

# St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."

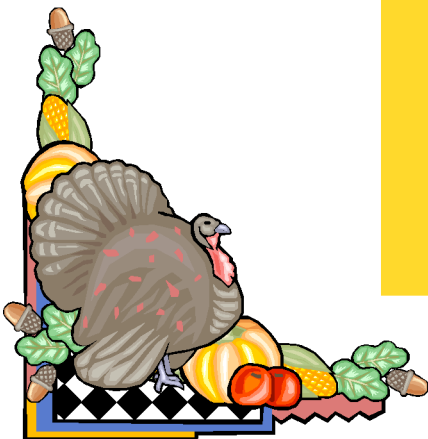


Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt



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November 2007

October 7, 2007

Dear Tim and all the people of St. John's,

There is no way to tell you how profoundly grateful I am to you for your help and your warmth and caring as I coped with my son's death. Your support meant so much to me, and it is a great comfort to me and to his sisters to know that Will got to have the funeral at St. John's that he wanted to have. I believe that he felt that having his funeral and his ashes in Vermont meant that he was coming home. Thank you all so much for making that possible.

Judith, Rachel and Anne

### **A Sunday Sermon**

(When Beth Ann Maier preached at St. John's on October 14 she finished up with these words about healing. Thank you for your words and your presence with us, Beth Ann)

We are all, in some way, the doubly outcast, the wounded and the marginalized, if not of our own doing, then self-perpetuated. The Good News in this passage is that the healing is there for any of us, for all of us, over and over again, especially if we reach out and touch and let ourselves be touched.

St. John's is such a great place for that. I have always been a different person. The Latin roots of that word are *dis* meaning 'not' and *fidere* meaning 'to trust'. I came here, maybe not an outcast, but certainly an exile as suggested in the passage from Jeremiah. I have been so blessed to have landed on your fertile soil and planted my garden here for a season. You opened yourselves and touched me, loved me, accepted me. You were Christ for me and I praise God and give you my

thanks. I can't spend much time here this year, but I promise not to be a stranger. Each of you have given me the invaluable gift of opening yourselves to share your love and knowledge of God. You carry this gift with you as you go out and share it with the world. You are an amazing God-filled community of faith. You are the real thing and like anything that is real, you can only hold on to it by giving it away. God bless you in the giving of yourselves.



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Chocolate Festival 2007 – To Taste or not to Taste

After two years of wonderfully creative and hard work getting our St. John's Chocolate Festival up and running, Jane Eubanks wants to step aside this fall, but is willing to help anyone pick up the reins. The elementary school cafeteria is already booked for Sunday afternoon, November 4, so we can do it if anyone wants to take over. Speak to Jane or the Rector if you are interested.

### The Bishop Is Coming

A rare chance to meet our new Presiding Bishop happens on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m., November 2 at an open forum at Ira Allen Chapel at UVM. Stay tuned as more details are planned.

To view photos from Bishop Ely's visit on October 28<sup>th</sup> please go to:

[http://www.stjohnsrandolphvt.org/Galleries/main.php?g2\\_itemId=318](http://www.stjohnsrandolphvt.org/Galleries/main.php?g2_itemId=318)

If you click on the individual thumbnail you can see a larger version, as well as have an option to download an even larger version.



#### NOVEMBER

Barbara Bonney – 6  
Linda Runnion – 8  
Ann Hobin – 12  
Mark Seymour – 12  
Myrt Seymour – 15  
Nancy Reid -22  
Gay Gaston - 29

#### DECEMBER

Stephen Springer - 3  
Tim Eberhardt - 4  
Betsy Arnold - 13  
Cecile Smith - 18  
David Gaston - 26  
Marcia Stone - 28



After the African supper Saturday evening so many people asked for the stew recipe I decided the best way to give it out would be through the Messenger so here it is:

### Spicy West African Sweet Potato (Yam) & tomato stew

- 2 tbsp. canola/olive oil
- 4 C. chopped onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 or 3 tsp. grated ginger root
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 in. cubes
- 6 C. chopped cabbage
- 6 C. tomato juice
- 1 apple, peeled and chopped
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 C. tomatoes, peeled and diced (you can use 2 cans of diced tomatoes, drained)
- 4 C. finely chopped kale, collards or chard
- 6 to 8 tbsp. peanut butter
- 2 C. water as needed

Heat oil over medium heat and add onions and saute for about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, ginger and cayenne and saute for a couple more minutes. Add sweet potato, cabbage and apple and saute, covered, about 10 minutes. Add tomato juice and tomatoes. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes, until potatoes are tender. Add kale/collards/chard and cook about 5 minutes until it is bright green. Stir in peanut butter, reduce heat to low and simmer gently. Add water or more juice if stew is too thick.

