look for an upcoming article in the Holy Babble.

Old Business:

- a. The church insurance will be used for the van. The van is now ours. There are guidelines about the operation of the vehicle.
- b. Richard will look into thermostat controls/lockboxes for the church.

New Business:

- a. Bishop Benfield will be visiting St. Augustine's on September 20.
- b. Art Lynch is in serious condition in the hospital in Chicago. Please keep him in your prayers.
- c. Confirmation classes should be in August and the first few weeks of September.
- d. Motion for Habitat for Humanity to use the Skinner Building July 12-18, second, carried.

Executive Session:

Session called at 6:55, out of Executive Session 7:26 p.m.

Motion to keep Marti as Priest Associate for a period of time after her contract ends June 30, 2009, seconded, failed.

Outreach

ALS Support Group:

(Lou Gehrig's Disease) We will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Edwards hospital, in the Ford room from 6:00—8:00 p.m. For support or more information contact Candi Hamill at 782-4882.

DESPERATELY SEEKING CANNED GOODS

The Emergency Food Pantry at the Clearinghouse is facing an unexpected shortage of canned goods. Recent economic situations created an increase of requests for food and we are asking for your help to meet the need. Donations may be dropped off at 4420 Wheeler in Fort Smith, or you may call us for details on organizing a canned food drive.

First United Methodist Church Joins the Wise Sackers

First United Methodist Church has joined the Sack Lunch volunteer forces and are making lunches twice a month. The Sack Lunch Program welcomes all the volunteers and we are grateful for their help.

Over 100 people now volunteer at the Sack Lunch Program. The many volunteers bring many talents. One volunteer from Central Presbyterian Church makes homemade pimiento cheese for the lunches. Another volunteer from Christ the King picks up a case of oranges once a week and cuts the oranges in quarters so the patrons have fresh fruit on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Another volunteer gave a patron her coat when she saw the woman shivering in the cold weather. A group of volunteers from the Anna T Strickland Arts and Civics Club pitched in and cleaned the Sack Lunch Program facility. There is a place for all who want to volunteer; we use the talents of our Wise Sackers to nurture the bodies and souls of our patrons.

The Sack Lunch Program is now a multi-cultural interdenominational organization, making and serving over 12,500 lunches this calendar year to anyone who is hungry---single mothers, ethnic households, shut-ins, households with incomes below the poverty level, the homeless.

Churches and organizations that volunteer and support the Sack Lunch Program are:

- St. John's
- St. Boniface School
- Trinity Junior High School,
- St. Bartholomew's,
- The Bod.TV,
- Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints
- House of Prayer & Praise
- Kiwanis Club
- Central Presbyterian
- Anna T. Strickland Arts & Civic Club
- 1st Lutheran
- Christ the King
- 1st United Methodist
- 1st Presbyterian
- South Side High School Service Club
- Independent individuals and families



St. John's Episcopal Church Kid's Korner

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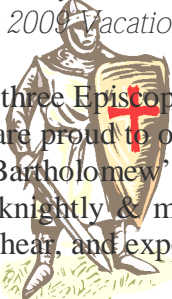
Youth Web site: <http://www.stjohnfs.org/youth/index.html>

Ministry Focus/Symbol: E HWY (eee high-way) E-ducation H-ome W-orship Y-outh Groups

"The Quest"

Our 2009 Vacation Bible School

The three Episcopal Churches in Fort Smith and Van Buren are proud to offer this program to be held this year at St. Bartholomew's, 2701 Old Greenwood Road. We will use knightly & medieval themes to teach the things we see, hear, and experience EACH Sunday.



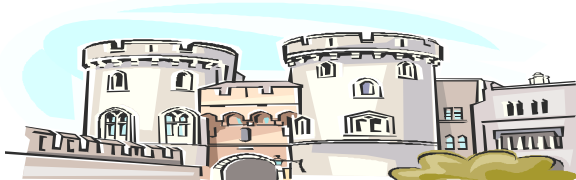
We will "go back in time" to King Arthur's castle! Camelot, of course. But we will name it: *Dinas Emrys*, "The Immortal Fortress" In the words of Martin Luther's great hymn: "A mighty fortress is our God"

We will take the oath to uphold the knight's great code. Our children will share in a wonderful experience of Christian formation through:

- Renewing our Baptismal Covenant;
- Learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds; God's gift of Christ to us; and our gifts for life and service;
- Going out into the world to answer God's call;
- Learning what it is to trust God and surrender ourselves to him - through story, games, and walking the Labyrinth;
- And, finally, coming to the mystery of Christ present to us in our worship and in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

**All Invited to Join us for
Closing Celebration:**

Fri. July 10 - 6:15-The Paschal Presence



VBS 2008 "The Quest"

Return Form by July 1

Going Into:

Youth's Name _____ Gr _____

Youth's Name _____ Gr _____

Youth's Name _____ Gr _____

Adult Participant Name:

Allergies: (list with youth's name):

Note: Offered for 4-years to 5th Grade. Older youth can serve on VBS staff.

