

The Messenger



Our New Parish House and Luke's Gospel

"...get the fatted calf, let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Through the summer and fall we have been hearing on Sundays of lost coins and sheep, prodigal sons and scoundrel managers, tax collectors, indifferent judges, and neglected widows who have come in from the cold to Jesus' fellowship. Monday through Friday, if close by, we've been hearing bulldozers, cranes, hammers, and drills as our parish house rises. How fitting. Now we are ready to move in to receive, embrace, and extend Christ's call.

Here are events the next three Sundays:

Oct. 31- Nursery opens in the southwest corner

Nov. 7, All Saints Sunday- Our first receptions in the Great Hall

Nov. 14- Margaret-Bullit Jonas, guest preacher and
9:15 forum in the Great Hall.

We are looking ahead to moving in fully, certainly by the Christmas Fair and Open House Sat. Dec. 4.

The homecoming Christ offers throughout Luke's gospel is to lost souls, scattered sheep, isolated individuals. Who in today's world is not frequently lost, scattered, and isolated? Your vestry and commissions- Outreach, Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Formation, Finance and Stewardship- are all prayerfully considering our coming months. May God give us the grace to choose and act wisely, for our country and parish.

The Reverend Daniel Warren
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THANKSGIVING
DAY
EUCHARIST
SERVICE
NOVEMBER 25
10:00 A.M.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCES & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MOVE
DAYS

SATURDAYS
MORNINGS

NOVEMBER 6

&

NOVEMBER 13

*COME JOIN IN
AS WE MOVE
INTO OUR
NEW BUILDING*

As we approach the Holiday Season, I thought I might suggest a way of giving – not once but twice.

In our household we know we do not need more “stuff”. Most of our family and friends also have all the “stuff” they need. During the last several years, we have found satisfaction for ourselves and gratitude of family and friends by giving a donation to Habitat for Humanity in place of a wrapped gift or “stuff”. With your donation you may list the name(s) of those whom you wish to remember. You may either send a card yourself or ask the Habitat Office to send one to those you are remembering.

The additional bonus of making a donation is that this gift is received **TWICE!** Habitat for Humanity and the families who will have a safe home because of this program AND your family and friends.

Habitat building is going on year-round. Habitat appreciates any assistance you can give.

Any questions, please call.

Jean Mulligan 798-6765

DESPERATELY SEEKING HOME COOKED FOOD!

For over 13 years volunteers from St. Paul's have shared responsibility for preparing an evening meal for the Tedford Shelter in Brunswick. We now have 4 teams of 6 volunteers each who cook. As a volunteer you prepare a dish (for 10) in your own home and deliver it to the Shelter on your designated Sunday before 5 P.M.. **Would you be interested in this ministry?** The time commitment is about 2-4 hours (depending on your recipe) for four Sundays per year (or less if you are an alternate).

We NEED new volunteers for both regular quarterly rotations or as alternates.

Please call Lucinda White at 865-4635, if you are interested.

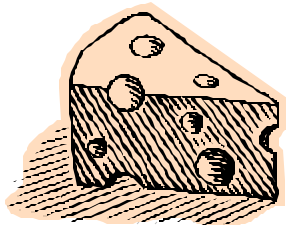
SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

By the time you read this report, the nursery will have moved (10/31) into its new safe and airy space. The nursery had to move first due to its growth which caused overcrowded conditions. The office will also have moved (11/1) to its new space allowing for movement without saying " excuse me , excuse me". As I said at the services on October 25th , it is amazing with such a large project to be moving in on November 1st as we planned many months ago. Wright-Ryan had originally said we would be in by Thanksgiving, but when the contract was finalized, it had a date of November 1st. Wright-Ryan's superintendent on sight, Kirk Goddard, was responsible for keeping track of the many subcontractors' workmen and being sure they performed on time – and obviously they did.

It is now time for all of us to take part in St. Paul's many ministries and outreach opportunities these facilities make possible. Many, many people have devoted their time and energy to successfully complete our great new building and I am deeply grateful.

Faithfully,

Dick



CABOT CHEDDAR CHEESE

Cabot Cheddar Cheese again this year-direct from the creamery at last year's price \$6.00 per pound. Please sign up for your Thanksgiving cheese now-deadline for this order will be **November 14th** with delivery to you on Sunday, November 21st. Check the sign up sheets with the blue/green colors.

If you want cheese on Fair Day, sign up on the sheet with the red/green colors.

We will have only these two deliveries, so don't be left out. Last year we sold every pound and some were disappointed. Any questions, please call Duane Peck, 725-8137.

