

St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."



Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt

Vestry of St. John's

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DECEMBER

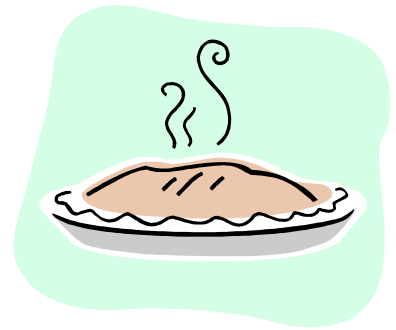
Stephen Springer – 3
Tim Eberhardt – 4
Betsy Arnold – 13
Cecile Smith – 18
David Gaston - 26
Marcia Stone - 28

JANUARY

Anna Sease -14
Barbara Springer - 14
Pat Mayer - 18
Jane Seymour - 25

Chicken Pot Pie Supper

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.



Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care met Dec. 5 welcoming Pat Mayer to our committee. Mary Ellen read our opening prayer.

It was reported that hospital visits and other contacts with parishioners had been made. Several notes and personal greetings had been sent.

We unanimously decided to forego our personal expenses this year and present a Christmas gift to a deserving young man in our parish household.

Due to the uncertainty of Tim meeting with us on Wednesday mornings, our meeting day has been changed to Tuesdays. Our next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8.

Betsy Arnold
Ellie Streeter

Tim Eberhardt
Margaret Egerton
Pat Mayer

Mary Ellen Bean
Ginny Cantlin



Dear People of St. John's

In case you didn't notice, articles about our Presiding Bishop's presence at our convention in Burlington last month practically filled the December issue of our diocesan newsletter "The Mountain "Echo". Bishop Schori was everywhere and each appearance sparked a different article. Between Friday morning and Saturday afternoon one for instance was a part of five of her sharings, and I know she met as well with media and youth before heading out for Sunday services at St. Paul's, Windsor and the state prison in Springfield. With our delegates, Nancy Wright, Jackie Wilder and Ellen Baker (not to mention with Steve and Jane Eubanks and Pat and Liz Lawrence Friday afternoon at Ira Allen Chapel) we can all attest it was "a command performance" with historic dimensions (such as it being the first anniversary of her consecration and the 175th of the Diocese of Vermont).

What struck me so often was her calm reserve. You can see it in the pictures, an almost quiet humility and yet ready to meet any question of issue head on which she did at every level from small church life to the Millenium Development Goals worldwide. A stunning presence when you consider that dioceses are stewing all over the place behind the scenes as she was preparing to travel to China and both Koreas.

Often we'll talk about our Episcopal Church like it's "us" here and "them" in Burlington and beyond and I will immediately remind us that "them is we" and "that's what it means to be an Episcopal Church" since "Episcopal" means "having bishops" and that's how we are connected both geographically worldwide and historically or apostolically back to Christ. Thus the ministry of our Church runs out from us in the pews through our Bishops Tom and Katharine in the US to Anglicans all over the world in communion through the Archbishop of Canterbury. It's not hierarchial, but a wonderful sharing and witness of which we are all a part. It was nice to see that in action.

Rejoicing in Christ,

Timothy Eberhardt

Advent 4

December 23

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Pat Lawrence

Oblations: Pat Lawrence

Eucharist Minister: Steve Springer

Intercessions: Nancy Wright

Readers: Bert Uhlich

Coffee Hour: Susan O'Malley

Christmas Eve

December 24

~ 5 pm & 11 pm Service~

Ushers:

Oblations: Pat Lawrence

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions: Pat Lawrence

Readers: Pat Lawrence

Coffee Hour:

Christmas 1

December 30

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Gay & David Gaston

Oblations: Joyce Burrell

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions: Susan O Malley

Readers: Christine Gilbert

Coffee Hour:

The Epiphany

January 6

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Linda Naggy

Oblations: Phillip Plumb

Eucharist Minister: Bob Sparadeo

Intercessions: Ellen Baker

Readers: Gay Gaston

Coffee Hour: Linda Runnion

The Baptism of our Lord

January 13

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Nancy Wright

Oblations: Carol & Ken Merrill

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions: Louise Clark

Readers: Christine Gilbert

Coffee Hour:

Epiphany 2

January 20

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Nancy Dubois

Oblations: Betsy & Bill Arnold

Eucharist Minister: Steve Springer

Intercessions: Patricia Mayer

Readers: Lincoln & Louise Clark

Coffee Hour:

