



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast:** This *Sunday, Jan. 7 from 9:00am – 9:30am* in the Parish Hall.

**Vestry Meeting for January:** We will meet on *Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5:30pm* in the Skinner Building.

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on *Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 9am* in St. John's Parish Hall. Nomination Forms for vestry are located on the Parish Hall bulletin board & the Skinner Building.

- **Nominees for 2018:** Norma Basinger, Terri Glasco, Rick Hayes, Mike Smets, Sal Camuso and Cindy Cole.
- **Annual Reports** are due in the office by *Friday, Jan. 19*. These reports will be for last year's information to go in the Annual Report book.

**EfM (Education for Ministry):** Meetings will resume on *Tuesday, Jan. 9*.

**Homeschool Planning Group:** We will meet on *Thursday, Jan. 11 from 5-8pm*.

**Services for Gene & Rosemary Rapley** will be held at *11:00am on Saturday, Jan. 13*.

**Meals for Clifton Family** – Due to Mariko Clifton's anticipated recovery, St. John's is helping to provide meals for Scott and Eric. If you would like to help:

1. Call Jeanne Papet 414-0161 to coordinate a specific date to provide meals beginning December 27
2. Deliver food to Jeanne (at the church or her home, 3106 S. 32<sup>nd</sup>). Clifton's have little freezer space.
3. She will deliver to the family.
4. Foods can be:
  - Cooked casseroles that can be warmed in the oven or microwave\
  - Cooked soups,
  - Sandwich makings: Lunchmeat, cheese and bread, chips and dips.
5. Bring food in disposable containers only as no containers will be returned.

**2018 Youth Confirmation Instruction:** Any youth currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older is invited to participate in preparation and instruction for Confirmation which will occur sometime in the late Fall of 2018 (TBA). This preparation will include a weekend retreat, time spent with a mentor chosen by the youth, a confirmation project, and some one-hour gatherings of those interested. Times and dates for all these will be determined by the group of those interested. Catechumen Enrollment (those putting their foot on this path) will occur at the Ash Wednesday Services / February 14, 2018. Contact Jeannie McCabe if you are interested (479) 221-4032.

**Diocesan Convention 2018:** The Episcopal Church in Arkansas will hold its 146th annual convention *Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17*, in Little Rock. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and our opening Eucharist will take place there at 6 p.m. Saturday's business session will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Episcopal Collegiate School, in Little Rock.

It is time for delegates and attending clergy to register. The registration fee is \$110 for delegates and active clergy. Of course, anyone can attend the opening Eucharist and business sessions for free as a visitor (plus a charge for any meals).

**Remember to sign up to host Saints' Alive for 2018:** There is a new signup sheet on the bulletin board. The host provides the place, dishes, silverware, ice and an entrée, with everyone bringing a dish and beverage of choice. The host chooses what weekend and what day to have it that month and the time. Please call Karen Rouse at 479-763-1050 if you have any questions.

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**CONNECTIONS GROUPS:** For Service, Social, or Study opportunities: Online Sign Up- [www.stjohnfs.org](http://www.stjohnfs.org) Home Page. Or Forms are on the Hallway Bulletin Board.

- **“First and Third Thursdays” Bible Study:** *Thursday, Jan. 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.* You are invited to be a part of a new Bible study group that is forming at St. John's. Bring your lunch and we will provide the drinks. The study will begin in Genesis and work through the Story of the Old Testament. Contact Emily Zeigler 462-2366 or Father Mike 221-4030.
- **Enneagram:** Meet *5:30pm-6:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, next meeting in Jan. 8* in the Youth Room/Skinner Building. Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.
- **Rector's Classes** – Story of the Church in America. Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Skinner Building and Sundays at 9:15am in Chambers Hall. Will resume on *Wednesday, Jan. 10.*
- **VINO LEAGUE- CHANGE:** Suzy Smith is hosting Vino League at Beland Manor this month. The date has changed to *Friday, January 12th.* Theme: Spanish wines
- **Creative Bible Journaling:** *6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, next meeting Jan. 15* in the Skinner Building.
- **Mind Stretchers:** Meetings will resume on *Tuesday, Jan 16, at 6pm* in the Skinner Building.

**YOUTH:**

**STARFISH– 6th-12<sup>th</sup>** grades: 2017-18: Hope & Worship Meet: 2nd & 4th Sundays; 12:00-2:00 pm with lunch provided.

- **Next meeting – Jan. 14.**

**Dolphins** – (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) – **Next meeting – Jan. 14.**

**Girls Scouts:** Meeting will resume on **Jan. 23**. Meetings are first and third Mondays from 5-7 at St John's in the classrooms by the nursery (church side of campus). Everyone please bring a snack, its potluck! As always, guests are always welcome. Leader: Natalie King-Hyman.

## **WORSHIP MINISTERS – The Baptism of our Lord, Jan. 7, 2018**

### **8:00 a.m. service:**

**Usher:** Chris Glasco.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Lindsey Fielder; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Stan Vlademar; *Prayers*, Becky Ibisson; *Chalice*, Stan Vlademar & Debbie Lee; *Parish Hall Chalice*, Cindy Cole & Debbie Chandler.

**Altar Guild:** Connie Smith & Muggy Murray.

**Hospitality:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast.

**Announcements:** Jean Kolljeski.

### **10:30 a.m. service**

**Ushers:** Ron & Karen Lawson.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Tony Contreras; *2nd Lesson*, Karen Orite; *Prayers (Special)* Ron Lawson; *Chalice*, Steve Irby & Trista Falleur.

**Acolytes:** TBD.

**Children's Chapel:** Jeannie McCabe.

**Hospitality:** Cissy Goff.

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Love & Joan Kincannon.

**Announcements:** Jean Kolljeski.