



THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 2012

VOL. CVIII, No. 1

**"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
then the true work of Christmas begins:**

**To find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among others,
to make music in the heart.**

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
Then the true work of Christmas begins.**

Howard Thurman
African-American theologian
a student of Gandhi
mentor of Martin Luther King Jr.*



COME...
JOIN US IN WORSHIP

TUESDAY

12:00 Noonday Prayer

WEDNESDAY

12:00
Holy Eucharist with Healing

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Service:
Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Services:
Jan 1. - Holy Eucharist Rite II
Jan 8 - First Sunday
Jan 15 - Holy Eucharist Rite II
Jan 22 - Morning Prayer and
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Jan 29 - Holy Eucharist Rite II



**February Issue - January
16th at 3pm**

All groups & individuals are
ENCOURAGED to submit
news and items of interest to
The Evangelist.

E-mail, mail, or bring your
fully written and titled piece
and/or photos to the church
office on or before the dead-
line date shown above.

Thank you!

**St. John the Evangelist
Episcopal Church
60 Kent St.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-228-1172
651-228-1144 (fax)
www.stjohnsstpaul.org**

Office Hours

Mon - Fri
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear Friends in Christ,



The other day my son Jude and I were looking to kill time while waiting for an oil change and decided to walk through the Walgreen's across from our repair shop. As we browsed the aisles, we came upon a noteworthy display of Christmas-themed dancing stuffed animals. Never passing an opportunity to show him the finer things in life, I began squeezing the various paws and mittens and antlers of these tinselly toys and produced for Jude his very own animatronics flash-mob dance party. As first *Jingle Bell Rock* and *All I Want for Christmas* and then *Respect* (but with Christmas lyrics) poured fourth from the comical choir with their flapping arms and gyrating hips, Jude was speechless. Then, without missing another beat, he joined in the dancing. He was giddy, legs pumping as he marched in place to the beat, and though we were in public his enthusiasm sucked me in. Before I knew it we were both dancing on Aisle 5 with the wackiest looking Muppet ensemble you ever saw.

By the time most of you are reading this January issue of the *Evangelist* we will be out of the season of Christmas and into Epiphany (or more appropriately the season *after* Epiphany) - a season that unfortunately has to play second fiddle in the Church and everyone else's calendar. Epiphany, following on the feast of the Incarnation, continues the theme of God's self-revelation and in-breaking lifting up those significant moments when God was made known to people in the stories of our faith. I like to observe Epiphany by asking the same question I asked on my first sermon at St. John's: Where has God shown up in my life or in yours? Where have I seen a glimmer of grace or been touched by a sense of awe and reverence? Where was I buoyed when I should have been sinking? When was I in the midst of laughter and good friends or standing hushed at one of life's great transitions? When and where did God make God's self known to me....or more accurately, when was I paying attention and noticed that God never stops revealing God's self to each of us? As I look back on that blessed silly moment on Aisle 5 I am truly confident that the Divine cracked open whatever is usually clouding my vision and for a moment, in the sparkle of a few cheesy holiday toys and Jude's smile, and trying to remember how to dance, I knew.

I hope something this week or this month or this season happened to let you know, too. God is in your life. God is showing up in places you'd least expect, in your relationships, in your work, around your table, and in those moments of seemingly random grace and blessing.

Epiphany blessings to you and yours.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Jered +'



NEW BOOK FROM ONE OF OUR OWN

Congratulations to Richard Bryntesen and his colleagues on the publication of their new book, *The Manager's Pocket Guide to Social Media*. Richard is a long-time parishioner and professor at Concordia University in St. Paul. The authors say that the purpose of the book is to show leaders "how social media can be employed as a management, marketing and communications tool."

The Manager's Guide ... begins by comparing the events of 1775 in America and those of 2011 in Egypt:

"In both of these uprisings, the rebels used the best available technology to spread the word and mobilize. For Colonialists, social media was a horseman and roads; in 2011 the Egyptians used Facebook, You Tube and Twitter. The Colonialists lost the first battle at Lexington, but won the war. Many Egyptian protestors died and were injured in these days of rage, but Mubarak was ultimately toppled."

Richard's dedication at the beginning of the book is to another beloved member of our parish: "Dedicated to my mother, Pat, and Aunt Marian, who have lived fulfilled lives without ever having tweeted."



Adopt—A—Household

Mark your Calendars!

Our next gathering with the May House will be **Jan. 29th 2-3pm**

Bring a musical instrument or a singing voice.

Episcopal Church Homes

1879 Feronia Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55104

Watch for more on

THE BISHOP'S MISSION AREA GATHERING

Mission project the afternoon of Saturday, January 28 followed by a service here at St. John's at 4:00. Details to follow when we get them.

Happy Birthday to...

January

- 1 Patrick Giese
- 2 Thomas Giambetti
Peggy Lemmon
Margaret Monette
- 4 Daniel Brian Ropal
- 5 Payton Kinkead
- 6 Michael Richards
- 7 Anne Hodgson
Dorothy Thompson
- 9 Anne Elsinger
Joan Rudnik
- 10 Pat Brynteson
George Power
- 11 Dorothy Ek
Charlotte Rose Peterson
Vivian Scheel
- 12 Josh Colton
Julia Ferguson
Joan McCanna
- 13 Rev. Barbara Mraz
Megan Richards
- 16 Ann Booth
Marge Jeddelloh
Terry Williams
- 17 Dusty Mairs
- 18 Sandra Francis
- 19 Ray Frisby
Mary Soie Haberman
Rev. Pat Markie
Shirley Sailors
- 21 Cormac Graupman
Ashlyn Andrews
- 23 Beth Bowman
Katherine Meyer
- 24 Lauren Westerhaus
- 25 Colleen Wheeler
- 27 Marilyn Conklin
- 29 Marty Brown, Jr.
Alexander Ramos
Gretchen August
Elizabeth Plummer



Youth Ministry Schedule

JANUARY

- January 4: No Youth Group
- January 11: Dr. Who—LongKee
Dinner—Grundhauser Family
- January 18: Dr. Who—LongKee
**Dinner—Potluck
(bring a dish to share)**
- January 25: Dr. Who—LongKee
Dinner—Gemlo Family

Coming in FEBRUARY

- February 1: Our Whole Lives —
Sexuality and Faith
Dinner—Frisby Family

COMPLINE

Please join us for Sung Compline **Second Thursdays** of the month. Compline is the last of the daily offices. In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities,



Compline is offered by candlelight at a time when the work of the day is finished and the quietness of evening begins to settle over the hearts and minds of those gathered in prayer.

This is a short service of prayers, psalms, chanting, and short passages from scripture. **The next Sung Compline is on Thursday, January 12th at 7pm in the Choir Stalls.**

Incense will be present at this service as well as the Holy Spirit so beware.

For more information please contact the Rev. Keely Franke -

keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org
or 651-228-1172, ex. 18.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT INCLUSIVITY

By The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson

This fall at our annual diocesan convention, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota voted on a resolution to allow Minnesotans United for All Families (MUfAF) to use the name and logo of our diocese. The vote allowed MUfAF to use these as a sign of support of their work for civil rights for gays and lesbians in Minnesota, particularly around the issue of marriage.

The vote was in keeping with a longstanding tradition in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to fully include lesbians and gays in the life of our faith and worship – a tradition that has been lived out in varying degrees by the parishes that comprise this diocese. That is to say, that while our diocese has voted time and again in the direction of full inclusion, there has still been disagreement and diversity on this issue. Knowing this to be the case and recognizing that issues surrounding the sexuality debate can be particularly volatile and contentious, our own diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, along with our own Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, have encouraged all parishes to engage in a thoughtful, civil, and informed discussion on sexuality and to bring our scriptures, experience, reason, and tradition to the table in that discussion.

In the upcoming Adult Ed series you will see opportunities for us at St. John's to engage in a conversation around matters of sexuality and faith. I trust that all of us at St. John's will strive to be respectful, non-anxious, and mindful of the Christ light that shines in each as we engage in heartfelt discussion. Know that I am always available for a private conversation should you ever have concerns, questions, wonderings, or general observations about this or any other issue at St. John's.

NEW MEMBERS

Phillip Baird

A cradle Episcopalian from Cedar Rapids Iowa, Phillip comes to us from St. Paul's on the Hill. He has joined the choir and may be seen swinging a thurible at Compline services.

Phillip is an educator and a musician. He taught instrumental and choral music in the Henderson-LeSeuer School district for twenty years and then elementary music in Saint Paul schools for 18 years. He has now retired from those classrooms!

Simultaneously he has served as organist and choirmaster for St John's in Mankato for 17 years, has done interim work as organist at Central Presbyterian in St. Paul and St. Paul's on the Hill. In May he retired as organist-choirmaster of St. Edward the Confessor in Wayzata.

He has now embarked on a second career as secretary and chapel manager of Crystal Lake Funeral Home, part of the Wasbburn-McReavy system.

Phillip writes this:

"I was drawn to St. John's, as a "retired" person, knowing the excellent music program, the outstanding preaching of the clergy, and getting to know Fr. Jered. I also appreciated the visit from Keely Franke in my mortuary office where she could see what I do with a great sense of humor and passion for working with those who are in need. Not to mention the fun being a thurifer at Compline. Holy Smokes!"

Welcome to St. John's, Phillip!



MUSIC WITH MINNESOTANS

Parishioner Joan Potter will be on Alison Young's "Music with Minnesotans" which airs on Wednesdays at 1:00 at 99.5. Watch for the date, probably early in February, on the website and in the parish bulletin. Expect glorious music that reveals Joan, essentially a romanticist and story teller. The choices reflect her recent trip to Peru, her fascination with Jung and with archetypes, and her love of literature, as well as the craft of writing.

Joan is the former theater director at Wayzata High School, is a member of the choir, and works with the Minnesota Youth Opera, among her many other pursuits. Currently, she's writing lyrics for sacred music (she wrote the lyrics for **Shepherd's Star**, which was performed twice in the metro area this Christmas) and poetry; she's at work on a multi-genre novel set in Western Minnesota in the 1950's.

STEWARDSHIP 2012

“God gave you 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say Thank You?”

~ William Arthur Ward

Since early October, we have been asking and asking and asking again for more of your financial resources, more of your time, and more of your talent. We would now like to extend our gratitude to everyone who has pledged, whether it be a small or large amount, an hour a week or 20 hours a week, singing in the choir or cooking meals for an event.

By giving back in and through St. John's, you have made it possible for us to maintain and grow the ministries that we all hold so dear and you have made it possible for all of us to faithfully live into God's mission for St. John's in the year to come. These are tough economic times and we are astounded by your generosity in light of this reality. Indeed, St. John's had steep goals for the 2012 pledge campaign, and as you look at the numbers below, you can see that those goals are well within our reach if those who have not pledged do so before the end of this month. Arriving where we are in this pledge campaign has meant that several parishioners have doubled their pledge or increased it significantly. We've seen several new pledges, and we've even seen families where each member decided to make a pledge. This is excellent news.

Above the practical, measurable increases and successes of this campaign, we have enjoyed getting to know many parishioners on a deeper level, and have been better educated about what is financially necessary to help our parish thrive each year.

Below is a summary of the Stewardship Campaign for 2012 as of December 21, 2011:

Total number of pledges received: 176

Number of new pledges: 21

Average pledge: \$2916

Median pledge: \$1380

The 176 responding households and individuals have committed \$513,324 leaving us \$5,836 short of our goal.

We remain optimistic about our ultimate goal of \$519,200 as we proceed into 2012. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU for your generous support of St. John's.

Faithfully,

Jennifer Durst and Rex Haberman
2012 Stewardship Co-chairs

PROJECT HOME IS COMING IN FEBRUARY

As we have done for several years, St. John's again will host homeless families in our gym the entire month of February. Two volunteers are needed each day during the late afternoon and early evening, and two more to be present overnight. Contributions of toiletries, towels, and socks are welcome. Details will follow and sign-up will be available online and after Sunday services. Training is available. Gary Hagstrom and John Edgerton are the coordinators of this important effort to be the Body of Christ in the world.

More coming soon....

PROJECT KATHLEEN UPDATE

Two especially notable examples of joyful initiative were reported at the recent Project Kathleen housing assistance meeting. A former client plans to pass on the PK spirit by becoming a mentor. Also, a current PK family organized neighbors to provide a thanksgiving day potluck dinner using skills taught by the ECS social worker.

St. John's resident ensemble, the Artaria String Quartet, is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary year. In addition to performing a 4-concert series at Hamline University's Sundin Hall, the quartet runs the Artaria Chamber Music School at St. John's on Saturdays and the Stringwood Music Camp in Lanesboro, MN. This season the ensemble has also been presenting "Flash" concerts all over the Twin Cities at such unlikely venues as a workout studio, a wine shop and a bookstore!

Artaria String Quartet



*l to r: Nancy Oliveros, Ray Shows, Laura Sewell
and Annalee Wolf*

Over the next two years the Schubert Club will be presenting the Artaria Quartet in the entire cycle of fifteen string quartets by Dmitri Shostakovich. The Shostakovich cycle, one of the great "canons" of the quartet repertoire, has never been done in the Twin Cities and the Artaria considers it a great honor to have been asked to do this project.

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), one of the twentieth century's greatest composers, lived an extraordinarily complicated life in the Soviet Union and had a famously tempestuous relationship with Stalin. He was alternately denounced as an "Enemy of the State" and lauded as the Soviet Union's greatest living composer. Shostakovich suffered from chronic depression and frail physical health throughout much of his life, witnessed many mysterious disappearances and punishments of his artistic colleagues and personal friends in the USSR, and lived in constant fear of suffering a similar fate. Despite such enormous strain, he managed to create music of enormous beauty, power, and even humor. Over the past ten to twenty years Shostakovich's music has gained an almost cult-like following. Young people especially seem to find great meaning in his music in today's world. Like so many great composers, he may have been ahead of his time when he was writing, and it seems that the world is now fully ready to hear what he had to say.

The Schubert Club will be presenting the quartet in eight of the fifteen Shostakovich string quartets on the four Thursdays in January at noon at the Landmark Center. These concerts are free and open to the public. The same eight quartets will be presented over a two-day period at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in downtown Minneapolis on January 14 at 7:30 and January 15 at 3:00. The quartet will be joined by St. Olaf College professor and Shostakovich scholar, David Castro, who will speak at these two events.

ST. JOHNS' VESTMENTS

By Mimie Pollard

In 2003, the Rev. Frank Wilson asked me to create a red chasuble for St. John's for use for festivals such as Palm Sunday and Pentecost. While

contemplating the design, the Rev. Kathryn Jeffries, who was serving as Assistant then, gave me a

magazine article about Henri Matisse's chasubles that he created during his latter years in Venice, France. He had done a series with colors for every liturgical season and his red one was the standout. It feature a gold palm tree and black crosses on the back, which I took as the starting point for my design. His method was to create paper cutouts of his design and then have others do the sewing.



The Matisse Red Chasuble



Mimie, Barbara and Frank Wilson

A few years after completing my version, I was at a Matisse show at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and there was the original cutout. It wasn't until 2010, when I visited the chapel in Venice that houses all of Matisse's chasubles, that I realized that the front of his red one was completely different than the back, which I had used for my entire design. The back however, was much more stunning than the front, which was much busier, so my decision was validated.

A few years later, Frank requested I make a green chasuble for the season of Pentecost, and for the design inspiration there, I looked around the church for something that was unique and discovered just over the organ a carving in the wood that resembled laurel leaves and was found nowhere else in the entire church. Starting with that as the central point, I found fabric and trim to complete the design. Like the red one, the green chasuble is the same front and back.



Mimie sketching in France

Vestments Continued on page 10

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2011



VESTMENTS continued

Shortly after Frank left in 2010, I was asked to consider making an advent chasuble. The colors were to be blue and/or purple. While in France in the summer of 2010, I visited the Chapel of the Rosary in Venice where for the first time I saw all of Matisse's chasubles in person. In a way I was disappointed since they were all a bit too ornate and busy, like the front of the red one that I had avoided, but nonetheless, it was exciting to see them.

We were spending a week in a house in an olive grove in Nice, just above the Mediterranean in September, and the light was the same light that had inspired Picasso, Matisse, Van Gogh and countless others and it had no less effect on me. I spent many hours outdoors sketching possible designs for the advent chasuble that I would have ready for the new Rector on his arrival.

Shortly after the Rev, Jered Weber-Johnson arrived at St. John's, I invited him to my studio to help pick a design he would like to wear for many years. Along with Dusty, Barbara, Keely and Mary-Louise Clary, who was under-writing the project in memory of her parents, we reviewed the top choices and picked my favorite, which is a starburst cross surrounded by olive branches. During the ensuing three months I began selecting fabrics, laying out the designs and finally began the process of creating it in early October.

