

*To love the Lord God above all,  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and to live out our Baptismal covenant  
so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.*

### *From Father John*

Given the troublesome situation in this country and the extreme lack of civil discourse with horrible repercussions, we need to examine the way we communicate with one another, especially about controversial topics. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, “*Come, let us reason together.*”

Let’s set a good example for ourselves and others.

As we begin another year of praying, learning, worshipping and playing together, I would like us to remind ourselves of the 10 Rules for Respect brought to us by Bishop Greg:

#### **10 Rules for Respect**

In every Letter of Agreement I have had with congregations, and now with the Diocese of Olympia, I have asked that the **Rules for Respect** spelled out below be made part of the agreement. I first saw these in an article by Church of the Nazarene pastor Charles Christian. I think they are quite helpful in framing our communication and life together. I vow to do my best to follow them and invite you to do the same. We will all fail, but through gentle challenge and loving encouragement these can become a foundation for healthy communication for us all.

1. If you have a problem with me, come to me (privately).
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you (privately).
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. (I’ll do the same for you.)
4. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, “Let’s go to Greg together. I am sure he will see us

about this.” (I will do the same for you.)

5. Be careful how you interpret me—I’d rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions.
6. I’ll be careful how I interpret you.
7. If it’s confidential, don’t tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won’t tell unless a) the person is going to harm himself/herself, b) the person is going to physically harm someone else, c) a child has been physically or sexually abused. I expect the same from you.
8. I don’t read unsigned letters or notes.
9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach “at you.” I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (she does it better anyway!)
10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don’t get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

Following these rules at St. John’s will allow us to be together in community and create an environment that is open, honest and nurturing to all. Blessed discourse is something we all need to practice and be reminded of.

February 2011

St. John’s Episcopal Church

# The CHRONICLE

## ~Faith Formation~

### Soup Suppers, Confirmation Classes and Bishop Greg's Visit

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Greg will be with St. John's on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011.

The Bishop's visit is a time for baptisms, confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations. If you wish to know more about these sacraments or wish to receive one of them, St. John's will be offering a six-week preparation class.

The classes will begin on February 23 and end on April 6, with the exception of Ash Wednesday, March 9, when we will have a service at 7 p.m. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a simple soup supper (like the ones we typically do during Lent) and have class time from 6:30-8 p.m. **Volunteers are needed to prepare soup! A signup sheet with instructions on how much soup to prepare and how to set up for these is in the Parish Hall! This is really easy duty, with very little cleanup involved. If your group, committee, guild or ministry wants to do this, its even easier!**

Please contact Father John or Mother June through the office if you have questions and/or plan on attending these get-togethers. All are welcome – even if you are just looking for a refresher course. Child care will be provided.

### Holy Hospitality Report

*By Stephanie Schreck*

The Holy Hospitality ministry was started in June of 2010 with a purpose of making St. John's as welcoming and user friendly as possible.

Looking ahead 12 to 18 months, we first targeted areas for improvement and set priorities. Then we started working! The lists below show what's done, what's in the works and what's left to do.

#### Done:

- Nursery relocation
- New phone system (funded by the Event Committee)
- Newcomer committee chaired by Georgie Allen
- Welcome table for newcomers
- Sunday service moved from 10 to 10:30 a.m. to allow for expanded adult education between services

#### In the works:

- Wall display in Parish Hall summing up St. John's ministries and activities, scheduled for completion by the annual meeting
- Newcomer guide
- Newcomer brochure
- Recruitment of Newcomer committee members, ongoing
- Revised business cards and stationary
- Web site update, review in progress
- Sound system review, study in process, next steps are summary of findings and recommendations for change and project cost

#### To do:

- Additional service for young adults/teens
- Development of program for receiving families into church liturgically
- Development of classes for "seekers" and newcomers
- Professional signage
- Install light for outdoor sign
- Purchase city street signs

As you can see, we've been busy and we're looking forward to seeing the results over the next year. If you'd like to help, we'd love to have you join us.

