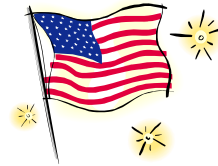


St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."



Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt



The Randolph Area Food Shelf is hoping you will encourage your congregation to plant a little extra for the food shelf in their gardens this year. People who use the food shelf are so appreciative of fresh produce and it helps to lower our budget. We are spending about \$1,400 a month for food, and serve nearly 150 families a month. Every little bit helps.



Thank you for your help,
Phyllis Roberts, secretary
Randolph Area Food Shelf

Vestry of St. John's

Steve Eubanks, Senior Warden
Ray Mayer, Junior Warden
Susan O'Malley
Jane Eubanks
Charles Scribner
Nancy Wright

Pat Mayer, Clerk
William Arnold, Treasurer
Jane Eubanks, Receipts Treasurer

July Birthdays

Ellie Streeter – July 1
Christine Gilbert – July 4
Cindy Loomis – July 13
Nancy DuBois – July 13

Anniversaries

Lincoln & Louise Clark
July 11



The next scheduled publish date for the Messenger is August 5. Please have all contributions submitted by Sunday, July 22. Sunday Ministries will be needed through August.

Email submissions to rosalinda@hotsheet.com are welcome!

A Note from our Bishop of Vermont

“June 13, 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your contribution to my discretionary fund. I read with pleasure the manner in which St. John's determined the amount of each gift.

A cause very close to my heart is the education of the Sudanese people and the rebuilding of the Sudanese infrastructure. Your gift will assist Bishop Garange in his efforts to obtain theological education for the clergy of the Diocese of Bor.

Again, thank you for your generosity; may God continue to bless you in your good works.

Faithfully,

Thomas
Bishop of Vermont”

Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care met June 6 with Ginny reading our opening prayer. We shared the few notes and greetings that had been sent.

We discussed the dissention of those opposed to civil unions and how it effects us. We respect the opinions of those we may disagree with, but try to keep in mind “love one another as He loves us”.

A box for Rick King in Iraq is in the entry way and we urge all to contribute. Items that can be shared with others are very appropriate.

The Discovery programs are going well and we thank Beth Ann for her leadership. This community of St. John’s must continue to look ahead to Tim’s retirement and our place in our future.

The vestry will be encouraged to urge committee leaders to get their assignments in on time. There seems to be a breakdown in getting the assignments to Barrie in time for the Messenger. To see them printed is a necessary reminder of one’s obligations.

Betsy Arnold
Margaret Egerton

Tim Eberhardt
Ginny Cantlin

Ellie Streeter
Mary Ellen Bean

Notable Events

June 30th , St. John's Day: 9 to 4

August 11th, St. John's Golf Tournament

September, St. Margaret's Guild meeting (TBA)

September 28th, Chicken Pot Pie Supper

November 4th , Chocolate Fair

December 1st, Christmas Bazaar



The Rector's Message

Dear people of St. John's,

This last week it was my privilege to enclose a brief note on all our behalf to go out with each of the six checks treasurer Bill Arnold had prepared representing the allocation of our Lenten Easter Day offering in support of the "Millennium Development Goals". You will remember that in one of the most remarkable Lents I have experienced here at St. John's we heard in some way from all those wonderful organizations and then had raised \$800 before some thirty of us voted at Coffee Hour on Pentecost, May 27th with our 800 pennies how we wanted these funds to be given. (See list below).

As I wrote those notes I was deeply moved: first, because, while it seems I am always writing "thank you" notes, here instead we as a parish were making the grants. Second, because this represented the fruit of such an informative and inspiring process. (Although I know many of us individual households will not quit with our donations in striving to meet at least that target of 0.7 percent of our income for global relief.) Third, I was moved because God was in the process. Witness, for instance that, although our Easter attendance was lower this year than last and that while all the loose plate offering was counted toward the "MDG's", the total of our special non pledge Easter giving of St. John's was substantially higher than 2006. And, fourth, this says so much about what kinds of a parish we are, that at a time when we like more and more congregations are struggling to stay afloat financially, we have demonstrated generous hearts which look beyond our self-maintenance to the needs of brothers and sisters who are so far away and yet so closely connected.

Well done!

Rejoicing in Christ,

Timothy Eberhardt

Checks sent to:

Global Aids Interfaith Alliance (GAIA).....	\$ 76.00
Children Affected by HIV/AIDS (CHABHA).....	\$ 252.00
Medical Volunteers on St. Lucia.....	\$ 142.00
Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD).....	\$ 142.00
Theological Education in Sudan (thru Bishop Ely).....	\$ 96.00
Latin American Missionary and Bible Institute (LAMB).....	\$ 92.00

A Thank You from The Lamb Institute

“Thank You!

Through your gift children in Honduras will be clothed, schooled and loved in the name of Jesus; parents will be educated and encouraged; communities will be strengthened; the hungry will be fed; and those called to world mission will be sent out with the Light of the Gospel in the Name of Him who came into the world Himself to love us.

The Lamb Institute
215 Hickory Street
Charleston, SC 29407
843-769-5403
susanckeller@knology.net”

A Thank You from CHABHA

“June 8, 2007

To the Parish of St. John’s,

On behalf of the children we help, many thanks for your generous gift of \$252.22 to CHABHA, Children Affected by HIV/AIDS (no goods or services). Your on-going interest and support for our work is very much appreciated. The MDG’s are particularly important for children, so we recognize St. John’s Efforts with considerable appreciation.

With two members of our Board, I was in South Africa and Rwanda for three Weeks in May. We were able to accomplish quite a bit. We visited children, Met with the leaders, held important budget discussions, and negotiated a Whole range of matters. The projects we visited are really flourishing so it is very, Very exciting to do the work. Thanks to people like you, we are able to assure Continued support for these community-based projects. In turn, the leaders Of the projects provide now thousands of children with basic services in Education, health, emergencies, and psycho-social support. Another issue of our newsletter will be sent in a few weeks telling some Details,

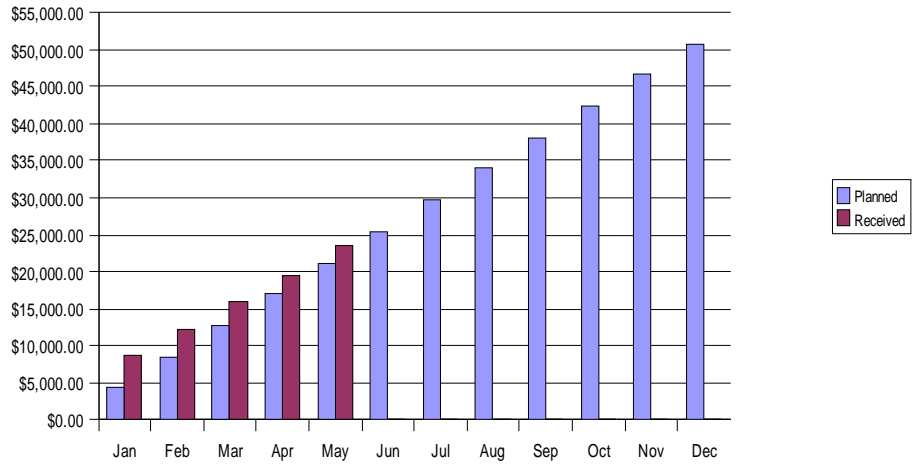
My best,

Susanna Grannis”

