



The Evangel
January 2012

Mark Your Calendar!
St. John's
Annual Meeting
will be held on
Sunday
January 15, 2012
after **ONE** service
at **9:00 a.m.**



Remember our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Jean Briggs (Alice Louisell's sister)
Tendercare, 1524 Portabella, Mt. P

Maribeth and George Injasoulian
Prestige Centre, 5785 E. Broadway, Mt. P
773-9421

Shirley Robinson (c/o her son, Richard)
1002 S. Brown St., Mt. P - 773-9743

Verna Schurr
Applewood Assisted Living
55775 W. Isabella Rd. (M20) Mt. P
772-1866

Connie Smith,
1526 C Canterbury Trail, Mt. P - 772-4577



Home Communion

Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive communion or a visit from either the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

St. John's Prayer Group

The 16 members of the Prayer Group offer petitions daily for the church and for specific requests. All parishioners are welcome to become members of the Prayer Group or to submit requests by contacting Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office. The Prayer Group meets for 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Coffee on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Truman Ford Hall	1
Nancy Hartshorne	1
Barbara Sheperdigian	10
Shaun Smith	11
Brandon Gilmore	14
Martha Rarick	15
Linda Robinson	15
William Bulger	16
Ziggy Zygmantowicz	18
Robert Ohler	20
Kip Cosan	21
Ron Sherwood	23



Harry Kelley and Wayne Nicholson	5
Ford & Pamela Dingman	23

Ongoing Rummage Sale Info:

The St. John's Rummage Sale Committee is accepting good used clothing all year long! Please leave all contributions in the Parish Hall kitchen.

Thank you!



Meijer Community Rewards Program
St. Johns' Account Number 972219

*“Outside the Tent” will return in February.
Blessings to you all in the New Year. Nancy.*

Big thank you!

Many thanks to Ken and Lois Klummp, who contributed greatly, both in time and money, toward the new back doors of the church! (We will finish painting them in the spring.)

More thanks are due to Harriet White, who donated the lovely (and stain-resistant) new carpeting for the Undercroft!

And yet more gratitude—this time to the many who came out to help with the fall clean-up, and to the three generations of Dingman family who organized and provided lunch.

Christmas Sale

Need a little something for the holiday mantle? Check out the shelves of ‘pretties’ for sale in the Parish Hall. And remember that the overflowing bookshelves are also good places to find a holiday read. Leave your money in the glass, and take home a box-full of books, and a decoration or two.



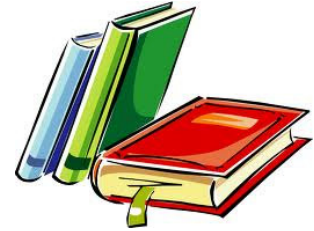
Fill in the blanks at the Parish Hall

Our many opportunities for hospitality have left us a little low in some supplies. We need maroon or patterned cocktail-sized paper napkins, and a supply of better-quality white dinner or luncheon-sized napkins. Also helpful: a roll-on stain pre-treatment for keeping our tablecloths pristine, and basics such as paper towel.

Methodical Mind??

The books runneth over the Parish Hall shelves, and we need someone with patience to organize them by category.

By the way, readers: the most popular paperbacks are on top of the longest bookcase, and cost just fifty cents! Our sale books cover a wide range of topics—something for everyone! Hardcover are a dollar, and paperbacks fifty cents.



The Red Tent

We will gather once more in the Red Tent on January 21, 2012 when Dare Cox will come to take us on a journey with Inanna. After the holidays we need a way of letting go and this is the perfect way to do that.

Over 4000 years ago, the Sumerian people inscribed the myths of the goddess Inanna on stone tablets. This is the earliest known story of a woman's spiritual journey. Called by her own intuition Inanna the goddess of the heavens journeys into the underworld to meet her dark sister and to encounter with herself. As she returns reborn, she offers herself in service to the world.

At this retreat we will explore Inanna's path of letting go and her return linking it to our own life experience through story and silence, movement, art and music.

We are asking a donation of \$20 per person but if you cannot afford this, please let us know as scholarships may be available. We will gather at 9 AM and meet until 3 PM. We hope to see you there.



