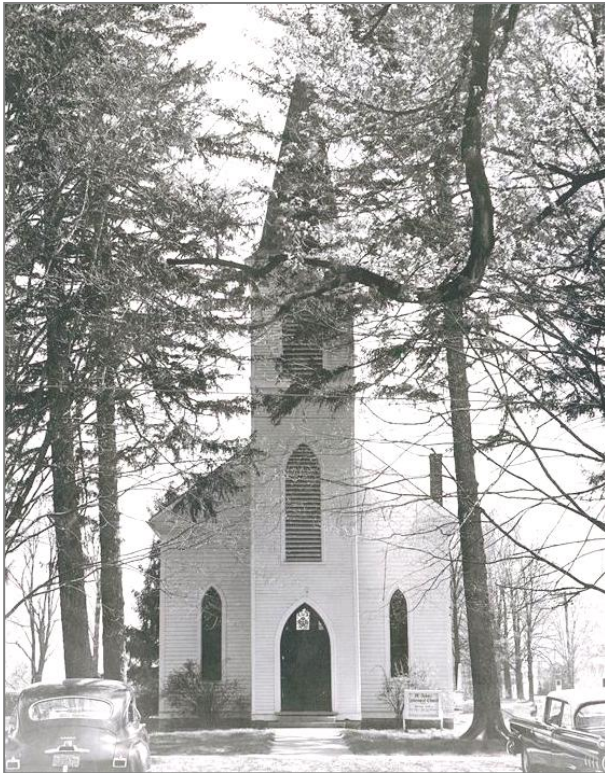


# CROSSINGS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS  
--EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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**Dear Friends in Christ,**

Happy New Year! Welcome to the season of Epiphany!

I hope that the preparations made in Advent have brought you closer to Christ. As we enter into this New Year I pray that your relationship with Jesus is foremost in your life.

As we gather together for the annual meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> we will reflect upon the year past and look ahead to the year to come. May we look with eyes of faith that we will remain steadfast in our service to those in our community. May we look with eyes of hope and holy anticipation that we might see new ways to serve those around us. May we also look to the year ahead with excitement and holy expectation: What might this year bring to St. John of the Cross? What does God call us to be this coming year? How might we live into that calling?

May we look to the future with hope, faith and trust that God will lead the way.

With my deepest gratitude for all that you do and all that you are, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Carol+

**I leave you with prayer – a thought for a New Year.**

*'All marks of time are an illusion, but even illusions have their place, so I step over this threshold, with a reminder of God's timeless grace. May the days ahead bring you the challenge to be who you are called to be. May they offer you a warm hand of healing when you hurt, strength in every struggle, the sheer joy of new discovery. May you know the peace that passes understanding, the hope that lifts your spirit to new horizons. May you know love. May your talent be tested. And may the paths you follow, the causes you embrace, the truths you tell, bring you closer to the meaning of your tomorrow.'*

*'Cloud Walking A Spiritual Diary' The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston.*

*RedMoon Publications, Oklahoma City, OK 2013*

## **UPDATING DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

A new church directory is 'in the works' so please let the office know of any needed additions, deletions, corrections which need to be made. If your birthday or anniversary is not already included and you wish it to be, please convey that to the office.

## Of the Season of Epiphany

### Of the Seasonal Colors

Colors play an important part of the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year. Colors are a primary source of symbolism, and as such tell us much about what we believe about the lessons we hear during the Liturgy of the Word (which are themed according to the seasons), and about what we do during worship. There are five basic liturgical colors: Blue, White, Green, Purple, and Red.

### Epiphany

The third season of the church year is Epiphany. The word means *making God manifest*. It is the church's response to God's Christmas. The primary theme is Baptism, beginning with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. A similar idea is reflected with the response of the magi who journeyed far to worship Jesus at Bethlehem. This season begins on the **Day of the Epiphany** and lasts until Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. The number of weeks depends on the date of Easter Day, which is a function of the date of the spring equinox.

### Of The Season Of Epiphany – Green

The liturgical color used on vestments is generally green, representing the green things of God's earth and referring to growth of the spirit of God within us in response to His coming at Christmas tide. Green is also the color of revelatory experience, and so is the color of the feast that celebrate God's revelation to mankind: Epiphany. Epiphany, the season after Christmas, celebrates Christ's revelation as the Incarnate God to the Gentiles.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 Karen Hipsher

1/2 Lesley DeLeonard

1/7 Ken & Anne Davis

1/13 Christine Stockbarger

1/14 Cindy Dixon

1/19 Bryan & Chizuru Dixon

1/23 Jim & Dellaura Riggle

1/31 Alex Reverman

1/31 Nicholas Reverman



2/5 Nick Taylor

2/5 Bob Hatley

2/6 Jon Smoker

2/13 Judy Streeter

2/14 Bill & Deb Walters

2/15 Julie Streeter

2/16 Kay Streeter

2/19 Bill & Jayne Bontrager

2/20 Bob Evans

2/27 Jim Fox, Sr.

