



The Net Tender

Newsletter of St. Andrew & St. John Episcopal Church

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HUMOR, OPENNESS, AND IMAGINATION...

I write with the sounds of runners finishing the MDI Marathon next door and before I finish packing for my trip to Jerusalem. What a full weekend we have had with Bishop Lane officiating at our groundbreaking ceremony Friday afternoon and then driving to Bar Harbor for a beautiful, festive Evensong to say farewell to Jonathan and Ruth Appleyard after nine years as Rector of St. Saviour's. I think it was (the Rev.) Patricia Robertson who noted to me how complimentary the two services were, displaying the distinctiveness and synergies between the two parishes, and how fitting that we should mark the start of new endeavors and say fond farewells at the same time.

The two occasions got me thinking about how buildings shape us in subtle ways and conversely how we shape buildings. As a child, or rather as a *younger* child, I desperately wanted to follow in my grandfather's and great-uncle's footsteps and become an architect. For a variety of reasons my aspirations changed, possibly because I am not that handy with tools. Initially, I became fascinated by the different facades and shapes of the buildings in New York City: the Guggenheim Museum was around the corner. A bit later, I became intrigued with the some times striking differences between the insides and outsides of buildings. Still later

I became aware how much our built environment shapes us, often how we view the world, how it shapes our movements, our expectations and thinking. Some of these ideas might fit within the Chinese concept of *feng shui*.

Buildings also are vessels of memory, and when we change them we have a difficult time remembering how they were before that change. Often we need a photograph or a story to prompt and remind us. How often have you driven by a location with a new building and you have a difficult time remembering how it was before? So it will be with St. John's. What is especially notable about St. John's is how long it has been in the same footprint and in similar configuration, with some significant changes to windows in the early 1970s and the modest changes to the front in the 1990's. Seventy years is a long time.



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The addition to St. John's building will not only add long desired and necessary capacity: the ability to get people in and out of the building more easily and to provide much better meeting and office space. The addition will change how we experience each other, how we use other parts of the building, and what we expect of ourselves and our community. Sometimes these changes can be jarring and unsettling, at least at first. Those who arrive at the parish tomorrow or next year will not experience it as change, but rather as fitting. The clergy that we call early next year will be formed in part by these changes.

I want to echo what (the Rev.) Ann Kidder, our Rector from 1998 to 2004, said to Joan Bromage: "The Ground Breaking Ceremony showed St. John at its best:" its humor, its openness, its imagination in food, flowers, music and fellowship. That both services had so many guests and visitors from neighboring parishes and the wider community, I believe is a testament to our increased willingness to work together in mission to our Island community. Finally: thanks to everyone for contributing, participating and using the shovels to turn over dirt. As I say to my children: Being a Christian and an Episcopalian is a contact sport, not a spectator sport.

With my warmest fall greetings on this most colorful of days,
Ted Fletcher

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

The monthly musical evenings instigated and organized by Peter Vaux, and open to all, have been a great success. Each evening combines singing by the group attending, led by Maestro Vaux, and a performance either by guest musicians or some usual suspects within the group. The events are held at the home of a gracious host, and there is an abundance of camaraderie and a great variety of music. In all of these respects, these occasions resemble events known as Schubertiades—events first held during the lifetime of Franz Schubert (1797 – 1828) with the purpose of performing and celebrating his music in an informal setting.

Schubertiades during the composer's lifetime were typically held in private homes and often included his participation when held in or near Vienna, where Schubert lived for most of his life. These evenings included poetry readings, dancing, and other social activities, and the number of people ranged from one to about 100.

One of Schubert's friends claimed to hold Schubertiades solo; he wrote 'I treat myself to a Schubertiade now and again'. An 1868 drawing by the artist Moritz von Schwind depicts a typical Schubertiade, with Herr Schubert at the piano, surrounded by friends. The drawing is reproduced in biographies of the composer and in many music history texts.

But one can experience such a scene without picking up a book; simply venture out to one or more of our own MDI Schubertiades. [Some information for this article is from the website en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schubertiade.]
Stephen Sampson

192nd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MAINE

Mary Mitchell and I, elected delegates from the parish of St. Andrew and St. John, attended the Diocese of Maine Convention, which was held October 21 and 22, 2011, at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River, Maine. The theme for the convention was "Our Help is in the Name of the Lord: Maker of Heaven and Earth."

