



# Crossroads

May 2009

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”  
Jeremiah 6:16

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Audrey Coty

#### Parish Secretary/Administrator

Jackie Arbuckle



## *Through the Interim's Door Eastertide and Pentecost*

*Resurrection... Ascension... Pentecost... how does all this happen in such a short time?*

*We are in the midst of what is commonly termed "The Great Fifty Days of Easter." It is a time in the seasons of the church when resurrection is celebrated each day, not just on Sundays, a season of standing to pray and celebrating our resurrected life with and in Christ.*

*In the Gospel of John, which we read most of the time through Pentecost, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit are not separated. All come together to signify not only the newly resurrected and ascended power of Jesus, but his first gift of the Holy Spirit. He shows his hands and side, breathes on the disciples gathered in the locked upper room, and proclaims peace to all who receive his gifts.*

*Twenty-first century spirituality needs to separate these various acts of Jesus. We celebrate resurrection on Easter, ascension on Ascension Day, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Great Fifty Days of Easter remind us that these days are all joined together in joyous living of the promise of not only our faith, but the faith of those who gathered with Jesus when they thought he was dead.*

*There is no shortness of time, for the Gospel of John dispels time for the moment. We are in a suspended faith journey as we see resurrection, ascension and spirit all together in the presence of Jesus who also shows us his hands and side, urging us to see and to believe. And as he will tell the disciples, we are to take our belief and tell the world.*

*Who can you tell that Jesus is alive in the world, in you?  
Who can you gently lead to sense resurrection in the air you breathe?  
Who can you encourage with spirit to live more fully into Jesus' gift of life?*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Resurrection blessings,  
Rev. Linda R. Calkins  
Interim Priest*

## **Senior Warden**

The Vestry met for a retreat in early April at Jackie & Allan's beautiful May Farm B & B. We all took the Myers-Briggs personality test, which was very interesting. Probably most of you have taken this test at least once. Those of us who had taken it before were surprised to find out that we had changed over the years. What we all discovered, even though we had varied personality types, was a great ability to work together. We feel very fortunate to have a Vestry that will be able to handle the many difficult tasks ahead of us. What I thought was going to be a long, strenuous day, turned out to be fun and very helpful.

Pat Schwarz

## **Junior Warden**

Spring is finally here – we hope – and the Buildings and Grounds Committee is gearing up for a busy time. We have many projects on our plate.

Parking lot lighting revision is underway. We have our permit and Cliff is getting bids for the job. We hope to complete it by the end of May. The shed is scheduled to be painted on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Barbara Baraw is in charge and hopes to corral our teenagers to do the job. Rick Oden is overseeing the spring cleanup – see his article in this newsletter. Patty Oden and Barbara Baraw are getting window shades for the Sacristy and Vestry. The inventory of everything in St. John's (what a huge job!) has been completed except for Fine Arts items and we hope to complete it soon. And Barbara Baraw and Belle Sanders are coordinating the installation of a new TV for multi-educational usage in the Undercroft.

Lawn mowing has been contracted out to Kurt Kellet, who mows for our neighbor, the Stowe Motel. I know he will do an excellent job. We are missing ten scrolls on the ends of six pews. Lou Coty has templates and can do the job. This request will go to the Vestry for approval.

Our heating system continues to be "fine tuned" and Ernie Rusky, our architect, spent some time with the committee helping us identify and correct some of the current problems. It is a very complicated system, but we are gradually gaining more experience and capability to handle it.

Yours in the faith,  
George B. Spear

## Deacon Jackie's Two Cents' Worth

In the March newsletter I mentioned the phrase “deacon church.” What do I mean by that? St. John’s has been a deacon church since Elise was ordained. A deacon church is a parish that has one or more ordained deacons serving in it. (Ideally, regardless of its size, every parish would have at least two deacons.) And once a parish has taken that leap, it is very different than a parish that has not, and very different than it was before.

By accepting the ministry of a deacon the parish holds up its own servant ministry. This does not mean that servant ministries don’t occur in parishes without deacons. (Although often they are spearheaded by deacons – just not ordained ones! St. John’s has more deacons than Elise and me – and I hope that they will be called forth and accept such a call. ) But ordained ministers are really just icons in our midst. By placing them there we create a visible reminder of our own baptismal call to priesthood and servanthood. We see through the ministries of our ordained to our own ministries.

A parishioner at a former parish in which I served “got” this one Sunday. She said to me, “You know, I used to watch you and think, ‘I could never do that.’ But then it dawned on me that if *you* could do *that*, maybe *I* could do *this!*” Watching ordained servanthood taught her to discern the call to her own servant ministry. Watching and absorbing ordained priesthood and ordained servanthood, repeated over and over in the liturgy, teaches us to become very intentional about ministry.

