

# The Mantle

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church  
Sudbury, Massachusetts

March 2008



## March 22: Liturgy of Light

It's the Lenten season and we are once again getting ready for the very moving Liturgy of Light service to be held on **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**. This beautiful candlelit service takes place in the Chapel, led by the children of Atrium II (we first meet at St. E's and walk up the path together to the Chapel). Children may read short passages or participate in other ways. Unlike the past few years, we will save the unearthing of the Alleluias until Easter morning.

The first practice will be held on **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** during Atrium. Drop off children at Atrium as usual, then we will walk to the Chapel as a group. If we don't return to St. E's in time for Communion, meet up with your children back at Atrium.



The second practice will be held on **March 16<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday**, during the 9 am service. Following the blessing of palms and procession around the church, children will branch off into Atriums. At that time, Level II children participating in the Liturgy of Light will have practice. All other Level II children will meet in Atrium as usual. If we don't make it back in time for Communion, parents may meet up with their children at Atrium.



**The Liturgy of Light is a great opportunity for parent volunteers** and we could use your help before and during the service! We also need help setting up and breaking down -- mostly moving chairs to the Chapel from the Parish Hall and then replacing items afterwards. Please contact Chris Howard at [Christine-Howard@comcast.net](mailto:Christine-Howard@comcast.net) if you can help. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet outside the Atriums in the hallway downstairs.

# Vestry Notes by Win Treese, Co-Warden

The February Vestry meeting is traditionally one of transition — the first one with new members elected at the annual meeting. The outgoing members join the first part of the meeting, and part of the agenda is devoted to “Words of Wisdom” from the outgoing members.

At this meeting, we welcomed Jeremy Perisho, Joel Gardiner, and Art Huston as the new at-large members, Joe Meeks as the representative from the Building and Grounds Committee, Stuart Hamilton as clerk, and Katy Grant and Tom Small as the youth members. This was also my first meeting as co-warden, and I feel honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve the parish in this role.

We also thanked Peter Gonze, Carol Dicker, Giff Perry, Jane Newton, Walter Morgan, Hanna Wagner, and Evan White for their service on the Vestry. Each of them has contributed to the work of the Vestry in important ways, and we will miss their contributions.

In the regular business of the Vestry, Joe Meeks reported on the progress of selecting materials for improving the acoustics in the Parish Hall. Barbara described the formation of a search committee for a new music director as well as the process she is using to start recruiting for a religious education assistant.

John Howard and I reported that the email and web server for the church have been moved to a new hosting service. As far as we can tell, the transition was very smooth and did not disrupt any communications.

## Spring Auction to Benefit Outreach & Mission April 12th 5 to 6:30 PM

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the J2A youth, their parents and leaders, the ASP youth, their parents and leaders, Outreach Committee members, and MICAH LOC members will collaborate to host the 2008 Outreach Auction. Proceeds will go to help fund the Appalachia Service Project trip (2008), J2A Pilgrimage (2009), City Mission (2009), Habitat for Humanity, MICAH, and other outreach endeavors.

The auction will take a slightly different shape this year. It will be earlier in the evening, shorter in duration, and pack more punch. Auction items will include sports memorabilia, gift baskets, vacation homes, babysitting, yard work services, gift certificates, and items from local vendors. With the help of David Bertolino, we expect at least one celebrity to help with the live auction. Think about what you could contribute. In the past people have shared hobbies - perhaps a fly fishing lesson, sailing trip, golf outing, gourmet dinner, gardening advice, flower arranging, or walking tour.

The event will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM so that adults and families have the evening free. We'll have childcare with fun activities and snacks. Bring friends for a great time and good cause.