With Advent falling early this year, it was a rush to have it finished on time, along with a stole each for the Rector and Barbara, a pulpit frontal and a lectern hanging. They were delivered on time and dedicated on November 27th.



Mimie, Jered and Mary Louise

Marriage Flyer Page goes here

***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING OUR CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATIONS WONDERFUL!***

To the hardworking **Fellowship Commission**, who turns out meal after meal of beautiful food amidst lovely surroundings, as well as scrumptious buffets after Evensongs. Helping at the Christmas Party: Diane Norman, Bob Baumann, Richard Bryntesen, Jennifer Durst, Tricia Durst, Becky Garthofner, Brett Gemlo, Lynn Hertz, Don Husband, Gabrielle Lawrence, Diane Norman, Peggy, Jeff, Charlie and Peggy Olson, Patty Pfalz, Don Postema, Jerry Woelfel, and the invaluable youth group helpers.

Decorating the church: Gary Hagstrom, John Edgerton and elves

To The Women's Christmas Luncheon Committee: Joan Potter, Barb Sommers, Cammie Beattie, Paige Hagstrom, and for bringing all of the Santa gifts- Caroline Jaffrey

To the **choirs** and the **Bells** for beautiful music throughout the season and to Jim Frazier, Lizza Berry and Kate Graber for their creativity and skill.

To Ellen, Lizza and the Pageant Players

For decorating the Fireside Room and hallways so beautifully: Vicky Peterson and Caroline Jaffray.

To **our sextons, Chris Tegeler and Chris Henry, and our secretary Sherry**, for going above and beyond, time and time again.

To **Dusty**, without whom things would fall apart.

Thank you, everyone. Happy New Year from the ***Evangelist!***

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held in the gym on **Sunday, February 5*, 2012**, after the 10:00 service.

Have lunch, thank outgoing vestry members and wardens, approve the new slate of parish leadership and learn about the 2012 budget. Most importantly, come celebrate the wonderful work being done at St. John's!

Childcare provided, but please call the office to let us know how many children are coming

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

*Date is later this year because of
Regional visitation by the Bishop on
January 28-29

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
January 1, 2012—The Holy Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am		Diane Power Team	Emma Grundhauser Emily Brooks Tim Krall Samantha Rosendale	Terri Fishel Pat Brynteson	Erin Weber- Johnson Diane Norman	Pat Brynteson Lee Bradford
10:00 am						
January 8, 2012—The First Sunday after Epiphany First Sunday—Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am		Dusty Mairs Team	Cooper Olson Madeline Weinkauff Rachel Clark Wyatt Furois	Mary and Peter Gilbertson Julia Ferguson Rick Rinkoff	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	Gary & Margaret Barnes Peter Rosendale George & Jennifer Kinkead
10:00 am						
January 15, 2012—The Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am		Pam Strom Team	Charlie Olsen Ethan Furius Ashlyn Andrews Matt Richards	Don Husband Diane Power Roger Bowman Mary Ann Mason	Patricia Durst Kathleen Hanson	Shirley Sailors
10:00 am						
January 22, 2012—The Third Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer—Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am		Pat Brynteson Team	Cameron Gemlo Johannah Frisby Lucy Grundhauser Alex Joyce	Lynn Hertz Bob Horn Paige and Gary Hagstrom	Cammie Beattie Phyllis Frisby	Volunteer Needed
10:00 am						
January 29, 2012—The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am		Diane Power Team	Emma Grundhauser Eli Weinkauff Wyatt Furois Samantha Rosendale	Karin and Kent Furois Ethan and Wyatt	Jeff and Peggy Olsen	Alden Drew Mimie Pollard
10:00 am						

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:



Jan. 1 – 1st Sun. After Christmas

Main Altar

Newton B. and Sarah S. Frost, Robin and Marguerite Baker Frost, David R. and Elizabeth Frost

Little Sanctuary Altar

Ruth and Ralph Brooks

Jan. 8– 1st Sun. After Epiphany

Main Altar

Dorothy and Adrian Drew

Little Sanctuary Altar

In thanksgiving for the members of the bell choir from their director

Jan. 15 – 2nd Sun. After Epiphany

Main Altar

Phyllis and Edward C. Brown

Little Sanctuary Altar

Debbie Pilacinski, Tom Woelfel,
Bert Smith

Jan. 22 – 3rd Sun. After Epiphany

Main Altar

Nathaniel P. and Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P. and Mildred Milton Langford, Joseph and Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt

Little Sanctuary Altar

Phyllis and Dickinson Stromenger

Jan. 29 – 4th Sun. after Epiphany

Main Altar

Audrey and Roger Olsen

Little Sanctuary Altar

Same as above



Create a birthday party in a bag!



Many parents participating in ECS programs cannot afford to buy the supplies to throw their child a birthday party. You can make a child's birthday truly special by collecting fun items to create a party kit in a birthday-themed gift bag.

Suggested items to include:

- Cake mix
- Frosting
- Candles
- Streamers
- Balloons
- Disposable Cameras
- Unsigned birthday cards
- Goodie bags
- Candy
- Party favors

To find out more or to sign up for this project, please contact Mary Schatzlein at (612) 874-8823, or via e-mail at mschatzlein@ecsmn.org.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Debertin, *Senior Warden*
Libby Snelson, *Junior Warden*
Anneke Krall, *Youth*
Rob Beattie, *Music*
Fred Berndt, *Stewardship*
Sue Cadwell, *Clerk of Vestry*
Gary Gleason, *Spiritual Life*
Pam Richards, *Children's Ministry*
Lynn Hertz, *Adult Education*
Kathy Brown, *Membership*
Terri Fishel, *Communication*
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*
Don Weinkauff, *Property*
Jim Johnson, *Treasurer*
Rick Rinkoff, *Assoc. Treasurer*

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Kent Furois, *Head Usher*
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*
Fred Myers, *Historian*
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*
George Power, *Columbarium*
Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

CLERGY

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*
The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*
The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

STAFF

James Frazier, *Director of Music & Organist*
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*
Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*
Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
Nina Costello, *Nursery Supervisor*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Asst. Treasurer*
Sherry Christiansen, *Office Administrator*
Chris Tegler, *Building Manager*
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*

BLOG

... clog, bog, hog, smog, flog. For a long time I hated the word. Actually, I still do. It's a truly revolting word, but our tech-savvy rector has convinced me that an Internet blog is a good way to dispense information.

I tried to mute the effect of "blog" with a more lyrical name: "Epistles and Epiphanies." Jered liked this, after we both rejected "ETC" (overused), "Eagle's Wings" (even though John the Evangelist's symbol is an eagle, there is that popular *funeral* hymn...) and "Figgie Pudding" (my personal favorite but the rector was not swayed).

If you have email, you will receive the rector's Friday Letter on E and E, as well as Barbara's every-other-week-but-sometimes-every-week meditation (formerly "The Tuesday Letter"). We hope other staff members will contribute, too. One advantage of E and E is that we are able to link you directly to other sites, both verbal and visual. I am looking forward to using this feature to send you song snippets, movie clips, and more.

To review:

1. An email will come to you from church notifying you of a new posting.
2. Click on the link (epistlesandepiphanies.wordpress.com) and you will go right to the post.
3. Or just Google the site listed above.
4. You can respond on the E and E site or by emailing the writer at church. We want your comments.

Note: It is very important we keep everyone in the parish updated, so we will be snail-mailing E and E postings on a regular basis to those who do not use email. We are compiling a list now, so call the office if you would like to be on it or if you know someone who should be on it.

It's still an awful word.

~Barbara

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a job, in between jobs or beyond jobs but still have some energy for work? The Episcopal Church in Minnesota is looking for office volunteers. If you have some time and talent, please consider spending part of your day with us, either in person or virtually. We have a need for some front office help including answering phones and light secretarial duties. We also have a need for some project based assistance that can be accomplished from a distance if you have a good computer set up and some good computer skills. We require a pleasant manner, basic computer skills, and a desire to be of service.

Please call us at 612-871-5311 or email maryfred.bw@episcopalmn.org
if you are interested.

**Saint John the Evangelist
Episcopal Church
60 Kent Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102**

Address Service Requested

Please Rush - Dated Material

**NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
TWIN CITIES MN
PERMIT NO. 2441**