January 2012

Sunday Lay Ministry



DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
January 1 The Holy Name	9:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire	9:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart	Volunteers Needed	Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share!	Seth Hartshorne	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedie Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21						
January 8 1 Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Harry Kelley	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall	Harold and Mary Cook	Zach Dearing	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedie Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11						
January 15 2 Epiphany	9:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	9:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Christi Brookes and Laura Cochrane	David and Jennifer Dingman	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger Harriett White
ONE Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by The Annual Parish Meeting						
Lectionary: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51						
January 22 3 Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Anne Hiebert Alton	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Tim Brockman and Harold Cook	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger Harriett White
Lectionary: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62: 6-14 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1:14-20						
January 29 4 Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	David and Jennifer Dingman	Henry and Nancy Fulton	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell, Cindy Seger Harriett White
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28						
February 5 5 Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Gordon Bloem	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
Lectionary: Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39						

January 2012 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 1, The Holy Name 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist <i>LOOSE CHANGE</i> <i>SUNDAY BENEFITTING</i> <i>THE GOODROW FUND</i>	2 5:30 p.m. EFM	3 2:00 p.m. Goodrow Volunteer Meeting	4 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Training 5:30 p.m. Vestry	5 5:30 p.m. Choir	6 <i>The Epiphany</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	7 St. Demetrios Worships at St. John's
8 Epiphany 1 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Greens "Unwinding"	9 <i>Julia Chester</i> <i>Emery, Missionary</i> Noon: Daughters of the King 5:30 p.m. EFM	10 <i>William Laud,</i> <i>Archbishop</i> 2:00 p.m. Goodrow Volunteer Meeting	11 <i>Ambrose, Bishop of</i> <i>Milan</i> Noon Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Training 5:30 p.m. Vestry	12 <i>Aelred, Abbot</i> 9:00 a.m. Staff Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Choir	13 <i>Hillary, Bishop</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	14 St. Demetrios Worships at St. John's
15 Epiphany 2 9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist 	16 5:30 p.m. EFM	17 <i>Antony, Abbot</i> , 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group Morning Prayer	18 <i>Confession of St.</i> <i>Peter</i> Noon Eucharist	19 <i>Wulfstan, Bishop</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	20 <i>Fabian, Bishop and</i> <i>Martyr</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	21 <i>Agnes, Martyr</i>
22 Epiphany 3 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist	23 <i>Phillips Brooks,</i> <i>Bishop</i> <i>Evangel Deadline</i> 5:30 p.m. EFM	24 <i>Ordination of</i> <i>Florence Li Tim-Oi</i>	25 <i>The Conversion of</i> <i>St. Paul</i> Noon Eucharist	26 <i>Timothy and Titus</i> 5:30 p.m. Choir	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28
29 Epiphany 4 9:00 a.m. "Fifth Sunday" Holy Eucharist	30 5:30 p.m. EFM	31	February 1 <i>Brigid</i> Noon Eucharist	2 <i>Presentation of</i> <i>Jesus in the Temple</i> 7:00 p.m. Candlemas	3 <i>Anskar, Archbishop</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 p.m. Jeremy Myers' Masters Recital	4 <i>Cornelius the</i> <i>Centurion</i>

Monday through Friday, Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
For Updates: Visit the Parish Website and Click on "Calendar"

This is our Greeter/Coffee Hour Host Schedule—If you cannot serve on the date you were given, please exchange dates with someone else on the list and call the Parish Secretary at 773-7448

Greeter Rotation



January 2012

- 1 Please call office if you can serve at 9:00 a.m.
- 8 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 15 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David
- 22 Tim Brockman and Harold Cook
- 29 David and Jennifer Dingman

February

- 5 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 12 Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh
- 19 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 26 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman

March

- 4 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 11 Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem
- 18 Marcia David and Harriett White
- 25 Sharon Bolton and Candy Henderson

Coffee Hour Rotation



January 2012

- 1 Bring your leftover Christmas Goodies to share!
- 8 Harold and Mary Cook
- 15 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 22 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 29 Henry and Nancy Fulton

February

- 5 Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger
- 12 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 19 Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh
- 26 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn

March

- 4 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Jo Redman
- 11 Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem
- 18 David and Paula Shirley
- 25 Harriett White and Marcia David

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Special Meeting : Sunday, December 13th, 9:30am in the Library for final budget approval. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 11th,5:30pm

Present: Gordon Bloem, Laura Cochrane, Harold Cook, David Dingman, Pam Dingman, , Jane Gilmore, Rod Leslie, Wayne Nicholson, Betsy Richard, John Rousseau, Eileen Swinehart, and Karen Varanauskas.

