



# eMESSENGER

## St. John's Episcopal Church

*Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise.*



*photo courtesy of Jane Eubanks*

### Vestry of St. John's

Steven Eubanks, Senior Warden  
Ray Mayer, Junior Warden  
Susan O'Malley  
Linda Nagy  
Charles Scribner  
Nancy Wright  
Pat Mayer, Clerk  
William Arnold, Treasurer  
Jane Eubanks, Receipts Treasurer



### Clergy, Treasurers, Wardens, & Vestry

St. John's was as well represented as any of the some fifteen parishes which attended the all day Saturday, April 26, workshop at the Church of the Good Shepard in Barre. Treasurer Bill Arnold is a veteran of these yearly gatherings. Now he was joined by the Rector with wardens Steve Eubanks and Ray Mayer and Vestry members Nancy Wright and Susan O'Malley. From 9:30 to 3:30 we worked in both plenary and groups getting loaded with information and questions about everything from parish audits to unit funds, Church canons and Vestry leadership roles in the parish. Now we know everygning there is to know, or at least what a strongly together group we are here at St. John's!



The Rector

Hello St. John's!

I'm currently finishing up my Sophomore year at Smith College as an Education and Italian Studies double major. I will be back in Vermont for the summer and can't wait to reunite with the St. John's community. I have a lot of experience working with children, as you know, and will be more than willing to babysit while I'm home.

Please feel free to contact me at: (802) 356-4926.

Best,  
Jen Sparadeo



## Feast of Singing 2008

Some of you might be interested in this day of singing, and some not, but I was hoping you could check out the website, and if you think you know anyone who would be interested in attending perhaps you could pass it on!

Please pass on the blurb below. Steve has worked hard on getting the site all put together, and I think it looks good.

Thanks, Jane

Hello (add name), The long awaited information about Feast of Singing 2008 is here! Please go to the new website to learn about this year's Feast and to find a registration form. Then pass this news along to folk you think might enjoy this glorious day of singing! Hope to see you there. Oh yes, there are paper fliers as well should you want one. Please let me know. <http://feastofsinging.stjohnsrandolphvt.org/>  
This year is going to be marvelous!! jane



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## An Evening with Bishop Gene Robinson

There was no usual third Tuesday Diocesan clergy day of St. John's this April. Instead, clergy had been invited to gather on the evening of April 15 at St. Paul's, White River Jct. for a showing of the documentary "For the Bible tells me so" with Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire introducing the film and discussing his part in it along with some of the issues raised. In the film the stories of five families (including Bishop Robinson's) are woven in and out as the parents and their gay children share their growth and relationships. Various clergy (including Peter Gomes of Harvard, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a rabbi and others) also discuss many of the faith and Biblical implications, all creating a powerful collage of information, honest emotions, and true life journeys.

When the Bishop's office said two or three parishioners could be invited as well, I was joined by Vestry members Steven Eubanks, Nancy Wright and Susan O'Malley. All of us were so impressed and moved by the film, we decided to order it and make it available here with several showings\*. Details of time and place will appear soon. (For a further story about that evening see the latest May edition of "The Mountain Echo".)

The Rector

\* Now scheduled with Bethany Church for showings here at St. John's, Sunday, May 25 at 11:45 and Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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## Rector's Message

Dear People of St. John's,

Back on April 13 after Coffee Hour the Vestry checked in with a quarterly report to the parish, and, I was delighted to see, the parish reported back not just with great attendance (over 25 of us), but with some spirited back and forth as well. Backed by all of us as Rector and Vestry, Senior Warden Steve Eubanks did an excellent job of catching us up on, for instance, his start up work with a financial planning committee, plans for improvements this summer to the Church grounds (especially out front), a generous gift of \$5,000 from Margaret Egerton in memory of her husband Henry, the current "cashflow", with discussion about my compensation package as Rector. (Not bad, covering all that and more in a half hour session!)

Because I didn't want to take the time at that meeting to update my own ministry work schedule in and out of St. John's, I want to outline that here with a breakdown of units or thirds of "a work day" which remains pretty much the same as the schedule I presented at the Annual Meeting.

Mondays - off

Tuesdays - present AM & PM

Wednesdays - present PM

Thursdays - present AM

Fridays - off

Saturdays - present AM & PM

Sundays - present AM through noon and beyond

Needless to say other obligations make this schedule highly flexible, although I honor the time equivalent of these 7+ "units with whatever adaptations come up. As I have shared with the Vestry, it's been a difficult adjustment because in many ways there's no such thing as a part-time, on-call parish priest, and because it's pretty hard to down shift to such a tightly disciplined schedule after 27 years of "full time flexibility". Not only will I and the Vestry keep checking in on this together, but now in May with a trained member of Diocesan Ministry Development team coming on board here, I hope all of us will continue to think deeply and join in as we work at building up the presence and ministry of St. John's in this larger community of ours.

May God's Holy Spirit inspire and guide us as at that first Pentecost.

Rejoicing in Christ,  
Timothy Eberhardt





SUNDAY MINISTRIES

**May 4, Easter 7: 8 & 10 a.m.**

Ushers: Ellen Baker

Intercessions: Gail Rietzel

Reader: Christine Gilbert

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Runnion

Altar flowers: the Merrills

Coffee Hour: Pat Lawrence

**May 11, The Day of Pentecost: 10 a.m.**

Ushers: Anna & Lee Sease

Intercessions: Marcia Stone

Reader: Kate Mayer

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Mayer

Altar flowers: Pat Lawrence

Coffee Hour: Pat Mayer

**May 18, Trinity Sunday: 10 a.m.**

Ushers: Betsy & Bill Arnold

Reader: Nancy Wright

Eucharistic Minister: Gay Gaston

Coffee Hour: Carol Merrill

**May 25, Pentecost 2: 10 a.m.**

Ushers: Susan O'Malley

Reader: Linda Runnion

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Springer

Altar flowers: the Wrights

Coffee Hour: Sunday School

Birthdays

**Carol Merrill - May 2**

**Jacalyn Wilder - May 3**

**Adele Smith - May 4**

**Ray Mayer - May 14**

**Anna Dustin - May 25**

Anniversaries

**Doug & Pat Lawrence - May 13**

**Tim & Mary Ellen - May 20**

**Steve & Jane Eubanks - May 26**

**Tom & Sandy Malanchuk**

**May 21**

Baptisms

**Phil Plumb - May 11**

**Bill Arnold - May 7**

**Kate Mayer - May 14**

**Arden Sease - May 20**

**Tom Malanchuk - May 21**

*next Messenger deadline  
May 25*

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care met this morning, April 1. The usual connections and activities were shared. Friendship bread was given to a new family to welcome them into our church family.

Plans were made for April 18 ths pot luck supper. No frills, no agenda other than to socially have a fun time and to also welcome (hopefully) spring.