You can contact me, Stephanie Schreck, through the office at St. John's.

### Women's Spirituality Group

On **February 5, 2011**, the Women's Spirituality Group will gather in the Guild Room at 10 a.m. We will listen to a meditative reading followed by a few minutes of silent time. Then we will read and discuss Chapter 7, Where Possibilities Burn Bright, of Margaret McPhee's book, Sacred Attention. All women are welcome to join us.



For further information, please call Mother June (352-8527) or Georgie Allen (350-0395).

We hope to see you on February 5.

## ~Around the Parish~

### The Bookworm's Nook

By Jenny Loudon

*Ears to Hear* is a book we've had in the Library for several years. I believe a class was taught here using this book, since we have five copies of it. I've been curious about the book for a while and I read it recently. I think it was helpful to me on my spiritual journey.

This book, written by Edward Little, a Bishop in the Episcopal Church, uses Biblical (mainly Old Testament) stories and people to examine various aspects of God's calls to us. Each chapter has a few discussion questions listed at the end and they are thought provoking, as is the book overall.

I would especially recommend *Ears to Hear* to anyone seeking to learn to better listen in his or her prayer life. I would also recommend it to anyone who would like to learn more about some of our spiritual forebears as they are recorded in the Bible.

### Outreach Announcements

By Sherry Sullivan

**YWCA "Other Bank" Donations:** The need is year round, so we are asking that you continue your donations of **toiletries, personal hygiene & cleaning supplies**. Please remember the "Other Bank" when you shop. This month's special need is **childrens' toothbrushes** (ask your dentist too!), but any appropriate donations are welcome. Look for the Y donation box in the sanctuary, near the food bank collection area.

**Do You Have Extra Sewing Material, Notions, or a Sewing Machine you will not be using?** Would you consider donating them to a local charity?

**CIELO Project at Radio Ranch**, a local non-profit that provides educational and family services to latinos in our community, is seeking such items for a grant-funded sewing class.

Currently the 18 unemployed hispanic women taking this class are learning practical sewing, pattern making and alteration techniques (along with complementary English vocabulary) to help them support their families. Please contact Sherry Sullivan (705-1974).

## ~Beyond the Walls~

### The Economic Survival Fair

On **Saturday, February 5**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., come to the Olympia Center for the Economic Survival Fair. Times are tough, but help is available. If you've just been laid off, had your hours cut, are struggling to pay bills, or just need information, the Economic Survival Fair is a great place to start.

At the Economic Survival Fair, you'll find:

- Financial literacy coaching, with personalized advice on how to stretch your dollars
- Tips for more effective job searches, resumes, and interviews
- Registration for assistance from the Department of Social and Health Services
- Screening on whether you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Information on family support services and health care options
- Ideas for healthy meals on a budget
- Do-it-yourself craft corner
- Free HIV testing and counseling
- Free haircuts and care packages
- A bunch of other free stuff and free activities for the whole family!

Free tax preparation is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Olympia Center is located in downtown Olympia at 222 Columbia Street NW.

### News from El Hogar



By Sue Michie

Thank you for your continued support of Jahir! We have now reached \$1,010.00 toward our \$1,500 goal.

We received greetings from the Children of El Hogar:

The boys, girls, young men and staff of El Hogar Projects wish you and your family a happy, healthy, joyful New Year and they send their *deepest thanks* for your love and support! Vaya con Dios!

Keep Jahir and the students and staff at El Hogar in your prayers as we wish them continued success in 2011.

## New Telephone System Installed

By Father John

In order to present a more professional public image and be more responsive to the needs of our congregation, we had a new telephone system installed.

The system provides key information about St. John's ministries and worship services. It also provides the ability to leave confidential voice mail messages for the priest in charge and in individual staff mailboxes. We will also be able to retrieve voice mail messages when away from church.

We are grateful to the Event committee for providing the funding achieve this major communication enhancement.