Friday's schedule included convention hearings on finance, resolutions, and canons, which were open of any interested persons. There were also optional workshops for delegates to go to. The most popular one was on an overview of the current situation in Palestine and Israel and what Christians can do to become peacemakers and ease the suffering of people caught in the conflict. Other workshops were participation in the convention choir rehearsal, a walk (in silence) to a covered bridge, telling your parish story, and Mission Study Group white papers and resolutions.

Mary and I attended the evening's activities, which for us included a social gathering at the North Peak Lodge via the "Chondola", a chairlift/gondola. The views from the ridge were spectacular with autumn colors and mountain ridges. A Thanksgiving Dinner was served at the South Ridge Base Lodge after our return ride on the Chondola.

Saturday was a busy day, beginning with Morning Prayer. The business of the day was (1) elections, (2) resolutions from the various committees, and (3) the proposed budget. The budget was approved. Not all of the resolutions were brought to the floor. Information on the three major points of business is available on the Diocese of Maine website.

The highlights of our meeting were the delegates we met from other parishes in Maine that are in some form of "collaboration, partnership, or sharing" with parishes near by and not so near by; the wonderful choir and the services of Morning Prayer, Noon Day Prayer and end-of-convention Holy Eucharist; and the Bishop's convention address and sermon at the Eucharist were inspiring and thought provoking. The addresses and sermon are also on the website.

Thank you for electing us to represent you.

Margot Haertel

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

All Saints Day, November 1

Evensong—5:30 p.m.



Pentecost 21, Sunday, November 6

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant: The Rev. Johanna-Karen Johannson

Pentecost 22, Sunday, November 13

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 123; Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Christ the King, Sunday, November 20

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Advent 1, Sunday, November 27

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



Thursdays: 12:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY FORUMS at St. Johns are quite special

With deep appreciation the vestry accepted Bill Baker's resignation as coordinator of our Sunday forums. The vestry passed the following resolution: "The wardens and vestry thank Bill Baker for his leadership of the Sunday forums. We appreciate his energy, intelligence and creativity. Through Bill's efforts, we were treated to weekly presenters who spoke on a wide range of topics, drawing in members of the community as well as members of our parish. The forums were often provocative, sometimes very moving, and always informative. We are very grateful." We are seeking a new volunteer to plan and coordinate the Sunday Forums.

During this time of transition the vestry will host a forum the second Sunday of every month. The first one will be held on November 13 at 9 AM in the undercroft. The forum will be to discuss and answer questions about the search for the shared priest in charge and the construction project.

A couple of forums have been set up for the Fall 2011 season. One of them was given by Bunny Watts in October. She shared moving poetry that she wrote after the loss of her son. We are publishing one of the poems in this NT issue (page 5). The other forum will be Sunday, November 6 at 9 AM in the undercroft. Susan Buell will tell the story of Francis Perkins.

LEADERS SOUGHT:

(Ted F. will chair the nominating committee. Please consider one of these positions and speak with Ted of your interest.)

Junior Warden

Treasurer

Clerk

Vestry Member

Forum Leader Coordinator

Net Tender Editor

Westside Food Pantry Thank-You Note Writer

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Baptized in Grand Rapids
- Confirmed in Rome
- New Years 1974 in Reykjavik
- Summered in Bar Harbor, wintered in SWH
- Hopped freights in Kansas and California
- Went four months without eating
- Married the girl (almost) next door
- Occasionally knits and makes quilts

Who Am I?

● ● ● WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY ● ● ●

The Westside Food Pantry will start the 2011-2012 season next Sunday, November 6th and will continue to serve neighbors in need through April, 2012. Because of the deep and continuing economic crisis and because governments at all levels are reducing aid to needy families, we anticipate needing \$100,000 to meet the expected increase in the number of families coming to us for help. (Last food pantry season we gave out \$93,000 in vouchers). We are very concerned that we will not have the funds to meet this growing need. Therefore the food pantry committee has very reluctantly decided to decrease the amount we will give to each head of household.