To my beloved church family,

How grateful I am for the support of all of you, for your care and support for Susan and for me. Your prayers and kindnesses have been constant, and Susan and I were carried by them, especially at times when pain and stress made it difficult to pray ourselves.

God bless all of you, forever,  
Elise

### Lamoille Community Food Share

Please keep it coming!

Bring peanut butter, pasta, tuna fish, pasta sauce (no glass bottles, please), canned fruit and vegetables for food...

Or bring personal items such as toothpaste, mouth wash, disposable diapers, soap...

Or bring pet food...

Or think of something beyond the basics – dessert, hand cream, sunscreen, chocolate sauce....



Here is something a member of Saint Paul's Cathedral wrote – we could use a couple more people for St. John's team!

### **Pastoral Care Team: Why I am a Member**

My name is Jimmie Sue Deppe and I am a member of the Pastoral Care Team. For me becoming a Pastoral Caregiver in some respects is a natural extension of hospitality. I became a Pastoral Caregiver for the opportunity to go out into our community to those who cannot be with us. Pastoral care is much like embarking on a journey, only this journey is one of fellowship in the unexpected places: the hospital; a nursing home; a person's home. The journey is about each visit being a mutual gift of presence, a reminder that our community values them and cares about their well-being. In the process, these visits transform me as each visit is a reminder about the value of each individual's life, and how we are all very much the same.

### **DEANERY REPORT**

Under the capable leadership of Sister Laurian Seeber, The Central Vermont Deanery had its first meeting of the year on March 19 at Christ Church, Montpelier. We met for Holy Eucharist at 6:00 followed by a supper and adjournment at 8:30 after a good discussion on expectations, responsibilities and a short PowerPoint presentation on the subject of sustainability. Sister Laurian and Rev. Kevin Fisher were unanimously elected to positions of Dean and Deanery Delegate to Diocesan Council respectively. Besides ourselves, there were representatives from churches in Barre, Montpelier and Northfield. The church in Waitsfield is also a member of the Deanery. The next meeting will be held on May 15, same time and place. The topic for discussion will be Ministry to Children and Youth.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting should speak to either Rick Oden or Rich Reed to arrange for transportation

Your Deanery Representatives, Rick & Rich



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### SAVE THE DATE .... MAY 9

We will be gathering at the church at 9:00 sharp for our  
ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP.

There's plenty to be done so don't think your presence isn't  
needed; in fact, more folks equal a shorter day. There will  
be some tools but additional rakes, bow saws and shovels  
are welcome. Refreshments too will be provided. How can  
you possibly miss out on this joyful day of camaraderie?

Rick Oden  
for the Buildings and Grounds Committee



### May Birthdays

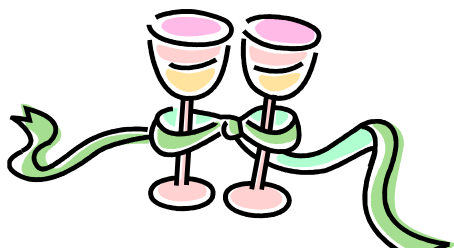
- 5 Tom Gouert  
Sue Peck
- 7 Milo Bear
- 10 Peter Hoffmann  
Ruth Matthews  
Travis Lamberton
- 12 Susan Whitehair
- 13 Andrew Kraemer
- 14 Sean Carroll
- 16 Bonnie Smith
- 17 Jean O'Rourke  
Sam Birmingham
- 19 Curtis Mayo
- 23 Chris Vigneau
- 27 Jennifer Pearson
- 29 Toby Heidenreich

### Lectionary for May

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| May 3  | Acts 4: 5-12<br>Psalm 23<br>I John 3: 16-24<br>John 10: 11-18                            |
| May 10 | Acts 8: 26-40<br>Psalm 22: 24-30<br>I John 4: 7-21<br>John 15: 1-8                       |
| May 17 | Acts 10: 44-48<br>Psalm 98<br>I John 5: 106<br>John 15: 9-17                             |
| May 24 | Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26<br>Psalm 1<br>I John 5: 9-13<br>John 17: 6-19                       |
| May 31 | Ezekiel 37: 1-14<br>Psalm 104: 25-35, 37<br>Romans 8: 22-27<br>John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 |

### May Anniversaries

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|----|----------------------------|
| 20 | Merry & Grady Vigneau      |
| 24 | Carole & Tom Younkman      |
| 31 | Elizabeth & Bruce Hoffmann |



## TIME AND TALENT

In an effort to update and perhaps expand our Time and Talent checklist, we would appreciate obtaining a list of your special skills and interests. Kindly remit this information by either email or snail mail to Jackie as soon as possible. There are opportunities for participation in many ministries: roles during Sunday services; pastoral care; hospitality; religious teaching; flower arranging; committee worker bees and chairpersons; you name it. We recognize that some of you responded to a checklist earlier when you also made your pledges of Treasure but this time we'd like to give you freedom to express yourselves in your very own words. Who knows, we may hear the start of something new.