## Event Committee Schedule

The Event Committee plans and carries out many of St. John's social events. All are welcome to join. Being part of this fun-loving group is a great way to get to know new people at St. John's.

Here is a calendar of the events scheduled in 2011:

**Sunday, April 17,** Bishop Greg's Visit

**Saturday, April 23,** Easter Vigil Banquet, served after service in Parish Hall

**Saturday, May 7,** English Tea, served at Noon, 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 4,** June Jumble

**Sunday, July 10,** Ice Cream Social following 10:30 a.m. service

**Saturday, September 24,** Italian Night Dinner

**Saturday, November 19,** Christmas Faire

## Endowment Fund Fully Restored

By Fred Adair

Thanks to donors and the Vestry, the \$60,000 borrowed from the fund in 2007 has been fully repaid.

This borrowing was necessitated by the untimely failure of the church's boiler when money was not available from another source. With the valuable assistance from Michael Magallon, Don Duncan, Lucy Clifthorne and others, the new boiler was installed and up and running in time before the cold weather hit.

On behalf of all of us, I extend my sincere appreciation to all donors and the above-named persons.

## Recurring Schedule

### Sunday

8, 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, childcare at 9 a.m.  
9:15 a.m. Adult Education Forum, Guild Room  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour After Ten Thirty (CHAT)  
6 p.m. Spanish *Holy Eucharist*  
6 p.m. Compline Rehearsal  
8 p.m. Compline Service

### Monday

10 a.m. Crafting Group  
4 p.m. Quilting Group

### Tuesday

4-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L-1, Atrium  
**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L-2, Canceled**

### Wednesday

7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*  
10-11:15 a.m. Bible Study, Guild Room  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room  
6:30 p.m. EFM, Guild Meeting Room

### Thursday

1 p.m. Jubilate Choir, Music Room

### Saturday

8:30 a.m. Men's Group, Library

## Report to Parish (Totals Include Midweek Income)

	Dec-10	Pledges Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday	\$11,812	\$769	\$50	\$12,631	434
2nd Sunday	\$9,012	\$192	\$75	\$9,279	378
3rd Sunday	\$6,707	\$376	\$4,474	\$11,557	722
4th Sunday	\$6,609	\$180	\$265	\$7,054	1246
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$34,140</b>	<b>\$1,517</b>	<b>\$4,864</b>	<b>\$40,521</b>	<b>2780</b>
Prepaid Pledges	\$6,181				
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$40,321</b>				
<b>Total Giving</b>				<b>\$46,703</b>	
<b>5 Year Average</b>				<b>\$43,951</b>	
<b>Designated Funds and Memorials</b>				<b>\$12,165</b>	
	Jan-11	Pledges Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday	\$11,159	\$340	\$85	\$11,584	277
2nd Sunday	\$4,981	\$562		\$5,543	334
3rd Sunday	\$1,512	\$261		\$1,773	213
4th Sunday					
5th Sunday					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$17,652</b>	<b>\$1,163</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$18,900</b>	