The Westside Food Pantry Committee has completed a very busy summer of fundraising. We are gratified that the community has shown their support in so many ways. We have many people to thank:



Debbie Dubois

Judy Taylor, Seal Cove artist and Maine Department of Labor muralist, who donated a signed original watercolor for the raffle; the Southwest Harbor Library for designating the food pantry as a recipient of donations made in memory of Pete Peterson; musicians Amos Lawrence, Rosalind Gnatt, Deborah Stranger Fortier and especially Stephen Sampson all of whom performed in fundraising recitals; Pemetic School, especially Pam Priest and Barbara Pettegrow, for their support during the recent bean supper.



Top of Hill diners

These fundraisers have gotten us off to a good start--WE NEED SO MUCH MORE!--our appeal letter will be mailed out soon. Please be as generous as possible. Drop your check in the offering basket on any Sunday or send your tax deductible donation to: Westside Food Pantry, PO Box 767, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679
Thank you, *Susan and Dean*

Bean Supper

Mary M., Jean, Barbara, and Dianne would like to thank everyone for their support for the Fourth Annual Baked Bean Supper. Pemetic School and Staff members Mary Lou, Barbara and Pam were most gracious, Muffet at St. Saviour's helped with our PR and Lori and Beth from Tremont Congregation Church—awesome pie ladies. Thanks again to Bob and Elaine, our beans were the best ever. Special thanks to Floy, Diane K., Peggy, Ida, Patsy, Rita, Ann B., Chloe, Jayne, Edie, Marilyn, Mary V., Sandy and Eleanor, Betsy and John, Carol, Ellen, and Susan for pies, bread, \$ donations, setup, serving and cleanup. We fed parishioners, our friends from other churches as well as neighbors from our MDI community. Over \$800 will be added to the Food Pantry fund for a season that will be a challenge financially for many. We are blessed with many open hearts. Thanks be to God.



Thank-You Note Writer Needed

Without doubt one of the most important ministries of our Westside Food Pantry is writing a simple and sincere "thank you" for contributions large and small. Surely receiving such acknowledgement is an important motivation to give again and again. We need someone to head-up this ministry as soon as possible. Will you respond to this invitation to write notes of thanks for our Westside Food Pantry? Ellen Gilmore has agreed to continue to help with the note writing duties. If your heart is speaking to you to "make a difference" speak to, call, or e-mail me about what is involved. Dean Henry, 244-3539, dean1@myfairpoint.net

The Judy Taylor Raffle

The drawing for the raffle was October 23rd during announcements at the 10:00 service. From June-October, over 1100 tickets were sold and we raised nearly \$5700 for the food pantry. Our thanks to Judy Taylor for donating the beautiful watercolor and to the many folks



from Southwest Harbor, the Island, and all over the country, Great Britain and Canada who bought raffle tickets. Thank you, as well, to the many members of the food pantry committee who worked hard all summer selling the tickets. Local folks who stopped by the raffle table at the farmers' market knew about and were very supportive of the work of our food pantry. Folks from around the country told us about their food pantries' attempts to alleviate hunger in their hometowns.

Our supply priest, Debbie Little Wyman drew the winning ticket, and it was ME! I was stunned and embarrassed. I am thankful for the good humor and graciousness of all of you in response to this unexpected turn of events. My family and I are enjoying Judy's beautiful painting.

Thank you all,
Susan Buell



COMMON GOOD SOUP KITCHEN

A special popover brunch benefit for the Common Good Soup Kitchen of Southwest will be held on Sunday, November 6, from 10 am to 2 PM at the Common Good Cafe. Quiches, Crepes, omelets to order and a full self-service popover bar will be featured along with live musical entertainment. A fixed price of \$12.00 is the suggested donation, half price for children under 12. "Our brunches thus far have all been very popular, this time we are going all out to provide something different for the community, because we really need to collect funds for this year's winter program," said common good Board Chairman Arnold Weisenberg. "Jordan Pond House has already been gracious enough to let us have some popover pans on loan and we are prepared to have them popping out in the hundreds this Sunday," said popover chef and vice-president of mirth Larry Stettner.

The third season of the Common Good Kitchen's community meals gets underway at noon on Thursday, November 3rd. Over 6,000 people and over 20,000 bowls of soup have been served at these weekly events from November through April over the last two years. The meals feature a variety of healthful, delicious soups and salads along with home baked breads served in a warm community atmosphere with an ocean view and live music. There is a no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. The Common Good Kitchen is located at 566 Seawall Road, on route 102A in Southwest Harbor adjacent to the Seawall Motel. Call 266-2733 for further information.

October Forum Poetry by Eleanor Watts

FALL MORNING – October 28, 2007

It didn't happen often,
Those crisp mornings
When we would share coffee
On the Redding deck
Watching your dogs
Talking about your life.
At first just the two of us
then with a tot in your arms
And then one under each arm.
A few Thanksgivings.
A Christmas or two.
And finally an April morning
This time watching Bailey.
We were the early birds,
You and I.
Time together, quietly sharing, enjoying.
Payback time for all our years of struggle
When sleep was all you wanted in the morning.
I go there now, coffee in hand.
Bailey checks the morning smells
And, in some new way,
We are together again.



Birthdays

NOVEMBER

- 5—Mary Lawrence
- 11—Vanessa Pinkham
- 12—Joseph Fallica
- 14—Winthrop Short
- 15—Elke O'Donnell
- 16—Elisabeth Buell
- 18—Ellen Gilmore
- 22—Kathryn Hiscock
- 25—Spencer Ervin
- 26—Michele Daley
- 29—Floy Ervin

Wedding Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

- 23—Bob and Elaine Theriault

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please check the status of your 2011 pledge payments. We have a wonderful track record of consistently receiving 100% payment of pledges, so this is a gentle reminder that with only two months remaining in the year, we are awaiting payment of about 40% of the pledged amount. Thanks, *Jim Vekasi*

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Demolition went very smoothly, but we are currently stalled for a couple of weeks as Eden Builders and Doug Gott & Sons remove ledge from the area of the clergy office. The ledge is very close to the surface and quite hard. It will take blasting to remove it. Once the blasting is complete and the entire area is excavated, construction of the foundations and crawl space can proceed. You can follow progress at the new blog being created by Jayne Ashworth and Mary Vekasi using our very own St. John and Andrew website. Keep posted while we put it all together.

Jim Vekasi



OCTOBER VESTRY BULLETS

- There is a very interested potential buyer for the Sawyer House.
- Todd Hardy has agreed to put a cover over the chimney to keep away the pigeons.
- Clean-up day for St. John will be October 29th, beginning at 8:30 AM.
- Thanks were expressed to Jim and Mary Vekasi and Ted Bromage for their work on the front railings and stairs, which greatly improve the appearance of the church entryway.
- All is going as planned for the construction project.
- Jim will set up a regular weekly meeting with Todd to get progress reports.
- Next Steps for hiring a priest-in-charge: creating & writing a parish profile with St. Saviour's.

COUNTING MY BLESSINGS...inspiring a gift to the Blessings Fund

I give thanks for the blessing of having known and had as inspiration several of the stalwart older women in our parish who have died over the past several years. The most recent is **Georgie Seavey**, who died at the age of 102, on October 9th. When Georgie extended her warm greetings to us at St. Andrew's each week when we first came, she was 85, proud of her church and welcomed our new faces with a beatific smile and outstretched hands. Also on the list are **Florence Murphy**, who extended the same kind of welcome to St. John's each week; **Joyce Norwood**, with her spirit and sense of humor; **Priscilla Trafton**, who as a child watched her mother work on the Altar Guild at St. John's, and kept the faith all her life; and **Rita Kenway**, a talented writer and musician who kept her spirit through a long period of declining health. I could think of others, I know. Each woman's deep faith, expressed in prayer and joyful service, will always be examples for me of the love of God expressed in love for others. Within our parish are many blessings in those who still live to worship, pray faithfully and work hard for our parish. I expect you all can think of others who are special to you. May we follow their paths at this exciting time in our parish life.

And I hope others will also think of considering making a gift in thanksgiving to the Blessings Fund.

Joan Bromage

LETTER FROM THE CARRENOS

Greetings Dear Friends!

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful send off you gave the kids and I before we left for Miami. I'm sorry that Gus missed it. All of our kids sleep with their St. John's pillows every night. The kids enjoyed the books we received from some of you while we were waiting for our things in Maine to arrive. And, our locally produced, Maine maple syrup has provided us with a lasting "taste" of Maine over the past few months. We greatly appreciate the kind words and prayers from all of you.

