



The Evangelist

February 2012

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:

Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Book of Common Prayer page 124)



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Dear Friends at St. John's,

February places us in the middle of the winter doldrums – though this winter has been quite different so far, so who knows. It is usually more gray and cold, and we can generally count on a bit of snow. It is an apt time of year for us to begin the 40 day season of Lent – which begins on Ash Wednesday – this year, February 22nd.

The Purple season of Lent is actually longer than 40 days because the Sundays don't count as Fast days. Lent continues through Holy Week to Easter Day – April 8 this year. We are encouraged to use these Fast days as days of preparation for the Celebration of Easter. The better we keep the 40 days of Lent, the more glorious the celebration of Easter – which is, by the way, a 50 day season running to the Feast of Pentecost.

In addition to the beginning of Lent, February will bring us a Vestry Retreat on the 18th when we hope to spend much of a day making plans for our next year and the future. The Vestry will be looking at some recommendations made by Austin Chinn for the renovation of the Chancel and Nave of the Church and will look at some cost projections for these renovations. It is our hope to be able present a Vestry recommendation for everyone to see and comment upon around Easter.

In the beginning of February, Lee Ann will be taking a trip about which she has dreamed for a very long time. She will be going to Africa – to Tanzania on a photo safari. She will spend a couple of days at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and then the rest of her nearly three week trip on the Serengeti. I will not be joining her for this trip, but will take about 10 days at the beach, so I will not be with you on February 12.

I hope everyone enjoys this quieter time in our life together and will be ready for an engaging, spiritual Lenten Season.

Your friend in Christ,

Bill Pickering+
Priest-In-Charge

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VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENT
The Vestry will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, February 18 in lieu of their monthly Vestry meeting.



Artist Who Painted St. John's
Mr. William Stuart Archibald is the artist responsible for painting St. John's. He and his wife were members having moved to Tappahannock from Old Salem, NC. His studio was located upstairs in the Reisinger boat house on Hoskins Creek.
He was famous for his covers for DOWN EAST magazine (Maine) and nautical scenes. In North Carolina, he specialized in paintings and silk screens of colonial architecture.
Mrs. Archibald was an editor for Reader's Digest.
The drawings, purchased by church members in 2010-11, were hand tinted by members of St. Margaret's art classes, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Konstantinov. A few of the hand-tinted drawings remain. Unframed they are \$25 and all proceeds benefit St. John's ECW/Outreach.



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- FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Lewis Dickinson
 - 4 Ann Layne Johnson
 - 5 Leslie Rennolds
 - 6 Wright Ferry
 - 9 Freddie Garrett
Larry Foulk
 - 12 Michelle Allen
 - 14 Margaret Broad
 - 15 Amy Griffin
 - 17 Virginia Prince
 - 18 Dorothy Miller
Jennifer Vaughan
 - 19 Stewart Gilchrist Jones
Kate Allen McKnew
 - 23 Will Wright
 - 25 Grace Tressler
Mark Chinn
 - 26 Gene McCarthy
 - 28 Bryson Davis



- FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**
- 9 Cyanne & Bud Handley
 - 24 Marty & Cacky Taylor

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, February 13.
The newsletter will come out on Friday, February 17.
If you have something to insert please email it to stjohnstappahannock@verizon.net.



ECW Scholarship Casserole Sale
ECW/Outreach will be holding a casserole sale on Sunday, January 29 after the 10:30 service. Load up on yummy dishes you can have handy and support ECW by donating to the Sally settle Scholarship Fund!

ECW/Outreach News

The ECW/Outreach has changed its meeting time to convene between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. **Our next meeting will be held on February 15th.** These meetings will NOT interfere with Fr. Bill's Adult Sunday School. We have scheduled them to meet on the 5th Sundays of April and September. We have changed this in order to make it convenient for all women to attend as suggested on the recent survey. Please join in these meetings as we direct the church in its outreach ministry.

The year is shaping up to be very busy. Please note the posted schedule on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Fellowship Hall (beside the door that leads to the organ).

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| January | 27-28 | 217 th Diocesan Annual Council- Reston, VA. |
| | 22 | Bishop Johnston here for annual visit |
| | 29 | Super Bowl Casserole Sale (for the ECW scholarship fund) |
| | | 5 th Sunday Loose Change Offering for ECW/Outreach |
| | 31 | End of the Year Report of Parish ECW/Outreach Activities to |
| Diocesan President | | |
| February | 12 | Meeting between Services |
| | 14 | Valentine's Day – Couples Night Out @ Ferebee's |
| | 22 | Ash Wednesday |
| | 26 | Lent begins |

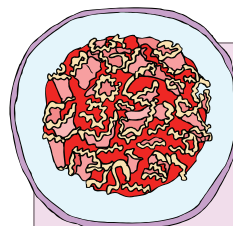
Ann Riggs Chapter — Daughters of the King

Our wonderful Savior has been born, named and begun His ministry. The Ann Riggs Chapter has been praying and will continue our Lenten Prayer vigil again this year. Please join us. The schedule will be posted soon.

FYI this year is Year B in the Lectionary until the beginning of Advent 2012. Hopefully, this will help you know where to begin your readings for the year. **We will be meeting on February 19th after the 10:30 service.**

A Woman's Prayer

Make me too brave to lie or be unkind
 Make me too understanding, too, to mind
 The little hurts that no one quite intends.
 Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so.
 Help me to know the inmost hearts of those for whom I care,
 Their secret wishes, all the loads they bear,
 that I may add my courage to their own.
 May I forget what ought to be forgotten,
 And recall each kindly thing
 Forgetting what might sting to all upon my way.
 Day after day let me be Joy, be Hope—
 Let my life sing.
 AMEN

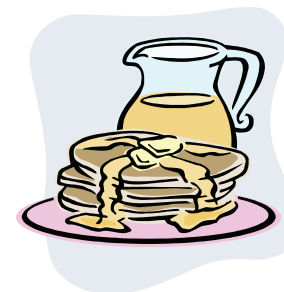


Free Dinner

The next free spaghetti dinner will be held on Monday, February 27 from 5:30—7:00. Please sign up to help. A list will be available on the table in the Vestibule.

St. John's Healing Service

A Holy Eucharist healing service will be held on Friday, February 17 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary



February Men's Breakfast

The February Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 8 AM. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the Vestibule and the suggested donation is \$3.

The Haven Wish List

- Large disposable diapers
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Food Lion gift cards
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- All purpose cleaner
- Prepaid gas cards