

The Mantle



St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
Sudbury, Massachusetts

April 2008

**St. Elizabeth's
Live and Silent Auction
April 12th
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**



For a good cause and a great time, come to the auction and bring your friends. All are welcome. Join us for a Live and Silent Auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Appalachia Service Projects. We will auction off *Luxury Vacation Homes... Hannah Montana Signed Picture... Red Sox Autographed Baseball... Patriots Autographed Football... Meet TV personality Rex Trailer... Original Art... Personal Training... Vintage Wine... Spa Treatments... Gourmet Cooking Class... Merchandise from Local Vendors... Gourmet Meals... Gift Certificates to Area Restaurants...*



Refreshments and Child Care provided. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Appalachia Service Project (ASP).



Habitat for Humanity is a global home-building movement comprising more than 2,300 local affiliates, state support organizations and national organizations in nearly 90 countries.

Completing a home somewhere in the world every 21 minutes, Habitat builds nearly 26,000 homes per year.



Every other summer, members of our Youth Group, under the supervision of many dedicated adults, travel to areas of rural Central Appalachia to spend a week with ASP through which volunteers and ASP staff repair homes for low-income families. Youth and adults of St. Elizabeth's are going to Fayette County, West Virginia in July 2008 to make homes warmer, safer and drier, while offering transformational experiences for volunteers and families alike.

From Our Rector by The Rev. Barbara Williamson

In the March 25, 2008 issue of *The Christian Century*, a bi-weekly magazine about thinking critically and living faithfully, editor John Buchanan tells the following story about his good friend and retired professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, Walter Bouman.

Not long after he retired Walt was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. He continued to teach and preach. When a Columbus Dispatch reporter asked him how he remained so buoyant, he replied: "My greatest source of encouragement is the Christian story of God into which I was baptized in July of 1929. The Christian news is that Jesus of Nazareth has been raised from death, that death no longer has dominion over him. I have bet my living and now I am able to bet my dying that Jesus will have the last word."

Walter Bouman was a man who knew in his bones the Good News of God in Christ. He was a man who not only knew the Easter story, not only believed the Easter story, but experienced the Easter story.

The Easter story is the story of God vindicating Jesus and all he stood for. The Easter story is the story of God repudiating those who repudiate Jesus. Much to the ongoing dismay of those who want nothing to

do with Jesus' gospel of love, mercy, justice and peace, God raised Jesus from the dead, to be the true Lord of the world – this world, not some future world. Oddly, to our way of thinking, the risen Christ did not take the imperial forces of the world by storm. Rather he encouraged his followers to stay the course. He helped them to realize that death no longer has dominion over him or them, that they had nothing to fear. Violence and death might discourage but could not defeat the divine cause. And indeed the disciples' experience of the risen Christ transformed them from clueless, faithless, frightened followers to joyous, fearless, confident

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apostles. From that shell-shocked, shame-filled rag-tag group the risen Christ brought into being a passel of fired up evangelists who preached the good news far and wide.

The relay race for Jesus to bring into being God's dream for the earth started with that rag-tag bunch of nobodies with not much in the

middle of nowhere. And now thousands of years later, the baton has been passed to us. The first disciples' vocation has become our vocation. Now it is our turn to spread the Good News of the here and now presence of the risen Christ bringing us out of darkness and into his marvelous Light. Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

The Reluctant Healer

I will offer a study on a remarkable book on the Christian ministry of healing called *The Reluctant Healer*. I used the book in the Lenten Series and have written in the Mantle about its impact on me. I would like to read it in community with others who have questions about the ministry of healing and its place in the 21st century Episcopal Church. The Thursday afternoon study will begin April 3rd and run through June 5th at the latest. Frankly I am not sure how many meetings we will want or need to do the book justice. We will begin at 1:30 and end promptly at 3. We will meet in the Rite 13 room.

Barbara Williamson

Warden's Words by Win Treese, Co-Warden

Every year after new vestry members are elected at the annual meeting, the vestry spends a day on retreat, both to get to know one another and to consider areas of focus for the coming year. At this year's retreat, we learned a bit about each other (did you know that Barbara went soaring in sailplanes over Florida when she was in high school?), considered our goals and wishes for St. Elizabeth's in the coming year, and pondered the outreach and justice ministry activities of the parish. This focus felt particularly appropriate to me, as the vestry has been for a while appropriately focused on the construction of a new building and managing the transition into it. We have been fully settled in for a while, and we can look deeply at some other aspects of the life of the parish.

