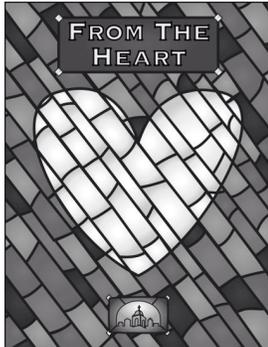


# SAINT JOHN'S AT THE CROSSROADS

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Dear People of St. John's,

I'm delighted to serve as your chair of the Stewardship team at St. John's, and to introduce you to the theme of our annual giving campaign: "From the Heart."

I don't know about you, but when I walk through the doors of St. John's, my heart is glad, I'm home! Whether we are connecting with God, serving one another or others beyond the walls of our church, welcoming new people, or simply enjoying being in community, our hearts are glad when we come together at St. John's.

Over the course of the next several weeks, we will hear from parishioners who will tell us about their work in different ministries and the impact our giving has on the common life we enjoy in this small corner of God's vineyard, St. John's, Norwood. The ministries and experiences we make possible through our commitment would not happen without your generous support and involvement.

Know that in the coming year, St. John's faces several challenges in our operating budget related to the health and growth of our church including:

Funding increased staffing needs to keep up with the growth of our church community.

Providing funds for the adjacent property committee as they explore necessary steps related to the possible redevelopment of the parking lot.

Continuing in our commitment to increase our annual pledge to the diocese.

For these and other ministry needs, the vestry has set the goal of our pledge campaign at \$830,000. This represents a 4% increase over giving from last year.

Please prayerfully consider what your pledge to St. John's will be in the coming year, and make your pledge "From the heart".

Sincerely,

Kurt Ellison

Vestry Member, Stewardship Chair

## **Building Community at the Crossroads of Faith and Life**

Our members represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, family configurations, sexual orientations, abilities, and religious traditions. Indeed, chances are that there's someone like you at St. John's. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, remarried, gay and lesbian, with and without children, empty nesters, old and young, and differently-abled; you name it - we are here.

## Passages

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."*

1 Cor. 12:26

*We join in mourning the death of*

Carman Jane Estes, mother of Mark Estes

*Please contact the Office if you have a celebration, thanksgiving, sorrow, or other news to share with the Parish.*

## Learn the basics of flower arranging and create a small arrangement to take home!

The Flower Guild invites parishioners to a hands-on flower workshop on **Saturday, Nov. 1 at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall**. This invitation is being extended to a few other churches as well, so feel free to bring a friend.

**David Powers**, Member of AIFD, Senior representative and designer of Potomac Flower Wholesale, will present two advanced arrangements in the Nave. David will also be introducing new designs, new materials and ideas for the upcoming holidays.

A light lunch will follow the workshop.

Please call Lizzie Glidden-Boyle 301-949-0966 or John Mertens, 301-718-2073 to reserve your place!

Lizzie Glidden-Boyle

## A Great Reform

In the United Kingdom of 1830, the House of Commons of Parliament was elected by the few, who were overwhelmingly located in rural areas and universities. Almost no one was elected from the burgeoning populations of the new industrial cities. In "Perilous Question: The Drama of the Great Reform Bill 1832," Antonia Fraser writes of the passionate struggle to end the corruption and decay of the Commons in favor of a representative body ( but, however, with women's suffrage still far in the future). It is a tale of political intrigue, grand speeches and great leaders on both sides. Please join the Men's Book Club as we discuss this profound democratic revolution at 7:30 pm on November 12 at Earle O'Donnell's house.

Earle

## Music Notes

"Now the silence" by Jaroslav Vajda is one of the most striking and poetically original of the contemporary texts found in our hymnal. According to *The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, it is a "most unusual work, impressionistic in nature and rich in poetic imagery." When you read through the text, you'll immediately notice that each phrase opens with the word "Now" and that there are no rhymes, punctuation or finite verbs:

Now the silence Now the peace  
Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the healing Now the power  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the Body Now the Blood  
Now the joyful celebration  
Now the wedding Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation  
Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing  
Now Now Now

Pastor Vajda has written that during his eighteen years in full time parish ministry he had, somewhat unknowingly, composed a "list of awesome and exciting things one should expect in worship, culminating in a Eucharist and benediction." His "list" became this beautiful hymn text which the St. John's Choir will share at this Sunday's 11:15 am service.

