

## A Note from the Rector

by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

Recently, the St. Paul's High School Youth Group met at my house to plan their participation in our *First Sundays: Life Together at 9 a.m.* for November 1, All Saints' Day. The activity for the evening was to learn about the saints. They divided into two groups: one group chose two traditional saints. The other group chose two non-traditional saints. Each group researched their saints from the many books I had on hand and on the Web.

I asked each group to be able to explain why they chose their particular saints and to prepare a presentation of each saint for the November 1 9:00 a.m. worship. As we did our research and discussed the way in which we wanted to introduce our saints during worship, one of the members asked a very good question. "How are the Saints' Days decided? Are they their birthdays?" I answered, "Well, birthday in a way. Their date is the date of their death. We believe that the day of our death is our second birth. It is our birthday to eternal life."

These young people, far from being cynical about "churchy" things, loved the idea that death is our second birth. They thought it is very cool to believe this. I agree. I think it is magnificently hopeful.

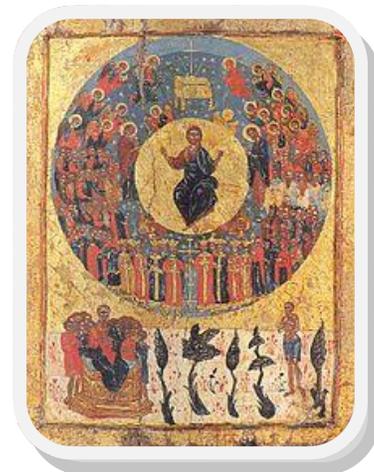
The joy of celebrating All Saints' Day together in worship is indeed very cool! We celebrate the lives of the saints because they were "folks like you and me" whose lives were shaped and even transformed by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The character of a saint is revealed in the basics of discipleship: love, mercy, peace, and justice.

Robert Atwell, author with Christopher L. Webber of a devotional book on saints, writes about what the Saints have to teach us in modern times. He concludes the Introduction to his book, *Celebrating the Saints: Devotional*

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**All Saints' Sunday,  
November 1, 2015**

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*Readings for Saints' Days* with these words, "The saints...teach us something profound about God's call to holiness, about being a Christian in the world today, about being a human being." For me, the "being a human being" part means, even those who live lives of holiness fall short as human beings. But the goodness of Christ is not permanently obscured in those times. We can live in the hope of these words from the familiar hymn, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,"

***And there's not any reason,  
no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.***

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is often planned for All Saints' Sunday because Christians believe in the Communion of Saints, and our deep connection with them is through baptism. Not only do the waters

of baptism symbolize our descent with Christ into his death. They also symbolize that we are raised with Christ in his resurrection. This connection unites us with all the saints and even all those loved ones who have gone before us into their "second birth." That's why we name, out loud in worship, those loved ones and members of this parish who have died in the past year.

I hope you will join the "saints of St. Paul's" in our celebration on November 1 at 9:00am. We will joyfully participate in three baptisms and offer our prayers as we receive "into the household of God" Maisie Murphy and Zoe and Amelia Bolton.

May we all shout a big AMEN of unity!

Your friend in Christ,

*Carolyn+*

## SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ **Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.** St. Paul's will host an ecumenical service of prayer and unity for relief of refugees, sponsored by Churches Working Together. Join us to pray and hear readings from refugees around the world.
- ◆ **Thursday, November 26, 10:00a.m.** – Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist.  
( No Thursday Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. )
- ◆ **Sunday, November 29,** all three services of Holy Eucharist.

First Sunday of Advent and the day of Thanksgiving when we place our pledge cards in the offering plate



- ◆ **Sunday, December 6, 9:00a.m.**

*First Sundays, Life Together* at 9:00a.m. (Second Sunday of Advent) Bishop Stephen T. Lane, Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, Visitation. He will baptize, confirm, celebrate the Eucharist, preach and rejoice with the people of St. Paul's in the work we do for Christ's sake in Brunswick.



Sunday, November 1, 2015

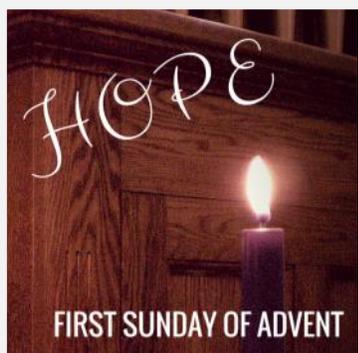
Join us for First Sundays, Life Together at 9:00a.m.

