

St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."



Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt

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Charles Scribner
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Millennium Development Goals

At our Annual Meeting January 31, we overwhelmingly agreed to raise 0.07 of 1% of our total church income toward the advancement of these goals to halve global poverty and disease by 2015. Our Lenten in Church presentations have given a human face and connected us with many of these goals. The next step will be to collect all our

Lenten alms at Easter to see how close we have come to fulfilling our goal (around \$750 for this year). Then a parish meeting will be called in April or May to decide how our funds will be disbursed as all of us continue to respond in service and outreach as never before.

The Rector



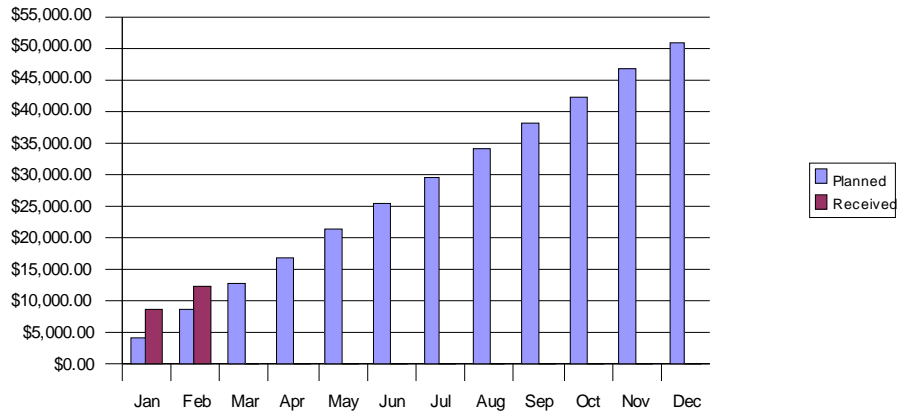
**Annual Address to the Diocese of Vermont
by the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely,
Bishop of Vermont October 27, 2006
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington**



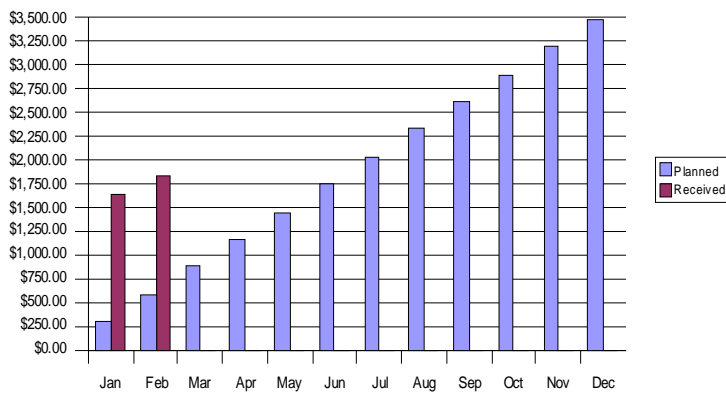
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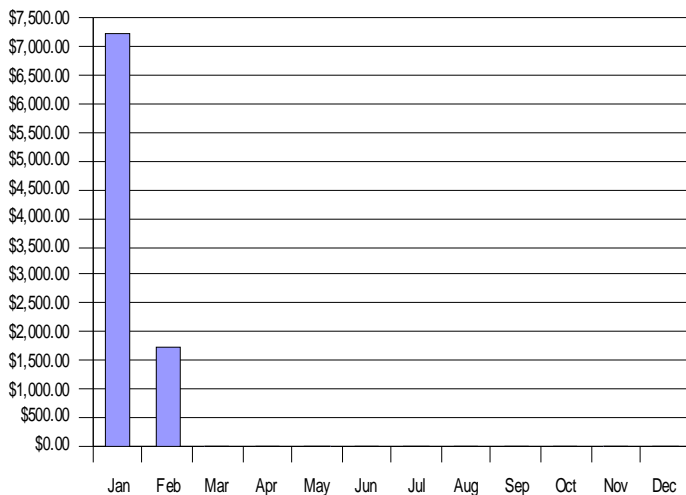
Cumulative Pledges Received



Cumulative Bldg Fund Rec'd



Income vs Expense



FEAST OF SINGING
An all day choral workshop
June 9, 2007

The second Feast of Singing with Peter Amidon, Mary Alice Amidon, and Susan Dedell will take place at Chandler on June 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch will be served at St. John's.

The music committee is looking for volunteers to help set up tables on the day of the Workshop, and others to help make and assemble the food for the box lunches which will be served at the church from noon until 1. We will make the food on Friday, June 8, and assemble the boxes on the morning of the 9.

More information will be coming as the date gets closer. Please talk to Jane or Louise at church, or call Jane at 234-9671 for more information.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care met March 7 opening with our prayer. Our reports were given, including some home visits. We frequently review the parish list which enables us to try to be attentive to everyone.

It was noted Pat Mayer's offer to be the vestry clerk. The new vestry people are Charles Scribner and Nancy Wright.

Tim spoke of Ellen Baker leading discussions on Ministry Development. These meetings are to be held after Easter. All parishioners should plan to be involved with these meetings as the goal is the life and ministry of St. John's in the coming years leading to Tim's retirement and beyond.

