

# St. John's E-Messenger

"Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise."



Rector: The Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt

Lunar Eclipse of February 20, 2008  
(Photo courtesy of Ms. Sara Hall)



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St. John's Episcopal Church  
PO Box 278  
Randolph, VT 05060-0278

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for St. John's Episcopal Church's generous contribution of \$335.00 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Your gift was received on Thursday, December 06, 2007, designated for the MDG Inspiration Fund.

The Millennium Development Goals, which aim to cut global poverty and disease in half by 2015, are a mission priority of the Episcopal Church. Your gift to the MDG Inspiration Fund is part of a special initiative undertaken by Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), Jubilee Ministries and Executive Council. The goal of the fund is to raise \$3 million to fight malaria and support a broad range of health initiatives in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

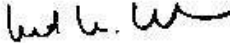
The MDG Inspiration Fund will allocate \$2 million to support ERD's malaria prevention program, NetsforLifeSM, in sub-Saharan Africa along with a potential pilot program in Asia. This program delivers long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, educates communities about malaria and its transmission and advocates for increased access to more effective drug therapies.

The fund will provide \$1 million for basic health initiatives, including malaria, community hygiene and sanitation education, clean water as well as maternal health programs in Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia.

Your contribution to the MDG Inspiration Fund is promoting good health and saving people from contracting deadly diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS.

By supporting the MDG Inspiration Fund and ERD's integrated health programs, you help achieve MDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Faithfully,

  
Robert W. Radtke  
President

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A Ministry of the Whole Church for the Whole World

**Episcopal Diocese of Vermont  
Racial Reconciliation and Justice  
Vermont State Day Pilgrimage to the National Cathedral  
March 28-30, 2008**

**Schedule and Costs**

Friday, March 28, 2008:

7:30am: Bus departs the Diocesan Office Burlington  
9:15am: Bus departs St. Paul's, White River Junction  
10:30am: Bus departs St. Michaels, Brattleboro

Bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus  
Videos for the bus ride: racial reconciliation and justice theme  
Dinner along the way  
Evening: Arrive at Cathedral College

Saturday, March 29, 2008:

Morning excursion to President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home  
<http://www.lincolncottage.org>

Afternoon excursion choice of:

The National Museum of the American Indian  
<http://www.nmai.si.edu>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
<http://www.ushmm.org/>

Dinner and fellowship program at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,  
1514 15<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., Washington, DC

Sunday, March 30, 2008

10:00am: Sunday Forum hosted by Dean Lloyd with forum guest  
Congressman John Lewis  
11:15am: Liturgy - Congressman John Lewis, Preacher  
12:30pm: Fellowship/Reception with Congressman John Lewis  
12:45pm: Cathedral Tours  
2:30pm: Bus departs to Vermont (arriving in Burlington around 12am)

**Trip Costs:**

\$385.00 double occupancy (shared bath)  
\$425.00 single occupancy (shared bath)  
\$365.00 youth - triple occupancy (shared bath)

Lodging accommodations are at the Cathedral College on the National  
Cathedral grounds.

"At present . . . I am going to Jerusalem with aid for the saints . . ."

—Romans 15:25

Every year on Good Friday, pilgrims from all over the world gather to walk along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Some carry a cross, to understand better the nature of the burden that Jesus bore. Others accompany them, as witnesses, as penitents, as believers. By dying on the cross at Calvary, Jesus delivered us from sin and despair.

For 150 years, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has borne, in a special way, the responsibility of sharing the cross of Jesus.

By helping to maintain the Christian witness in the Holy Land, by serving all of God's people there in a variety of ministries throughout four dioceses, by proclaiming the gospel and promoting justice, peace and love, the church serves us all.

Since 1922, Episcopalians here have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the *Good Friday Offering*. It is vital that we continue to share in this burden, and not let our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem carry the cross alone.