### **The Halls of Heron Point**

Here's Marc Hall sporting his new mode of transportation. Pris wouldn't let us take her picture but was willing to take ours.

We've just returned from a couple of weeks seeking sun, grass and flowers and found all when we visited Marc and Pris Hall in the lovely town of Chestertown, MD. They live in a wonderful community called Heron Point right on the Chester River. It is within walking distance of Washington College where the classes are free if you are of a certain age. Pris took us on a tour of the grounds and down to see Marc's canoe which had just been put on the dock for the summer. They entertained us royally with crab and asparagus for dinner and a hearty breakfast the next morning before Pris took us on a walking tour of Chestertown. Pris is coming up for a week this summer. Marc will stay in Maryland. They miss their St. John's family and would love to hear from you. When you have a minute, please think about dropping them a line at 461 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620

Duncan and Nancy Tingle

## It's Spring Time in Stowe!

We have had some very welcomed rain and as a result the grass is turning green, trees and shrubs are in bud, and have you looked in your garden lately? Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, forsythia, grape hyacinths, etc. are popping up everywhere. Their fat buds are ready to burst. In some gardens they are already displaying their God-given gorgeous robes of color.

It is a reminder for each of us to think about sharing this gift with others, namely through our annual perennial sale. If you scan your gardens you will surely see many thickly leaved perennials that are in need of dividing. The result will be a healthier plant and you will be adding to the spring and summer color in Stowe.

Please take a walk around your gardens and make a note of those plants in need of division. It is not too early to begin dividing your plants. Splitting them now will give a healthy start as they settle in their pots. Dividing them a day or two before the sale will cause them to droop and not be very attractive for sale purposes.

If you are in need of container pots there will be a supply of them available at the back entrance of the church. Please consider helping us with this fundraiser. The money we earn will be applied to our Capital Campaign Fund. **Saturday, June 6, 9-11 am at the Morrows' home across from the church. Plant drop off Thursday/Friday, June 4/5 at the Morrows'.**



### **This is from Demont & Associates, who served as our Capital Campaign consultants...see Jackie if you want any of the forms!**

It is with pleasure that we announce that Demont & Associates is partnering with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Northern New England chapter to offer the AFP-NNE Demont Scholarship Award for Outstanding Youth In Philanthropy.

Demont and AFP-NNE will award this \$10,000 college scholarship to an outstanding youth in ME, NH, or VT, age 8 to 17, who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy.

Please take the time to nominate someone who has significantly contributed to the success of an organization you work for or with which you are involved.

This scholarship award for Outstanding Youth In Philanthropy is offered among other awards at this year's National Philanthropy Day Awards Celebration which will be held on **Thursday, November 5, 2009**, at the Hilton Waterfront Hotel in **Burlington, Vermont**.

Please refer to the attached Awards Criteria as you submit your nominations. The recipient of the AFP-NNE Demont Scholarship Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy will automatically be entered for consideration by the national Association of Fundraising Professionals to receive the William R. Simms Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy.

**Nomination forms must be received no later than [May 15, 2009](#).**

## Liturgical Minister Schedule May/June

### Greeter/Usher

5/3 Nancy & Duncan Tingle  
5/10 Pat Schwarz & Joe Tichansky  
5/17 Alice Hartigan & Bernice Binginot  
5/24 Joyce Manning & Rick Oden  
5/31 Barbara Hamilton & Ali Mahra  
6/7 Ethel Merwin & Joe Tichansky  
6/14 Carole Younkman & Rick Oden

### Lectors

5/3 Belle Sanders & Mick Heller  
5/10 Deb Clark & Rick Oden  
5/17 Rich Reed & Jean O'Rourke  
5/24 Karen Lynch & Pat Schwarz  
5/31 Jane Lowe & Sara Johnson  
6/7 Bruce Hoffmann & Belle Sanders  
6/14 Hal Morrow & George Spear

### Intercessor

5/3 Elizabeth Hoffmann  
5/10 Barbara Baraw  
5/17 George Spear  
5/24 Hal Morrow  
5/31 The Rev. Elise Braun  
6/7 George Spear  
6/14 Cliff Johnson