Rev. Wayne Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and offered an opening prayer for the Parish.

The minutes were approved from November.

1) Annual Meeting will be January 15th. Any items that need to be on the agenda for the meeting should be brought to the attention of Wayne so it may be discussed at our January meeting. Potential nominations for new members of the Vestry were discussed.

2) Mission/Outreach:

*According to Lynne we had a huge outpouring of gifts for the Church's Christmas family.

*The idea of working with other churches and social services agencies to create a homeless shelter was suggested. Gordon suggested putting together a task force to pursue the idea.

*Karen discussed the idea of beginning an "Eldercare" program for our parish. There are many needs that may need to be addressed including those members that are shut in, that may need rides, that may have had a change of life such as the death of a spouse, etc. Karen will head up a group; if anyone is interested in participating please let her know.

3) Building and grounds:

*David will follow up on when the basement carpeting will be installed.

*It was suggested that we put nails in the walls of the church to hang the wreaths since the hooks keep coming off the wall!

4) Stewardship:

*Pam reported one more pledging member.

*Wayne will follow up with a personal visit to those who have previously but not yet pledged.

*Wayne is looking to put together a committee of people who can continue to work on pledging and stewardship.

5) Upcoming:

*Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th (Nancy will not be present)

*5:00 p.m. "Family" Service with Holy Eucharist

*11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass for the Feast of the Nativity

*Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:

*9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st:

*9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*Center for Christian Spirituality:

1) Buddhist Spiritual Practice had eleven people who participated in this successful program.

2) Red Tent will have Dare Cox as a guest speaker for the January 21st Meeting.

3) Amy Tolton will be lead a session on Forgiveness exploring a book by Thomas Merton in the New Year.

*Fifth Sunday:

An idea was discussed to use the fifth Sunday of the month (there are about four to five of them in the year) as an opportunity to offer an alternate kind of Mass with one service at 9:00am. There was support for this idea. January's fifth Sunday will likely include an Epiphany play that Henry and Nancy are developing. Other ideas ranged from a Cajun Celebration to Classical, to African Drumming.

6) Finances:

*Current financial situation was discussed. Serious number crunching and cuts were discussed. Harold stressed the importance of making sure any expenditures are accounted for on the budget or brought before the Vestry for approval prior to being made.

*Karen will read the letter from the Vestry to the congregation on Sunday.

*Karen would like to introduce the Stewardship Committee at the Annual Meeting.

*Building Fund Trust must be set up soon.

7) Other:

A new meeting time was agreed upon due to scheduling conflicts with members. The new time will be Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Eileen seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth (Betsy) Richard, Vestry Clerk

ANGLICAN WORTHIES

254. Hale, Sarah Josepha (1788-1879)
Author & editor

Sarah Buell is one of the most remarkable American women of the nineteenth century. Her achievements are forgotten now, but her influence in her day cannot be overstated. She was a successful author, but as a magazine editor she had the strongest impact on the culture of this country, especially on the role and destiny of women.

Born in Newport, New Hampshire, she was educated by her mother, who instilled in her the need for women to be educated; her brother, a student at Dartmouth, was also a mentor. She met her husband, David Hale, in her father's tavern in 1811, by whom she had five children in eleven years. In 1822, at the age of thirty-four, she was a widow. (She wore black for the rest of her life.) As many women did then, she turned to writing to support her family. After a volume of poems, she published a novel, *Northwood: Life North and South* (1827), one of the earliest American novels to treat domestic life and deal critically with slavery. (It recommended freeing slaves and returning them to the new colony in Liberia, a scheme Olauda *Equiano advocated years before.) In her novel she demonstrated that slavery dehumanizes masters as well as slaves, and "retards the psychological, moral, and technological progress of their world." The fame of this novel changed her life and broadened her influence.

This novel gained the attention of the Reverend John Blake, owner of *Ladies Magazine*, who sought an editor interested in the cause of female education. He could not have chosen better. Hale moved to Boston, where she edited his periodical from 1828 to 1836. Whether her views on education for women were "radical" depends on one's point of view. She was not in favor of suffrage or removing women from their traditional household roles; nevertheless, women deserved to be educated, "not that they may usurp the situation, or encroach on the prerogatives of men; but that each individual may lend her aid to the intellectual and moral character of those within her sphere." She believed that an educated wife best served by "informing" her husband's vote! During her years in Boston she published *Poems for our Children* (1828), which included "Mary had a Little Lamb." Before leaving Boston she founded the Seaman's Aid Society to assist the survivors of men who drowned in maritime service.