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## Pastoral Care

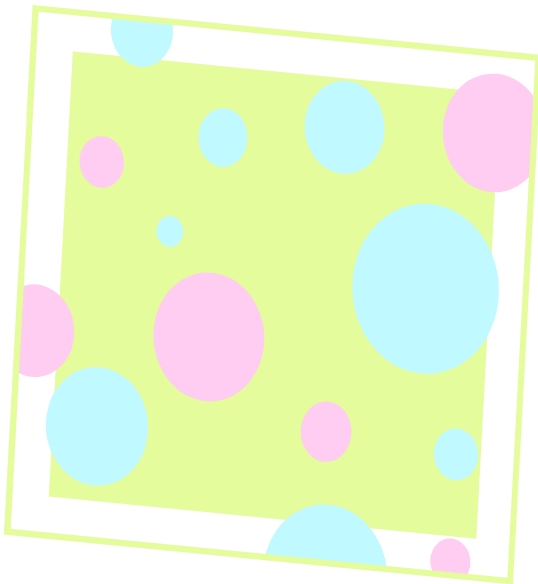
Pastoral Care met Feb. 12 in the Canterbury Room opening with our prayer. Reports were given and current concerns discussed.

The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was poorly attended which was very disheartening. Enthusiasm and lack of participation seem to prevail recently. Suggestions were offered on how to renew and enliven St. John's. These will be explored and we will work with the vestry...

Betsy Arnold  
Pat Mayer

Tim Eberhardt  
Ellie Streeter

Mary Ellen Bean  
Margaret Egerton



### Polka Dots....

Wondering what that sticker dot is on your mailbox at St. John's? It tells us (Barb Bonney and Pat Lawrence) who gets the Messenger by email. We save a lot of paper and postage that way!

If you would like to receive the Messenger by email, instead of a paper copy, please contact our editor, Barrie Rosalinda at [rosalinda@hotsheet.com](mailto:rosalinda@hotsheet.com), or put a note in her mailbox.

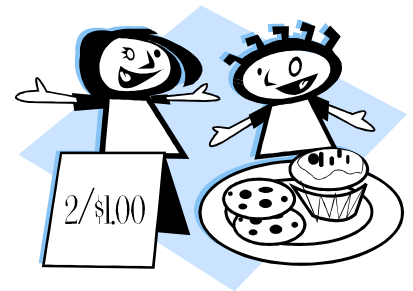
Pat Lawrence

## St. Margaret's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday March 22, 9-12, in the Parish Hall.

We will need goodies! Last year, we had lovely decorated cakes, cookies, pastries, pies, hot cross buns. We need a few people to work that morning. We served coffee, so there was 'take out' or 'eat in' available.

See Ellen Baker, Pat Lawrence, Pat Mayer for more details.



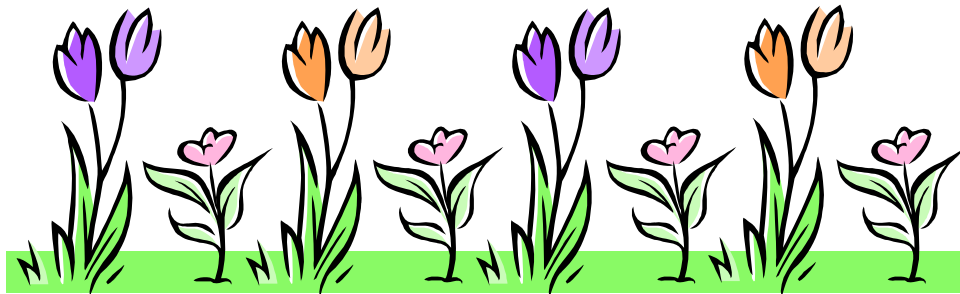
Below is a copy of the letter sent with twenty-five (25) signatures to our Randolph Selectboard. (A similar letter was sent to Mark MacDonald, local State Senator, urging his support of Senate Bill 304 - <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/summary.cfm?Bill=S%2E0304&Session=2008> - regarding water use and mapping in the state of Vermont).



“To members of the Randolph Selectboard  
From parishioners of St. John’s Episcopal Church  
February 17, 2008  
Dear friends:

As members of St. John’s Church and residents in this larger Randolph community we want to express to you our full support and urging that you stand firm in regard to established limits and demands both legal and financial which apply to ClearSource and its use of our local water resources. After hearing from some of our friends and fellow parishioners of “Water First” and following articles in the Herald, we urge you to continue to demand that ClearSource honor its obligations and join all of us as wise and caring stewards of water as the precious resource it is.

Yours faithfully, we are....”



#### St. Margaret’s Guild Meeting

The St. Margaret’s Guild will meet Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the church shortly after that day’s service. Please take a moment to briefly join other parishioners at coffee hour prior to attending the Guild meeting. The intent of this meeting is to finalize some of the agenda items discussed previously, to approve the budget, and to move forward with the necessary items needing approval from the Vestry.