One service of Holy Eucharist for All Saints' Day, Holy Baptism,  
and to greet our new Music Ministry Director, Randy Day

Childcare provided.

Reserved seating in sanctuary (nave)  
for families with small children and for those  
with disabilities.

Snacks and activities in  
The Great Hall for anyone who needs a break from a long-ish service!



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The First Sunday of Advent is November 29.

We will light the first candle on our Advent wreath – the candle of HOPE.

It might seem strange that our “church” year begins with the First Sunday of Advent and not New Year’s Day. But Christians begin our year with this season as we prepare the way of the Lord, the Messiah whom God promised to send as our Savior. We expect and prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus, born of Mary. The prophets were the ones who heralded that the Savior of the world would come to rule our lives and God’s reign.

**Collect for the First Sunday of Advent:**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

# Giving and Commitment

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*"And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Hebrews 13:16)*



The time for us to consider how much to give to St. Paul's is upon us. Known as "stewardship" to many, it is a time for each of us to reflect with gratitude on what St. Paul's means to us and what it brings to our lives and the lives of others. And, accordingly, do what we can as stewards to support it so it continues to grow and thrive. The above portion of scripture was selected because of our strong commitment to outreach. As we remember, in 2014 the vestry responded to the call for St. Paul's to give more to outreach - increasing our contribution each year. Last year's budget committed 3%. This year our budget will commit an additional percentage of our budget to Outreach.

While reflecting on the above, we also consider the following: a new music director and robust music program, continued improvements to the physical plant, paying our staff a fair wage, monthly utilities and maintenance, continued frontline efforts to combat issues of racism, sex trafficking, domestic abuse, and other initiatives to help where needed. Are all of these expenses outreach? Many would say, "yes." The building we maintain and the staff we employ provide a home for AA, Food Addicts in Recovery, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), forums, and more. As for our new music director, youth programs, Sunday and weekday services: "A church breathes in on Sundays and out during the rest of the week." There is much riding on our presence in the community. Please join us in making these initiatives a reality.

And finally, we think about how we commit ourselves to supporting the above. Many of us give. Giving is important. However, giving a stated (pledged) amount is as important - maybe more so. A pledge is our promise of commitment to each other and to the leadership of St. Paul's. It is

something that can be relied upon throughout the year.

So, while large pledges are always nice, the commitment is just as important as the amount. And the combination of our gifts of

commitment, large or small, will make a difference. We only need to reflect on how much we gave last year and pledge (promise) that amount plus 5% more. If I gave a dollar a week, it would mean about 20 cents a month. Is my gratitude worth 20 cents more a month?

As a reminder, St. Paul's encourages use of our automated donation process to provide a steady cash-flow. Sign-up can be done easily online via St. Paul's web site or by using the form enclosed with your pledge card. To those who already give this way, thank you, but remember that an increased commitment will also entail your updating the amount automatically withdrawn for St. Paul's.

Pledge cards for 2016 will arrive by mail at the beginning of November. St. Paul's will receive our completed cards on November 29, the Sunday following Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for as we look forward to next year.

Please seek out the Stewardship Committee for any of your concerns, questions or ideas: Pat Ryan, Paul Womer, Emily Levine, Chip Liversidge, Lucy Leitzell, and in an ex officio role, the rector.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38 ESV)*

*Paul Womer*

# Christian Formation

*Congratulations to Zoe and Amelia Bolton and Maisie Murphy for their Baptisms!*

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Students recently have revisited the **Creation Story, The Fall**, looked at the life of **St. Francis of Assisi**, Lions/Lambs class acting out scenes with puppets. For the **Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**, they created images of angels and read about them, including the very strange and exciting six-winged cherubim who are covered in eyes! Because the archangel/protector Michael is said to have cast Satan from heaven, and is depicted contending with a dragon, Eagles class sculpted a dragon bread (which by the way was yummy!) Godly Play's Baptism lesson was presented with Lions/

Lambs class and other important Saints' stories will have been touched on and perhaps illustrated by pumpkin carving by the time this gets printed.

## Projects for All Ages During Coffee Hour

November 8, 15, **Mosaic Cross Making** for the Christmas Fair - or make one for yourself or for a gift and make a donation to the Fair. (Young children who participate need a parent collaborator.)

November 22 **Origami - Peace Doves** and more for the Christmas Fair

November 29 **Advent Wreath-making**

*Jane Burke*

Christian Formation Director  
janelovespopham@gmail.com



The Eagles' Dragon Bread, just out of the oven.



Sharing their interpretations of the morning's story.

The St. Paul's Frontline Ministries has made a commitment to learn more about Restorative Justice. There is background on the website for Restorative Justice Institute of Maine's website, [www.rjmaine.org](http://www.rjmaine.org)

*Restorative Justice processes are used when harm has been done. They provide a space for people who were involved to talk about:*

- \* *What happened*
- \* *Who was impacted and how*
- \* *What needs to be done to make things right again*

*Through a restorative justice process, a person that has been harmed talks about how they were impacted and shares his or her needs.*

*In turn, those who caused the harm have the opportunity to be held accountable in a highly supported and respectful way, by people who care about them.*



# A weekend with Becca Stevens & Women of Thistle Farms

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## Love Heals! Conference Schedule Who should come?

### Saturday, November 14

#### St. Paul's Church, Brunswick

9:30 am Coffee and Table Browsing

10:00 am Music and Introductions

10:20 am Presentation I

*Think Globally, Act Communally*

Becca Stevens

11:20 am Reflections

*How Community is Central to Healing*

Regina Mullins and Anika Rogers,  
Survivor Leaders

11:45 am Lunch and Conversation

*Lunch will be provided by St. Paul's Church*

Discussion groups:

- Two new safe houses in Maine: Sophia's House and Hope Rising
- Current efforts in Maine
- Transition from prison: Deacon Mary Bourque and Kelly Dell'Aquila
- Identifying and responding safely: Regina Mullins and Anika Rogers
- It's not just a women's issue: The Rev. Bill Barter, St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

12:45 pm Music: Women with Wings

1:00 pm Presentation II

*Faith of Our Farmers: Practical Theology*

Becca Stevens

1:45 pm Closing Ritual

*Love Heals* The Rev. Anne Deneen

2:00 pm  
Departure



\* Ministry and social service providers

\* All who are interested in learning more about the reality of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, addiction, and incarceration, and the possibilities for addressing the needs of survivors

### Why participate?

\* Help raise awareness of the situation in New England

\* Share effective resources and available models

\* Inspire and empower engagement in local efforts that foster healing and recovery of survivors

### Other events that weekend

#### Thursday, November 12

##### Bates College, Lewiston

70 Campus Avenue, Muskie Archives

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Presentation: *Burning Desire: Our Longing for Justice and Hope for Healing*

Becca Stevens, Regina Mullins, and Anika Rogers

#### Friday, November 13

##### The Center for Wisdom's Women, Lewiston

97 Blake Street (between Pine & Ash)

10 am – 12 noon

Conversations

5 pm – 7 pm

Wise and Strong Women Speak: *Love Heals*

#### Sunday, November 15

##### Trinity Episcopal Church, Lewiston

247 Bates Street (next to Kennedy Park)

10 am

Worship and Discussion: *Being Doers of the Word in Our Neighborhoods*

# Adult Christian Formation: What's on Tap for November?

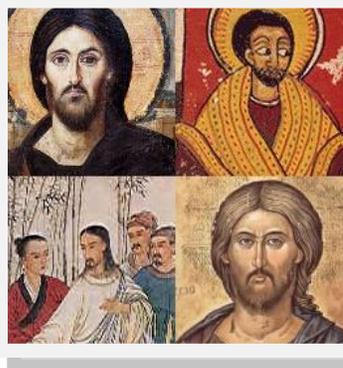
What's on tap are some very interesting programs preceded or followed by the wonderful fellowship of a meal, the latter compliments of our new Hospitality Ministry. These programs are truly joint ventures, and we couldn't be more delighted.

A special and very exciting forum series will begin on Tuesday, November 3, and run every other week, ending with Tuesday, December 15. You won't want to miss a single one. You can also look forward to seeing a very powerful movie about forgiveness and the role it plays in the healing of our lives. And, something I look forward to every Advent, The Rev. Mary Lee Wile will hold one of her Quiet Morning retreats.

## Forum

### The Four Faces of Jesus

To gain a fuller understanding of Jesus, it is helpful to look at how he is depicted in all four Gospels. Although all of the texts are inspired by God, they are, nevertheless, written by human authors with different backgrounds, personalities, and even points of view. The result is that each author emphasized different aspects of Jesus. Taken together, they give us a more complete picture. Please join the conversation for this four-part Forum series as described below:



- ◆ The New Moses. Matthew was writing to a Hebrew audience, and one of his purposes was to show, based on Jesus' genealogy and various Old Testament prophecies, that Jesus was the long-expected Messiah and on that basis should be believed in. Matthew uses the term *Son of David* more than any of the other Gospel writers, emphasizing that Jesus came directly from the regal line of King David. Matthew recounts the genealogies of Jesus not just as an historical enumeration but as proof that Jesus is the Messiah. The opening verse of his Gospel states it quite plainly: "A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham."

POTLUCK SUPPER AT 5:30  
will precede the program at 6:15. Please bring a soup or stew, salad or sweet to share – homemade or store-bought --- and enjoy the company of your parish friends.  
Bread and drinks will be provided.  
No time to shop or cook?  
You are most welcome to come anyway and take part in this very special offering

Facilitator: The Rev. Chick Carroll

When: Tuesday, November 3

5:30-6:15 dinner, 6:15-7:30 program

- ◆ A Man on the Move. Probably because Mark wrote for a Gentile audience, he does not stress Jesus' genealogy, his controversies with the Jewish leaders of his day, or Old Testament references as Matthew does. Jesus is portrayed as a man on the move. There is lots of action without some of the attention to detail found in the other Gospels. It's a short, fast-paced Gospel. Mark does write to emphasize Jesus as the suffering servant. Mark quotes Jesus as saying, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43-45).

Facilitator: Jim Hornor

When: Tuesday, November 17

5:30-6:15 dinner, 6:15-7:30 program

- ◆ The Great Physician. Luke was a medical doctor, an evangelist, and a companion of Paul. He wrote both the Gospel that bears his name as well as Acts. He is the only Gentile among the Gospel writers. He wrote the Gospel as an historian, basing his account on the reports of those who were eyewitnesses, and as an evangelist. As with Mark, he wrote for a largely Gentile audience. Frequently referring to the "Son of Man," he emphasizes Jesus' humanity, sharing many details

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that are not found in other Gospel accounts. As a physician, he also has more healing accounts than appear in any of the other Gospels.

Facilitator: The Rev. Dick Hall

When: Tuesday, December 1

5:30-6:15 dinner, 6:15-7:30 program

- ♦ The Cosmic Light. Unlike the preceding Synoptic Gospels, John's writing does not attempt to give a summary of the life of Jesus. John assumes from the beginning of his Gospel that he is dealing with the Glorified Christ, the Risen Lord. The opening words of his Gospel are familiar to all of us: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And toward the end of his Gospel, he acknowledges that "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31). John's passion is to reveal to us Jesus as the Christ, and when you think about it, this is really the only Jesus that you and I are able to know. The historic Jesus serves as a kind of blueprint for how we are to live our lives if we are to become the people God made us to be, but the Risen Lord is the only Jesus we encounter because Jesus, the historic figure, is no longer with us.

Facilitators: The Rev. Carolyn Eklund and Sarah Arnold

When: Tuesday, December 15

5:30-6:15 dinner, 6:15-7:30 program

## Movie

### The Railway Man

This DVD is a dramatization of a memoir written by British Army Lieutenant Eric Lomax, who was captured by the Japanese in 1942 after the fall of Singapore. He was taken to a forced labor camp and made to work on building the Thailand-Burma railway, enduring deprivation and torture from his brutal captors.

The movie begins with Eric's meeting and then marrying his second wife, Patti, who shortly thereafter realizes her husband suffers from acute PTSD as he relives the horror of the death camp in which he was

imprisoned. Out of her great love for him, she is determined to help him.

This is an epic (and true) story of repentance, forgiveness, the quest for freedom, and the conquering power of love. We see the consequences of not forgiving one another and ourselves. We see what happens if the road to healing includes revenge on the wrongdoer. Jesus said, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4:19). How seriously do we need to take that? If we forgive the person who has wronged us, what does that say about the evil he or she commits? Without our forgiveness of a wrong committed, what does that do to the other person and his or her attempts to find peace? And what role can shared suffering play?

This powerful movie will leave you speechless at times and yet you will feel compelled to watch. It is a testament to the importance of forgiveness in our lives and the role it plays in healing. Please watch with your fellow parishioners, stay for the discussion, and then fellowship over a hot-soup lunch.

Facilitator: Charles Arnold

When: Saturday, November 7 at 9:30, lunch follows

## Quiet Morning Retreat

### "Whenever It Is a Damp, Drizzly November in My Soul": How to Embrace the Sacred as Darkness Encroaches

Summer is long gone, the bright leaves of October have been gathered like chaff, and evenings darken earlier each day. Herman Melville tells us that Ishmael takes to the sea when he begins to feel "a damp, drizzly November" in his soul, but most boat-owners in Maine have put their boats to bed for the winter. Often, the temptation is to hibernate—or flee (and those are valid options). This November's Quiet Morning will explore other ways of living into this season of our souls, ways to see the sacred, ways we might find and be found by God, even during the deepening darkness.

Facilitator: The Rev. Mary Lee Wile

When: Saturday, November 21

9:00-noon, lunch follows

*Pam Nugent*

## Dominican Republic Fun Facts

Did you know.....?

- *The Dominican Republic fought for their independence from Spain, Haiti, and the United States. The country won independence in 1821.*
- *95% of the Dominican Republic's population are Roman Catholics.*
- *Baseball is the most popular sport in the Dominican Republic. The DR has produced four MVP Award winners, two Cy Young Award winners, and seven Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year winners.*
- *The nation's motto is "Dios, Patria, Libertad" which translates to "God, Fatherland, Liberty"*

## Work of the General Convention

Sometimes when I talk about what happened at General Convention, people seem surprised that I'm still energized about it, all these months later. Actually, the resolutions we passed, the election of our new Presiding Bishop, and the task forces created for this triennium all point to what the Episcopal Church, including St. Paul's, is being called to accomplish over the next three years. So, yes, it's an ongoing process, and an exciting one.

Right now, a small group is taking part in a workshop designed to help participants prepare for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation when Bishop Steve comes to St. Paul's on December 6. The program we're using is based on the Baptismal Covenant from our Book of Common Prayer. So as part of preparing to facilitate this workshop, I chose a sampling of the resolutions passed at General Convention and aligned them with questions from the Baptismal Covenant; I wanted to show that the **work of the Church** is deeply grounded in the faith of the Church. Here's the result (exciting stuff!):

**Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?**

A013 – Continue Financial Support for Global Missions, Young Adult Service Corps, and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission.

A172 – Leveraging Social Media for Jesus – Creates a Task Force for the purpose of figuring how best to use social media for evangelism.

A044 – Maintain Centrality of the Eucharist – Directs the bishop in each Diocese to discern and implement ways in which small congregations within their Diocese who are without benefit of clergy may receive Communion on a regular basis.

A169 -- Calls for a process to begin revising the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and D060 – Calls for a process for the revision of the 1982 Hymnal.

**Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?**

C019 – Establish Response to Systemic Racial Injustice – Affirms the challenging and difficult



Rev. Mary Lee Wile

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# Work of General Convention, *Continued*

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work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action.

A159 – The Role of the Church in the Culture of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse – Recognizes that the Church has a moral and ethical responsibility to confront and repent of the Episcopal Church’s complicity in a culture of alcohol, denial, and enabling.

**Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?**

\* The General Convention adopted an amended 2016-2018 triennial budget after agreeing to add \$2.8 million for evangelism work.

A012 – Continue Funding of Mission Enterprise Zones – Dioceses are encouraged to apply for one or more matching grants committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented groups.

**Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?**

A029 – Protect Human Trafficking victims – Affirms continued participation of The Episcopal Church with groups of the United Nations dealing with human-trafficking issues. (St. Paul’s is hosting a daylong Diocesan Sex-Trafficking Forum on Saturday, Nov. 14)

D057 - Re-commit to the Spirit of Sanctuary – Supports congregations so they can assist immigrant individuals, unaccompanied minors, families, and communities by being centers of information, services, and accompaniment.

Co20– Ministry to People with Mental Illness and Their Families – Calls upon dioceses and congregations to explore and adopt best practices for the inclusion, support, and spiritual care of persons with mental illness and their families.

**Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?**

A011 – Recommit to Criminal Justice Reform and Advocacy – Challenges the Episcopal Church to commit mindfully and intentionally to dismantling our current mass incarceration system.

Bo08 – Support Handgun Purchaser Licensing – Supports handgun purchaser licensing in order to prevent gun violence and save lives.

D015 – Encouraging Advocacy for Hunger Relief – (St. Paul’s has a long history of engagement in this issue)

A036 – Amend Canon I.18 Marriage – allows clergy to marry same sex couples beginning Advent 1 2015 and A054 – Adopt Resources and Liturgical Rites from I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing – rites for blessing and marrying all couples, including same sex couples -- beginning Advent I 2015.

Resolution summaries used with permission of Grace Burton-Edwards: <http://yewatchers.com>

# Brunswick Window Dresser Build

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“Preach the gospel; if you have to, use words.” St. Francis of Assisi.

One of the 38 volunteers of the Window Dresser build, Michelle Seacord, sent this quote to me expressing her gratitude for the experience of being part of this build. “Other than the fact that we physically completed window inserts, I think that one of the most valuable factors is the bond of friendship that was created by working side by side not only with people that we knew but with people that we had not previously met.” to all!

After a total of 30 volunteer hours for the 4 days of the build, we completed 176 window inserts that will reduce the loss of heat, save money and reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that goes into our air.



A set of inserts awaiting pick-up.

Dana Baer coordinated the actual build with his expertise and knowledge of building and working with people. Bonny LaBonte tirelessly filled the volunteer spots that made the build successful. Long before the build even started, measuring teams spent days going to homes precisely measuring each window. For this effort thanks go to Tim Banks, Paul Womer, Greg Millert, Phil Studwell and Patsy Oehl. As all of you know, it takes a team to have a successful project and we definitely had the A team. Thanks

*Michael Anne Banks*

## Future Happening

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December 6

### **23rd Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 6, 3 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

You're cordially invited to join in singing this special service of lessons and carols for the Christmas season. Speak with Randy Day if you're interested. This is a chance to participate in a fun, large community choir, directed by Ray Cornils, singing Advent and Christmas music that is celebratory and uplifting. It's high in fulfillment and low in stress!

# Christmas Fair; Saturday, December 5

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**December 5, Christmas Fair.** Yes, the Christmas Fair is almost here. I hope all may be able to help in some way. All proceeds go to Outreach. Anyone who would like to help or possibly be a chairperson can call the office or call Rodney Richard (688-2249).

**Apple pie** orders will be taken from Oct. 5 through Oct. 26 (signup sheet in the Great Hall). The price of a pie will be \$14. Pies will be available for pickup after each service beginning Sunday, Nov. 1. If pickup on a Sunday is not possible, please contact the office to make arrangements.

The **Christmas Fair Treasures** table needs your treasures. We sell good-quality, pre-owned stuff! Our shoppers like jewelry, good quality kitchen wares, vintage items, antiques, small furniture, children's toys, Christmas decorations, collectables, new items to re-gift, and the list goes on. We never know what will sell and our shoppers are always pleased with the selection they find.



If you are new to the church or have been here for years and want to meet new people, this is a good place to start! The fair is the first Saturday in December (12/5). We set up the week before the sale, beginning on Sunday, November, 28th. It takes people power to set this sale in place. Please consider lending a hand. We work hard but we have a good time.

If you have items to drop off, the best times are Sunday before the fair, 11/28 until 2:00 and through the week until Friday, 12/4. If you need to drop your donations off sooner please contact the office to make sure the church is open. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please call me. Bonny Labonte (729-5226)

**Christmas Fair Café** - We will be seeking contributions of food, funds and help to make the lunch cafe a success. Please remember

to look for the "Donation Christmas Tree" in the Great Hall during all coffee hours, starting the first Sunday in November, for suggestions. The café also needs people to help prepare the meals in the kitchen as well as serve in the dining area the day of the Fair. We can make this the best year ever with your help. Please contact Nancy Johnson at 721-3203 if you have any questions or concerns.

The **Country Store** needs your help! We need to fill the shelves of the Country Store with a wonderful variety of home-made goodies. If you've been canning and preserving it would be great if you would set aside some of your jams, jellies, pickles, dilly beans, salsas and other delicious foods as a donation to the Country Store. We also welcome dog & cat treats, kitchen novelties, potpourri, ornaments, and any new idea you may have. Variety is what makes the Country Store a success every year. Please contact Roberta Hipkins at 607-9014 for donations, questions or suggestions. Thank you.



**The Holy Stitchers** invite anyone with needle craft ability to contribute to our booth. From previous experience we have concluded items which sell best are: sets of outer wear, especially for younger teenagers: winter socks, scarves, hats/headwear, mittens/gloves, etc. made of washable fiber/fabric. What doesn't sell well are children's and men's wool sweaters. Household goods do well. We welcome all contributions. Completed articles need to be at the church by Friday, Dec. 4 to allow us to price & showcase them. Yarn, patterns and supplies are available from the Holy Stitchers. Co-Chairs: Tobey Lee: tobeyart (at) gmail.com & Charla Spann 406-2172



**Start collecting wreath decorations** from the woods, fields and gardens. If you have any

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dried seed pods, grasses, pine cones, etc. please save them for use in decorating St. Paul's wreaths for our Christmas Fair. You may drop them off

at St. Paul's church and either Nancy Whitehouse or Jo Belknap will pick them up. Or call/e-mail Nancy at 777-5665

### Cabot Cheese for Thanksgiving and Fair



It is time for you to order your cheese for Thanksgiving and also to pick up at the Christmas Fair. Delicious sharp cheddar Cabot Cheese (\$7.50 per pound) will be

sold after all services on Sunday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving and at the Christmas Fair on Dec. 5. Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the Great Hall to order yours. Note there are different order sheets for each of the delivery days. We will order from Cabot based on these sign up sheets, so don't be left out!

The **Gourmet Freezer** offers fabulous homemade frozen food (casseroles, hors d'oeuvres, soups, etc.) for customers of the Annual Christmas Fair to take home and enjoy whenever they want a special meal for themselves or their guests. This year's selection of frozen casseroles includes favorites from years past, as well as new taste treats (winners at the Tasting in September). On the menu: Coquilles St. Jacques, Spanikopita, Lamb Curry, Moroccan Chicken Stew, Beef Bourguignon, Butternut Squash Casserole and Seafood Medley as well as many other tempting taste sensations! Please contact Caroline Russell (729-1845) or Nancy Keating (729-7187) for more information.

### Bake and Candy Table

The bake/candy table is in need of cakes, cookies, breads, candy and pies. Cookies should be packaged in dozens or half dozens. It is helpful if you package your items decoratively. Sugar free and gluten free items are welcome. Please contact Lucinda White 865-4635 or Donna Thivierge 729-3511 with questions.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday!

11/02 Benjamin Perry  
 11/04 Jean Chiquoine  
 11/04 Beverly Nickerson  
 11/04 Caroline Savage  
 11/04 Susan Tyler  
 11/05 Claude Brancart  
 11/07 Ariana Edwards  
 11/08 Jane Johnson  
 11/09 Priscilla Rooth  
 11/09 Helen Sturm  
 11/10 Sarah Judd  
 11/11 Linton Studdiford  
 11/12 Jada Ford  
 11/14 Claire Leonard  
 11/15 June Nering  
 11/15 Robert Patterson  
 11/15 Asha Leigh  
 11/20 Peter Colburn

11/20 Lisa Rendell  
 11/21 Meg Warren  
 11/22 Bill Heyda  
 11/23 Louise Colburn  
 11/23 Maddy Harrison  
 11/23 Ruby Harrison  
 11/24 Kim Lermond  
 11/24 Peter Burt  
 11/28 Stephen McCausland  
 11/28 Josephine Belknap  
 11/28 Stephanie Rendell  
 11/29 Diane Munro

### Happy Anniversary!

11/12 George & Ada Moore  
 11/15 Tom & Pam Nugent  
 11/22 Bill & Lil Heyda  
 11/27 Stephen & Lynda Chandler

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know so that we may update our files.

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Jane Burke, Christian Formation Director  
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and Facebook

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Join us for First Sundays, Life Together at 9:00a.m.  
One service of Holy Eucharist for All Saints' Day, Holy Baptism  
and to greet our new Music Ministry Director, Randy Day

Childcare provided.

Reserved seating in sanctuary (nave)  
for families with small children and for those  
with disabilities.

Snacks and activities in  
The Great Hall for anyone who needs a break from a long-ish service!

