

The Bidding Bell

News of the Episcopal Church of Saint John the Baptist, Sanbornville, NH

January 2012

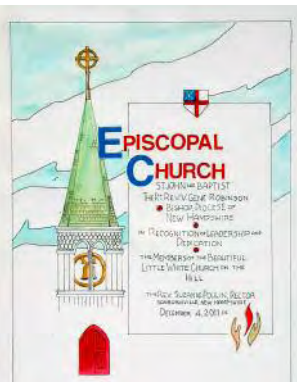
Breakfast with Santa



Thanks to Julie Stackpole and Ann Elkins for the photos!

St. John's Community Day School served chowder, chili, soup and Whoopie Pies during the Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd, at Paul's School. Anne Leach and her array of Beanie Babies were a hit, as they are every year. It's a fund day for all the children to meet Santa and have pancakes for breakfast. There are a lot of activities including crafts and raffle. The Day School serves lunch and this continues to be a successful fundraiser for our little school.

Advent 2 with Bishop Gene



Please remember those on our Prayer List

Trudy, Frank, Jef, Edith, Elijah, Jack, Alice, Claire, Violet, Audrey, the Keating family, Joanne, Eric, Joe, Carol, Dawn, Maureen, Alan, Frances, Valerie, Doris, Lee, Paula, Uldine, Ronnie, Julie, Matthew, Ann Marie, Mallory, Timothy, Sean, Jenifer, Dave, Betty, Sylvia, Edith, Vicki, Diana, Bailey, Paul, Tabby, Glenn, Mickie, John, Bob, Sue, Linda, Gae, Nathaniel.



And those serving in our military

Stephen, Andrew, Martin, Mark, Bruce, AJ, Keith, Ryan, JP, David, Trent, Tyler, Dan, Travis, Jon, Daryl, Calvin, Alex, Ross, Steve.



Mark Your Calendars!!!

St. John the Baptist Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29th, 2012

(Snow date is Sunday, February 5th, 2012)

following the service at 9:30

(approximately 11:00) in the Parish Hall

*Annual Reports for the Annual Meeting Warrant
are due by January 23rd*

Warrant

135th Annual Parish Meeting of the Episcopal church of St. John the Baptist Sanbornville, NH

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, following the 9:30 am Service, in accordance with Article 3 of the By-Laws of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist as amended January 22, 2006.

AGENDA

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| 1. | Opening Prayer | The Reverend Suzanne Poulin |
| 2. | Election of a Person to record minutes of the Annual Meeting. | |
| 3. | Over view, questions and approval of minutes of the last Annual Meeting | |
| 4. | Report of the Clerk | Cricket Dionne |
| 5. | Report of the Treasurer | Jim Mearns |
| 6. | Report of Rector | The Reverend Suzanne Poulin |
| 7. | Report of Wardens | Diana Rose-Ciccarone, Ann Elkins |
| 8. | Report of committees | |
| 9. | Election of Vestry | |
| 10. | Election of the Delegates/Alternates to the Lakes Region convocation and Diocesan convention. | |
| 11. | Such other business as may be properly brought before meeting. | |
| 12. | Closing Prayer and Blessing | The Reverend Suzanne Poulin |

Happy January Birthdays!

- 1/2 - Jackie Keating
- 1/2 - Al Poulin
- 1/2 - Pam Tyler
- 1/5 - Zane Burke
- 1/7 - Tammy-Jo Cameron
- 1/10 - Mim Drugg
- 1/10 - Vivian Moberg



- 1/12 - Kyle Twombly
- 1/13 - Geneva Clifford
- 1/13 - Margie O'Kane
- 1/18 - Novella Dionne
- 1/27 - John Fritz
- 1/30 - Arlene Fogg

Happy January Anniversary!

- 1/24 - Audrey Thompson

Please Help ~ We're Collecting Loose Change!!!

Please place your loose change (or folding money!!!)
in the box on the piano to help offset this year's projected
LARGE heating oil bill. **THANK YOU!!!**





From Rev. Sue's Desk

Vestry

Sr. Warden – Diana
Rose-Ciccarone
603-617-0191
Jr. Warden – Ann Elkins
603-859-3506
Clerk – Cricket Dionne
603-859-5550
Treasurer – Jim Mearns
603-986-2522
Barry Bishop
603-522-6595
David Moberg
603-522-6597
Al Torsey
978-927-8173 (winter)
603-522-3610 (summer)

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy child of Bethlehem:
May the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ our Lord. Amen

As I write this we are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The hustle and bustle of last minute Christmas tasks is still in full tilt and there are many errands yet to be run. The greening of the church is about to happen and the flowers will adorn the sanctuary.

How will all of this change your life? Many of us love traditions passed down over the years. For some we look forward to spending time with family and perhaps a break from work. But what difference does Jesus make? What is it like for those that are struggling to put food on the table, oil in their furnaces, much less toys and gifts under the tree?