### Eucharistic Ministers

5/3 Jan Tichansky & Elizabeth Hoffmann  
5/10 Duncan Tingle & Barbara Baraw  
5/17 Jane Lowe & George Spear  
5/24 Cliff Johnson & Hal Morrow  
5/31 Tom Younkman & The Rev. Elise Braun  
6/7 Jan Tichansky & George Spear  
6/14 Duncan Tingle & Cliff Johnson

### Acolyte

5/3 Jessica Johnson  
5/10 Shelby Biasini  
5/17 Tom Younkman  
5/24 Cliff Johnson  
5/31 Jessica Johnson  
6/7 Shelby Biasini  
6/14 Duncan Tingle

### Torchbearers

5/3 Jessica Johnson & Matthew Hoffmann  
5/10 Shelby & Adele Biasini  
5/17 Rachael & Nathaniel Wells  
5/24 Peter and Nicholas Hoffmann  
5/31 Jessica Johnson & Matthew Hoffmann  
6/7 Shelby & Adele Biasini  
6/14 Rachael & Nathaniel Wells

### Music

Audrey Coty – All services

### Altar Guild

5/3 Patty Oden  
5/10 Barbara Baraw  
5/17 Joyce Manning  
5/24 Jean Gouert  
5/31 Barbara Hamilton  
6/7 Joyce Manning  
6/14 Jean Gouert

### Coffee Hour

5/3 Mick Heller  
5/10 Artie Treanor  
5/17 Nancy & Duncan Tingle  
5/24 Susan Whitehair  
5/31 Bernice Binginot  
6/7 Ali Mahra & Barbara Hamilton  
6/14 Susan & Gaetano Vicinelli

### Counters

5/3 Cliff Johnson & Barbara Baraw  
5/10 George Spear & Pat Schwarz  
5/17 Diane Huber & George Spear  
5/24 Cliff Johnson & Jean O'Rourke  
5/31 Diane Huber & Ali Mahra  
6/7 Cliff Johnson & Mick Heller  
6/14 Diane Huber & George Spear

We have had a number of people assigned to coffee hour and liturgical roles who have simply been "no shows" – no call, no notice. Every month Jackie sends a request for any unavailable dates. Every month in this newsletter, your schedule for the next six weeks appears. The coffee hour schedule went to everyone for the year. Hard copies are available for those without email, and the coffee hour schedule was snail - mailed to them. The majority are responsible enough to put their assignment on a calendar, and faithful enough to follow through in action. If they can, everyone can – that's part of what is expected by the community for those who are a part of it.

When you do not follow through you create a burden for many other people. There is no coffee hour, even though we've invited guests to join us. People have to take your place in the liturgy with no warning or time to prepare, and in addition to when they've already been scheduled. People trying to get ready for worship have to spend their time and energy finding substitutes.

Please take responsibility and mark your calendars now.....

~ May 2009 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA	<b>2</b> 5 pm Holy Eucharist
<b>3</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist 4pm - UU	<b>4</b> Office 9:30-1:30 pm 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>5</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA Office 9:30-1:30 pm	<b>6</b> 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>7</b> 9 am-12 n Cleaner Office 9:30-1:30 pm 10-11:30 am Spirituality Group	<b>8</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA	<b>9</b> Clean Up Day 9 am 5 pm Holy Eucharist
<b>10</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist See Notes 4pm - UU	<b>11</b> Office 9:30-1:30 pm 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>12</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA Office 9:30-1:30 pm Vestry 7 pm	<b>13</b> 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>14</b> 9 am-12 n Cleaner Office 9:30-1:30 pm 10-11:30 am Spirituality Group	<b>15</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA	<b>16</b> 5 pm Holy Eucharist
<b>17</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist 4pm - UU	<b>18</b> Office 9:30-1:30 pm 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>19</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA Office 9:30-1:30 pm	<b>20</b> 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>21</b> 9 am-12 n Cleaner Office 9:30-1:30 pm 10-11:30 am Spirituality Group	<b>22</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA	<b>23</b> 5 pm Holy Eucharist
<b>24</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist 4pm - UU	<b>25</b> Office 9:30-1:30 pm 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>26</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA Office 9:30-1:30 pm	<b>27</b> 12n – 1:00 pm - AA	<b>28</b> 9 am-12 n Cleaner Office 9:30-1:30 pm 10-11:30 am Spirituality Group	<b>29</b> 6:30-7:30 am – AA	<b>30</b> 5 pm Holy Eucharist
<b>31</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist 4pm - UU	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Immediately after the service on May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will file out into the Serenity Garden for interment of Susie Sebastian's ashes and a brief Committal service.</b>					