

The Messenger

A newsletter of

St. John's Episcopal Church **Randolph, Vermont**

August 2010

Building for the future with thanksgiving and praise

Rector's Message

Dear People of St. John's,

St. John's has always been a place of pictures. Go to the St. John's web site for a generous sampling or just linger by the two bulletin boards in the work office. Or in the Canterbury Room note the evolution of the church building through those three portraits, one an historic sketch by Robert Chamberlain with the cupola in the front, one from the 60s with the old double door Parish hall entry and a 90s fall view, these painted by parishioners Adrienne Hall and Carol Merrill.

One of my most lovingly difficult transition projects has been to sort through all our pictures. I first reshaped the two work office boards removing most which feature myself front and center. I then went to work on a large box full of photos going back to 1981. I made three piles, one for the St. John's collection, one for my own and a lot to be thrown out with duplicates and multiple angles of the same event. There were weddings and baptisms, many parish meals, Sunday School events, Vestry retreats, and people just being in the Church.

In the next month I must turn to cleaning out my desk, my books and files, but those pictures which I leave and take with me are gifts between us. They will live on and tell a story of grace and growth better than any words can capture. For that we can all be grateful to the God who brought us here together and planted us in this vineyard of St. John's

Rejoicing in Christ,
Timothy C. Eberhardt

Ministries Wanted

- **Opening and Closing the Church.** While Bill Arnold and the Rector have routinely opened and closed our Church facilities on a daily basis, we will need parishioners to take over beginning in September. A sign-up sheet for set days with morning and evening slots is posted by the Sacristy door. Please take one or more of these times or just sign up as a back up. And, remember, one of the hallmarks of St. John's has been its hospitality for all kinds of meetings and events *and* that daily it is "open for prayer".
 - **Keeping the sanctuary candle burning.** Every seven days the candle in the red glass container over the altar must be replaced. It symbolizes the living presence of Christ in the Church which is stored in the reserved sacrament. Beginning in September we need someone who is willing to keep an eye on the candle life (really every eight days), who is fit and able enough to stand on a step ladder and replace it, and who will order new candles as the supply runs low. Please speak to the Rector for details.
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Transition Update
July 17, 2010

As of this writing, there are few new developments to report, however, the Vestry will be meeting with companion Laura Hunter July 26th to consider what the parish expects of the “interim”. A report on this meeting will appear in the next Messenger.

Below you will find a list of dates to remember and supply clergy who will be with us immediately following Timothy’s retirement.

Sunday, August 29 - 10 AM Fr. Tim’s final Sunday at St. John’s & Celebration

Sunday, September 5 – 10 AM Supply – Pete Kelsey

(New World Festival pie sale! September 19th)

Sunday, September 12 – 10 AM Supply – Stewart Pierson

Sunday, September 19 – 10 AM Supply – Pete Kelsey

****Sunday, September 26 – 10 AM Supply – Burt Ulrich, parish meeting
Status of Transition/Finance, Cannon for Transition,
Lynn Bates, will be with us. (Pot Luck brunch)**

Sunday, October 3 – 10 AM Supply – Pete Kelsey

Sunday, October 10 – 10 AM Supply – Stewart Pierson

Sunday, October 17 – 10 AM Supply – Pete Kelsey

Sunday, October 24 – 10 AM Supply – TBD

Sunday, October 31 – 10 AM Supply – Burt Ulrich

Still to be arranged: Supply for November & Emergency priests (2) during Supply

Faithfully,

Your Vestry

Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee – July Meeting

Pastoral Care met July 6th with Ginny reading our prayer. We were delighted to welcome Mickie Richardson and Beth Pelletier to our committee.

Pastoral responsibilities were explained to our new members, the parishioners list and note cards were handed out.

The Friendship bread, which is given to new parishioners, will be shared by all.

Tim spoke of Steve Eubanks study and efforts to be a licensed “Eucharistic Visitor”. He is currently waiting to receive his certification. Steve will then be able to take out the consecrated communion to any shut-in or hospitalized parishioner on behalf of St. John’s. This ministry will fill a void, should the occasion arise, with Tim’s absence.

The meeting closed with Tim’s encouragement for us to be even more vigilant in our efforts of pastoral care after his retirement.

Again, please keep us informed of any concern.

**Betsy Arnold
Mickie Richardson
Ginny Cantlin**

**Tim Eberhardt
Mary Ellen Bean
Pat Mayer**

**Ellie Streeter
Beth Pelletier**

Anniversaries August 2010

Birthdays:

**Aug 2 Oliver Plavin
Aug 6 Kate Kennedy
Aug 12 Tom Malanchuk
Aug 21 Rico Lioce
Aug 30 Robert Kershaw**

**Aug 4 Lee Sease
Aug 8 Susan O’Malley
Aug 14 Kenniston Merrill
Aug 28 Mary Smokoski**

Weddings:

Aug 19 Anna and Lee Sease

Aug 22 John and Mary Smokoski

Baptism:

Aug 24 Nancy Wright

St. Margaret's Guild

Please....remember to RSVP as soon as you can, for Tim's Retirement Celebration on August 29th after our Church service at the Three Stallion Inn.

Thanks,
Pat Lawrence

Prayer Beads

Thanks to the generous gift of a parishioner's out-of-state sister, we have an abundant supply of attractive home-made prayer beads (or "worry beads"). Anyone would like one for themselves or as a gift may speak to the Rector.

The FOOD SHELF needs help badly.

On each Sunday, if you are able, please bring a food item (non-perishable, canned or boxed goods) and place it in the box marked "FOOD SHELF ITEMS" in the hall entryway near the kitchen

This message appears regularly in each newsletter but it's time for me to say "Thank You" to all who so faithfully bring items each week. The response from the volunteers at the Food Shelf is one of delight and gratitude each time we take a donation over to them. Also, as a reminder, Tim has been on the Food Shelf's board and will be going off once he retires. We still need a representative from St. John's to take his place. Have you got the time? Please see the Rector if you are able to assist in this way.

Thanks, Mickie

Sunday ministries

	Sun – Aug 1 Pentecost 10 9:00 AM	Sun – Aug 8 Pentecost 11 9:00 AM	Sun – Aug 15 Pentecost 12 9:00 AM	Sun – Aug 22 Pentecost 13 9:00 AM	Sun – Aug 29 Pentecost 14 10:00 AM
Eucharistic	Gay Gaston	Ray Mayer	Pat Mayer	Steve Eubanks	Robert Sparadeo
Readers	Christine Gilbert	Pat Mayer	Neil Richardson	Gay Gaston	Mickie Richardson
Ushers	Susan O'Malley	Linda Nagy	Anna & Lee Sease	Susan O Mickie R	Mickie & Neil Richardson
Intercessions	Gay Gaston	Mickie Richardson	Nancy Dubois	Neil Richardson	Nancy Wright
Oblations	Jane & Steve Eubanks	Betsy & Bill Arnold	Mickie & Neil Richardson	Pat Lawrence	Betsy & Bill Arnold
Coffee Hour	Linda Runnion	Mary Ellen Bean	Ellen Baker	Susan O'Malley	Tim's Celebration
Flowers	Linda Nagy	Linda Runnion	Louise Clark	Bean/ Eberhart	Linda Runnion

PARISH SURVEY FORMS

In the last Messenger you received a copy of a survey that the Vestry would very much like to have you complete and return. If you haven't already done so, please complete it and give to any member of the Vestry.

Thank you.

July 23, 2010