

The Mantle

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
Sudbury, Massachusetts

October 2007

Talents and Treasures Dinner October 20 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm

The first Talents and Treasures dinner, two years ago, was our first fall at St. E's following the renovation of the building. Since so many people had given so much of their time and treasure to make the renovation a reality, we wanted to recognize their contributions. This event, sponsored by the Stewardship committee, offers a splash to celebrate the giving of our parishioners. Bringing together "time" and "treasure" was founded on the Scriptural passage from Matthew (6:21): "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also".



This year we are honoring the Altar Guild and Flower Guild Members and featuring St. Elizabeth's volunteer committees. Appetizers and cocktails from 5 to 6:15 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm. Entertainment and dinner for children ages 3 to 12; Childcare for children under 3. For further information, please contact Susan Berry at 978-443-2430 or Karl Loos at 617-492-0113.

Happy Birthday!



October Birthdays

David Woodman,
Jonathan Wood,
Adam Howard,
Nicole Mitchell,
Renie Wilson, John
McMahon, David
Wilson, Peggy
Goode, Duncan

Hacker, Nancy Kimble, Rosalind
Wood, Kristin Loughry, Chase
Morgan, Camille Steiger, Vernon
Clark, Cathy Briasco, Sarah Ginand,
Bryan Dicker, Ani Springsteel, Laura
Deshmuk, Clare Perry, Kaitlyn Grant,
Madison Herel, Ken Mawhinney, Matt
Newton, Jennifer Ewing, Lauren
Trecker, Judy Loughry, Louise
Mawhinney, Terry Rourke, Mary
Ainsworth, Kevin Loos, Brooke
Perisho, Dorothy Piper, Rich Grant,
Raymond Voigt

Mark Your Calendar

(check www.st-elizabeths.org for updates)

Oct. 3 (7:30 PM)	Adult Ed Series begins
October 9 (9 AM)	Parish Feedback Pres.
October 13 (8:30 AM)	Parish Feedback Pres.
October 14 (11:30 AM)	Parish Feedback Pres.
October 14 (2 PM)	Crop Walk for the Hungry
October 16 (7:30 PM)	Parish Feedback Pres.
October 20 (5:00 PM)	T and T Dinner
November 10 (6 PM)	Square Dance Party
November 11 (11 AM)	Winter Weekend Sign-up
December 1 (8:45 AM)	Advent Quiet Day
December 8 (6:30 PM)	Dickens Dinner
December 24-25	Christmas Services
January 25-27	Winter Weekend
February 3 (10 AM)	Bishop's Visitation
February 10 (11:30 AM)	Annual Meeting
Sunday mornings	Church School
Tuesday mornings	Bible Study
Wednesday evenings	Adult Education

From the Rector

by The Rev. Barbara Williamson

Beginnings and endings...The weekend of Sept 21, I attended my uncle's funeral on Friday, performed the wedding of Kim Gee and Dan Graffeo on Saturday, and baptized Justin McLeod and Grace Weldon on Sunday. It was a very full three days, a Triduum of sorts, full not just in the literal, physical sense. It was full in an emotional, soulful, and spiritual sense. Beginnings and endings are always full times.

We are always in the midst of beginnings and endings, but often they happen without our personal knowledge. We slow down and pull over to let the ambulance get urgently on its way, but we give little thought to the dying person inside of it as we continue our commute. We know at some level that babies are born every minute, but the vast majority of them are unknown to us. Couples are married (and divorced) week in and week out, but we are mostly oblivious of their joy and heartbreak.

The events of that September weekend brought into bold relief the major beginnings and endings we experience, the emotional highs and lows, the joys and sorrows, the doings and undoings that mark our lives. Most of the time, we imagine ourselves not at the beginning or the end, but in the middle, in the middle where we feel safe and comfortable. But as David Whyte says, "[the] middle barely exists. Everything is being born and is being borne up even as it is simultaneously dying and falling. Nothing is at rest, only in fleeting restful harmony like a single snowflake seen through a window, descending with all the others until it is re-imagined again and again by time, temperature, and wind."¹



Imagining that we are in the middle is a kind of defense against the reality that in fact "the middles" are fleeting and illusory. Life arrives and departs in the middle. So it is that all faiths have at their core teachings and rituals to help us to negotiate and make meaning of change.

Christians have the life of Jesus who was born in a hovel, died a wretched death on a cross, and was reborn to new and blessed life in resurrection as a comfort, model, and guide to help us through the constant beginnings and endings which challenge us and our illusion of permanence. We have his teachings which say in effect that to find our true home we must be born from above by water and the Spirit, that our thirst is quenched only by living water, that our hunger is satisfied only by the bread of life, and that in dying we live. And we have the sacraments and rituals of the church, the liturgies of baptism

and Eucharist, confirmation and holy matrimony, healing and burial. All of these point to the fact that God in Christ is in the midst of us, the only constant in the midst of change, the only certainty in the midst of uncertainty, the alpha and the omega, our true beginning and our true end.

And so we are steadied by knowledge of and faith in the God by whom we may not be spared the challenges of temporal change but by whom we are certainly saved in an ultimate sense, We are steadied by the constancy of God in whose eternal changelessness we may rest.

Barbara

¹ From his book *Crossing the Unknown Sea: Work as a Pilgrimage of Identity*, p. 115.

² *Ibid.*, p. 115

Vestry Notes

by Lisa Barnes, Co-Warden

During the September Vestry meeting, I continued to be amazed at the quality and volume of work our group hums through. (I use the word "hum" intentionally; each month, we break mid-meeting, rise to our feet and sing a hymn, a capella.) After a thoughtful and complex discussion about our evening devotional (also a monthly routine we employ to open each meeting) we delved into the Treasurer's Report.

For the year to date period through August, the general fund remains ahead of budget expectations with an income less expense deficit of (\$11,714) versus a budgeted deficit of (\$15,426). We continue however, to see expenses run behind budget consistently and are about \$7,000 higher than expected through August. Most of this excess has related to buildings and grounds repairs and higher than expected snow removal expenses. We continue to cut expenses where possible (cleaning, telephone, payroll, and office supplies) however, the income side of the equation is where more attention is required.

Pledge contributions slowed through August, falling to \$7,000 below budgeted expectations. At the same time, maintenance expenses ran \$1,200 over budget. As a result, income less expenses was (\$17, 537) for the month compared to a budgeted deficit of (\$8,515).

Also reviewed was the comparison between leasing the rectory to a "standard" tenant versus the opportunity we have to rent to a low-income-qualifying family. Mara Huston has done many hours of research on this topic, and presented detailed findings at the August vestry meeting. Additional information was reviewed in September, and while the rectory is currently rented through August of 2008, it is wise to begin the necessary leg-work and discernment required to make the very best decision well in advance of that time.

In keeping with our commitment to welcome and honor everyone at St Elizabeth's, you may have noticed our beautiful, new front doors leading into the narthex. Many thanks to our tireless Buildings and Grounds champions Giff Perry and Dave Wallingford for the selection, ordering, purchase, and installation of our most welcoming entryway.

The subcommittee to the Parish Feedback Project (PFP) reported that a presentation is being assembled for parish-wide communication of PFP results on the following four dates: Oct 9 at 9 am, Oct13 at 8:30 am, Oct 14 after the 10 am service and Oct 16 at 7:30 pm. The presentation is being prepared to use the same slideshow and handouts (it will not be four different presentations). We look forward to seeing each of you there, and participating, at any one of these meetings.

Dickens Dinner December 8 at 6:30 pm

Begin the Christmas Season with a traditional dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. This dinner and the entertainment along with the choral sing that follows has been a tradition at Saint Elizabeth's for 20 years. This is an evening adult activity and does not include child care. Advance registration is required. The cost for the cocktail party and dinner is \$17.50 per person.

Christmas Services December 24 - 25

Please join us for Christmas services on December 24 and 25. There will be a Christmas pageant performed by our children.

December 24 3:00 pm Christmas Pageant
December 24 10:00 pm Christmas Music
December 24 10:30 pm Holy Eucharist II
December 25 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II



Nuts & Bolts

Fall marks the end of summer, the beginning of school, the renewal of a full schedule at St. Elizabeth's and the annual Stewardship drive. If you are new to St. Elizabeth's or simply unfamiliar with the role of Stewardship in the Episcopal Church, we have compiled a brief Q&A to put you on solid ground. If you have any questions, we hope you will contact a member of the Stewardship Committee.

Q *What exactly is 'Stewardship'?*

A Simply put, 'Stewardship' is St. Elizabeth's annual appeal to raise money for our operating costs. Through your gift to St. E's you become a 'steward' of the church; that is, you support its programs and provide for its care and maintenance.

Q *How does Stewardship work at St. Elizabeth's?*

A Once a year we ask you to make a financial pledge consistent with your means and the role of the church in your life. Pledges may be paid in one lump sum or more normally fulfilled throughout the year with weekly, monthly or quarterly payments.

Q *What operating costs are covered by Stewardship pledges?*

A Stewardship pledges cover about 85% of our operating costs. These include payroll, utilities, maintenance for the buildings, debt service for loans, outreach and all programs.

Q *Where does the rest of the money come from?*

A We receive income from renting the rectory and a small amount from fees for private use of church facilities. Interest income and unpledged contributions (including miscellaneous donations) make up the balance. Unlike many older churches, we have no endowment that provides regular income for operating costs

Q *Doesn't the Diocese give money to St. Elizabeth's?*

A No. In the Episcopal Church it is the individual parishes that support the Diocese in proportion to their size and budget. In 2007 St. Elizabeth's will give about \$32,500 to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Q *I contribute to the youth mission trips, such as ASP and Pilgrimage, and regularly make donations to the flower and music funds; do these contributions counts towards my Stewardship pledge?*

A No. Traditionally, the flower and music funds are managed outside the operating budget. The youth mission trips have a separate budget and as part of its preparations, the youth group raises money to cover expenses.

Q *What is the budget for 2008?*

A The preliminary budget is \$358,300, which includes about \$44,000 for debt service to cover interest and principal payments on loans associated with the new building. The remainder of the budget covers continuing operations of the church with no change to the program budgets from 2007 except for the addition of an Education Assistant to help support the education and formation programs for children, youth and adults. Our pledge goal for 2008 is \$300,000 and participation by 125 “pledging units” (a family, couple or individual) of St. Elizabeth’s.

Q *How much should I pledge?*

A The Bible talks about the tithe (10%). However, giving at this level is very difficult for most people and is reasonably achieved incrementally. At St. E’s we often talk about ‘proportional giving’ that recognizes differences in individual/family income. In any event, this is an individual, personal decision. There is no minimum pledge to be a member of St. Elizabeth’s, but your pledge, of any amount, is important to sustaining the ministry of St. Elizabeth’s.

Q *How did the Stewardship Campaign go last year?*

A We received about 110 pledge cards for pledges totaling \$270,000 and expect to collect \$270,000 by the end of 2007.

Q *How do I pay my pledge?*

A Pledges are normally paid by cash or check on a regular basis throughout the year, either by placing contributions in the collection plate or by mailing directly to the Church. Many people request weekly envelopes which are preprinted and numbered for your convenience. In addition, you may make a gift of appreciated securities which can be arranged by contacting our Treasurer, Steve Kenney.

Q *Can I charge my pledge on my credit card?*

A Not yet. If there is enough demand for establishing a credit card payment process, we will look into it.

Q *Will I get a record of my contributions?*

A Definitely. Each quarter you will receive a statement from the Church which includes information about your pledge and pledge payments as well as other contributions you may have made to the capital campaign, for flowers, music and even for ASP. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Q *Who should I call if I have questions?*

A You may call any member of the Stewardship Committee; Susan Berry, Peter Gonze, Larry Jobson, Pat McCabe, Steve Kenney, Cliff Card or Karl Loos.

Warden's Words

by Peter Gonze, Co-Warden



Bells: school bells, fire bells, bicycle bells, dinner bells, ship bells, church bells-each has its own purpose, sends its own distinct message and unique call to action!

The traditional ringing the bell at the start of Church service has always seemed like a quaint tradition to me. It conjures images of rural America, a town center and the faithful being called to Sunday services. Nice, but hardly relevant today when most of us arrive at Church by car (or for some by motorcycle!) moments before the start of service.

The ceremonial ringing of the bell at the Chapel is a very visible start to the service. There is a rope hanging from the wall in the front of the Chapel. When Stan has finished the Prelude, the Eucharistic Minister gets up and rings the bell. Sometimes it is one or two tentative rings, sometimes one bold ring, and other times several strong rings, depending who is on the rope! And then the service begins.

One Sunday this past summer, I was attending service at the Chapel. There were about a dozen folks in the Chapel, a pretty large group for mid summer! The service had just begun when a young couple entered via the side door, through the Sacristy. Clearly, they were not regulars, and I am sure they were just a bit taken aback when they entered and found themselves in the front of the chapel. Too late, they couldn't back out now and so we all watched as they quickly moved to take two chairs in the front row.

As the service progressed, someone from the back of the Chapel brought them a bulletin so they could follow along. The front row didn't appear to have been used for a while because there were no prayer books or hymnals. During the first hymn, someone from across the aisle handed the couple a hymnal, opened to the right page. Each small gesture was an attempt to make them feel part of the worship service and welcomed.

After the service, several of us were introducing ourselves to the visitors while others were busy meeting another couple who were also visiting. We learned a little about where they were from (he from New York City, she from Maynard) and learned that they were planning on being married soon. In the course of conversation with the late arriving young couple, someone asked what brought them to the Chapel this particular morning.

It struck me that their response was as simple as it was profound. They had been out hiking in the area and had heard the Chapel bell ring. They felt that they had been called by God to come to the service.

That particular morning, as I recall, the bell had been rung with zeal and gusto several times. So what I had previously perceived as a quaint little tradition turned out to be an invitation, a welcoming.

Well it's happened again. August slipped into September, the starting bell (there's another bell!) for the beginning of a new Church School Year, the Stewardship Campaign, committee activity, Fellowship programs, building and grounds work parties, to name just a few of the things ramping up. Once again, our bells are ringing clearly and loudly at St. E's this fall. The many bells are a-peeling, sending a welcome to all and an invitation to participate. Can you hear them ringing?

Adult Ed: Speaking of Faith

This fall, we will be discussing topics presented on *Speaking of Faith*, an excellent radio program and podcast dealing with topics of vital interest to individuals and communities of faith.. The program's host, Krista Tippett, received a Masters of Divinity degree from Yale after years of working as a political journalist in Europe. Each week, Tippett interviews someone engaged in practicing his or her faith or exploring the boundaries of religion. *Speaking of Faith* has developed into a full-fledged educational resource with a web site (<http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/>) podcasts, program transcripts, and discussion guides designed for all sorts of groups including religious adult education study classes.

Our sessions will take place on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings 7:30-9 PM **beginning on Oct. 3**. The topics that will be covered in October are:

Speaking of Faith: An Introduction (Oct. 3): The first session will be devoted to an overview of this adult ed series and the *Speaking of Faith* program. We will also talk about podcasts, web sites, and other items related to participating in the class. **Please note: All of the necessary *Speaking of Faith* material will be easily available to participants, even if they are computer phobic!**

Marriage, Family, and Divorce (Oct. 10): American ideals and rituals of marriage, family, and divorce are infused with biblical messages. But what does the Bible really say, and how has it been taught across the centuries as the institution of marriage has changed dramatically and often? A rabbi (Elliot Dorff) and Christian theologian (Luke Timothy Johnson) help us explore the nuances of Jewish and Christian teachings and reveal the striking practicality of Jewish tradition across the ages and the surprising ambiguities of the New Testament.



The Spirituality of Parenting (Oct. 17): More and more people in our time are disconnected from religious institutions, at least for part of their lives. Others are religious and find themselves creating a family with a spouse from another tradition or no tradition at all. And the experience of parenting tends to raise spiritual questions anew. We sense that there is a spiritual aspect to our children's natures and wonder how to support and nurture that. The spiritual life begins not in abstractions, but in concrete everyday experiences. And children need our questions as much as our answers.

Stress and the Balance Within (Oct. 24) : The American experience of stress has spawned a multi-billion dollar self-help industry. Wary of this, Esther Sternberg, a rheumatologist and researcher, says that, until recently, modern science did not have the tools or the inclination to take emotional stress seriously. She shares fascinating new scientific insight into the molecular level of the mind-body connection.

Seeing Poverty after Katrina (Oct. 31): Hurricane Katrina brought urban poverty in America into all of our living rooms. In this program, David Hilfiker tells the story of how poverty and racial isolation came to be in cities across America. He lives creatively and realistically with questions many of us began to ask in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

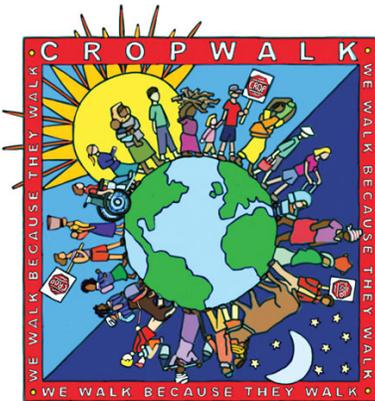
For more information, please contact Jonas Barciauskas (978-440-8164; barciaus@bc.edu). All are welcome to attend any session.

OCTOBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School, R 13, J2A & YACS Meetings 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church (COGS presentation during sermon) 11:15 AM J2A Parents Meeting	1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study (cnf) 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR)	3 Barbara away through 10/10 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM Brownie Troop #2468 (MPR) 7:30 PM Adult Ed.	4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft) 7:30 PM MICAH Healthcare Training prep (MPR)	5	6
7 No Church School 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Chapel 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church 10:00 AM Laying on of Hands	8 Office Closed	9 9:00 AM Parish Feed-back Presentation (MPR) 10:00 AM Bible Study- CANCELLED 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR) 6:00 PM Miracle	10 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM Girl Scout troop #2453(MPR) 7:30 PM Adult Ed. (MPR)	11 Barbara back in the office 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	12	13 8:30 AM Parish Feed-back Presentation (MPR)
14 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School, R 13, J2A & YACS Meetings 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church 11:30 AM Parish Feedback Presentation (MPR) 2:15 PM Crop Walk	15 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Troops 7149 & 2484 (MPR, PH & R.13rm) 6:50 PM Vestry Meeting (MPR) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meet-	16 10:00 AM Bible Study (cnf) 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR) 7:30 PM Parish Feed-back Presentation (MPR)	17 7:30 PM Adult Ed. (MPR)	18 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	19	20 5:00 PM Talent & Treasure Dinner (PH)
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School, R 13, J2A & YACS Meetings 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church	22	23 10:00 AM Bible Study (cnf) 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR) 12:30 PM Deamery Luncheon (PH)	24 November Mantle Deadline 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM Girl Scout troop #2453(MPR) 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM Troop 2472 (J2A rm) 7:30 PM Adult Ed. (MPR)	25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	26	27 3:00 PM Funeral for Bill Lamb (church)
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Chapel 9:45 AM Church School, R 13, J2A & YACS Meetings 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM MICAH Health Care Training (PH, YG rm, R13 rm (MPR)	29 7:30 PM MICAH LOC (CNF)	30 10:00 AM Bible Study (cnf) 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR)	31 7:30 PM Adult Ed. (MPR)	1 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir loft)	2 Diocesan Convention	3 Diocesan Convention

	7 October Pentecost 19	14 October Pentecost 20	21 October Pentecost 21	28 October Pentecost 22
Kitchen Angel for October Cecilia Small Miracle Kitchen Coordinator: Betsy Wallingford				
Euch. Min.	8 AM Harry Ainsworth 10 AM Audrey Newton Matt Reilly	8 AM Malia Crawford 10 AM Steve Davies Betsy Wallingford	8 AM Harry Ainsworth 10 AM Ruth Griesel Susan Newlin	8 AM Malia Crawford 10 AM Audrey Newton Ruth Griesel
Breadbearer & Third Station	Ruth Griesel	John Howard/ Karyn Grant Larry Stewart	Larry Stewart/ Stuart Hamilton Karyn Grant	Karyn Grant/ John Howard Larry Stewart
Lector	Craig Stafford	Eric Kimble	Chris Hall	Jonas Barciauskas
Acolyte (Jane)				
V.P.O.D.	Peter Gonze	Walter Morgan	Gifford Perry	Win Treese
Ushers	Tim & Beth White	Mike & Jeremy Perisho	Kevin & Judy Loughry	Rajeev & Joanne Deshmuk
Greeters (Ruth)				
Altar Guild (Clare)	8 AM Clare Perry 10 AM Clare Perry	8 AM Stevie Spina 10 AM Stevie Spina	8 AM Stevie Spina 10 AM Clare Perry	8 AM Stevie Spina 10 AM Clare Perry
Coffee Server (Betsy)	Betsy Wallingford	Beth White		

THE 27TH ANNUAL CONCORD AREA CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007



Once again, St. Elizabeth's Church will be participating in the annual CROP Walk for the Hungry in Concord. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners of St. E's to join together in fellowship and support a major fund-raising event of Church World Service (CWS). *The walk starts from First Parish Church and passes over the Old North Bridge. It is 10 km (6 miles) long, in two loops – splendid on a beautiful autumn afternoon!* CWS aids disaster victims, provides refugee assistance, and provides sustainable self-help and development programs throughout the world. Below are but three examples of the many ways that Church World Service works to relieve world hunger:

Darfur – A dusty camp is home for more than 20,000 people displaced by the violence in the arid Darfur region of western Sudan. Homes destroyed and family members killed, they've fled to the camp for a measure of security. A CWS-supported community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other overcome their traumatic experiences. The center offers livelihood activities for women such as weaving grass mats, sewing, and making pasta. The men are involved in heavier work – building beds, for example. These projects allow people to earn money to buy food and other essential items for themselves. CWS supports community centers in 11 camps in Darfur, providing for the basic needs of uprooted families in the region.

Haiti – Church World Service is helping to improve the living conditions of members of rural cooperatives, helping them to have greater access to farm tools by setting up a revolving tool bank, by training 300 cooperative members in the selection and to improve food security by increasing access to seeds (corn, beans, white cabbage) for cooperative members.

Afghanistan – Conflict has displaced millions within Afghanistan and to nearby countries. Access to education and health care is limited, especially for women. Alarming numbers of women and babies die in childbirth, and many who survive die from preventable diseases. But dramatically fewer casualties are found in communities served by the Church World Service Pakistan/Afghanistan Community Health Project. More than 250,000 Afghans benefit from the project. Over its 27-year history, the CWS Community Health Project has helped foster significant shifts in Afghan communities' views of health and its importance.

75% of the money raised by the Concord CROP Walk is contributed to Church World Service. The remaining 25% is used locally to support six local hunger-relief organizations, including THE SUDBURY FOOD PANTRY.

Be a Walker!!

Cropwalker envelopes will be available on two Sundays – Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th – for those individuals who wish to obtain sponsors to support the work of Church World Service. Over the last several years, St. E's walkers have raised more than \$10,000!

Be a Sponsor!!

Support a walker and give generously to the work of Church World Service and local hunger relief organizations. Contributions will be solicited between Sept. 30th and Oct. 14th – the date of the walk.

Coming Attractions

St. Elizabeth's Square Dance Party November 10 from 6 - 9 pm

Join us for a chili dinner and old fashion square dance on Saturday November 10th in the Parish Hall. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and features homemade chili, corn bread and fresh cider. Square and line dancing follow from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

This is a family activity so bring the children. Don't know how to dance - don't worry. Our callers Al and France Rouff will provide instructions. Western shirts and jeans are in. Comfortable dancing shoes a must. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Checks, payable to St. Elizabeth's should be sent to Ray Considine 54 Gregory Road Framingham 01701. Please help us by confirming your reservation no later than Monday November 5th. Thank you, the Fellowship Committee.



Workshop for Roman Catholics Drawn to The Episcopal Church Saturday, November 17 from 9 am to 4 pm

THIS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP is for Roman Catholics who want to explore making a change to The Episcopal Church. Some will be asking questions and grappling with what it would mean to change their faith identity in this way. Others have long been part of The Episcopal Church, even as leaders in their parishes, but have never made an official change. For some this conversation raises deep seated fears and questions; for others it is a matter of learning about new polity, structure and denomination governance. Wherever you find yourself, come and begin where you are. Bring your story, your questions and join this day set aside for your inquiry into The Episcopal Church.

Workshop will be held at St. Anne's in the Fields Episcopal Church in Lincoln on Saturday, November 17th from 9 to 4. The cost of \$70 includes lunch. For more information call the parish office at 781-259-8834 or go to the website at www.stanneslincoln.org. The workshop leader is an Episcopal priest who spent the first 35 years of his life as a Roman Catholic.

ROCK MY SOUL

October 13, 2007 - 7:30 pm

First Parish Meeting House on the Common,
Shirley, MA

Performances by [The Gospel Music Project](#)

Concert for the benefit of the

[Trinity Chapel Rectory Restoration Fund](#)

Tickets: \$12 in advanced / \$15 at the door

Information: (978) 425-9041 or email

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ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY 'ENCOURAGED' BY BISHOPS' MEETINGS

NEARLY \$1 MILLION RAISED FOR HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

After two days of "encouraging" talks with the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams told reporters September 21 that if the Anglican Communion resolves its differences enough to avoid schism "it will have done something for the entire Christian community."

Williams, who made pastoral visits to hurricane-damaged areas of New Orleans and preached at a September 20 ecumenical service where Episcopal dioceses donated \$931,000 for disaster relief, said outstanding local recovery efforts helped focus bishops' conversations around "our need for one another."

"The need we have for each other is very deep, it came across yesterday in much of the discussion in our first session," Williams said.

"Many bishops spoke of their awareness of the need for Christian community elsewhere in the world ... [of] the need to understand something not just about the experience of poverty and privation in those areas but also of young churches, finding their way in mission."

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said conversations were both stimulating and provocative. "It has been a privilege for us to meet together in this way and to have the physical presence from other members of the Anglican Communion; that's been very important," she said.

The bishops participated in hurricane recovery service projects in Louisiana and Mississippi September 22, worship services at local churches September 23, and continued deliberations through the conclusion of sessions on September 25.

In response to reporters' questions, Williams said he does not personally regard homosexuality as a disease to be healed and that he leaves New Orleans with a much "richer" understanding of how the baptismal covenant determines Episcopal Church polity and has facilitated conclusions regarding human sexuality for the Episcopal Church.

He was emphatic that discrimination against gay and lesbian people cannot be tolerated under any circumstances, but acknowledged that the issue is about the distinction between accepting gay and lesbian people as the Body of Christ and "those who want to raise questions about the eligibility of gay and lesbian people in active roles."

Williams said he prefers local solutions to legal battles between dioceses and breakaway congregations over property and buildings, and is very distressed by bishops who have "wandered into other jurisdictions."

The 77-million-member worldwide Anglican Communion, Williams said, exists for the glory of God. "[I]f we are able to get it right, if we construct it in some positive, faithful way we will have done something for the whole Christian community."

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Jefferts Schori told reporters at the news conference's end that the work of the House of Bishops is just beginning. "Come back and talk to us on Tuesday," she said. "The experience of the local community and relief efforts are an example of why we believe it is important for the Episcopal Church to remain in full communion with the rest of the Anglican Communion."

Excerpted from an article by By Pat McCaughan, September 21, 2007 [Episcopal News Service, New Orleans]

St. Elizabeth's Winter Weekend at the Cranmore Inn

North Conway, New Hampshire

January 25, 26, 27 2008

3 days, 2 nights

For 125 years the Cranmore Inn has hosted White Mountain travelers in country style and comfort. It's the oldest, continuously operated inn in North Conway. Perhaps you wish to enjoy a warm fire with a good book, or you lean toward an active weekend of skating, skiing, snow boarding, sledding or shopping. This weekend will most assuredly provide all of the above, plus great company with your favorite Episcopalians!

Included in the rates listed below will be two nights' lodging, two breakfasts, and a lasagna dinner on the second night. The rates do not include 8% room tax. Gratuities are up to each individual. A **\$100.00**, non-refundable deposit per family will be required to guarantee a reservation. Please keep in mind that these figures are based on a group rate and if we fall short there may be an additional 10-15% surcharge.

Final payment, also non-refundable, will be due on January 6, 2008

You will be notified as to the amount due.

All checks should be made out for \$100.00 to The Cranmore Inn.

The rate per person for 2 nights based on 2 people sharing a room:	\$94.80
The rate per person for 2 nights based on 3 adults sharing a room:	\$81.67
The rate per person for 2 nights based on a single room:	\$147.00

For children sharing a room with 2 full paying adults:	under 5 - free
Children with their own room will pay the adult rate.	under 12 - \$25.00
	over 12 - \$49.00

The Cranmore Inn can accommodate 48 people. Due to the popularity of this event, reservations this year will be on a lottery basis. Each family wishing to go **must send their deposit to the church, marked "Ski Weekend", by November 11th.** Please include number of people attending and names and ages of all children. You will be contacted regarding the status of your reservation. If you have any questions, please call **Arlene Stevens at 443-7979.**

What's so special about the Barbara C. Harris Camp?

by Donna Holdman

If you haven't ventured to our own Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, you may want to after reading what some of our St. E's campers have to say. It is a beautiful facility with 326 acres, situated on Otter Lake in Greenfield, NH. This past summer, nine of our St. E's kids went to "The Camp" and one of our families went to Family Camp. Here's what we can share with you:

My week at The Camp was really fun! We had some awesome times with my counselors, Mike and Kasey. They were really nice. I had a lot of fun at the water carnival which had waterslides and other water games including a dunk tank, and a tug of war over a mud pit. We had gatherings before bed to talk about questions about God. The worship was exhilarating because they had great music with guitars and movement. I felt close to God and to my new friends.

Nate McNeill

This is my third year at the Barbara C. Harris Camp. Every year I have made many new friends and I have a lot of fun. There are so many fun activities to choose from. Some of the activities you can choose are swimming, sports, arts and crafts, rope climbing, and last but not least, outdoor games. Personally, my favorite activity is probably the water carnival, mostly because they work so hard to set up the most fun water games and the games are fun! There is practically no way that you can't have fun. If you come you will be amazed at how much fun your first experience will be. You will want to come each and every year. Hope to see you there!

Julia Torgerson

This is my third year at The Camp. I go there for one week each year. Each time that I have gone, I have had a lot of fun. The food there is great, especially the desserts. The activities are really fun. One of the last things that we did [each day] was worship. It's when we all get into a room and start singing. After worship we all got ready for bed. The camp is really fun and I can't wait to go there next year.

Kenneth Torgerson

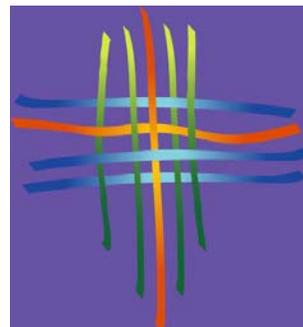
The Barbara C. Harris Camp is a sleep-away camp, where you can stay as long as you want! The counselors are really nice and fun to be around and are always there if you need them. At the camp, everyone supports you in any activity that you do. You get to meet and explore new places and people. You also have all kinds of events, challenges and activities that you get to do. Some of the activities or events that you do are swimming, boating, sports, dancing, hoe-downs, water carnivals, cook-outs, campfires, arts and crafts, biking, singing, and Bible study. You can learn how to survive in the wilderness. I learned how to make fires, tie knots, make shelters and what to eat in the wild.

Whitney Torgerson

I think the best thing about camp this summer was all the different activities that we had. This was my second summer at Barbara Harris, so I knew what things would be like. Every day, you pick the activities you want to do the next day. The first year I did activities like the high ropes, swimming, and canoe dodge ball. When I went back this past summer, I repeated some that I really likes from the first year, and then tried new ones like paintball art, free hugs, archery and the climbing wall. Along with the activities that we chose, there were whole-camp activities, which involved things like a water carnival, the "hoe-down" and the camp-out, when you spend the night in tents instead of the cabins. There is never a dull moment at the Barbara C. Harris Camp with all these great activities and the amazing counselors who make you feel so at home. I can't wait for next summer.

Jose' Darias

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More ways you can make a difference ...

The Prison Book Program Book Drive

WHY:

The High School Youth of St. Elizabeth's Church seek new or used books to replenish the inventory of the Prison Book Program. This past summer the youth that participated in City Mission volunteered their time at this remarkable organization which provides books to inmates all over the country. They were deeply moved by the profound need for reading and learning materials by those among our nation's incarcerated who wish to make the most of their time behind bars.



WHAT:

Bring your book donations to benefit Prison Book Program—hard covers, paperbacks, used and new, fiction and non fiction, text books and dictionaries!

WHEN:

Now! We will box up and drop off the books in Brighton on Saturday October 20, 2007

WHO:

You! Here's how you can help:

- 1) Bring your book donations to church and leave them in the coat closet.
- 2) Notify friends and others of this event.

METROWEST FREE MEDICAL PROGRAM PROVIDES CRITICAL HEALTH SERVICES AND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The MetroWest Free Medical Program provides health care to uninsured people living in the MetroWest area. These services have proven critical since 2004 to the many people who become ill, do not have insurance, and cannot afford expensive health care. Each year, there are over 1,000 visits to the Program and the numbers have grown each week. Volunteers from Congregation Beth El, Sudbury (where the program occurs almost every Tuesday evening) and various other churches and synagogues provide medical and nursing care, social work services, and help set up and operate the program. The Program needs your help:

Volunteers: Volunteers are the backbone of our program. We need a steady stream of people including **clinicians** such as physicians, nurses, and social workers. We have an equally great need for **non-clinicians** who can help with tasks such as setup, patient registration, translation, and putting things away at the end of the evening. Volunteers should be willing to make a commitment of at least one Tuesday evening per month on an ongoing basis.

Expand the Referral Network: The Free Medical Program refers patients to volunteer dentists and mental health professionals who see patients at reduced fees. Patients are also referred to various medical specialists when additional care is required. We need to expand this network and welcome additional providers.

CONTACT: PEOPLE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, EITHER IN THE PROGRAM OR AS PART OF OUR REFERRAL NETWORK, SHOULD CONTACT KARIN SEGAL AT KS54321@COMCAST.NET OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-443-9622 X 151.

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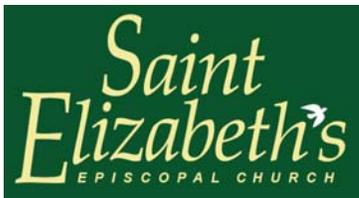
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In June, our family went to the Barbara C. Harris Family Camp. They did a great job of providing the right amount of planned exploration of the "Sabbath" theme-some activities appropriate for all ages, some split-and free time. There was a lot of music, singing, and other creative expression. Our entire family had a terrific time, and met some really wonderful new friends who we look forward to seeing again when we return. It was also special to spend time with Bishop Bud Cederholm and his family. I am hoping others from St E's are able to come next year; it was a perfect way to slow down for the summer.

The McNeill/Wile Family

My experience at the Barbara C. Harris Camp was great. This was my second year going to camp. I love so many things about the place. For starters, there are the foreign counselors. It's great to learn about other cultures and countries. Another great thing about the camp is how they try to challenge the campers. There is a high ropes course where you walk across tightropes 30 feet in the air. There is a waterfront so for any kids who haven't swam, kayaked, or canoed before, it's a great new experience. It makes me want to go back next year.

Greg Holdman



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Ours is a community through which we respond to our connection with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Together we seek to know and worship God, nurturing one another in love as we live God's will. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to reach out and respond to the needs of others and to make God known to the larger community.

St. Elizabeth's Church in the Town of Sudbury welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.