

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## February 2012



**St. John's annual meeting started with a sandwich potluck after morning services. (If the enthusiasm of the congregation can be measured by their contribution to a potluck, they are in great shape.) Sondra opened the meeting with the call to order and opening prayer. The spirit of the meeting had been set by Father Stuckey's sermon, pointing out our assets and our call to the future.**

**The minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were reviewed and approved.**

**The next item on the agenda was the election of three vestry members for 2012. Mark Garner, John Dick, and Gene Brantley had agreed to run, and they were elected by acclamation.**

**The financial report was introduced by Sondra Rabone. (Mike Scarsdale was vacationing in Florida, so he was not available to explain the financials.) Sondra pointed out the difficult year the church had gone through financially with the retiring costs of Father Doyle and the indebtedness and closing of the day school. In addition, the vestry had agreed to pay a portion of Linda's health insurance since her insurance group had been the day school, and she had to obtain insurance through the diocese. However, at the end of the year, with all bills paid, the church ended in the black.**

**Sondra also noted the difficult decisions the vestry had had to face, retiring Seamus and closing the day school. She ended by praising all the volunteers and the faithful congregants who are keeping the church working .**

**Following the formal meeting, the new vestry met to select senior and junior wardens. Sondra Rabone agreed to stay on as Senior warden, and Gene Brantley agreed to serve as Junior warden (with John Dick's help).**

We will be holding a Mardi Gras potluck on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, at 6pm. Bring New Orleans type food if you want, or just bring anything you would like to share. Music will be provided by Kenneth Clark, a keyboard player and singer formerly from the New Orleans area. He now lives in Harrison, is employed by Fed Ex, and plays in the praise band at First Methodist Church. You are sure to enjoy his playing and singing, so come out for a fun time, good food and a festive atmosphere.



Arah Dean Turner's daughter, Tami, has re-married. Her husband's name is Ed Rogers. They have started a new business named Rogers Odds & Ends. They do yard work and home maintenance and repairs inside and out. Ed is pictured below. Mark Burns, a family friend, is pictured to the left. They came over and put in a number of hours gathering the myriad piles of leaves and hauling them off.

Arah Dean provided the gas for the project. John Dick especially appreciated their sweat equity as the leaf work has many times fallen to him to do.

Here is the contact information for Ed and Tami:

Tami's cell # 870-577-4224

Ed's cell # 870-688-9089

Address is 1003 W. Sherman—Harrison





**We have received news that Betty Salisbury passed away Saturday, January 28th. Her funeral will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 10:30am at St. James' Church located in Eureka Springs. Her daughter, Martha Johnson, of 46 South Hills Loop Holliday Island, AR 72631 requests that memorials be made to the Hospice of the Hills building fund or Hillcrest Home's fund for their young workers.**



I have been asked to let you know that Austin Daniels and his family genuinely appreciate all of the support and prayers that the members of St. John's have sent his way. As we all know, when you are in a new place, away from those you know and love, anything sent from home is truly welcome.

Mandy, Austin and Emily are pictured

After supply school in Meridian, Mississippi, Miles Wade is scheduled to go to Gurton, Connecticut, for submarine training.

His present address is:

Miles J. Wade

STUNTTC Meridian MS

720 Fletcher Rd. STE 100

Meridian, VS 39309-5040

His mother, Stephanie Robertson, has just been promoted to Lt. Colonel. Of course, John Dick is a dotting father and grandpa.





As you may have noticed, I am pulling out all of the stops since this is my first newsletter. What is better than a baby picture? A twins baby picture. Dan Sears just emailed to let us know that his daughter, Sarah Sears Longstreth of Fayetteville delivered twin boys on January 20th. James Fisher is on the left, and Bennett Ross is on the right.

**I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the time that Lena Boswell took tutoring me in the ways of Microsoft Publisher, so that I would be able to take over the task of getting this newsletter together. She also took the pictures on the front page and wrote that article as well as the article below. Thanks a lot, Lena, I couldn't have done it without you. Linda**



**It's a new year, and Linda has posted a new flower chart in the Narthex so that parishioners can sign up for flowers for remembrances of loved ones.**

**When you sign up for flowers, a person on the flower guild will purchase cut flowers and arrange them for the altar, and your attribution will be announced in the Sunday bulletin. Your contribution for this should be \$25 or \$30.**

**If you wish to have professionally prepared flowers to commemorate a loved one or a special event, you may place your order with your favorite florist and then arrange with Ann Sullivan (743-4671) or Lena Boswell (204-2414) to provide the florist access to the church.**

**Please add your name for flowers on your special days.**