# Warden's Words

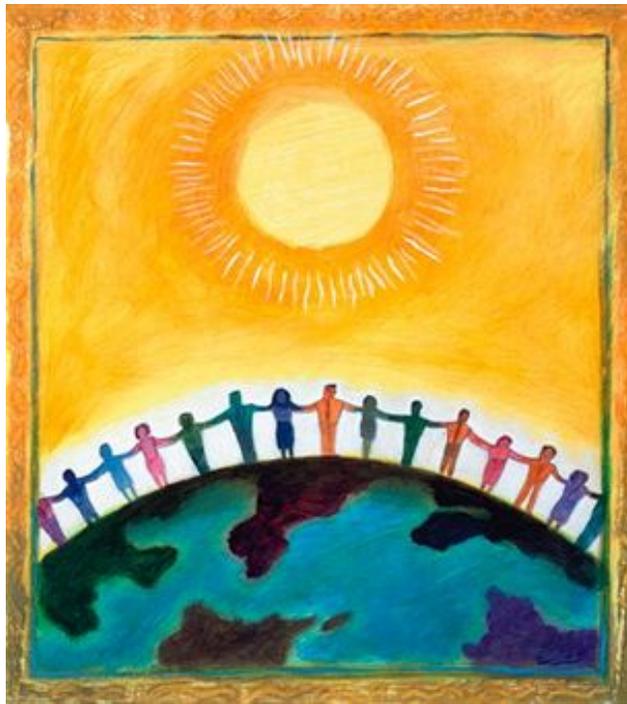
by Lisa Barnes, Co-Warden

Are you living a blessed life? I am! And I'll bet you are, too.

A few years ago, a person new to me kindly remarked, "you have a pretty perfect life, don't you?" But it felt like a punch in my gut. Later, I started listing things that might deflect the sting of her comment to me. 1, 2, 3... but as each "bad" thing popped into my head, simultaneously a positive thought hijacked its way onto it. For each "bad" thing I came up with to complain about, a good reason tagged along to serve the purpose of making the bad parts not so bad and the good parts even better.

A dear friend is currently fighting the breast cancer again that returned after a seven year vacation, yet her smile is more radiant and her eyes sparkle more brilliantly than they have since we have known her. She speaks from her heart about the people, and the gifts she never would have known had cancer not come

knocking at her door. She knows she is living a blessed life. Our friend and neighbor was recently diagnosed with ALS at age 55, so what did he do? He married the love of his life who has been patiently and lovingly by his side for the past decade... and it wasn't for insurance purposes, I can assure you. He is embracing his life. How these friends are choosing to face their challenges inspires me.



I feel that peace and gratitude down in my bones even when – particularly when – something "bad" happens to me. It seems there are a number of gifts tagging alongside each challenge... an opportunity to be deeply thankful for all that we do have when something is taken away. Who's grace or courage inspires you? Think about it. Then tell that person how proud you are to know them, and why. No matter how badly you might be feeling, this act of acknowledging another person's gifts will let a sliver of light into your own heart that can only make you feel better.

# From the Rector

by The Rev. Barbara Williamson

**T**he theme of this year's Lenten Series is healing and reconciliation, and, for me, it has taken on a life of its own. I discovered in my research of the topic just how little I really know. It wasn't until I started reading and reflecting that I began to come to terms with the healing ministries of Jesus and the apostles, the history of healing in the church, and the theology and practice of Christian healing today.

I think my ignorance grows out of a seed of cynical disbelief. According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus healed countless people in fantastic ways. Most of us don't see that kind of healing today, so I thought of those encounters with Jesus more metaphorically than literally. It isn't that I don't pray for healing. At the moment there are 75 people on my prayer list. I am ashamed to admit, however, that until fairly recently my prayers for healing have been uninformed, one might even say, lame. I think at some level I didn't really believe that God could or would heal now in the ways that Jesus did then. At some level it felt presumptuous to impose my will for healing on God. And of course I was defending myself against the

disappointment I knew I would feel if my prayers went unanswered in any discernible way. I am here to tell you that I have been converted.

I read the book *Celebration of Healing* which is now out of print. However, I just discovered that it has been published anew under a different title: *The Reluctant Healer: One Woman's Journey of Faith*. This book opened my eyes and my heart to healing in new and important ways.

## *I have been converted.*

While Christian healing ministries and missions are not considered mainstream by many Episcopalians, there is a rich history and contemporary movement to assure healing of its rightful place in Christian practice. Lest we get carried away, note from an excerpt (below) from the 1987 edition of the Report of the Joint Commission on the Ministry of Healing to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, 1964, that healing ministry is not ever only about physical healing; it is about healing the whole person.

*The Church's ministry of heal-*

*ing, then, is vital in our Lord's plan for the salvation of the human race....Christianity is a healing religion. Christ is a healing Savior ...and heals all brokenness: broken relationships as well as broken spirits, broken hearts as well as broken bodies. In the deepest sense, Jesus came to heal the world. ....The Church's ministry of healing not only derives from the ministry of Christ; but also, like His ministry, points forward to the end of the age. ....Since this is so, it must be made abundantly clear that the goal of the healing ministry is the whole person ....When our spirits are quickened in Christ, the healing of the body and the mind frequently follows as a welcome corollary. But physical healing of body and mind is not the ultimate goal.*

My exploration of the ministry of healing and reconciliation will not end when Lent comes to a close. I encourage anyone who would like to join me in a study group using the book *The Reluctant Healer* to make yourself known to me. We'll begin in April on the day and at the time that works best for the majority.

Barbara

# ASP: Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip 2008

*"Not by force, nor by strength, but by my Spirit." -Zechariah 4:6*

The teens, young adult leaders, and adult leaders for the 2008 ASP trip are in full swing preparing themselves for their mission in July. As of this writing, we have space for two teens (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades), two young adults (18-24) and four adult leaders (25+). We will go to Fayette County, West Virginia to work on homes, making them warmer, safer and drier. As importantly, we will build relationships with each other, with the families we serve, and with the staff and other volunteers we meet at the center where we will stay. Everything we do will be set in the context of our faith, giving the Holy Spirit a chance to strengthen our love of God and our neighbor.

The trip participants prepare by learning about the culture of rural Appalachia and by learning how to use tools safely. In addition, they help to host the Outreach Auction proceeds from which fund the ASP trip (2008), J2A Pilgrimage (2009), City Mission (2009), Habitat for Humanity, MICAH, and other smaller outreach endeavors. The Auction this year is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

ASP trip participants will seek the help of parents to organize the auction. They will seek auction items from parishioners and local vendors. Please think of what you might be willing to contribute.

## Prayer for the ASP Mission

Gracious and holy God, we praise you and we bless you for the gift of your Spirit who opens our eyes to the needs of others and who strengthens our hearts to serve. Keep us ever mindful that without you we are unable to please you, and guide us as we seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Calendar for ASP Participants

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 to 6 PM at church	Trip and Auction Prep
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	3 to 5:30 PM at the Perry's house	Tool Training
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 to 6 PM at church	Trip and Auction Prep
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Noon to 4 PM	Auction set up (lunch and snacks provided)
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:45 to 7:30 PM	Auction hosting and clean-up
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 to 6 PM	Trip Prep
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Noon to 6 PM	Construction Project
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 to 6 PM	Trip Prep
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 to 5:30 PM	All Hands Mtg (including parents)
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Pick up rental vans (adult leaders only)
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Pack vans at church (all ASP participants)
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	On time departure
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	~ 4-5 PM	Arrival, unpack, clean and return vans

# MARCH 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church- <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Cadet Girl Scouts Meeting (PH)	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> MICAH LOC (CNF)	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR) <b>12:30 PM</b> Deanery Luncheon (PH)	<b>27</b> <b>12:45 PM - 3:30 PM</b> Girl Scout troop #2453(MPR) <b>6:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist - Church <b>6:45 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:15 PM</b> Lenten Program	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>6:30 PM - 8:15 PM</b> STOP Program (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Vestry Retreat @ St. Es <b>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Practice
<b>2</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church (Outreach baskets available for pickup) <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II -Laying on of Hands (Church Outreach baskets available for pickup) <b>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> MJ Hillery Party (MPR) <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> ASP Prep (VAC) <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Cadet Girl Scouts Meeting (PH)	<b>3</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:15 PM - 5:15 PM</b> Troops 7149 & 2484 (MPR, PH & R.13rm) <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Journey from Catholicism to the Episcopal Church (CNF)	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Habitat for Humanity (MPR)	<b>5</b> <b>3:30 PM - 5:15 PM</b> Brownie Troop #2468 (MPR) <b>6:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist - Church <b>6:45 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:15 PM</b> Lenten Program	<b>6</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>6:45 PM - 8:15 PM</b> Final STOP mtg (Beth EL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Practice
<b>9</b>	Daylight Savings Time starts <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Church <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II -Church <b>11:30 AM</b> Deliver Outreach baskets <b>3:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b> ASP Tool Training <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Cadet Girl Scouts Meeting (PH)	<b>10</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (MPR) <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Journey from Catholicism to the Episcopal Church (CNF)	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR) <b>6:00 PM</b> Miracle Kitchen	<b>12</b> <b>12:45 PM - 3:30 PM</b> Girl Scout troop #2453(MPR) <b>12:45 PM - 3:30 PM</b> Troop 2440 (RT13 room) <b>6:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist - Church <b>6:45 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:15 PM</b> Lenten Program	<b>13</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Cogs Committee Meeting (JZA RM) <b>7:00 PM</b> YAC Leaders at Darius Home	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> Diocesan Spring Education Event (Marcus Borg) <b>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Men's Group Meeting (PH & MPR)
<b>16</b>	<b>8:55 AM</b> Children, Youth, & Adults - Church <b>9:00 AM</b> Palm Sunday Service - Church <b>11:00 AM</b> Palm Sunday Service - Church <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Cadet Girl Scouts Meeting (PH)	<b>17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:15 PM - 5:15 PM</b> Troops 7149 & 2484 (MPR, PH & R.13rm) <b>6:50 PM</b> Vestry Mtg (MPR) <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Journey from Catholicism to the Episcopal Church (CNF)	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR)	<b>19</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Daisy Troop #2463(MPR)	<b>20</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>7:30 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service - Church	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Liturgy of Light Service - Chapel
<b>23</b>	April Manile Deadline - No Church School <b>9:00 AM</b> Easter Sunday Service - Church <b>11:00 AM</b> Easter Sunday Service - Church (Baptism)	<b>24</b> ***OFFICE CLOSED*** Barbara on Vacation	<b>25</b> Barbara on Vacation <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR)	<b>26</b> Barbara on Vacation <b>12:45 PM - 3:30 PM</b> Girl Scout troop #2453(MPR)	<b>27</b> Barbara on Vacation <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	<b>28</b> Barbara on Vacation	<b>29</b> Barbara on Vacation
<b>30</b>	Barbara on Vacation <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II - Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> COGS, R 13, JZA & YACS Meetings <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II -Church	<b>31</b> Barbara on Vacation	<b>1</b> Barbara Returns from Vacation <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (CNF) <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga (MPR)	<b>2</b> <b>3:30 PM - 5:15 PM</b> Brownie Troop #2468 (MPR)	<b>3</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> TaiChi (PH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Miracle Kitchen Coordinator: Linda Bertolino Kitchen Angel: Barbara Ingersoll	March 2 4 Lent	March 9 5 Lent	March 16 Palm Sunday	March 20 Maundy Thursday	March 21 Good Friday	March 22 Liturgy Of Light	March 23 Easter Day	March 30 2 Easter
Eucharistic Minister	8 AM Audrey Newton 10 AM Susan Newlin Stu Hamilton	8 AM Ruth Griesel 10 AM Susan Newlin Harry Ainsworth	9 AM Betsy Wallingford Harry Ainsworth 11 AM Matt Reilly Jim Peters	7:30 PM Chris Hall	7:30 PM		9 AM Harry Ainsworth Betsy Wallingford 11 AM Chris Hall Matt Reilly	8 AM Steve Davies 10 AM Harry Ainsworth Susan Newlin
Bread bearer & Third Station	(BB) Malia Crawford (3S) Chris Hall Rich Grant	(BB) Stu Hamilton (3S) Malia Crawford Karyn Grant	9 AM (BB) Ruth Griesel (3S) Chris Hall Malia Crawford 11 AM (BB) John Howard (3S) Rich Grant Larry Stewart				9 AM Stu Hamilton (BB) Karyn Grant (3S) John Howard (3S) 11 AM Ruth Griesel (BB) Larry Stewart (3S) Malia Crawford (3S)	Rich Grant (BB) Malia Crawford (3S) Jim Peters (3S)
Lector	Chris Hal	Eric Kimble	9 AM Chris Hall 11 AM Jonas Barciauskas	Jonas Barciauskas	Stu Hamilton Walter Morgan		9 AM Audrey Newton 11 AM Craig Stafford	Jane Graham
Acolyte	Chris Wilkins	Kyle Walker	9 AM Chris St. George Nick St. George Sean Dicker 11 AM Sam Bertolino Ryan Kenny				9 AM Hanna Knaul Tim Howard Chris Wilkins 11 AM Jeff Newton Ben Sugg	Jack Walker
Vestry Person of the Day	Lisa Barnes	Nancy Kimble	9 AM Steve Kinney 11 AM Win Treese				9 AM John Pearson 11 AM Susan Newlin	Joe Meeks
Ushers	Mike Perisho Jeremy Perisho	Jonas Barciauska Terry Rourke	9 AM Larry Jobson Susan Newlin 10 AM Pat Coffin				9 AM Kevin Loughry Judy Loughry 11 AM Mike Perisho	Tim White Beth White
Altar Guild	8 AM Anne Reilly 10 AM Anne Reilly	8 AM Clare Perry 10 AM Clare Perry	9 AM Anne Reilly 11 AM Clare Perry	Anne Reilly Clare Perry	Anne Reilly	Clare Perry	9 AM Clare Perry 11 AM Clare Perry	8 AM Clare Perry 10 AM Anne Reilly
Coffee Server	Ildi Morris	Betsy Wallingford	Pat Blackey				Kristine Mitchell	Beth White

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS FORMING 3 COMMITTEES



Habitat for Humanity in Sudbury has created three committees to start planning the construction of a duplex house at the corner of Pratts Mill and Dutton Roads. Ground breaking is planned for this spring and construction will take about 12 months. There are lots of

volunteer opportunities limited only by your imagination. People of all ages can help out in some way - not just swinging a hammer.

The three initial committees are:

**1. Local Outreach** - This committee's charter is to marshal support for the project in the community, manage our faith partnerships in the community, and help us recruit volunteers and do public & press relations for the local community. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St. E's. The initial goal is prepare ourselves for the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:45pm when the Selectmen will be signing the letter of support that is required to move the project forward.

**2. Local Fundraising** - This committee's charter is to define and execute fundraising activities in the Greater Sudbury area.

**3. Project Construction** - This committee's charter is to plan, contract, supervise, secure in-kind donations and build the home.

If you are interested in the Local Outreach Committee, contact Mara Huston ([mara@hustonfam.net](mailto:mara@hustonfam.net), 978-443-3278) or attend the meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in either of the two other committees, please contact Doug Havens, ([dough@gwhfh.org](mailto:dough@gwhfh.org), 508-799-9259).

## MEN'S GROUP

The first meeting on Feb. 9 of the Men's Group had a great turnout with 18 men from St. Elizabeth's and St. John Lutheran's.

**The group's second meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's in Sudbury. Beverages and brunch will be served.**



Pastor Schultz will lead a discussion on "How Religion Can Be Applied In Everyday Life".

If you plan to attend, please contact:

Jonas Barciauskas (978-440-8164; [barciausk@bc.edu](mailto:barciausk@bc.edu)) or

Walter Morgan (978-443-3501; [walter.morgan@fiserv.com](mailto:walter.morgan@fiserv.com))

so we can be prepared for the right number of attendees.

Bring your questions, experiences and observations for the group discussion.

# March Birthdays, etc...



## Happy Birthday to You!

Cornelia Bendel, Maria Bluni, Mark Bluni, Michael Brown  
Brian Candiloro, Alisha Congleton, Maria Congleton, Ray  
Considine, Carol Davies, Brian Day, Jill Day, Sean Dicker,  
James Ewing, Ryan Ewing, David Frissora, Maddi Frissora,  
Riley Frissori, Joel Gardiner, Peter Gonze, Kevin Griggs, Rachel  
Haggard, Amy Henry, Mia Herel, Lorraine Kuenzel, Carrie  
Lepordo, Hannah Lepordo, Sam Lepordo, Samantha Leslie,  
Kevin Loughry, Kristine Mitchell, Carol Oram, Bret Perisho,  
Stephen Phalen, Elizabeth Quinn, Jim Quinn, Derek Robak,  
Suzanne Romain, Stephen Santomena, Ava Springsteel, Anna  
Steiger, Lena Torgerson, Grace Weldon, Andrew Wilkins



## Don't Forget Your Mite Boxes!

On the Sunday following Ash Wednesday Mite boxes were handed out in the church school classrooms. The purpose of the boxes is to collect money for disaster relief and hunger relief provided by Episcopal Relief and Development.

If your family did not receive a Mite box in the church classroom, or you do not have children in the church school program but would like to contribute, boxes are available at the church or by contacting Maggie Watson.



*Mite boxes will be collected in church on Easter Sunday and the two following Sundays. Thank you!* 9



# Young Adults in the Church (YAC)

An Update from the Leaders:

**Malia Crawford, Graham Daley, Greg Wilkins & Janice Darias**

**YAC** is the class for youth in grades 10-12. We meet every Sunday at 9:45 in the room at the bottom of the stairs. We had a wonderful daylong retreat at Graham's house on January 13, working on plans for upcoming classes. Right now we're studying how the church works - you may have seen us sitting together at a table at the Annual Meeting on February 10. Soon we will be studying the greater Episcopal Church, both in the U.S. and abroad, as well as issues facing the church today.



We're planning a retreat in Boston on April 4-5, through the CityReach program, and are hoping to schedule a date at Community Servings later in the spring.

 There is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all parents of YAC youth on Sunday, March 9 following church services - in church. See you there!



Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the coat and shoe drive. Here is a photo of the youth who packed the boxes and took them to the UPS store for shipping. Please thank owner Bob Zidle who gave us an incredible discount to ship 450 pounds!



# HOMELESSNESS AFFECTS 96,000 CHILDREN EVERY DAY IN MASSACHUSETTS

By Linda Bertolino

I recently attended the inspiring Fourth Annual Coalition Against Homelessness in Massachusetts ([www.Mahomeless.org](http://www.Mahomeless.org)). Speakers presented their perspectives on this tragic situation, starting with Miriam Stein ([www.makeyourvoicematter.com](http://www.makeyourvoicematter.com), 781-648-0255), an advocacy consultant who reported a staggering statistic:

**Each day 96,000 children in Massachusetts have no permanent home. They live doubled up with friends, relatives, in family shelters, awaiting foster care and sometimes on their own with no sibling, parent or guardian.** Not surprisingly, homelessness dramatically affects the school experiences and emotional development of these children.

The next speaker was a woman who had been homeless as a child, traveling with her mother from relatives, empty buildings and shelters. Missing and repeating grades, she lacked social connections and had no emotional stability. Today, she raises her two girls and with help, has almost completed her college education.

State Representative Cori Atkins encouraged attendees to write her and other representatives (contact info on [www.ma.gov](http://www.ma.gov)) and to speak out. Senator Susan Fargo has been instrumental in creating shelters and housing for the homeless in the town of Lincoln. She is appalled that her own daughter can't afford to live in the town where she was raised.

Another inspiring speaker was a Framingham teacher who had discovered that one of her students was living alone with his 19-year-old brother. Both siblings were evicted when their rent increased. They became homeless. She took the student into her family for two and a half years, and on graduation day experienced the joy of handing him his high school diploma.

I urge you to get involved by either attending meetings to learn more, writing letters to the state legislature, or working with MICAH on affordable living issues in Sudbury.



# Holy Week & Easter Services



**March 16, Palm Sunday**

9am & 11am in the church

**March 20, Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm in the church

**March 21, Good Friday**

7:30pm in the chapel

**March 22, Liturgy of Light**

7:00pm at chapel (meet at church)

**March 23, Easter Sunday**

9am & 11am in the church



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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.*