Gus has been very busy at work as usual. He really loves working at Miami Children's Hospital and has a great group of colleagues to work with. The kids enjoy visiting him at work because the hospital is equipped with several game rooms, a movie theater, kids radio station and basketball court.

After trying out a few different Episcopal churches in the area, we finally settled at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. It's a little different from our experience at St. John's. They typically have 3 to 4 priests at each mass. They have a full choir, 4 candle bearers, incense and incense boat holders, bell ringer, 2 lay readers, and 2 Eucharistic ministers serve each mass. At any given time there are 12 to 15 individuals up by the altar. During coffee hour, they open their doors and invite the poor of the community to share in our bounty. Although, the biggest difference is that they say the Lord's Prayer slightly different from those of you at St. Andrew and St. John which always throws us off.

Chuck and Bella attend Children's Church during the service and get to bring up the offering with the other younger children. Gracie has achieved her dream of becoming an acolyte. So far, Gus and I have not been approached to serve on any committees but I'm sure it's just a matter of time. I think they don't want to scare us off.

We are thrilled that construction has begun at St. John's and we look forward to seeing the changes when we come up to visit. Thanks for keeping us updated. We miss all of you and think of you often. Take care and keep in touch.

Your Friends, *Gus, Nicole, Gracie, Chuck and Bella Carreno*
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WHO AM I?



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THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Abraham's computer

Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. "Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do..."

Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned..."But dad, I don't think your computer has enough memory."

Abraham said, "Don't worry, son; the Lord will provide the RAM."

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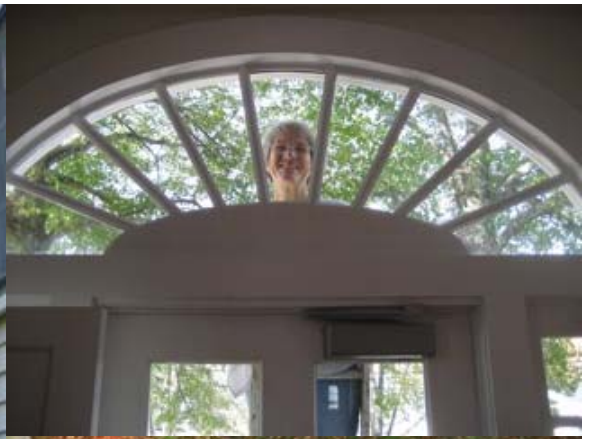
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Deadline for articles for
December/January *Net Tender*
is December 4

Many Thanks – *Malo e Ngaue*

There is a custom in the Kingdom of Tonga to say “*Malo e Ngaue*” to people you meet in your neighborhood. It means, “Thanks for your hard work!” I have often wanted to say that to the people I encounter throughout the day. “Thanks for your hard work!” The people at St. Andrew & St. John’s are always poking around and fixing things here and there. I want to say *Malo e Ngaue* to each and every one of you. Things I have noticed in the past couple of weeks that make me want to shout to the mountain tops, *Malo e Ngaue*.

- The workers at the job site digging, scraping, removing and getting our church ready for the building. *Malo e Ngaue!*
- The Westside Food Pantry Volunteers – the Judy Taylor painting raffle, the bean supper, and Top of the Hill dinner – *Malo e Ngaue*.
- On October 8 four parties of people arrived at St. John’s Church throughout the day... Dottie and John working on the garden, Elise removing old altar flowers and Ginny arranging a new one, and Mary and Jim painting the front railing. *Malo e Ngaue!*
- October 29 Ann H., Karen and Mary V. arrived for St. John’s annual clean-up day; they washed windows and put in the storms the day before the first storm of the season. The kneeling pews were vacuumed and dusted too! *Malo e Ngaue*.
- Margot took the hymnals and altar linens from St. Andrew’s to store for the winter at St. John’s. *Malo e Ngaue!*
- Michele arrived home from her Scotland trip to find the office completely gone! Being a good sport, she set up her office at home and in the undercroft. *Malo e Ngaue!*
- The vestry and wardens are working with the vestry of St. Saviour’s to recruit a shared priest-in-charge. *Malo e Ngaue*.
- Thank-you to one and all for work noticed and unnoticed! *Malo e Ngaue*
Mary Vekasi



**CLEAN UP DAY
AT ST. JOHN'S
OCTOBER 29TH**