THANKS

The residents of The Highlands wish to thank all of the faithful St. Paul's drivers who have served driving the van over the past ten years

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The new Communication Committee is now being formed to start its work by the first of next year. If you would like to consider participating on the committee, phone Susan or June at the office and they will mail you a fuller description of what is involved.

In brief the vision of the committee is to promote excellent communication within the congregation and to the public in communities served by St. Paul's. The website should be one of the most important sources of information, publicity and advertising for St. Paul's.

Its objective are:

- A. To have activities within St. Paul's open and transparent to all in order to promote a strong sense of belonging and a high level of participation.
- B. To enhance the growth of the congregation with special emphasis on young families.
- C. To facilitate excellent communications. The new communication committee represents the parishioners by selecting what activities that are of interest and writing/publishing articles about those.

Let us mail you a write up and see if you would like to be involved in this new adventure.

John C McCurrach
Junior Warden

INVISIBLE

Curtis Memorial Library on November 19 at 7:00 p.m

On March 16,1621 Samoset walked from Pemaquid Colony settlers by walking between the houses shouting in good English, "Much welcome Englishmen"

Almost 400 years later the Committee on Indian Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine & Acadia Film Video has the pleasure of presenting the film Invisible concerning present day Maine Indians. It took 2 1/2 years to raise the funds for the production, the filming took another 2 1/2 years under the fine direction of Gunnar Hansen who has fine charisma with Maine's Indians, David Westphal cameraman and technician, and James Eric Francis, Penobscot historian. Every effort was made to make this the Indian's film to show us their side of life. This is the most powerful Indian film that I have seen in more than 50 years of interest in them. I am sure that it will be an important Indian film. The organizers of the 36th Algoquian Conference previewed the film, immediately ordered a copy and scheduled it for the evening of the opening session on October 28,2004

The committee presented a copy to Bishop Knudsen which she enjoyed. You too can enjoy this film when it is shown here in Brunswick, at the Curtis Memorial Library on November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY

For the past several years J2A students have sold fruit to help cover the cost of our activities and pilgrimage trips. This year due to problems caused by hurricane damage in Florida, we will be trying something new. We will be pre selling the wonderful coffee that we use at coffee hour every Sunday.

“Bishop's Blend, a new premium line of coffee sold in partnership with Pura Vida Coffee is part of a fundraising and fair trade project offered through the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) organization. When you purchase Bishop's Blend, you help extend the mission of ERD. You respond to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. Your purchase will help:

- Disadvantaged women find jobs and support their children
- Uneducated men find work and feed their families
- Communities rebuild after an earthquake
- Orphans receive education, care, and counseling

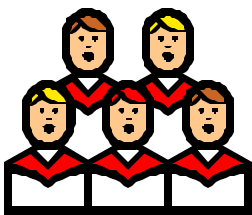
And much more!

Bishop's Blend is certified fair trade, organic, and shade grown. That means coffee farmers are paid a fair living wage and given access to affordable credit.”

We will also be selling nuts and candy.

So buy coffee to give as a gift or use at home and help our J2A groups and Episcopal Relief and Development at the same time. We will take orders after church starting in November.

Linda Ashe-Ford



THE FESTIVAL CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN!

Come sing with the Festival Choir on Christmas Eve when we celebrate the birth of the baby, Jesus. "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" will be our anthem this year. For such a beautiful, inspired piece of music **WE NEED ALL AGES OF VOICES!** The minimum age for participation is 3 years old, but there is no age limit. I encourage children of all ages, and their parents, too, if they are interested in making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We are going to have fun with this, but I do need voices. The Festival Choir provides an opportunity for those who do not participate in a weekly choir experience throughout the regular season. Do not give one thought to the quality of your voice. When we all sing together we will be making a joyful noise. Give it a try! (It will guarantee you a great seat in a packed house!).

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings (time TBD, usually around 5:00 or 5:30, and lasting for just 30 minutes), and will be held on November 17, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Where? The Library Room of the new Parish Hall.



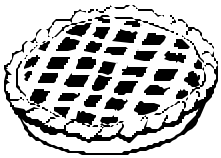
68TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

Preparations for the 68th annual Christmas Fair and Open House are underway. The proceeds of the Fair go to St. Paul's outreach programs. Last year, we raised \$11,300 after expenses. The primary focus of the Fair is to feature gifts, food, fine arts, crafts, and greens—all made by St. Paul's parishioners. This year, the White Elephant is returning now that we have such wonderful space.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate whether it's attending a workshop, donating to a table, working fair day, helping with setup and cleanup, or making a cash contribution to help offset the \$5,000 to \$6,000 of expenses.