When you put together the list of outreach and justice ministry work that St. Elizabeth's is involved in, you find there's quite a bit there! At the retreat, Barbara grouped the activities into three areas:

- *Charity*, such as the giving tree, financial support to the Refugee Immigration Ministries (RIM), food baskets, the cash contributions chosen by the Outreach Committee, and others.
- *Service*, such as the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), City Mission, the soup kitchen, and our new effort for Habitat for Humanity, and others.

Advocacy, such as the Metropolitan Interfaith Congregations Acting for Hope, Episcopal City Mission, our diversity mission, and others.

At the retreat, the vestry began a discussion of whether these are the "right" activities for the parish, in the sense of both getting the best results for our contributions of time, talent, and treasure, as well as in fulfilling the mission that God is calling us to perform. We have no conclusions to report yet, as our discussion then was only a beginning, and it is a discussion that touches everyone in the congregation.

Likewise, we considered many other possibilities for focusing some of our energy in the coming year. Beyond our commitment to consider and further our outreach and justice ministries, we believe it is time to focus on what it would take for us to bring in an Associate Rector who could assist Barbara in many different ways. It will take some time as we define and find the resources needed to bring someone on board, and we are starting the first steps. Finally, a third area is to develop a stronger program for planned giving and special gifts to St. Elizabeth's. We are blessed with extraordinary generosity in the parish, and we must attend to the stewardship of those gifts.

I invite you to ponder these questions of mission with us, as well as to join (or help start!) the variety of outreach activities at St. Elizabeth's. It is truly an exciting time for us.

As a reminder, the meetings of the vestry are open to anyone who would like to attend. Lisa and I welcome your comments and questions by email to wardens@st-elizabeths.org.

Vestry Notes

by Lisa Barnes, Co-Warden

As **Win Treese** noted in this month's Warden's Words segment, your Vestry met twice in March – once for an all day retreat, and once for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. At our retreat, we discussed many of the opportunities we have to apply our discernment, time and talent towards in the coming year. These include: the role of a vestry member, a committee liaison, “vestry person of the day” duties during services, outreach prioritization, justice ministries, vitality and viability, management of our list of “wishes”, and continued response and integration of information from the parish feedback report.

In addition to each vestry member being assigned a St E's committee to know well and represent at the vestry level, we plan to hear from one committee head/contributor each month to listen to, lend support, and better understand the challenges and accomplishments of each committee at St E's.

During our monthly meeting we listened to a report from **Mara Huston** from our Justice Ministries/ Outreach area on the topic of the potential use of our rectory for low income housing. Mara has done a tremendous amount of work behind-the-scenes on various justice and outreach projects including RIM (refugee immigration ministry), low income (not low rent!) housing initiatives and currently, habitat for humanity. She also kindly took the pictures of our new vestry, assembled and displayed them in the frame at the top of the stairs.

Joe Meeks of Buildings and Grounds gave us an update on the Rectory furnace (not good news there, I'm afraid), the parish hall acoustics improvement project, a proposal about the procurement and installation of parish hall doors, landing, and stairs as well as an A and B list of priorities for vestry consideration. With some brevity as we often run short on time with ambitious agendas, Joe also provided an overview of Building and Grounds' maintenance plans through the summer.

Steve Kenney our treasurer, reported that February was a strong pledge month with plowing and heating being higher than expected maintenance expenses. He stated that while we remain in solid financial position at this point in the calendar year (income exceeding total expenses by 24, 970), pledge income traditionally slows dramatically as the months progress while expenses continue.

We are eagerly awaiting and busily working toward a highly profitable, 90 minute Spring Auction (April 12, 5-6:30pm). Please bring home a poster to advertise and post at your place of work or volunteerism, and invite at least one neighbor and two friends to accompany you to see our beautiful building and bid on our outstanding offerings.

Happy Spring to one and all!

Atrium Level | by Kris Wile

This Lent we had wonderful lessons in the Level I atrium -

The Good Shepherd and the Found Sheep, Psalm 23, The Last Supper, and The Last Days & the Empty Tomb. While in the atrium, we share words we use to describe the mystery of God's love, and at the same time, live into these words as much as we can. Below we offer some of the wondering we've begun with all these lessons, and invite you to continue, at home, or together with us in the Atrium!

The Lord is my shepherd.

How does the shepherd feel about his sheep?
How would it feel to be lost? How does it feel to be found?
How does the shepherd feel when he finds his lost sheep?

I shall not want.

Have you ever felt you had everything you need?
Have you ever lain in a green pasture?
What about still water? How does it feel to be near still water?

He restores my soul.

We remember Jesus' words of love ...
Take, eat. This is my body.
Take, drink. This is my blood.

And how the shepherd gives all of his life for the sheep.

He guides me on the right path for his name's sake.

Who is guiding the sheep? Why do they follow?
What is a namesake? Are we related to Jesus?

In the atrium, we prepare a safe place for the children to pause and wonder, a place where each child's personal experience of God is fostered and respected. So even when we tell the powerful story of Jesus' last days, they listen without agitation, knowing that's not the end of the story. Because each week, someone carefully prepares the altar, and many eyes stop and turn as we light the candles and say:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Alleluia!



A CHILD'S BEDTIME PRAYER

"Father, now the time has come, all my work and play are done.

This has been a happy day, now I come to thee and pray. Bless the children everywhere.
Keep us in thy loving care while we sleep and while we wake. Bless us all for Jesus' sake.

Amen"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Barbara on Vacation 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Church 9:45 AM COGS, R 13, J2A & YACS Meetings 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II -Church 11:10 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal (10 Minutes after end of second Service)	31 Barbara on Vacation	1 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Yoga (MPR) 7:30 PM Habitat Community Outreach Committee Meeting (MPR)	2 Barbara back in office 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (CNF) 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM Brownie Troop #2468 (MPR) 7:30 PM Music Program Meeting (CNF)	3 10:30 AM TaiChi (PH) 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Book study on the ministry of healing (Rite 13 room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (MPR)	4 City Reach Trip- Canceled	5 City Reach Trip- Canceled
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<p>Kitchen Angel for April Tricia Griggs</p> <p>Miracle Kitchen Coordinator: Stevie Spina</p> <p>Last updated 4/2/2008</p>	<p>April 6 Easter 3</p>	<p>April 13 Easter 4</p>	<p>April 20 Easter 5 (Family Friendly at 10)</p>	<p>April 27 Easter 6</p>
<p>Euch. Min.</p>	<p>8am Malia Crawford 10am Betsy Wallingford Audrey Newton</p>	<p>8am Jim Peters 10am Steve Davies Matt Reilly</p>	<p>8am Ruth Griesel 10am Betsy Wallingford Malia Crawford</p>	<p>8am Harry Ainsworth 10am Chris Hall Susan Newlin</p>
<p>Breadbearer & Third Station</p>	<p>Karyn Grant Rich Grant Larry Stewart</p>	<p>John Howard Rich Grant Malia Crawford</p>	<p>Larry Stewart</p>	<p>Ruth Griesel Malia Crawford Karyn Grant</p>
<p>Lector</p>	<p>Jonas Barciauskas</p>	<p>Walter Morgan</p>	<p>Jane Graham</p>	<p>Eric Kimble</p>
<p>Acolyte</p>	<p>Sean Dicker</p>	<p>Walker Griggs</p>	<p>Ben Sugg</p>	<p>Cornelia Bendel</p>
<p>V.P.O.D.</p>	<p>Stewart Hamilton</p>	<p>Joel Gardiner</p>	<p>Art Huston</p>	<p>Jeremy Perisho</p>
<p>Ushers</p>	<p>Kevin Loughry Judy Loughry</p>	<p>Tim White Beth White</p>	<p>Pat Coffin Pat McCabe</p>	<p>Jonas Barciauskas Steve Lewis</p>
<p>Greeters</p>				
<p>Altar Guild</p>	<p>8am Stevie Spina 10am Pat Blackey</p>	<p>8am Stevie Spina 10am Pat Blackey</p>	<p>8am Pat Blackey 10am Pat Blackey</p>	<p>8am Stevie Spina 10am Pat Blackey</p>
<p>Coffee Server</p>	<p>Gratia Morgan</p>	<p>Jeremy Perisho</p>	<p>Maggie Watson</p>	<p>Ildi Morris</p>

