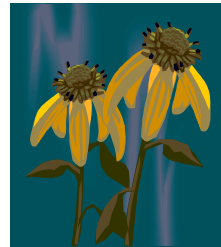


St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."



Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt



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

May Birthdays

Carol Merrill – May 2
Jacalyn Wilder – May 3
Adele Smith – May 4
Duane King – May 13
Ray Mayer – May 14
Anna Dustin – May 25

Baptisms

Philip Plumb – May 1
Bill Arnold – May 7
Arden Sease – May 20
Tom Malanchuk – May 21

Anniversaries

Doug & Pat Lawrence – May 13
Tim & Mary Ellen – May 20
Tom & Sandy Malanchuk – May 21
Steve & Jane Eubanks – May 26



The next scheduled publish date for the Messenger is June 17. Please have all contributions submitted by Sunday, June 10. Sunday Ministries will be needed for July 15th through August 26th.

Email submissions to rosalinda@hotsheet.com are welcome!

June Birthdays

Lincoln Clark – June 3
Maury Smith – June 6
Steve Neron – June 7
Ann Campbell – June 8
Robert Sparadeo – June 8
Ellen Baker – June 13
Mike Martell – June 13
Becky Seymour – June 18
Maury Smith III – June 18
Elizabeth Lawrence – June 19
Gail Rietzel – June 19
Ruth Godfrey – June 27



Baptisms

Ann Campbell – June 1
Pat Mayer – June 19
Robert Sparadeo – June 20
Jennifer Curtin – June 24

Anniversaries

Jim & Christine Gilbert – June 5
David & Gay Gaston – June 20
Bob & Ginny Cantlin – June 26
Kenniston & Carol Merrill – June 27

Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care met briefly May 2 with Margaret reading our opening prayer.

Few notes had been written and visits made.

Tim announced he would be having communion at Joselyn House the next afternoon with Margaret attending.

A generous gift has been given to the Pastoral Care committee which we be gratefully acknowledged.

We went over the new parish list and happily added Burt Ulrich and Bob Kershaw. Tim also announced he will be doing a civil union ceremony at St. John's May 19 and welcomed parishioners to attend the 2:30 service.

Betsy Arnold
Margaret Egerton

Tim Eberhardt
Ginny Cantlin

Ellie Streeter
Mary Ellen Bean

Notable Events

Saturday, May 28, 2 to 5 pm at Christ Church, Montpelier
Bishop Ely reports on his sabbatical visit in the Sudan and El Salvador with Evensong in the Church.

Sunday, May 29, after Coffee Hour: Tim convenes planning session on Water Forums to be held in Randolph

Sunday, May 27, The Day of Pentecost, after Church. All church pot luck and decision on Global mission outreach.

June 9th, 9 to 4. Feast of Singing with Peter Amidon at the Chandler. Registration at 8:30 am At St. John's. Lunch at St. John's from 12 to 1.

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

August 11th, St. John's Golf Tournament

September 28th, Chicken Pot Pie Supper

November 4th, Chocolate Fair

December 1st, Christmas Bazaar



The Rector's Message

Dear people of St. John's,

A segment on the news the other evening featured a look at some of the changes we can expect ten years from now in 2017. In this case we'll all have tiny ID chips embedded in us which will give hospitals for instance our complete medical history. What else, I'm not sure because I kind of tuned out. It's why, I suppose, I'm considered a "Luddite" by many for not using Email (although, note that the "Luddites" actually went out and destroyed new labor saving technology, while I fuss and resist).

It's not that I am against change. Our faith is about daily transformation and a prophetic liberality which always looks for new ways of serving justice and mercy, and that requires constant adaptation. Instead I think as we get older and the little things become more precious there's a need in me at least to step back and be reflective when the pace gets too fast. Or it's a niggling resentment at the addictive/comfort rationale behind so much of our advances. (What? You still drink tap water and put film in your camera?!). Or it's my refusal to conform. (You don't have a cell phone yet?!). There is also a lingering concern that less and less do we stop to reflect how all this technology is really affecting deeper strains of value and purpose in our culture. (What we look for on "My Space", or there's the "Doonesbury" soldier in Iraq getting chided on his email connection for getting hung up in a firefight and not calling home on time when our folks were away in Italy or Africa in World War II for two or three years with only a pen and a pencil to write home with).

I'm told for instance that the Episcopal Church will never need a new Prayer Book, because with a few clicks on the right program we can already print out any liturgy with any music we want, so in essence we'll have a new Prayer Book any time we want. (Why not hand out "i-pods" at the door every Sunday so everyone can punch in the liturgy of the day?).

It's really about staying grounded and not getting swept up and absorbed by every wind of fancy and contrived need. Some of us are better at that and know where to thrust and parry for the good of the kingdom. You can let me know where you are at stjohns@lnevi.com. I get but don't give.

Rejoicing in Christ

Timothy Eberhardt

PS: I provide as an attachment this related piece from the late William Sloane Coffin's book Credo.

"Of course the Church is conservative for it has so much to conserve. But let it conserve a vision of the world's destiny and not the structures of the world's past. Let the Church in remembering Christ remember that it is conserving the most uprooting, the most revolutionary force in all human history".

(Rector's Note: When Bob Kershaw mentioned this project as a way to get our young folks to look at the whole issue of water stewardship, we said, "Go with it". Here is his proposal. Spread the word!)

Student Contest on "Water"

The Student Contest on Water has been created to include as many venues as possible for the young people of Randolph to participate. Each classification will have three prizes, First, Second, and Third. These three will be published or highlighted in the local and possibly regional newspaper. The classifications are as follows:

Written Essay	Water is the title and can be altered
Poetry	Length is optional
Short Story	Can be fiction or non fiction
Drama or theater	Comedy, tragedy or documentary
Film	Comedy, tragedy or documentary
Dance	Any style but must tell a story
Music	Any form
Art	Sculpture, painting, drawing, collage
Photography	Any format

Any of these must tell a story or send a message. The clearer the message the better the chances of winning. Each student will receive a packet of facts, news clippings, issues, or future of water especially in Randolph but world wide also. Topographical maps and as much info as possible on the issues of water in Randolph. Political aspects and effects on water and the people.

Prizes will be determined later but they will be classified as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. I am trying to get a proclamation from the governor for each participant and a letter from each congressman for each participant congratulating them on their participation. I am hoping to get a booklet set up with all the entries in it with a letter from each student explaining in their own words why they did what they did. I also want the kids to submit a statement explaining what it is like for them at this age to live in Randolph and what they would like to tell the future about.

I want to ask businesses as well as organizations to help with the prizes and the exhibiting of the end product. The school auditorium and the Chandler are good examples to help promote it as well as store fronts etc. It could also be used as a traveling exhibit.

Easter 4

April 29

~ 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Beth Ann Maier

Intercessions: Susan O'Malley

Readers: Gay Gaston

Coffee Hour: Gay Gaston

Easter 5

May 6

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Harriet Chase

Intercessions: Burt Ulrich

Readers: Harriet Chase

Coffee Hour: Susan O'Malley

Easter 6

May 13

~ 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions: Anna Sease

Readers: Ellen Baker

Coffee Hour: Ellen Baker

Easter 7

May 20

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions: Jocelyn Richards Olson

Readers: Nancy Wright

Coffee Hour: Pat Mayer

The Day of Pentecost

May 27

~ 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions: Nancy Wright

Readers: Steve & Jane Eubanks

Coffee Hour: Anna Dustin

Trinity Sunday

June 3

~ 8 am & 10 am Service ~

Ushers:

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Beth Ann Maier

Intercessions:

Readers: