



A cat is petted during our recent Blessing of the Animals.

Keeping You Informed

Almost 50 parishioners attended the October 16 "Budget Summit" and discussion. The vestry put on a super coffee hour and led a very good discussion. This discussion was prompted by the fact that this year's pledges are behind a significant amount (about \$7,000 as of the end of September).

Our non-pledge income is also below what was projected. The vestry wanted to let the parish know this and what the vestry has done to help increase income and decrease costs. The heart of the discussion centered around the importance of giving to support St. Paul's mission and our wonderful programs that carry out that mission. **For instance, did you know that pledges make up almost 75% of our yearly income?**

Those present were asked for their thoughts and suggestions and the discussion that followed was full of great ideas. Truly, there is wisdom in our midst. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their thoughts.

As a result, this is what your vestry is going to implement as soon as possible (almost all of what follows are your very suggestions):

1. If the vestry wants to invite parishioners to contribute more (as was suggested by several parishioners at the meeting), then they need to start first. To this end, everyone at the Oct. 18 vestry meeting has agreed to increase their pledge and to maintain at least that increased level for 2012. We invite all parishioners to do this as well.

2. The vestry committed to communicating to the parish a financial update more effectively and more frequently. So that this can happen, we ask that parishioners make a commitment to reading their weekly email and monthly Vine.

3. Specifically, we will include a monthly financial report in the bulletin as well as in the Vine. We will try to communicate the needs in concrete ways. For example, one parishioner figured out that if half of those who pledge increased their pledge by \$200-\$250 dollars, our gap between income and costs of supporting our ministries would be taken care of. And if those parishioners would commit to maintaining this level of pledge for 2012, we would be better able to financially support all the good work we do in God's name.

4. We will also incorporate parishioners' ideas into our fall pledge campaign in order to deepen

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Irene Ministries Update: The Needs Are Continuing

On Tuesday, October 25, 14 parishioners met to celebrate the incredible ministry that St. Paul's has engaged in and helped facilitate in some way since tropical storm Irene devastated parts of Vermont. We also spent time planning for what lies ahead. After presentations by Barbara Farnsworth, our Office Manager, and Angie Emerson, we shared continuing needs of those we have reached out to and suggestions for types of ministries still needed and how to structure our continued response.

It was decided that more communication with the parish is needed about current needs and how to help. This could be done in much the same way as we share current needs of the Haven's food pantry. Diana Collins volunteered to serve as the coordinator for the daily Kitchen Captains. Kate Conner agreed to be in charge of planning the menus and translating that into a shopping list for Bev Blanchard, who agreed to shop for all supplies not donated. Sarah Horton (a retired priest in the diocese) has already graciously agreed to schedule all the drivers. We also discussed ways to recruit and schedule volunteers for the food prep (thanks to the fact that Dee Roberts has developed a contact list of everyone who has already volunteered).

In short, those gathered are trying to provide many opportunities for people to practice generosity and love towards their neighbors.

There are still needs to be addressed, but we are well on our way to addressing many of them.

The following people volunteered to serve on the leadership team: Becky Barwood, Joyce Nagle, Bev Blanchard, Diana Collins, and Kate Conner. Others are welcome. Just let Diana know you would like to serve in a leadership capacity (dianacollins43@gmail.com).

Lastly, we want to thank all those who have given so much of their time, talent and treasure to reach out to those in need. And a tremendous "Thank You" must go to Barbara Farnsworth and Angie Emerson, without whose leadership over the past two months we could not have responded the way we have. May our faith grow stronger as a result of this ministry, may God always be glorified in our relief efforts and, through us, may those we reach out to know the deep love God has for them.

Peace, Nancy



From Page One Rector's Corner

our understanding of what it means to support the work of this parish. This will include our time, talent and financial treasure because it takes all three. Lastly, Nancy will reach out to parishioners who are significantly behind in their pledge for the sole purpose of seeing if there are any life situations about which some pastoral support would be welcome.

Again, thank you to all those who were able to attend the discussion and to all the others who have offered suggestions since that meeting. If you ever have any questions, ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the vestry.

Finance Report From the Vestry

As of the end of September, our pledged income was \$7,000 below budgeted amounts (or 93.7%). Our non-pledge contributions (those who give but do not pledge) were also \$2,230 below budgeted amounts (or 66%).

On a positive note, it seems that parishioners are working at bringing their pledges up to date whenever possible. Thank you very much.

If you cannot fulfill your pledge in 2011, please do not feel ashamed or any other related emotion. Simply let Dee Roberts (our pledge secretary) know and please let her know what you can do (dbirdee@gmail.com). This, in turn, will help the vestry be good stewards of the money entrusted to them by the parish. We are so grateful for all the ways people can and do support this place and our ministries. Thank you.

The vestry has rented out the last remaining room on the second floor of the Parish House to United Valley Interfaith Project. This will increase revenues by about \$1,000 for the rest of 2011. We also decided not to hire a new Ministry Developer for the time being. This will save an additional \$5,000 for 2011.

DHMC Chaplain Program Seeks Support

For over 35 years, Episcopal patients, friends, and family at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) have benefited from the healing, supportive, and liturgical visits the Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy (EHC) provides. The EHC is a volunteer run, non-profit corporation established to ensure the presence of an Episcopal priest on the DHMC campus for those who wish to seek prayer or counsel or receive rites in our tradition.

There are about 100 Episcopal parishes within Vermont and New Hampshire whose parishioners routinely stay at DHMC. For many, their priest is too far away or immediately unavailable to offer in-hospital visits at critical times in the lives of their congregants. Our present chaplain, The Rev. Diane Root, will answer the call of some 500 patients this year. Without her services, it is doubtful that people of our faith would be visited by any resident hospital priest.

The EHC has no endowment, no overhead costs, and no waste

in its budget. We depend entirely upon the generous contributions of the Episcopal dioceses, our congregations in Vermont and New Hampshire, and those who understand the need for this important ministry.

The chaplain's continued presence at DHMC can be ensured this year and in the future by your tax-deductible donation to the EHC. Every dollar makes a difference so please send your check to: Anne Harms, Treasurer, 365 N. Main St., G2, W. Lebanon NH 03784

Please note:

Clergy associated with congregations around the Upper Valley share collegially in the Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy. As part of a Sunday rotation, they take turns bringing pastoral sensitivity, prayers, and communion to Episcopal patients at DHMC. Please be aware: they will only be aware of those who say "yes" to being included on the list available to local clergy!



Church School Report

Godly Play has commenced with enthusiastic storytellers and helpers. This seems to be a busy time of year and we have had fewer students attending. Pam Hanson designed some wonderful cupboards that house the Godly Play Units and other materials. Paul is very pleased with the addition of some cupboards in the nursery.

The junior high class is a delight to experience. I was able to substitute one Sunday and look forward to doing it again. Rich Kremer is enthusiastic about this group.

Jane Carroll and the high school students meet in the parish hall. Ashley Hutton, from Second Growth, has been with the students. Pam Kidder substituted recently when Jane was in the City of Brotherly Love.

Thanks for the help and support!
Kate Conner



Bishop Ely speaks at a convention.

Diocesan Convention: 'I Love to Tell the Story'

**179th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
November 4-5, 2011**

*I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

The 179th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont will take place November 4-5, 2011, at the Grand Summit Hotel at Mount Snow, West Dover, Vermont. The convention theme is, "I Love to Tell the Story," and Episcopal Church House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson will preach at the

Convention Eucharist and speak at the Friday dinner.

As Bishop Ely wrote in his Mountain Echo article, "I chose this theme for several reasons, but chief among them is my concern that many people, including some in the congregations of our diocese, have lost their connection with that story, or don't know it well, or simply don't spend enough time engaging the written and living expression of that 'old, old story.' I don't say that in a judgmental way, but rather out of a conviction that those of us for whom this story is foundational need to know it more deeply and tell it more boldly — and I include myself among."

UVIP UPDATE: Help Celebrate a Year of Gains

Come CELEBRATE United Valley Interfaith Project's accomplishments this past year.

Saturday, 11/12 at 6 pm is our Celebration Dinner at Sacred Heart Church in Lebanon.

After all our hard work and accomplishments this past year (including welcoming our new organizer Leah Torrey!), it's time to celebrate! On Saturday, November 12 we are having a potluck dinner and party at 6 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lebanon. We are inviting all the individuals, businesses and organizations that contributed to the Support Book to join us in breaking bread, sharing their hopes and

concerns for the greater Upper Valley, and celebrating their support of us. Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hanover are making homemade soups for our main course. What we need are: salads, desserts, bread and drinks ... and YOU!

Please talk to St. Paul's UVIP rep, Sally McFarlin, for information and let her know if you'd like to help with either of these events (603-298-8821 or sallymcfarlin@myfairpoint.net). You can also sign up in the Parish Hall at church.

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at church. Talk to Nancy or Sally McFarlin for more info.

Intercessory Prayer Committee

Prayer in general offers support in a caring, gentle, kind way that brings God closer to us. St. Paul's Church has two active forms of prayer. Prayers can be listed on the Parish List, the green sheet in the weekly church bulletin. Prayers can also be requested through the St. Paul's Intercessory Prayer Committee, (members - Sara Garran, Marge Brennan, Judy Shank, Dorothy Pillsbury, Jane Davis, Bruce Lather, Paula Stevens, and Holly Hall, Chair of the committee). The prayers for the Intercessory Prayer Committee are personal, private and held in confidence as prayed for daily. The Intercessory Prayer Committee is active and present to support all members of St. Paul's Parish, their families and friends. We welcome your prayers any time, day or night, through calling or e-mailing Holly or other members of the committee.

Holly Hall

Fun, Fellowship, Food!

Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 12, 9:00 to 3:00

We are looking for items that could be given as a gift, anything Christmas new or old, handmade things, jewelry (please bring that in A.S.A.P. if you have it), White Elephant - a little bit of everything, but in great shape. Any questions see me - Jill Devins.

Everyone who is able, that includes men, please bake or make things for our huge food sale. Everything from bread, pies, jelly, fudge, Krispie Bars, rolls, cookies, etc.

Everything should be brought to Church on November 6th. After Church, with everyone's help, we will be bringing everything over from the Parish House basement and set up all the tables. Food should come in on Friday. If it needs refrigeration, please bring it early Saturday morning.

Please come on the 12th to shop, eat and/or just see what our Bazaar looks like.
— Jill Devins



**EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO ST. PAUL'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

New Leadership For St. Paul's LISTEN Dinners

We give huge thanks and gratitude to Jill and Kathy for organizing and planning meals the last three years for Listen Community Dinners. They have 'passed on the baton' and Harry and Jean Kendrick will continue where they left off for the upcoming year. Welcome, Harry and Jean, and we thank you for joining with the LISTEN Community Dinners!

The Listen Community Dinners are held at St. Paul's Monday and Wednesday evenings. Throughout the year, there are roughly 52 work teams who come and prepare meals. St. Paul's Church Parish has two teams, each team serving three meals with a total of six meals a year.

The last of the six meals for year 2011 will be November 21st, organized by Tom and Holly. Being the week of Thanksgiving, we understand through Ray Pecor, our contact person with LISTEN, there will be around 40 meals to serve rather than the norm of 60-70 meals.

As requested by LISTEN, the menu will be posted for sign-up on the Parish Hall Bulletin four weeks prior to the meal. The menu on November 21st will include the usual standards of cheese and crackers, raw vegetables and Ranch dressing, milk and juice. The menu will include Hungarian goulash, broccoli and apple brown betty with cool whip for dessert. We thank you in advance for your contributions, preparations and time in helping prepare a delicious meal for November 21st.

Within a few weeks, I will receive a list of dates from LISTEN for upcoming year 2012 and I will add those dates for the next publication of The Vine.

- Holly, liaison, St Paul's Church and Listen



New Fence

Nancy and Werner look pleased with the nice new fence around our Memorial Garden.

From the National Episcopal Church Website

About the Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church (Episcopal comes from the Greek word for overseer) established itself after the American Revolution as the domestic version of the Church of England. It became the forerunner of what is now the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Communion is united by a common heritage, with the Archbishop of Canterbury as the first among equals among all primates and presiding bishops. There are approximately 70 million Anglicans around the

world, members of 38 national churches who are part of this informal federation.

The first Book of Common Prayer in the Church of England dates from 1549. The first American Book of Common Prayer is 1789, with the latest revision in 1979.

The Episcopal Church meets every three years in a General Convention to make decisions that affect the national Episcopal Church and its various dioceses. If you'd like to know more about the Episcopal Church, visit 'Come and Grow', a website designed for people exploring the Episcopal Church.

“Rebuild Our Church in Haiti” Campaign

From the Episcopal Church website ...

When the earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, it effectively leveled the most populous diocese of The Episcopal Church. Seventy percent of church buildings were considered a total loss. Diocesan-run schools, clinics and hospitals that served over 100,000 Episcopalians, as well as countless community members, were wiped out in thirty-five seconds.

Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin and the people of Haiti have asked for our help. The Episcopal Church, acting through the Executive Council, asks every Episcopal diocese and congregation to join in this initial phase of rebuilding the Diocese of Haiti. As the walls of a new Cathedral rise, so too will the hearts and fortunes of those who have depended on Holy Trinity for spiritual succor, for education, and for income. We have the chance to resurrect the spirit of a nation.

From our bishop...

The commitment made by our Diocesan Council [for the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti Campaign] included the goal of raising \$75,000 for this effort. We began at last year's Convention with our offering of \$7,500 and hope to complete our commitment at this year's Convention with an ingathering brought to Convention by every congregation in our diocese. This offering will be presented to Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church, during the Saturday morning Eucharist. I am hoping that EVERY congregation will come with an envelope containing your congregation's offering for this ingathering.



Let me thank you in advance for all you have done and will do between now and Convention to make sure every member of our diocese has the opportunity to contribute to this church-wide effort to rebuild our church in Haiti!

The vestry has committed \$500 of our Outreach Tithe to this effort and hopes that, during the month of November, parishioners will match that amount so that our total St. Paul's contribution can be \$1,000. To this end, the loose offering and any check so designated on the first Sunday in November (Nov. 6th) will go to the “Rebuild our Church in Haiti” Campaign. You can give anytime, however, during the month of November.

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church and write “Haiti Campaign” in the memo section.

For more information on this campaign, go to: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/HaitiAppeal/>

ADDRESS UPDATES

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Letter From Vermont

Craig Sterling wrote this for the November King's Chapel Boston Newsletter, and asked that it be also included in the Vine.

Greetings from flood-ravaged Vermont. I know I do not need to say any more other about the tremendous devastation brought by Irene on Vermont. The response to this disaster has been overwhelming and heartening. As a Christian, I have witnessed the meaning of Christ's ministry in the last few weeks.

As I have written before, since leaving King's Chapel, I have joined with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in White River Junction, Vermont. I did so to find a Christian community here in the Upper Valley. Through King's Chapel, I discovered that it was OK to be Christian. Likewise, through St. Paul's, I have been able to nurture my identity as a Christian. Recent events have brought my thoughts full circle in many ways.

In the Gospels we are taught the parable of the loaves and fishes. A very familiar passage to all of us. From my heritage, I dis-

missed this parable as nothing more than a myth. Some creative part of the Christ narrative. With honesty, I can say that this parable is no myth, and this is why.

Two days after Irene, a group of us gathered at St. Paul's to prepare food for those in need. We sent 60 casseroles to Bennington, VT. Since then, St. Paul's has become an important center of disaster relief. We have distributed thousands of bagged lunches, hot meals, and clothing as far as Stockbridge, Vermont. At times, it has been a mystery to me as to how St. Paul's has responded to Irene, given our somewhat limited resources. Yet, it is no mystery to me.

In these past few weeks at St. Paul's, we have found the way to feed the thousands with only a few loaves and fishes. Too often, we, as Christians, think of our faith in Christ — as if Christ would arrive at someone's doorstep to clean up all the muck and damage from Irene. This is not the world we live in, or the world that God created. What I have witnessed is our faith, as Christians, through Christ. This is what I mean: If the resurrected Christ were to have walked into St. Paul's within the past few weeks, I know just what Christ would have to say. Three simple and powerful words: **JOB WELL DONE!**

Come and SING IN THE LIGHT

as December darkness deepens and Advent commences. Informal community singing, on Saturday, December 3 from 4-5:30 pm at St. Paul's. A mixture of rounds, harmony songs, hymns and Taize chants.

All are welcome, and all songs taught.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Keith (cynthia.keith@gmail.com or 802-649-2625), or Katy Chaffee (jonathan.chaffee@valley.net or 603-298-7623). RSVPs appreciated — there will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.



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