This makes a BIG pot so select your pot accordingly. I use a large stock pot.

Susan



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November Baptism – Lee Sease (24)

December Anniversaries: Stephen and Barbara Springer (22) and Robert and Roberta Soule (24)



### Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care met Nov. 8 in the Canterbury Rm. Margaret offered our opening prayer.

We checked in with our contacts during the past month with our parishioners with notes, cards and phone calls. Thank you's had been sent for the African dinner on Oct. 27,

Margaret will send a note to the Bishop thanking him for his presence with us and sermon on Oct. 27 - 28.

Word had been received that Bea Wright, our Lk. Champagne summer visitor , had died in Texas. John, her husband is in a nursing home. A wonderful couple who enjoyed St. John's for several summers.

We have begun to send notes/cards to the grandson of one of our parishioners who is in residence at the Lenny Burke Farm in Wallingford. He has fond memories of worshipping here.

Betsy Arnold  
Margaret Egerton

Tim Eberhardt  
Ginny Cantlin

Ellie Streeter  
Mary Ellen Bean

### Notable Events

November 4, Chocolate Fair

December 1, Christmas Bazaar



Chicken Pot Pie Supper

November 2007

Please note that all previous tentative dates for a fall pot pie supper have been abandoned. We have scheduled a Maybelle Dumont Chicken Pot Pie supper to be held on February 2, 2008. That's right on Ground Hog Day! We hope everyone will help us look forward to a sunny Spring by enjoying this special treat Feb. 2. MUCH more information will be forth coming.

### The Christmas Bazaar



Pinecones, pinecones and more pinecones!!! We need pinecones wired for the wreaths! Ribbons & bows, ribbons & bows, and more ribbons & bows!! Please see Ellen Baker if you are interested in testing your hand at the art of bow making.

**We start decorating 80 wreaths at 9 am the Monday after Thanksgiving, and continue until Wednesday or until we are done!! No experience necessary! Come for an hour or all day. If you can not come, we need more pine cones wired – see Ellen Baker (Head Wreath Elf).**



Felted ornaments galore!! Please see Jane Eubanks if you are interesting in crafting felted Christmas ornaments. Felting is fun and easy to learn!!



Gift baskets! The best sellers are theme baskets. Please see Anna Sease and Pat Lawrence for suggestions on needed items. We are also looking for local or Vermont food and other items to put into a basket to raffle. We have some wine promised already.



Stockings Stuffers! A new item on the craft table this year will be stockings and all the stuffing. A pattern will be available for sizing. We also need STUFFERS! Little ornaments, hand-made soaps, individually wrapped "goodies", etc. Please see Jane Eubanks for more details!



Baked Goods – we need to fill our tables with delicious baked items to sell. See Mary Smokoski, Betsy Arnold or Ellie Streeter.



Penny Social - we raffle off a table full of new items. See Anna or Pat L.

Trinkets and Treasures – previously loved, quality items needed. Please no broken things. Talk to Ginny Cantlin or Nancy Dubois, (our antique and collectible dealers).

November 2007

The Randolph Area Food Shelf has had another busy year ensuring no one in the Randolph area goes hungry. Our client visits are up again this year – to the highest number we have ever seen. In the last 3 months we

served over 1,500 people emergency food. This year we are seeing more working families struggling each day to feed their families.

We ask you to please join us this Fall in our fight to prevent hunger in Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, and East Granville. A financial gift will go a long way towards meeting our needs and each dollar donated buys nearly 8 pounds of food! A donation of your time is a very valuable gift as well and would help to keep the Food-shelf open/operating daily.

If you would like to know more about how you can help, please speak to Jocelyn Richards, volunteer or Burt Ulrich, or Tim Eberhardt, Board members. And if you would like to contribute financially, your contribution can go to: Randolph Area Food Shelf, PO Box 202, Randolph VT 05060.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

For more than a decade the Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy has provided the services of an Episcopal chaplain to patients and their families at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. As part of that ministry we also arrange for Episcopal clergy from the Upper Valley to offer Sunday Holy Communion to Episcopal patients.