“May the light of faith illumine our hearts”, is something that I continue to see in our community life here at St. John's. It has always been here, but we have had our fire lit in the last year. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the many blessings that we have. In the course of this year we have been very intentional about reaching out to others. We have fed those that are hungry, we continue to provide warmth to those that are cold and we adopted a family that needed support for the Christmas season. The outpouring of love and support in these and other efforts has been truly awesome.

The light of our faith is coming through our beautiful stain glass windows. We are spreading the work of the gospel in ways that will only continue to grow. During this Advent season I have been particularly focused on prayer. Listening and imagining how God is calling us to be church in Wakefield. The life and spirit of this community of faith is strong.

In the next month the finance committee and the vestry will be making some tough decisions about how to best use the resources we have. We are considering any and all areas of our budget. The spirit and life of our parish is thriving, but the burden of heating and maintaining three buildings, 3 staff and a 3/4 time priest, and the every day expenses of our lives together are beyond our means. Please keep the vestry, the finance committee, the staff and myself in your prayers.

The birth of Jesus changes our lives in ways we may sometimes take for granted or forget. Jesus came to give us hope. Jesus came to us as a baby, God incarnate, pure love. Hope is one of God's greatest blessings. It allows us to open our hearts and minds to what surprises God has in store for us.

May the birth of Jesus continue to change your life this year.

Rev. Sue's office hours

Rev. Sue is in the office MOST Wednesdays and Thursdays.
She welcomes your calls for appointments on these days, or other times as desired.
Please call or email the office to set up a convenient time!

A Prayer for the Election of a new Bishop

Holy God, we pray that you help us in our search for a new bishop. Guide the members of our Diocese charged with overseeing and implementing the search with skill and open hearts, and of managing the transition to a new bishop with sensitivity and grace. Inspire worthy servants of your church to stand bravely for election. Send your Holy Spirit upon the delegates who will vote for our next bishop. Support our new bishop every step of the way, and give peace and knowledge of service well done to our retiring bishop, Gene. Give us all patience, wisdom, and that gracious hospitality of soul that allows us to hear your voice and see your face in each other, even when we differ. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*The Appeal to Rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral
Port-au-Prince, Haiti*

On December 4th, the Episcopal Church of Saint John the Baptist joined the rest of the Diocese of New Hampshire and the Episcopal Church of the United States to help rebuild the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. With your help, we have to date received money totaling \$150.00 which allows us the buy 15 bricks! If you would still like to help, there is still time, our campaign will continue until Epiphany on January 8, 2012. If you need any more information, please contact Kirsten Gowdy at kmgowdy@hotmail.com or check out the Haiti appeal website at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/HaitiAppeal/>

Parish Supper **Sunday, January 22, 4:00 pm**

Menu not yet decided!
Please call the office for reservations
(Dave needs to know how many to cook for!)
by January 15th



**Want to know if St. John's services
are cancelled due to bad weather?
Look for St. John's on WMUR Channel 9!**

Rev. Sue will make the decision based on conditions. An email will be sent to those who have given us an address and a notice will be posted on the website as quickly as possible. If you don't "internet" and would like a phone call, please let the office know.

November 2011 YTD Financials

TOTAL INCOME	142,025.71*
EXPENSES	
B Operating Expenses	139, 391.96
C Outreach, Education, Evangelism	1,325.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	140, 717.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,308.71

*Income includes 4144.21 from Capital Reserves. There is an actual deficit of **-2,835.50**.

Vestry Report ~ December 14, 2011



Opening Prayer: Rev. Sue Poulin

Attendance: Rev. Sue Poulin, Jim Mearns, Treasurer, Diana Rose-Ciccarone, Sr. Warden, Ann Elkins, Jr. Warden, David Moberg, Dave Tyler, Barry Bishop, Cricket Dionne, Clerk.

Clerk's Report: Cricket Dionne

The Clerk's Report was distributed, and read by the Vestry. Jim Mearns motioned to accept the Clerk's Report, Ann Elkins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Mearns

Jim Mearns distributed his report to the Vestry for review and comment. There is a significant increase in the fuel consumption of the Church, of which there is concern. Jim explained the budget report and budgeting process. Jim indicated that the same process of budgeting will be used in formulating our new budget of 2012. Additionally, Jim stated that the plate income has exceeded the projected budget however the pledges are down from what was projected in the budget. Rev. Sue stated that all the work that was done in the past two years, regarding the budget process, seems to be working well, and it will be an asset in the preparation of the next budget. Rev. Sue thanked both Jim and Penny for all their work. Jim recommended that the money received from the Endowments be transferred from the regular checking account to the Capital Reserve Fund. David Moberg motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Diana Rose-Ciccarone seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Sr. Warden's Report: Diana Rose-Ciccarone
Diana Rose-Ciccarone stated that the interest on

our Endowments continues to be down, and may affect our projected income for 2012.

Some of the Vestry members will be rotating off, and new Vestry members will need to be recruited for 2012. Rev. Sue is in the process of speaking with potential Vestry Members, for the upcoming year.