The Christmas Fair Newsletter will be mailed in early November. Please look it over and call Connie Burt (522-2538) or Rhonda Frothingham (729-3603) or the specific fair chairs to let us know how you'd like to contribute.

APPLE PIES FOR THANKSGIVING



The workshops to prepare the St. Paul's Thanksgiving Apple Pies are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 9** and **Thursday, November 11** - in the new building! Mixing dough for crusts will be from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., and then we need lots of people from **6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** to make pies.

No knowledge is necessary for this workshop. It is on-the-job training such as peeling apples, snipping them into little pieces, rolling out the pie dough, mixing the ingredients for the apples, filling the pie shells, crimping the edges of the pie, and putting the pie in a bag with a twist-tie. We also need a few holy rollers to roll out the pie crusts. All ages are welcome.

Come help us fill our new building with the smell of apples and cinnamon!

This year we need extra freezer space to house pies for a few days. If you can volunteer freezer space for a few pies, that would be greatly appreciated. As always, donations of ingredients are very welcome. Please call Sharon Pedersen if you can help with these, or sign-up on the vestibule bulletin board.

Pies are only \$9 each and can be ordered on the sign-up sheets in the vestibule. Pies will be available for pickup during St. Paul's Cafe on Wednesday November 10, and after all services on Sunday November 14. They are delivered unbaked and frozen, and then you bake it at home for a delicious home-made pie.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE IS BACK!

Thanks to our new space, we have room for this old favorite table at the Christmas Fair. Items we need are glassware, flatware, antiques of any kind, kitchen items, SMALL pieces of wooden furniture, fine linens (no sheets, blankets, etc., please), silver anything, dolls, toys, games, collectables, etc.

If you have something you would like to donate that would make a good silent auction item, please let me know as soon as possible so I can begin the advertisement.

Our space is still limited. Please save books, appliances, and large items for the Church Yard Sale in the spring. Questions, please ask. Bonny Labonte (729-5226)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

Please remember to make gift items for this table as you are making gifts this season. Suggested items are: tree decorations, clothing, stenciled or cross stitched or quilted gifts, pillows, scarves, tiles or any hand made articles you choose.

Thanks for your help.
Nancy Adams & Louise Colburn

COUNTRY STORE

Donations of jams, jellies, pickles, dilly beans, and other homemade creations such as mixes in a jar, are needed to stock the shelves of the Country Store. All donations can be left in the church office. On Monday November 8th and Thursday, November 18th at 5:30 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, we will be mixing spice blends, packaging, and pricing. It is always a fun time and we hope you can join us.

Please call Nancy Whitehouse (725-6522) or Marilyn Prince (622-6895) for more information.

Thanks you for your support!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 11/01 Jackie Dimond | 11/09 Helen Sturm | 11/21 Sarah Bertulli |
| 11/03 Sarah Moore | 11/11 Amanda Deveaux | 11/21 Wilbur Purinton |
| 11/03 Russell Dolan | 11/11 Robyn McCausland | 11/21 Meg Warren |
| 11/03 Jenna Brooks | 11/11 Linton Studdiford | 11/23 Louise Colburn |
| 11/04 Peggy Cheetham | 11/13 William Hills | 11/23 Charlotte Eberle |
| 11/04 Jean Chiquoine | 11/14 John Chiquoine | 11/24 Kimberly Lermond |
| 11/04 Beverly Nickerson | 11/14 Claire Leonard | 11/24 Peter Burtt |
| 11/04 Caroline Savage | 11/14 Justyn Spinney | 11/25 Constance Burt |
| 11/04 Susan Tyler | 11/15 June Nering | 11/28 Stephen McCausland |
| 11/08 Jane Johnson | 11/18 Kimberly Hills | 11/28 Josephine Belknap |
| 11/09 Matt Melander | 11/18 Meghan Bugler | 11/28 Stephanie Rendell |
| 11/09 Priscilla Rooth | 11/19 Peggy Wescott | 11/29 Helen Freeman |
| 11/09 Chelsea McCormick | 11/20 Peter Colburn | 11/29 Diane Munro |
| | 11/20 Lisa Rendell | 11/30 Dorothy Downing |

MESSENGER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December Messenger is November 20th. You can drop off any submissions at the church office in the Messenger box under the calendar. You may also email articles or ministries schedules to SusanTyler@stpaulsmaine.org

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