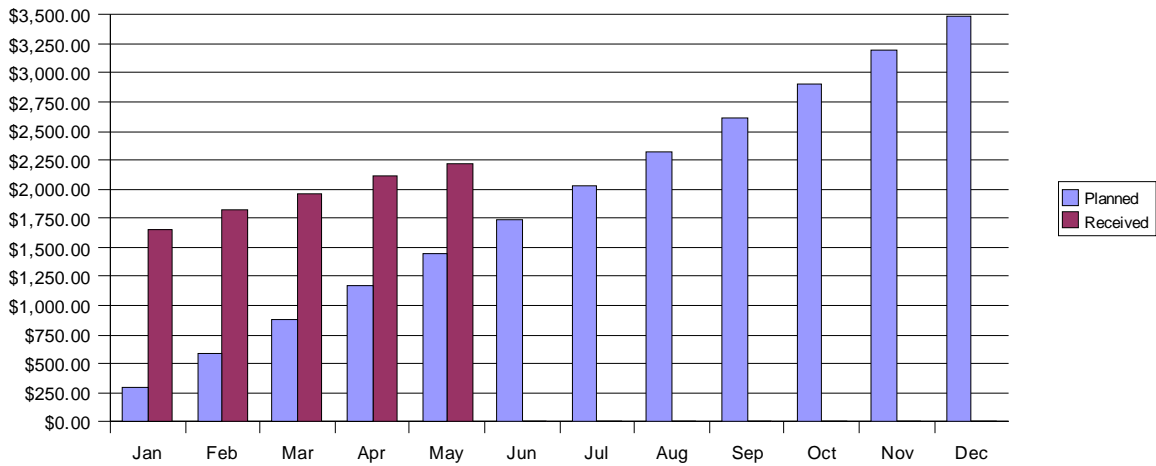
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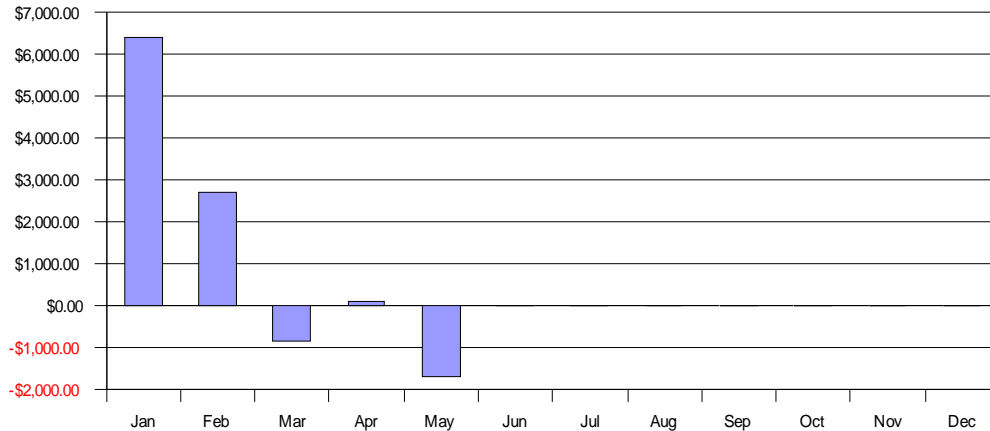
Cumulative Pledges Received



Cumulative Bldg Fund Rec'd



Operating Income vs Expense



Rick King

Pastoral Care is sponsoring a parish "Care Package" for Rick King. Rick is the son of Duane King and is currently serving in Iraq. Rick, his wife Leann, son Richard, and daughter Chelsea have frequently worshipped with us at St. John's.

There is a marked box in the parish hall vestibule to collect items. We did this 2 years ago with great success. Let's do it again!

Suggested items might be: puzzles, crosswords, cards, notepads, pencils, gum, hard candy, deodorant, Kleenex, Blistex, foot powder, paperback books, bug spray...use your imagination. Donations to help with mailing will also be needed.

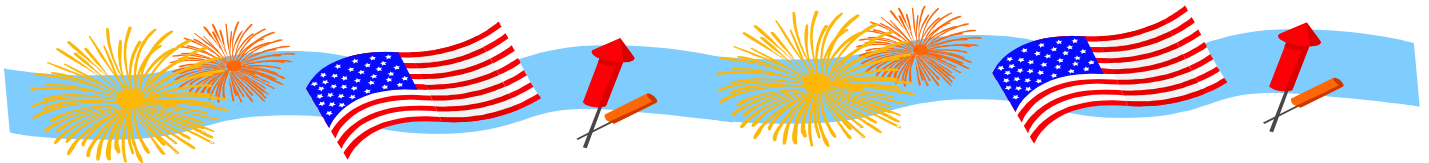
Thanks in advance for filling the box for Rick.



"Have We Ushers Been Slacking?"

In reading about the history of the J. H. Lamson Hardware Store, many years a going business in downtown Randolph, I observed a rather curious ministry which Jasper Hazen (J. H.) Lamson performed. He was usher at the Christian Church, which stood where Chandler Music Hall is now. If the Sunday collection did not come to twenty-five dollars to meet the Minster's salary, he added from his own pocket enough to make up the difference.

"The budget was thus always in balance!"