MICAH Update

Sudbury Town Meeting Warrant Includes Affordable Living Articles

This year's town meeting starts at 7:30pm on April 7th at the L/S Auditorium. We are all aware of the annual override that is going to be discussed. FinCom hosted a Budget Forum on March 24th that will be re-broadcasted on the Sudbury Cable Channel for our review prior to Town Meeting. As our taxes go up to maintain the schools and town that we have come to enjoy and expect, the issues of Affordable Living in Sudbury are affecting more and more of us. MICAH encourages all Sudbury residents to review the warrant and attend Town Meeting. In particular, MICAH would like to bring the following articles to your attention:

Article 20 – Senior Tax Deferral

Senior Tax relief in the form of tax deferral (deferring real estate taxes until sale of property, to be paid back with interest) or the State Circuit-Breaker Law (limiting qualifying seniors to pay no more than 10% of their income on real estate taxes) provides a way for seniors to stay in their houses longer. There are age, income and property value limitations in both provisions. The deferred tax revenue is covered by other revenue sources and real estate taxes for non-seniors are not increased to cover the deferred tax revenue.

The Senior Tax Deferral Committee Study report available on the Sudbury Assessors Office website provides a lot of good information. The analysis is approximately six pages with supporting data. MICAH recommends Sudbury residents take the time to review this material prior to Town Meeting.

Article 30 – Housing Trust Allocation (Community Preservation Fund)

The Housing Trust was created in 2006 with the purpose of creating affordable home ownership opportunities for qualifying applicants. The Trust has created the infrastructure to allow the town to create affordable housing. This article requests additional funds to support the mission of the Trust.

Article 31 – Sudbury Housing Authority (SHA) Unit Reconstruction (Community Preservation Fund)

SHA is responsible for creating and maintaining affordable rental opportunities for qualifying families. This article requests funds to reconstruct four existing single family units into duplex units as well as construct a new home on SHA land. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2.5 million with most of the money for the project coming from the State. SHA is requesting 25% of the funds required, \$600,000. MICAH invites Sudbury residents to visit Fairbanks Circle to see an SHA community. Fairbanks Circle is located off Fairbanks Road just behind the Senior Center. It is a cluster of colonial style duplex houses.

Creating and maintaining a diverse community in Sudbury is in everyone's best interest. If more seniors move out, we lose the diversity they offer and they lose the opportunity to age in their family home. If their homes are then bought by a family, our schools are further burdened with more kids thus bringing up the issues of school budgets and overrides. Affordable housing is also a way to develop diversity in Sudbury. Affordable housing, either through rental or ownership, supports those families who do not have the means to purchase homes at market values. These families could be victims of crises and need social support or they are moderately-paid professionals, such as town employees, police, fire fighters, or teachers.

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MICAH encourages Sudbury residents to review the Warrant and attend Town Meeting.

MICAH's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th at 7:30pm in the Conference Room. We will continue to discuss Affordable Living issues in Sudbury. We invite you to join us.

Sincerely Submitted,
Jonas Barciauskas
Susan Berry
Cheryl Davis
Mara Huston
Lucie St. George
Carol Oram
Barbara Williamson



Sudbury Habitat for Humanity Project Received Selectmen Approval

On March 11th, Sudbury Selectman's Meeting moved the Sudbury project forward! Our thanks go to the Selectmen for approving the proposal. Many organizations and individuals spoke in support of the project. These included the Sudbury Clergy Association and its member congregations, Earth Decade Committee, MLK project at L/S, MICAH at St. Elizabeth's, and several neighbors.

The current plan calls for building a duplex colonial home at the corner of Dutton and Pratts Mill Roads built to look like a one family home. Families who make 25-50% of the area median income and meet the other Habitat criteria could qualify to own their home and provide stability for their family. The Greater Worcester Habitat for Humanity affiliate is sponsoring this project.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, you are [invited](#) to attend one of the Public Information Sessions being held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next session will be on April 16th at St. E's at 7:30pm.

More information about the Sudbury Habitat project is available at Sudbury Community Housing Office site http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/department_home.asp?dept=CHO or by visiting the Greater Worcester Habitat for Humanity site at www.gwhfh.org or by contacting Mara Huston (mara@hustonfam.net, 978-443-3278).

I'm looking forward to having many St. E's members involved in any way possible.

St. E's Briefs



It's time again for spring clean-up on the grounds surrounding the church - Saturday April 19th with a second date if needed on Saturday April 26th. The more people that participate - the quicker the work. Work begins at 8:30am and runs into the afternoon. If you are really ambitious you can work the whole day with us. If you need to plan around other Saturday activities, we are equally grateful to have you join us for whatever time you can spare. If you can volunteer to help, please contact either Dave Wallingford (twallingfo@aol.com), or Joe Meeks (joe.meeks@comcast.net) for more details.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The March meeting of the Men's Group gave all of us who attended a chance to talk about our faith journeys in a warmly supportive setting. The group's second meeting will be on Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Sudbury. Beverages and brunch will be served. Pastor Schultz will continue leading a discussion on "How Religion Can Be Applied In Everyday Life". Please contact Jonas Barciauskas (978-440-8164; barciaus@bc.edu) or Walter Morgan (978-443-3501; walter.morgan@fiserv.com) if you plan to attend so we can be prepared for the right number of attendees. Bring your questions, experiences and observations for the group discussion..



APRIL

Birthdays

Happy, Happy Birthday to

Scott Bluni, Frank Mawhinney, Christopher Woodman, Jim Parker, Nathan Gerry, Allison Boyle, Greg Wilkins, Ildi Morris, Kimberly Gee, Maureen Hynes, Rick Watson, Rebecca Trail, Abby Meeks, Abigail Tinsley, Cathy Fairbairn, Kathy Bautze, Laura Hacker, Christine Howard, Debby Nelson, Dan Knaul, Bob Ewing, Robert Regan, Morgan Davies, Harris Bendel, Mike Perisho, Harry Ainsworth, Carl Lepordo, Tom Rourke, Ali Bryant, Emily Knaul, Larry St. George, Katie Walker, Collins Boland, Lauryn Brown, Andrew Mossi, Jack Walker, Carson Bryant, Louise Bendel, Kris Wile, Grace Keilen, Devin Walker, Bob Dawson, Megan Quinn, Kelly Frissora, Jeffrey Abbott, Declan Zurn, Anne Fischer, James Wagner, Evan White, Tea Baumgartner, Leslie Egan Ray, Matt Lucarelli, Henry Fairbairn, Ted Meeks, Jeff Davis, Graham Daley, Clive Norton, Jon McLeod, Caitlin Regan, Katie Trecker

Appalachia Service Project

We are another month closer to July 5th when we will pile into our vans and head for Fayette County, West Virginia. Our activities for April will focus primarily on the Spring Auction, proceeds from which will substantially fund the 2008 trip. We will meet on the afternoon of Sunday April 6th from 4 to 6 to finalize auction details. Here is the schedule for Saturday, April 12th, the day of the auction:

Detailed Schedule for Auction Day

Noon-3:30pm Auction Item Check-in and Rough Set-Up (Lunch and snacks provided)

3:30-4:30pm Auction and Child Care Final Set-Up

4:30pm Final Instructions for all Auction Helpers (more snacks)

5-6:30pm Auction

4:45-5:45pm Check-In Table Open

5:45-7:00pm Check-Out Table Open

6:30-7:30 Clean-Up

In order to pull this off, we will need the assistance of all available youth, parents, and adult volunteers. A few people have already told me that they will be out of town or have another pressing engagement. That means that the rest of us are all the more critical to a successful outcome. All ASP volunteers – youth, young adults, and adult leaders – please think through now what you will be able to contribute to the effort – what hours and tasks you can commit to – and come to the meeting on the 6th ready to sign up.

In the meantime, here are ways you can help:

If you have procured an auction item or have one to donate tell Janice Darius jjdarias@comcast.net

If you can help organize refreshments to serve at the auction tell Janice Darius jjdarias@comcast.net

If you want to help with publicity to the wider community tell Karyn Grant

karyngrant@comcast.net

If you want to write thank you notes to auction item donors tell Karyn Grant

karyngrant@comcast.net

As is always the case, many hands make light work. Help to make your trip a reality.

Barbara Williamson



“Seven Stanzas at Easter” from *Telephone Poles and Other Poems* by John Updike.

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His Flesh: ours.

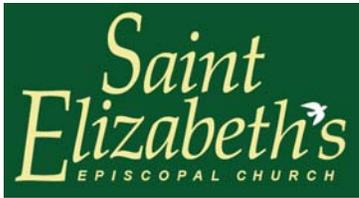
The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that – pierced – died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.



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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.

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