Betsy Arnold
Ellie Streeter
Tim Eberhardt
Ginny Cantlin
Mary Ellen Bean
Margaret Egerton

Beth Ann shared a brief DVD on Camp Agape. Located in the Marshfield area this beautiful setting offered a special camping week to children from around Vt. who have a parent incarcerated. The camp is sponsored by the Episcopal church, the UCC and the Methodist church. Beth Ann will offer the DVD following a coffee hour.

Betsy will speak to Harriett in regards to printing the notepaper with photos of St. John's following the Feb. snowfall. It is felt that these unusually beautiful photos, taken by Bill Arnold, should be made available to us all.



Bishop Frank Griswold presents the primatial staff to Bishop Jefferts Schori.

Two Recommendations

I wish to recommend to parishioners of St. John's a devastating little book on global warming by Elizabeth Kolbert Field Notes from a Catastrophe. The book is equivalent to Silent Spring forty years ago

She shows clearly that climate change isn't merely a controversial threat for the future. It's happening now, and causing by processes that are irreversible. For example, the polar ice is shrinking, which means more energy from the sun is warming the earth because ice reflects almost all of the sun's energy that strikes it, while the dark oceans – enlarging because of the retreating ice – absorb most of the sun's energy that strikes them. This warms the earth, which in turn melts more polar ice. If we all gave up our SUV's, put solar panels on the roof and strictly

Insulated our buildings, this self-sustaining process would continue and increase, though at a slower rate.

Our government, run largely by industry, has been successfully pretending that the science describing this is controversial, thus making it useless for the developed world to ask the developing industrial countries, especially China and India, to use environmentally benign but more expensive technology.

Here at St. John's, reluctance to even investigate the apparently heat-wasteful walls of the old building is causing increasing concern.

Ernest Wright

The Rector's Message

Dear people of St. John's,

Things are boiling up and over in this world on too many fronts. Sometimes it's hard to know where to turn. There's Iraq and Afghanistan and politics in Washington. There's global warming, poverty and disaster. Or there's increasing divisiveness in our own Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church around sadly petty issues which only distract us from our calling. Meanwhile I am grateful that our Lenten discussions here at St. John's keep bringing it all home with a human face of compassion and purpose. And meanwhile too all of us keep plugging on toward another spring with so much stirring in our own households.

How do we face into and through all this with all our different concerns and passions? What keeps us centered and motivated beyond mere coping? For me each year this almost too sudden calendar rush into Holy Week and Easter stuns us into a recognition that all these rich and busy observances between Palm Sunday and Easter are not about what else we have to do, but are the very centering and motivation of who we are and God with us. Otherwise it would be too much and I couldn't cope.

"God so loved the world"...."Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour..." (Hymn 594).

Rejoicing in Christ,

Timothy Eberhardt

April Birthdays

Kevin O'Donoghue – April 17

Arden Sease – April 17

Marci White – April 26

Baptisms

Kathy Williamson – April 6

Jennie Sparadeo – April 24

Anniversaries

Mark and Becky Seymour
April 7, 1982

Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday, April 1 at 8:00 and 10:00 out liturgy will begin with the distribution of the Palms, the Passion Gospel and the Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday in Holy Week – 12 noon, The Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm, the foot washing Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Church

Good Friday – 4:30 pm, Cross Walk begins at the Green Mountain Gospel Chapel.

- 6:00 pm, Community Good Friday Service at the United Church ("Brick Church") with offering to Interfaith Caregivers.

- 7:00 pm, Good Friday Liturgy at St. John's

Easter Day, April 8 – 6:00 am, Community Sunrise Service at VTC east parking lot (near SHAPE)

-10:00 am, Festival Eucharist at St. John's.

Coffee Hour

March 25 – Linda Runnion

April 1 – Pat Lawrence

Easter, April 8 – Ellen Baker

April 15 – Mary Ellen Bean

April 22 – Mary Smokoski

The next scheduled publish date for the Messenger is April 22. Please have all contributions submitted by Sunday, April 15. Sunday Ministries will be needed for April 29th through May 27th.

Email submissions to rosalinda@hotsheet.com are welcome!

Lent 4

March 18

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers: The Sparadeos

Oblations: Ellen Baker

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions:

Readers: Nancy Wright

Lent 5

March 25

~ 10 am Service ~

Ushers: Ellen Baker

Oblations: The Mayers

Eucharist Minister: Beth Ann Maier

Intercessions:

Readers:

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 1

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers: The Wrights

Oblations: Duane and Rico

Eucharist Minister: Harriet Chase

Intercessions:

Readers:

Maundy Thursday

April 5

~ 7 pm Service ~

Good Friday

April 6

~ 4:30 pm Cross Walk ~

~ 6:00 pm Community Liturgy of the United Church

Ushers: The Sparadeos

Easter Day

April 8

~ 10 am Service ~

Ushers: Duane & Rico

Oblations: The Wrights

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions:

Readers:

Easter 2

April 15

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers: The Mayers

Oblations: Margaret Egerton

Eucharist Minister: Bob Sparadeo

Intercessions:

Readers:

Easter 3

April 22

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers: Nancy

Oblations: Susan

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions:

Readers:



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