Village Harmony will perform at the Braintree Hill Meetinghouse on Tuesday, July 24 at 6 PM. This program is sponsored by the Braintree Historical Society. Contact Larry Burns at 802-236-7962 for information or directions.

The singers, about 25 people, will need places to stay the evening of the performance. We'd like to have an early group meal before the performance.

Feast of Singing 2007 is now a wonderful memory, but the music we learned will be heard for the rest of the year. Over sixty people gathered at Chandler Music Hall on June 9 to sing under the leadership of Peter and Mary Alice Amidon and Susan Dedell. The various classes met from nine in the morning until five in the evening, with a break at noon for a wonderful lunch put on by the people of St. John's. People traveled from as far away as, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and all over Vermont to attend this glorious workshop. The atmosphere all day was one of joy and fun, with a lot of awe mixed in. It is amazing just how spiritually electric sixty voices can be, even voices of those who have never sung together as a group before.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this day a success. Most sincere thanks to Louise Clark for making enough delicious chicken salad for thirty people, to Susan O'Malley, Pat Mayer, Mary Ellen Bean, Steven Eubanks, Tim Eberhardt, and Shirley Baumann for taking on the behind the scenes tasks which made the whole day run smoothly!

Finally, here is the recipe for the vegetarian tempeh salad which was served at the lunch, as per many requests. Tempeh is a soy based product which has a more meat like texture than other soy products. It comes in various flavors, and any of them will work for the salad.

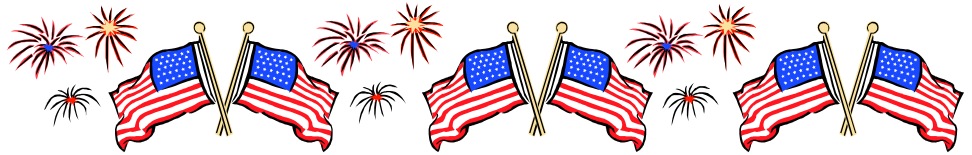
Tempeh "Chicken" Salad

8 ounce package of tempeh...steamed, cooled then cut into small pieces
3 stalks celery, washed and diced
2 carrots, diced
2 Tablespoons of dried cranberries
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts and or pumpkin seeds
1/3 cup Nayonaise (soy based sandwich spread which I believe you can now find at Shaws) or mayonnaise
Whole wheat bread, lettuce and tomato

Steam tempeh in a covered steamer basket for about 20 minutes, or until tender. Remove and set aside to cool. (This probably the most important step)

In a medium bowl add celery, carrots, pine nuts and pumpkin seeds and mix well. Add Nayonaise and tempeh and season with pepper. This can be served as a sandwich on bread with lettuce and tomato or on lettuce leaves as a salad!

Camp Agape



Jointly sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, the Troy Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ, Camp Agape offers a free, week-long camp experience to children aged 7-11 who have a parent who is incarcerated. The aim of Camp Agape is to broaden the children's horizons by letting them experience a fun-filled week in a loving environment.

There are over 2,000 children in Vermont with one or both parents in prison. A 2001 Senate report shows that 70% of the children of current prisoners will themselves someday be incarcerated. Camp Agape Vermont is designed to break the cycle of "generational incarceration" and to help children discover Christ who can help lead them to lives of love and compassion for themselves, their parents and neighbors.

How can you help, or is there someone you'd like to register?

<http://www.dioceseofvermont.org/Youth%20Ministry/CampAgape.html>



A Thank You from GAIA

"June 18, 2007

Dear Timothy,

We are so grateful to you and your parish for supporting the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance with the wonderful gift of \$76 in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

I'd like to take this moment to reflect on the lives of those who will benefit from your generosity.

GAIA supports projects like the one described below: Mrs. Catherine Phiri, a Malawian nurse, founded an AIDS support organization to provide home-based care to people dying with AIDS, orphan care, and a voluntary counseling and testing center. Each Saturday they provide 800 orphans with one balanced meal a week. In addition to providing food, clothing, and healthcare, the organization aims to pay the orphans' school fees. For the vast majority of orphaned children, education is the only means to avoid homelessness, joblessness, and prostitution.

We are deeply grateful for your kind support.