Our present chaplain is the Rev. Judson Pealer, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Windsor, Vermont. During 2006, Fr. Pealer made 869 visits to patients from over 50 parishes in Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Based on the visits he has made so far this year, we expect him to visit over 950 patients by the end of 2007.

Some one-quarter of the declared Episcopalians visited by our chaplain are presently unchurched. Their hospital stay provides our chaplain an opportunity for evangelizing. Fr. Pealer also assists local priests by making sure they are informed when one of their parishioner is hospitalized.

Our Episcopal chaplain works in close connection with DHMC Chaplaincy Office, but he is not on the hospital payroll. The cost of this vital service is borne entirely by donations from congregations and individuals in Vermont and New Hampshire and by their Bishops. Your financial assistance is welcome and deeply appreciated. Your tax deductible contribution may be made by check payable to EHC and sent to Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy, 9 West Wheelock Street, Hanover NH 03755. The EHC is a nonprofit corporation run by lay Episcopalians from both Vermont and New Hampshire.

November 2007

The Rector's Message

While fall is about gone and the announcements in Church have turned to preparations to December 1 Bazaar, I'm still thinking about "how I spent my summer". I did so of course as the rector of this amazing parish, always a packed, adventuresome and privileged thing to do. I also took on a part time job (4 hours per week) as a tour guide at the Porter Music Box museum. (I would rather put it in the priestly role of a "docent", although as here with the computer or the parish finances, please don't let me near the gift shop register!!)

There were several reasons for this: first, because as for several years now we as a parish have not been able to keep up with diocesan compensation guidelines for a full time rector's position (still low by any national standards), the vestry and I have increasingly discussed implications of that for my role here at St. John's, and this was a simple response. Second, while I, the vestry and now the Ministry Discovery team have begun to look more deeply into those implications, this work on the side offered me and us as a Church a first taste and a disciplined way of seeing what that looks like with questions of accessibility and, for me, time management since I've never thought much about that. And now with the wonderful offer of another part time position (as an associate to Bill Markle with all his ministry enterprises around this community), I/we are trying to become even more serious about what our shared ministry looks like.

Third, with all our continuing discussions through the Ministry Discovery process which we began last spring and with some thirty-three of us coming on board, this all seems like a natural fit as we move deeper into the transition toward whatever shared ministry God is calling us to and beyond my announced retirement in 2010. Could the rectorship of St. John's be a full time position for a professional seminary trained priest with shared baptismal ministry in and out of the Church? You bet! Can this parish afford it? Not at present. Do we need to sort through all our priorities and strategies of time and ministry and what it means to be a Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? You bet, and now's the time to keep working at that together as with our cottage meetings, our pledging, and all the work and discernment we will be doing in 2008.

Well that's a bit of how I spent my summer. A few steps closer to the Kingdom. How 'bout you? And...oh yes, I don't know a better place to hop on bicycle once in a while on a summer afternoon for an hour's dash out 12-A. Now there's the Kingdom!

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**Pentecost 24**

November 11

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Steve Springer

Intercessions: Susan O'Malley

Readers: Gay Gaston

Coffee Hour:

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**Pentecost 25**

November 18

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers:

Oblations: Susan O'Malley

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions: Jocelyn Richards

Readers: Ray & Pat Mayer

Coffee Hour:

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**Thanksgiving Eve**

November 21

~ 12 noon Service~

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**Last Sunday After Pentecost**

November 25

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Betsy & Bill Arnold

Oblations: Linda Nagy

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions: Nancy Wright

Readers: Nancy Wright

Coffee Hour:

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**Advent 1**

December 2

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Rico Lioce

Oblations: David & Gay Gaston

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions: Jackie Wilder

Readers: Ellen Baker

Coffee Hour:

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**Advent 2**

December 9

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Pay & Ray Mayer

Oblations: Gail Reitzel

Eucharist Minister: Bob Sparadeo

Intercessions: Christine Gilbert

Readers: Linda Runnion

Coffee Hour:

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**Advent 3**

December 16

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Gail Reitzel

Oblations: Nancy Dubois

Eucharist Minister:

Intercessions:

Readers: Pat Lawrence

Coffee Hour:

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