Anne Timpane

## A Wider Circle Has a New Campaign

It's Browns' Beds! Local philanthropists Ann and Don Brown have donated 2000 beds to a Wider Circle to be given to families who live in poverty without their basic necessities. Browns' Beds need gently used sheets, blankets and new pillows.

A Wider Circle will make a free pickup of beds, furniture and other essentials to furnish the empty rooms of those in poverty. To schedule your free pickup, email [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) or phone [301-608-2504](tel:301-608-2504).

The Browns' Beds campaign is just one of many initiatives A Wider Circle sponsors. Its founder, Mark Bergel, has been named a CNN Hero of the Year.

A Wider Circle is an Outreach Committee- designated nonprofit organization.

Peg Lower



**Adult Forum October 12**

**10:10 am, Parish Hall**

**Top 10 Steps to Green the Church (or Your Home)**

Churches across the country are going solar, ramping up recycling, and planting community gardens in creative and sustainable initiatives to model that the earth is the Lord's.

What are the opportunities at St. John's? We'll take a tour of 10 ways we can green our church. And we'll look at how these actions, whether in our church, homes or the broader community, can help protect our health and the well-being of the planet.

Jane Houlihan

St. John's Eco Action Team

**Unveiling and Dedication of New Children's Chapel Space**

You're all invited to a very special celebration in the life of Saint John's Children's Chapel! Thanks to a generous grant from the Norwood Parish Fund, the stage in Hines Hall is being converted to a dedicated worship space for our youngest parishioners.

We hope you'll join us on October 19th immediately following the 9am worship service for the dedication of this space and a time of fellowship and celebration!

Pamela Terry

Children's Chapel Minister

**You're invited to**



**St. John's Annual Stewardship Dinner**

**Sunday October 26, 2014**

**6:00pm**



**Please join us for drinks,  
Bavarian dancing, and great food!**

Free childcare is available for ages 1-10

RSVP to Carol Assmann by October 19  
Chassmann@verizon.net or 301-718-8090

Please indicate number of people attending,  
number of children under 10,  
and if you need transportation for this event.

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## Calendar

### Sunday October 12, 2014

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
St. Mary's Chapel  
9:00-12:00 Parish Library Open  
9:00 am Children's Chapel – Hines Hall  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon and music  
led by the Alleluia Choir - Nave  
10:00 am Church School – classrooms  
Adult Forum – Parish Hall  
Eco Action Team – Top 10 Steps to  
Green a Church (or Home)  
Bible Study – Library  
11:15 am Holy Eucharist with sermon and music  
led by the St. John's Choir – Nave  
12:30 pm LEV Training - Nave  
5:00 pm Come As You Are communion service -  
Nave  
5:30 pm Youth Group – Youth Room  
6:00 pm Adoption Ministry – Lounge

### Monday October 13, 2014

Parish Office closed for Columbus Day  
Parish Office open 9 am – 2 pm Tues–Fri Oct 14-17, 2014

### Monday October 13, 2014

7:30 pm Property Committee – Parish Hall  
7:30 pm Sunday Forum Committee - Library

### Tuesday October 14, 2014

12 - 1:30 pm Church Staff – Rector's Office  
4:00 pm Primary Choir – Choir Room  
5:00 pm Children's Choir – Choir Room  
7:00 pm Alleluia Choir – Choir Room  
7:30 pm Finance Committee - Lounge

### Wednesday October 15, 2014

10:30 am Bible Study - Lounge  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Healing – Chapel  
6:30 pm EfM - Lounge

### Thursday October 16, 2014

6:00 pm Norwood Ringers – Choir Room  
7:30 pm St. John's Choir – Choir Room

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### Saturday October 18, 2014

9:00-11:00 am Rite 13 Rehearsal, Nave, Parish Hall  
9:00 – 11:30 am Beautification Day  
10 am – 3 pm Metro Washington Association of the  
Deaf- Blind - Lounge

### Sunday October 19, 2014

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
St. Mary's Chapel  
9:00-12:00 Parish Library Open  
9:00 am Children's Chapel – Hines Hall  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist/Celebration of Rite 13,  
with sermon and music led by the  
Alleluia Choir - Nave  
10:00 am Church School – classrooms  
Adult Forum – Parish Hall  
The Vision Team presents  
Bible Study – Library  
11:15 am Holy Eucharist with sermon and music  
led by the St. John's Choir – Nave  
5:00 pm Come As You Are communion service -  
Nave

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