Warmly,

William Rankin
President and CEO
Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance

Rector's Note: This statement appeared as an "ad" on the editorial page of the New York Times several weeks back. I know the Churches of Hanover, WRJ, and Norwich ran it with a few adjustments in the Valley News. Would anyone be interested in chipping in toward the same \$80 it would take to run it in the Herald of Randolph? I'll go \$20! Tim Eberhardt

Somewhere near you, there's a blue-and-white sign bearing the familiar slogan: *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*. It represents some 7,400 congregations that trace their beginnings in North America to a small but hopeful group of English Christians who arrived May 14, 1607 at a place they called Jamestown – the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

You may know us as Washington's monumental National Cathedral, site of historic services and ceremonies, or the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, still unfinished, but already the largest cathedral in the world.

But the Episcopal Church is also Boston's Old North Church, founded in 1723 and made famous by serving as the beacon for Paul Revere's revolution-spurring "midnight ride". And Philadelphia's Christ Church, home parish of 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence, host to the first General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1785.

It's Trinity Parish on Wall Street in New York, formed in 1698, and St. Paul's Chapel just down the street, frequented by George Washington and the spiritual healing center of Ground Zero since September 11, 2001.

It's also Epiphany Church in Los Angeles, where Cesar Chavez rallied the United Farmworkers. And Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Maryland, whose basement was a major stop on the Underground Railroad to freedom for enslaved African-Americans. And St. John's Church in Greenwich Village, a meeting place for gay and lesbian action following the 1969 Stonewall uprising.

It's a parish in Iowa. A campus ministry in Georgia, A mission in Dinetah – Navajo Reservation. A cathedral in Utah. Even a house church in Vermont.

Wherever you find us, you'll find the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Christian faith that honors and engages the Bible, the tradition of the Church, and God-given human reason.

Joined in prayer, you'll find people with many points of view – Christians who are progressive, moderate, and conservative – yet who value the diversity of their faith community.

That's a heritage drawn from our deep roots in nearly 2,000 years of English Christianity, and shared by a worldwide Anglican Communion that unites nearly 80 million people in 164 countries through prayer and ministries committed to caring for "the least of these", as Jesus commanded, by reducing poverty, disease, and oppression.

Episcopalians struggle with the same issues that trouble all people of faith: how to interpret an ancient faith for today...how to maintain the integrity of tradition while reaching out to a hurting world...how to disagree and yet love and respect one another.

Occasionally those struggles make the news. People find they can no longer walk with us on their journey, and may be called to a different spiritual home. Some later make their way back, and find they are welcomed with open arms.

Despite the headlines, the Episcopal Church keeps moving forward in mission – in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as congregations in Belgium, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Micronesia, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Taiwan, Venezuela, and the Virgin Islands. We're committed to a transformed world, as Jesus taught: a world of justice, peace, wholeness and holy living.

We've grown a lot in 400 years, since that 1607 worship service from the Book of Common Prayer was held in Jamestown – inside and out. Come see for yourself. Come and visit...come and explore...come and grow.

Pentecost 5

July 1

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers: The Mayers

Oblations: Ellen Baker

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions: Susan O'Malley

Readers:

Coffee Hour:

Pentecost 6

July 8

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers: Ellen Baker

Oblations: Anna Dustin

Eucharist Minister: Harriet Chase

Intercessions: Harriet Chase

Readers:

Coffee Hour:

Pentecost 7

July 15

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers: Anna Dustin

Oblations: The Clarks

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions: Linda Runnion

Readers:

Coffee Hour:

Pentecost 8

July 22

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers: The Clarks

Oblations: Jackie Wilder

Eucharist Minister: Bob Sparadeo

Intercessions: Norman Runnion

Readers:

Coffee Hour:

Pentecost 9

July 29

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers: Jackie Wilder

Oblations: Harriet Chase

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions: Nancy Wright

Readers:

Coffee Hour:

Pentecost 10

August 5

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Steve Springer

Intercessions:

Readers:

Pentecost 11

August 12

~ 9 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions:

Readers:

Pentecost 12

August 19

~ 8 am Service at St. John's~

~10 am Service at Old Christ Church~
(no roster assignments)

Pentecost 13

August 26

~ 8 am Service at St. John's~

~10 am Service at Old Christ Church~

Eucharist Minister: Harriet Chase

(All assigned ministries covered by
St. Johns)