

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NEWS

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2010

Clinic Concerts at St. John's

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting a series of six chamber

music concerts this year for the benefit of the Heart Mountain Volunteer Medical Clinic. The Powell Chamber Series, organized by Larry Dirksen and Carole Genz-Mould, in cooperation with St. John's, includes many of the Red Lodge Chamber Players.

The first concert will take place at St. John's on Sunday, October 3rd at 3pm. It features Lee Hancock on piano; Doug Brown on bassoon; Sue Logan, vocals and oboe; and Tamara Boggio Upton, voice. The program will consist of favorite piano works by Chopin, hit songs from the golden age of Tin Pan Alley, and lesser-known oboe and bassoon pieces by Saint-Saens and Vivaldi.

There will be one concert each month at St. John's until March 2011 with the following programs:

- Nov 7 – Piano, cello and violin
- Dec 5 – Solo guitar
- Jan 9 – Late Beethoven String Quartet
- Feb 27 – Chamber Music with guitar
- March 20 – Claude Bolling's "Concerto for Classical Guitar and Jazz Piano"

The concert admission price is \$15 per person or the entire series for \$72.

An informal reception will take place in the Undercroft following each performance. St. John's congregation members may volunteer to prepare food or, as an alternative, monetary donations for reception food would be equally appreciated.

Education for Ministry

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EFM) program provides people with education to carry out that ministry and provides an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. St. John's has formed its first EFM

group which begins its work in late September.

The seminar group is the nucleus of the Education for Ministry program. The group at St. John's consists of seven participants and a trained mentor who will meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. These meetings are usually from two and a

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Service	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Greeters	Rob Koelling Deb Koelling	Mary Dillivan Kim Dillivan	Martha Moewes Jennifer Jensen	Carol Bendick Sue Woods	Pete Chidsey Deb Chidsey
Acolyte	Deb Chidsey	Walter Johnson	Sue Woods	Justine Larsen	Carol Bendick
Worship Leader	Laura Greathouse	Diana Anderson	Megan Nickles	Robert Rumbolz	Mary Dillivan
Lector 1	Bill Hassler	Deb Koelling	Justine Larsen	Steve Nickles	Scott Larsen
Lector 2	Carol McCauley	Hunter Patrick	Rob Koelling	Jennifer Jensen	Josephine Dewitt
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half to three hours in length.

Through study, prayer, and reflection, EFM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process can be illustrated by a two-rail fence. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Students are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them.

Through discussion and guided reflection, the seminars furnish an opportunity to deepen understanding of the reading materials.

More important is the development of skills in theological reflection. The goal is to learn to think theologically. By examining

their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

Enrollment for the group has closed for this year. We will begin again in the fall of 2011 at which time new students may be accepted for their Year One course of study.

Diocesan Convention takes place in Laramie October 7-10. Delegates from St. John's are Sue Woods and Katy Lytle. Ron Lytle, who is the Region I Representative to Diocesan Council, and Megan Nickles will also attend. The speaker will be Paul-Gordon Chandler, author, Episcopal priest and interfaith advocate currently working in the Middle East. He has recently authored a book on Muslim/Christian relations, *Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road: Exploring a New Path Between Two Faiths*.

On Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, Thomas the Apostle Center is offering the

course, "Where We Come From," that covers the history of the American Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church in Wyoming. It will be divided into two parts and will be held at TAC. The Rev. Warren Murphy will lead this interactive course that will include a survey of how the Episcopal Church became the most recognized denomination in America despite its small size. This same phenomenon also took place in Wyoming from territorial times until the present. The full course will begin on Friday at 5 PM at TAC and continue through lunch on Saturday. The Friday evening and Saturday morning session will cover the national Episcopal Church. From 10 until noon on Saturday the focus will be on the history of The Episcopal Church in the state of Wyoming. The first 14 registrants who desire to stay overnight at TAC are welcome to be there at no charge. Others are welcome to join either of the two sessions individually. This will be of importance for those who have taken this course in the past but would like to learn about the Wyoming part of the story on Saturday. They should register for that day only and stay for lunch.

Bishop John S. Smylie will visit St. John's the weekend of October 22. Look for announcements soon regarding plans for fellowship with the Bishop. His weekend visit with the community of St. John's will culminate with him presiding and preaching at service on Sunday, October 24.

Gretchen Beerline is taking a six-week trip to Southeast Asia. She will fly into Bangkok in mid-October, but will spend her time in Laos and Cambodia. There are lots of things on her list to see and do, including festivals, cooking classes and a boat tour of the Mekong River, but she doesn't have anything firm arranged. "Sometimes by serendipity and dumb luck, by leaving yourself open to possibilities, wonderful opportunities present

themselves – marvelous experiences can happen."

Some of her time will be spent at Angkor Wat, a Hindu temple complex in Cambodia built in the early 12th century. There she may work a couple of hours a day with school children who are learning English. If nothing as formal as that can be arranged, she is looking forward to conversations with the monks who want to better their English speaking skills. "I want to see and celebrate culture. I want to see how people start their day."

Thank you to ALL who provided lawn care this summer. Special thanks to Pete Chidsey, who for years has been the guiding force in keeping the church grounds looking so beautiful!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Tuesday evening dinners for the Heart Mountain Volunteer Medical Clinic in September.

A huge thank you to Diana Anderson and Megan Nickles for the paint job at the Thrift Shop. As a result, the Thrift Shop looks fantastic both inside and outside!

Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes contributions are always needed and appreciated.

The Rev. Megan Nickles (754-4218) is available at any time. Please call to make an appointment or for any emergency.

Events to Remember:

Altar Guild

October: Dolores Woods and Sue Woods
November: Mary Dillivan and Jan Lenhard

Vestry Meeting

October 31, 9am
November 28, 9am

Thrift Shop Cleaning Days:

Wed. Oct. 27, 1pm
Wed. Nov. 29, 1pm

Powell Valley Care

Center Service:

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2:30 pm

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

9 Christy Davis
19 Martha Moewes
23 Grant Nickles
23 Ray O'Brien

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Megan Greathouse
11 Annis Doto
13 Monte Nickles
18 Laura Scarbro
23 Bill Greathouse