Permission Slip:

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the activities for the 2009 Episcopal Vacation Bible School Program and to be transported for medical emergencies by leaders of that program as becomes necessary.

_____ Ph No _____

Print parent's Name

_____ Cell No _____

Signature

Adults:

"I Can Help By": (check as many as apply)

Preparing Crafts; Sewing Crafts

Calling Families & Inviting to VBS

Lead or Assist with a group

Distributing Publicity

Creating "Kingdom" set

Nursery for VBS workers

making forms, running copies,

Music: Instrument _____

mail-outs, etc.)

Transportation/Car-pooling

Kitchen Duty

Clean-up

Lead or help with games

Donation (\$\$\$ or items(s))

Provide food items: (will be called with specifics)

Name _____ Ph No _____

CUT THIS OUT and Turn in to Jeannie McCabe



W-orship — JULY

ACOLYTES July 2009

	5th	12	19	26
<i>Server</i>	AJ Godwin	Drake Gilbreath	Stephanie Duty	Sarah Flippin
<i>Asst. Server</i>	Samantha Parker	Dylan Gilbreath	Storm Basinger	Sara Kincannon
<i>Crucifer</i>	Kayla Godwin	Will Klek	Rush Basinger	Catherine Ward
<i>Clergy</i>	?	Kristen Love	Desirae Love	?
<i>Torch</i>	?	Will Robinson	Mariah Dusenbury	KC Ward
<i>Torch</i>	?	Wyatt Robinson	Ryan Davis	Chance Hevner

August 2009

	2	9	16	23	30
<i>Server</i>	AJ Godwin	Drake Gilbreath	Stephanie Duty	Sarah Flippin	AJ Godwin
<i>Asst Server</i>	Kayla Godwin	Dylan Gilbreath	Storm Basinger	Sara Kincannon	Samantha Parker
<i>Crucifer</i>	Samantha Parker	Kaersti McLellan	Rush Basinger	Catherine Ward	Kristen Love
<i>Clergy</i>	Chance Hevner	Jessica Kolljeski	Amara Lowe	?	Desirae Love
<i>Torch</i>	Will Robinson	Andy McLellan	Mariah Dusenbury	KC Ward	Will Robinson
<i>Torch</i>	Wyatt Robinson	Ryan Davis	Grace Lowe	?	Wyatt Robinson

**HELP IF YOU CAN FILL ONE OF THE “??” SLOTS— PLEASE CALL US!!!
PLEASE CALL!!!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FAMILY OUTING—

ALMA Water Park FUN!!!!

JULY 18— 2:00 p.m.

HOSTS: Brent & Dao Ward

Cost — \$5.00 each

Ages 2 and under \$1.00



THANK YOU!!!

WE DID IT ALREADY!!! \$150 for 1 LLAMA!!!

Heifer Project International

Next goal animal to be determined

Y-outh Groups

NO REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE SUMMER



STARS (S-piritual T-eens A-re R-adical) -
6th-8th gr Meets weekly: Sundays, 3:30-5:30



FISH (F-aith I-nspires S-piritual H-ealth)
9th-12th grades—
Weekly: Sundays 5:00-7:00


UPCOMING DATES:

July 6-10—VBS—“The Quest” Next Planning Meeting:
Thursday, April 23— 6:00 at St. Bartholomew’s

**WATCH for NW July Summer Event
Details Coming!!!**

July 2009

 = holidays

 = weekly meetings

Sunday Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 Choral Holy Euc.	8:15 Morning Prayer	8:15 Morning Prayer 12:15 Healing Euc.	8:15 Morning Prayer 11:45 Bible Study 6:00 H/W ChristCare 6:30 Choir	8:15 Morning Prayer 7:00 Episcopal Café @ St. John's 8:00 AA	8:15 Morning Prayer	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <i>1st Sunday Breakfast,</i> 9:00 <i>Discretionary Fund Sunday</i>	6 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED HOLIDAY	7	8 <i>1 Next Step Mtg, 4:15</i> <i>Middler Camp at Camp</i> <i>Christmas in July</i>	9 <i>Episcopal Café— Summer Luau</i> <i>Mitchell</i>	10 ST. BART'S	11 <i>Peace & Justice Hero Award Banquet, 5:30</i> <i>St. Paul's Parish, Fayetteville</i>
12 <i>Habitat Crew at St. John's</i>	13 <i>Good Samaritan Clinic Exec. Mtg., noon</i>	14 <i>Vestry Mtg., 5:30</i> VACATION	15 BIBLE SCHOOL AT	16 <i>Good Samaritan Clinic Brd Mtg., noon</i>	17 <i>Episcopal Café, trip to McCabe Lake House, 17-19</i>	18 <i>Episcopal Café, day at Heifer Ranch</i> <i>Family Outing to Alma Water Park</i>
19 <i>Habitat Crew at St. John's</i>	20	21 <i>SAHMs, 10:30</i>	22	23	24 <i>Episcopal Café, movie night</i>	25
26	27 <i>Sustainable Women's Camp Out</i>	28 <i>Girl's Night Out, 6:30</i>	29 <i>Newsletter mailed out</i>	30	31 <i>Laymen's League, noon</i>	**Aug. 8, AHIMSA Benefit

Outreach

Sack Lunch Program

Help Wanted: Wise Sackers Needed Once a Month

Job responsibilities: handing out the lunches to the patrons

Hours: 11:30AM-12 noon, the second Saturday of each month

No experience required, just a kind smile for the patrons.

Call Jean T. Kolljeski (996-7230) if interested.



ARKANSAS
PEACE & JUSTICE
HEROES
AWARDS

Honoring these 2009 Recipients:

Gary Baird
Director, Genesis House, Siloam Springs

Steve Copley
Director, Justice for Our Neighbors, Little Rock

Hattie Daniels
ACORN, Little Rock

Next Step Day Room Fort Smith

Phi Iota Alpha Service Fraternity
Fayetteville

The OMNI Center
For Peace, Justice & Ecology
Presents the Sixth Annual

PEACE AND JUSTICE HEROES AWARDS BANQUET

July 11, 2009 * 5:30 pm

St. Paul's Parish Hall
224 N. East St. Fayetteville

**Gourmet Vegetarian Dinner
Silent Auction Original Art
Fundraising Cash Bar**

Door prizes!

Tickets: \$25

Purchase tickets by July 1st

Call 479.973.9049

Or purchase online at
Omnicenter.org

“Walking Barefoot on Holy Ground: The Essentials of Living Authentically.”

On July 31-August 2, nationally-known author and retreat director Paula D'Arcy will be presenting a retreat: “Walking Barefoot on Holy Ground: The Essentials of Living Authentically.” Authenticity and compassion are crucial in our personal relationships and in the broader context of our world. During the retreat we will look at how to be true to yourself and live into a deeper understanding and lived experience of love. Cost: \$200. with a \$35. deposit. For more information, or to register for this retreat, call (479) 783-1135 or visit www.stscho.org.

VISION STATEMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S

**Our Mission is, "Sharing God's Love
Through Church and Community"**

A Welcoming Church that is inclusive and accepts people wherever they are on their spiritual journey.

A Compassionate Church that provides pastoral care for all and respects the dignity of every person.

An Outreach Church that shares God's love through outreach programs and seeks to know God's purpose for the Church and takes decisive actions to carry out His will.

A Traditional Church that celebrates God's goodness and love through worship in the Episcopal tradition.

An Empowering Church that helps people discover their individual gifts for ministry and then utilize those gifts to follow God's will in their every day lives.

A Teaching Church that instructs by word and deed, to follow Jesus Christ as a way of life.

A Giving Church that is passionate about stewardship; committed to the tithe as the minimum biblical standard of giving and encourages its members to give a generous portion of their time, talents and financial resources back to God.

A Church With a Variety of Programs for all ages, emphasizing a strong youth program, which helps deepen our relationship with Christ, each other and our community.

Holy Babble Newsletter Schedule

The newsletter is being sent out on the last Wednesday of the month. Schedule will be as follows:

Article Deadline
July 24

Mailing
July 29

Vestry Members

Louise Watts, Sr. Warden	782-9290
David Arnold, Treasurer	452-1359
Christine Davis	648-2817
Julia Dobbins	452-5388
Richard Falkner, Jr. Warden	452-5396
Farrah Fielder, Clerk	478-9779
Harry Foltz	452-2698
John Hamill	782-4882
Jim Horton	484-5883
Steve Kilpatrick	452-9931
Chad Lowe	478-6242
Al Snider	452-4027
Nancy Sparks	918-775-2898
Sally Vick	478-6477
Norman Ward	474-1053

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Mary Ann Arnold – Team Leader – 452-1359
 Neighbor to Neighbor Coordinator
 Bereavement Committee Food
 Susan Horton– Eucharistic Visitors – 484-5883
 Bettye Fields – Cards and Historian – 452-2637
 Barbara Hanna – At Large* - 646-0477
 Birnie Harper – At Large*– 452-0301
 Kit Hart – At Large* – 629-1505
 Molly Schardt – Bread to newcomers – 709-9497
 Judy Trowbridge – Comfort Food – 785-5550
 Clergy – The Rev. Marti Dalby – 782-9912/cell 221-4031

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