The 2010 Audit has not yet been started. David Moberg is currently working on developing this project.

Rector's Report: Rev. Sue Poulin

Energy Audit: Paula Bibber's husband does Energy Audits for the State of NH; he met with both Rev. Sue and Jim Mearns approximately 3 weeks ago. Mr. Bibber recommended that the Church be worked on first, some of the suggestions would be to put gravel in the basement, followed by sealing all the duct work. The building needing the most work is the Parish Hall building. Additionally, the Parish House is also losing heat through the duct work, ceilings and walls. Mr. Bibber indicated to Rev. Sue and Jim Mearns, that he would put a list together, listing the problems that should be addressed, along with suggestions.

Combined Services: The attendance was down during Advent.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee was held following the Vestry Meeting.

Next Vestry Meeting: January 11, 2012

Annual Meeting: January 29, 2012

Closing Prayer: Rev. Sue Poulin

Respectfully submitted, Cricket Dionne
Vestry Clerk



DRUMMING CIRCLE

Our Drumming Circle is returning to the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month at 6:30 pm in the St. John's Parish Hall. The drumming will be led by drum instructor, John Felice. Bring a drum (or other percussion instrument) if you have one but there will be many available if you don't. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

This is a very informal evening and lots of fun. Come and share the experience of community and the sacred rhythm that connects us all. Suggested donation to cover the cost of the instructor: \$5-10.

Our next Drumming Circle is Friday, January 6th.

January 2012 Participant Schedule *If you cannot carry out your assignment, please call someone to replace you and notify the church office.*

Scheduler	Title	January 1 9:30	January 8 9:30	January 15 9:30	January 22 9:30	January 29 9:30	February 5 9:30
Church Office 522-3329	Euch. Min. 9:30	Linda Loucony	David Moberg	Jim Horrigan	Joanne Bond	Jackie Keating	Dave Tyler
Church Office 522-3329	Lector 9:30	Jackie Keating	Jeremy Burke	Kirsten Gowdy	Jim Horrigan	Dave Tyler	Jackie Keating
Church Office/Adults 522-3329 Diana Rose-Ciccarone/Kids 522-8835	Acolyte 9:30	Puma Lanoix	Dave Tyler	Jackie Keating	Kirsten Gowdy	David Moberg	Peter Campbell
Jim Keating 522-8486 Dave Tyler 332-7415	Usher 9:30	TBD Anne Leach	Jane Daniell Julia Stackpole	David Moberg Dave Tyler	Dave Tyler David Moberg	Penny & Jim Mearns	Julia Stackpole Anne Leach
Pam Tyler 332-7415	Coffee Hour	Pam & Dave Tyler	Ann Cuffey, Joanne Bond	Sunday School	Cricket & Novella Dionne	DOK	TBD
Judy Gray 986-4388	Altar Guild	Kirsten Gowdy	Alberta Randall	Judy Gray	Ann Elkins	Kirsten Gowdy	Tina Firicano
Uldine Drown 522-8294	Thrift Shop	1/6 Ann Elkins, Cindy Caddell 1/7 Joanne Bond, Pam Tyler	1/13 Anne Leach, Carol Ross 1/4 Amy Elliott, Kathy Poulin	1/20 Ann Elkins, Pam Tyler 1/21 Cindy Caddell, Julia Stackpole	1/27 Anne Leach, Carol Ross 1/28 Martha Pike, Mary Hansen	2/3 Ann Elkins, Pam Tyler 2/4 Amy Elliott, Kathy Poulin	2/10 Anne Leach, Carol Ross 2/11 Joanne Bond, Julia Stackpole
Church Office 522-3329	Bread Ministry	Jackie Keating	Pam Tyler		Ann Elkins	Jackie Keating	
Church Office 522-3329	Collection	Cricket Dionne	Diana Rose- Ciccarone	Barry Bishop	Ann Elkins	David Moberg	Dave Tyler

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>January 2012</h2>						
1 Sunday School-9:15 Combined Service-9:30	2	3 Bible Study-11:30	4	5 AA-7:30	6 Knitting Group-10:00 Drumming Circle-6:30	7
8 Sunday School-9:15 Combined Service-9:30 Outreach Committee Mtg.-10:45	9	10 Bible Study-11:30	11 Vestry Mtg.-1:00 Craft Nite-6:00	12 AA-7:30	13	14
15 Children's Sunday Combined Service-9:30 Women's Guild Mtg.-10:45	16	17 Bible Study-11:30	18 Craft Nite-6:00	19 12-Step HE & Healing-6:00 AA-7:30	20 Knitting Group-10:00	21
22 Sunday School-9:15 Combined Service-9:30 Leadership Mtg.-10:45 Parish Supper-4:00	23 Annual Reports due	24 Bible Study-11:30 Bidding Bell deadline-noon	25 Craft Nite-6:00	26 AA-7:30	27	28
29 Sunday School-9:15 Combined Service-9:30 Annual Meeting-10:45*	30	31 Bible Study-11:30				

* Snow date February 5