Louis Antoine Godey was the editor of *Godey's Ladies Book* in Philadelphia; he wanted Hale to edit his periodical so he purchased *Ladies Magazine* and installed her as editor, a position she held until she was ninety! It became the most influential magazine for women in this country in the nineteenth century. One doubts whether anyone has heard of Sara Josepha Hale, but many have heard of *Godey's Ladies Book*. One writer states, perhaps with some exaggeration, that *Godey's* "had an influence unimaginable for any single publication today." Hale insisted on working from Boston while her youngest son was enrolled at Harvard; then she moved to Philadelphia.

At a time when other periodicals included material from British journals, Hale insisted on publishing only American authors writing on native issues. Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Washington *Irving, and others could be found in her pages along with prominent women authors. Nowadays scholars will mine copies of *Godey's* for drawings of current fashions or ideas in domestic architecture, but Hale made her magazine more significant than that. She was also publishing her own novels and poems. But perhaps her most remarkable innovation was a regular section entitled "Employment for Women"! One cannot imagine that had ever happened before.

As concerned as she was with social issues, it is not surprising that in Philadelphia she became an Episcopalian and worshiped at Holy Trinity. She remained committed to the abolition of slavery, but became involved in other causes. For example, she is credited with making Thanksgiving a national holiday; heretofore some states observed it, but on days of their choosing. For seventeen years she wrote letters to five presidents, but only Lincoln became convinced; he declared it a national holiday in 1863. She advocated the national preservation of Mt. Vernon and raised \$30,000 to complete a monument at Bunker Hill (by means, among other schemes, a "craft sale" at Quincy Hall). She lent her hand to the founding of Vassar College, and promoted projects for women in many fields. As an Episcopalian she introduced the order of deaconesses and urged women to enter foreign missions. In 1853 she published *Women's Record*, an encyclopedia of more than 2500 accomplished women.

She worked to the end of her life, stepping down as editor of *Godey's* in 1877, and dying two years later. She is buried in Philadelphia. *Lesser Feasts & Fasts* honors her on 30 April.

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November 30, 2011 Financial Report

The following is a financial report for the first eleven months of 2011, or 91.7 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$150,055	(about 89.6% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>164,226</u>	(about 92.9% of year's budget)
Excess of operating expenditures over receipts.....	\$ 14,171	(9.4% above the receipts)
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011.....	<u>28,075</u>	
November 30, 2011 operating fund balance	\$13,904	

The year-to-date total receipts are a little less than the budgeted amount, and expenditures are a little more than the budgeted amount. The year-to-date deficit remains high at \$14,171. The weekly analysis shown below indicates that the actual weekly receipts are about \$295 less than the actual weekly expenses. While we have had the cash to cover these differences, the deficit spending cannot be sustained beyond the year 2012.

One way of looking at our finances is to compare the average weekly year-to-date receipts with the average weekly expenditures. These two numbers are as follows:

Actual average year-to-date weekly receipts (includes rummage sale).....	\$3,126
Actual average weekly expenses.....	<u>3,421</u>
Actual weekly deficit.....	\$ 295

Questions about details of the church's finances may be directed to Pamela Dingman or Harold Cook.



2012 Contribution Envelopes

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your 2012 Contribution Envelopes in the Undercroft of the Church. The postage for mailing these boxes is costly, so it is important that you pick them up! If you would like a box of contribution envelopes, please see Pamela Dingman or call Sandy in the church office at 773-7448.

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Our Mission:

St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Anglican tradition, lives to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by ministering through worship, outreach, fellowship and education. We welcome all who enter our doors, and we support the diverse callings of each member as we seek to serve Christ in every person

Rector:

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203

Deacon:

The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

2011 St. John's Vestry Officers:

Senior Warden: Karen Varanauskas, 506-3750

Junior Warden: David Dingman, 633-8413

Vestry Clerk: Betsy Richard, 772-2369

Treasurer: Harold Cook, 773-9781

Vestry Members:

Gordon Bloem, 773-5480

Laura Cochrane, 493-5885

Jane Gilmore, 317-0343

Rod Leslie, 386-8131

John Rousseau, 630-6798

Eileen Swinehart, 773-9961