2/27 Jim Fox

*If your birthday or anniversary is not in our directory and you'd like it to be, please notify the office.*

## THANK YOU

- To Kay for her work on the bulletins and announcements.
- To the Altar Guild for their preparations for Advent and Christmas.
- To Terry, Skip, Joanna, Mary Ann, and Tim Pratt... thanks for making our music extra special.
- To all those who donated to the Christmas food baskets.
- To all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas.
- To all those who donated for Christmas Poinsettias.
- For our vestry and leaders who keep us a loving viable church family.
- To those that prepared for the Bishop's Brunch.
- To Bob Hatley & Karen Hipsher for their accurate and time-consuming book work.
- To Mary Ann & Joe Bean for their professional looking monthly newsletter.
- To all who work behind the scenes under the leadership of those mentioned.



| DATE | 1 <sup>st</sup> READERS | 2 <sup>ND</sup> READERS | PRAYERS       | CHALICE 1      | CHALICE 2      |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1/12 | Bryan Dixon             | Joanna Dixon            | Karen Hipsher | Cindy Keck     | Deb Walters    |
| 1/19 | Steve Streeter          | Mark Reverman           | Anne Raftree  | Bob Hatley     | Steve Streeter |
| 1/26 | Jan Riley               | Larry Smith             | Gigi Smith    | Cyd Sunday     | Cindy Keck     |
| 2/2  | Steve Streeter          | Cindy Keck              | Anne Raftree  | Steve Streeter | Bob Dixon      |
| 2/9  | Joe Bean                | Christine Stockbarger   | Mary Ann Bean | Deb Walters    | Cindy Keck     |
| 2/16 | Steve Streeter          | Bob Hatley              | Karen Hipsher | Cyd Sunday     | Bob Hatley     |
| 2/23 | Terry Scott             | Deb Walters             | Jan Riley     | Bob Dixon      | Deb Walters    |
| 3/2  | Steve Streeter          | Anne Raftree            | Sue West      | Steve Streeter | Cindy Keck     |

*Please call Sue West at 266-5450 if you cannot serve when scheduled or let her know your replacement.*

| DATE | ALTAR GUILD  | COFFEE HOSTS                     | WELCOMERS    |
|------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1/12 | Nancy Butler | Jon & Carol Smoker               | Bryan Dixons |
| 1/19 | Kay Streeter | <b>ANNUAL MEETING – Carry In</b> | Revermans    |
| 1/26 | Sue Glaser   | Scott Butler                     | Terry Miller |
| 2/2  | Cyd Sunday   | Bob & Cindy Dixon                | Nancy Butler |
| 2/9  | Nancy Butler | Christine & Eric Stockbarger     | Bill Walters |
| 2/16 | Kay Streeter | Jeannie Olguin                   | Terry Miller |
| 2/23 | Sue Glaser   | Bob & Judy Hatley                | Bob Dixons   |



## BRISTOL FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed for the Bristol Food Pantry on Thursdays in February. The dates are 2/6-13-20-27. The times are 8-11 am or 1-3 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Pantry bulletin board. All help will be appreciated. God bless. Call Judy Streeter for more information 848-4071.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014**

### **January 5, 2013**

### **The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Sirach 24:1-12    | Wisdom tells her story of being sent by the Creator from the heavens to be housed in Zion.  |
| Wisdom of Solomon | 10:15-21 – The importance and centrality and role of Woman Wisdom. She appears as a partner of God and humankind.   |
| Ephesians 1:3-14  | How all are called by God in community: through adoption acceptance redemption, forgiveness, wisdom, inheritance, grace and love are all hallmarks of Christian living. |
| John 1:1-18       | How the word became flesh and lived among us.   |

### **January 6, 2013**

### **The Epiphany of our Lord (to be read on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>)**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Isaiah 60:1-6        | The prophet envisions the end of exile and glorious restoration of Jerusalem. The Lord will be a light making God's people shine. |
| Psalms 72:1-7; 10-14 | Praise God for divine providence.   |
| Ephesians 3:1-12     | Paul's theme of apostolic commission: the revealed mystery that Christ's salvation extends beyond Judaism to include all peoples. |
| Matthew 2:1-12       | The Story of the Magi.  |

### **January 12**

### **The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Isaiah 42:1-9   | The first of the "servant songs" .  |
| Psalms 29       | The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm. |
| Acts 10:34-43   | Peter recognizes that the good news now extends to all people.            |
| Matthew 3:13-17 | The story of Jesus' baptism.  |

### **January 19**

### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Isaiah 49:1-7      | The servant of the Lord reflects on his mission, its sorrows and frustrations, and God's high calling and promise to be with him. |
| Psalms 40:1-12     | A Prayer for deliverance and a song of thanksgiving.  |
| 1Corinthians 1:1-9 | Paul greets the members of the new Christian community in Corinth and offers thanksgiving for their growth.                       |
| John 1:29-42       | John the Baptist declares who Jesus is. Andrew and Simon Peter become disciples of Jesus.   |

### **January 26**

### **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Isaiah 9:1-4         | A hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king Jerusalem.                          |
| Psalms 27:1, 5-13    | The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God's presence. |
| 1Corinthians 1:10-18 | Paul is disturbed by news of factions in the young church in Corinth.                                  |
| Matthew 4:12-23      | The calling of disciples.  |

**February 2****The Presentation of Christ (All Years A,B, C)**

Malachi 3:1-5

The prophet promises that God will send a messenger to make ready the way.