## February Schedule

### 2 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Daughters of the King, Guild Meeting Room

### 4 Friday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

### 5 Saturday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

10 p.m. Women's Spirituality Group, Guild Room

### 6 Sunday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

Noon Adult Education Meeting, Guild Room

3 p.m. Klapa Doo Wopella Reception, Main Church, Parish Hall

### 8 Tuesday

1 p.m. Busy Bees, Guild Meeting Room

6:30 p.m. Outreach, Guild Room

7 p.m. Building & Grounds, Library

### 9 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Pastoral Care, Guild Room

### 10 Thursday

7 p.m. Vestry, Parish Hall

### 11 Friday

10:30 a.m. St. Martha's Guild, Parish Hall

### 12 Saturday

9 a.m.-Noon Pruning, Building & Grounds Work Day

### 13 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class, Main Church

### 17 Thursday

Noon St. Anne's Guild, Guild Room

2:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library

### 18 Friday

5:30 p.m. Valentines Potluck, Parish Hall

### 20 Sunday

Noon Play Reading, Library

### 27 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class, Main Church

## Office Hours: Monday to Friday

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (360) 352-8527**

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### Clergy and Staff

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. John Allen

Associate for Hispanic Ministries: The Rev. Don Maddux

Assistant Priest: The Rev. June Johnson

Assistant Priest: The Rev. Godson Ofoegbu

Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Jim Blundell

Archdeacon: The Venerable Gen Grewell

Deacon for Hispanic Ministry: The Rev. Tony Irving

Organist/Choirmaster: Kary W. Hyre

Pastoral Musician for Hispanic Ministries: Sergio Gomez

Treasurer: Don Duncan

Sexton: Michael Magallon

Secretary: Michelle Lozar

### Vestry

Allen Ziegler, Senior Warden

Dennis Cooper, Junior Warden

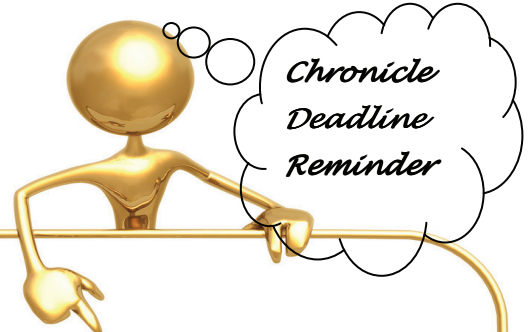
Nancy Axell, Clerk of the Vestry

Class of 2011: Dennis Cooper, Bill Elledge, Allen Ziegler, Tim Tayne; Class of 2011: Lucy Clifthorne,

Larrel O'Keefe, Bob Peck, Leanne Willard; Class of 2012: Belen Carrillo, Ann Hutcheson, Rob Michie,

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Thanks! Your Chronicle Editors

### Quarterly Report: October-December 2010

Month	Parish Giving	Income	Total Income	Operating Expenses	Net
Oct.	\$38,607	\$6,084	\$44,691	\$39,362	\$5,329
Nov.	\$28,378	\$3,246	\$31,624	\$33,862	-\$2,238
Dec.	\$46,703	\$4,119	\$50,822	\$32,451	\$18,371
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$113,688</b>	<b>\$13,449</b>	<b>\$127,137</b>	<b>\$105,675</b>	<b>\$21,462</b>
Designated Funds and Memorials				<b>\$11,398</b>	
Endowment Fund Current Value				<b>\$298,386</b>	

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## Liturgical Dance Fundraiser

*By Mary Alice Olson*

On March 6, the last Sunday before Lent, the music of old New Orleans Ragtime will fill the parish hall during CHAT (Coffee Hour After Ten-Thirty). The Liturgical Dance group is planning a fundraiser in the form of a Cakewalk. For \$5 you can buy a ticket and a chance to win a scrumptious cake.

Between rounds of the Cakewalk, the liturgical dancers will perform several short dances in various styles for your Mardi Gras delight.

Does this sound like fun? We think so! Bring your \$5 and plan to stay for the FUN!

We are looking for volunteers to bake those yummy cakes. Call Mary Alice Olson at 943-0466 if you're willing to help.



## Your Library

*By Jenny Loudon*

When the Library committee met in December, the members decided to set some objectives for 2011.

Each month, the committee will focus on a new task, as well as returning books to the shelves and other routine tasks. We've posted our objectives on the small window in the library, with lead workers for each month's main task listed in parentheses under the task.

One of our January objectives was to update our Wish List, the list of books recommended to us for addition to our collection. A completed Wish List is now posted in the Library as well as on the Parish Hall's book cart. We would especially welcome donations of books on that list! Also, if you think of other books you wish we had but don't, please add their titles to the bottom of the list.

When you are using the Library, take a look at our objectives. We hope that having them so public will help us keep moving along with them.