Hope to see you there. For those unable to attend and wishing to be heard, please contact me via email at [rosalinda@hotsheet.com](mailto:rosalinda@hotsheet.com) or by telephoning 802-522-4548 to enable me to bring your voice to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrie Rosalinda  
St. Margaret’s Guild President

PS Thank you to all the women of St. John’s who make my responsibilities associated with the Guild effortless!!



## Birthdays

Matthew Hannon – March 5

Barrie Rosalinda – March 7

Hayley Smith – March 8

Louise Clark – March 14

Alex Gilbert – March 21

Bill Arnold – March 22

Harry Plavin – March 25

Joan Sax – March 27

## Baptism

Betsy Arnold – March 29

## Rector's Message

Dear People of St. John's:

How I miss a certain parishioner who moved away a good ten years ago. Proudly she used to announce at one of our pre-Lent Wednesday evening services that she was going to give up swearing for Lent! That would then lead our little gathering into one of those conversations about whether we are supposed to give something up like chewing gum or desserts, or whether we should instead take something like Bible study or a household soup night with money set aside for charity.

I haven't heard much discussion of Lent or Easter this year. I haven't thought a lot about it myself. Perhaps it is because the weather and illness have been so heavy upon us this winter, or it is because Easter comes so early this year pushing everything up (not since 1913 this early), or it is that less and less our Hallmark culture values any deep occasion of the spirit like this.

But meanwhile it's moving to see our children this Lent raising money for a pig and bees to send to Africa through Episcopal Relief and Development and this year we will all give to the Good Friday Offering to support the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. (They do a lot of work in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank.) This as a few of us have resolved to do soup and Bible study on Wednesday evenings.

By the time you read this, Lent will be winding down with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter meeting us head on. Is it too late to gear up that discipline and resolve we need so much? I hope not. Is it too late to prepare ourselves in heart and soul for the passion of Holy Week and the grace of resurrection? Have we thought about it much lately?

Yours in the Lent of my life,

Timothy C. Eberhardt



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**Lent 4**

March 2

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Nancy DuBois

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

Intercessions: Jim Gardner

Readers: Nancy Wright

Coffee Hour: Pat Mayer

Altar Flowers:

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**Lent 5**

March 9

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Judy & Jim Gardner

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Pat Mayer

Intercessions: Joan Sax

Readers: Linda Runnion

Coffee Hour: Betsy Arnold

Altar Flowers:

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**Palm Sunday**

March 16

~ 8 am & 10 am Service~

Ushers: Susan O'Malley

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Gay Gaston

Intercessions: Lee Sease

Coffee Hour: Mary Ellen Bean

Altar Flowers:

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**Maundy Thursday**

March 20

~ 7 pm ~

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**Good Friday**

March 21

~ 6 pm Community Service at St John's ~

~ 7 pm Prayer Book Liturgy at St John's ~

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**Easter Day**

March 23

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Pat Lawrence

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Bob Sparadeo

Intercessions: Nancy Wright

Readers: Ray & Pat Mayer

Coffee Hour: Linda Runnion & helpers

Altar Flowers:

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**Easter 2**

March 30

~ 10 am Service~

Ushers: Carol & Ken Merrill

Oblations:

Eucharist Minister: Linda Runnion

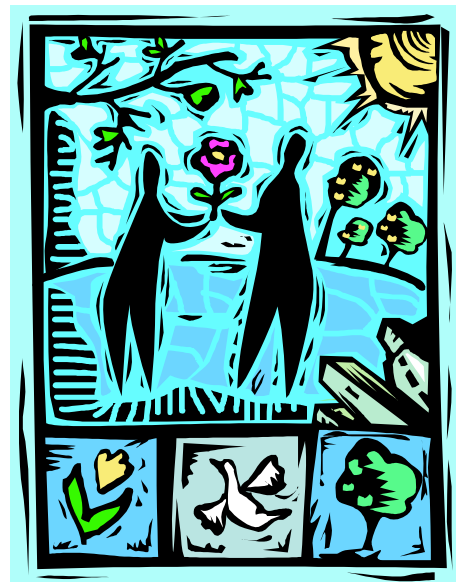
Intercessions: Linda Runnion

Readers: Steve & Jane Eubanks

Coffee Hour:

Altar Flowers: Lee & Anna Sease

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Next Messenger deadline is Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Submissions needed through April and beyond.