Psalm 24:7-10

Pilgrims go up to God's holy place for worship OR

Psalm 84

A song of the pilgrim's happiness as they come to worship in the house of the Lord.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus has now shared in all aspects of human life. By experiencing death, he has broken the power of death over humankind.

Luke 2:22-40

The infant Jesus is brought to the temple to be presented to the LORD in accordance with the Law.

**February 9****The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Denunciation of the injustices of those who act at their religion.

Psalm 112:1-9(10)

Blessed are those, who are just and generous with those in need.

1Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)

Paul teaches that the wisdom of God is very different from the wisdom in which humans pride themselves.

Matthew 5:13-20

We are like salt and as light to the world.

**February 16****The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses presents the people with a choice OR

Sirach 14:15-20

An instruction in the responsibility of human beings for their own actions.

Psalm 119:1-8

Psalmist takes great delight in the Lord's statutes.

1Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions.

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus speaks of what it means to be a disciple.

**February 23****The Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**

Leviticus 19:1-2; 9-18

The people of Israel are called to lives of justice and love. Be holy because the Lord their God is holy.

Psalm 119:33-40

The psalmist asks for the Lord's guidance.

1Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Paul reminds the people that they are God's temple.

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus calls his followers to a way of life that reaches far beyond worldly standards of goodness.

**March 2****The Last Sunday of Epiphany**

Exodus 24;12-18

Moses is called up to Mount Sinai and the glory of the Lord appears.

Psalm 2

God is sovereign in all the earth and shall prevail OR

Psalm 99

The holy and mighty Lord reigns on high.


2Peter 1:16-21

Peter recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain.

Matthew 17:1-9

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

**JANUARY 2014**

| SUN   | MON       | TUE       | WED  | THUR  | FRI       | SAT   |
|---|-----------|-----------|--|---|-----------|---|
|   |           |           | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am<br><br><b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Rev. Carol office hrs by appt<br>Volunteer hrs<br>6 pm Evening Prayer                            | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>12</b><br>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Rev. Carol office hrs by appt<br>Volunteer hrs<br>6 pm Evening Prayer<br>6:30 pm Vestry Meeting | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br><b>1 pm</b><br>Mary Hankins<br>Memorial<br>Service |
| <b>19</b><br>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am<br><br><b>Annual meeting with</b><br>carry-in brunch  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b><br><b>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am</b><br><br>5-7 pm Free Community<br>Dinner co-hosted with<br>Bristol Fire Department                           | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Noon:<br>Friendship<br>Luncheon -<br>bring a dish<br>to pass | <b>31</b> |   |

| <b>FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK</b>          |               |               |                       |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Over / (Under)</b> |
| <b>Month of November 2013</b>             |               |               |                       |
| Income:                                   |               |               |                       |
| Pledges                                   | 3119          | 5323          | (2204)                |
| Contributions-Non Pledge                  | 765           | 731           | 34                    |
| Special Projects Income                   | 0             | 0             | 0                     |
| Plate Offering                            | 90            | 160           | (70)                  |
| Transfer from Ready Assets                |               | 0             | 0                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | <b>3974</b>   | <b>6214</b>   | <b>(2240)</b>         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                      | <b>3516</b>   | <b>4797</b>   | <b>1281</b>           |
| <b>Excess Income over (under) Expense</b> | <b>458</b>    | <b>1417</b>   | <b>(959)</b>          |
| <b>11 months ended 11/30/2013</b>         |               |               |                       |
| Income:                                   |               |               |                       |
| Pledges                                   | 37357         | 44087         | (6730)                |
| Contributions-Non Pledge                  | 16318         | 8587          | 7731                  |
| Special Projects Income                   | 799           | 400           | 399                   |
| Plate Offering                            | 1585          | 1800          | (215)                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | <b>56059</b>  | <b>54874</b>  | <b>1185</b>           |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                      | <b>57457</b>  | <b>59052</b>  | <b>1595</b>           |
| <b>Excess Income over (under) Expense</b> | <b>(1398)</b> | <b>(4178)</b> | <b>2780</b>           |

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#### **REMINDERS / LOOKING AHEAD**

- **Sun., Jan. 19** Annual meeting with carry-in brunch after the 9:30 service
- **Sun., Jan. 26** from 5-7 pm Free Community Dinner co-hosted with Bristol Fire Department
- **Thurs., Jan. 30** Friendship Luncheon at noon - bring a dish to pass
- **Sun., Feb. 2** Food Pantry Sunday
- **Thurs., Feb. 27** Friendship Luncheon at noon - bring a dish to pass