

St. John's Episcopal Church – Canandaigua, New



THE EAGLE

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Dear People of St. John's:

All being well you will learn the name of the person that the Vestry is calling to become your Rector sometime in January. It is an exciting time for this community as you join together to begin this new chapter in your journey together as the People of God. My hope and prayer for you and for the new Rector is that this new beginning will be a time of growth and commitment in understanding our share in God's mission to the world.

New beginnings are the hallmark of our Christian life. All new beginnings are understood in the shadow of Easter. But like all new beginnings they are also times of fear as we anticipate all of the unknowns ahead; in this case—Will we like him/her? Will she/he like us? Will he/she soon be at home in Canandaigua? What changes will this new beginning bring upon us? And so on.

But what we also know about new beginnings is that God is always inviting us to new levels of trust in these beginnings. Think of the Israelites as they faced the wilderness when escaping from slavery in Egypt. They were afraid and on many occasions complained to Moses. But in the end as they worked through their travels and new life-experiences they were molded into a new people. Similarly, Jesus' friends, when faced with his resurrection, were at first afraid of what this would mean for them. But soon they learned that a whole new foundation of hope and joy was theirs.

So it is my prayer that St. John's will once again experience the joy of being an Easter people and embrace this new beginning as a time of renewal.

Peace and Joy,

Peter

January 2010



The Rev. Dr. Peter Peters

*We are branches of the same tree,
reaching out in our shared faith, while strongly rooted in Christ.*

VESTRY NEWS

Decisions made at the regular monthly Vestry meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2009, will appear in the next Eagle. In the meantime here is a compendium of matters that are of current concern to Vestrypersons.

The Vestry is grateful to those who have recently worked to improve communications in St. John's: Haley Bickel for updating the bulletin boards; Judy DeCoursey and Leah Yates for major work on the web site; Pat Perkins and Maggie Atkins for their dedicated efforts in the Eagle. The Vestry also thanks the group who prepared a new brochure on our church building and stained glass windows in an effort to preserve the heritage of St. John's: John Norvell, writer; Suzanne Blatchford, photographer; Richard Joseph and the Rev. Dr. Peter Peters, both of whom provided the information on the history and meaning of the windows.

Brighter lights have been installed in the nave, and a new carpet in the columbarium chapel area. Mark Darling and other members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee have fenced in the Memorial Garden to preserve its privacy and sanctity.

The Vestry attended a workshop conducted by the Rev. Bruce Griffith to prepare for rector candidate interviews in January.

The Vestry thanks all who contributed to the United Thank Offering Fund. At the Diocesan Convention in November, Vestryperson Lisa Krapf presented St. John's total donation of \$357.00.

The Vestry urges all those who have not done so to complete and return pledge cards so that a realistic budget for 2010 may be developed.

As the year ends, the Vestry extends special thanks to Carole Van Gelder, Melva Brady, Krista Allis, Dennis Maxfield, Ann Louise Pera, the Rev. Dr. Peter Peters, the Rev. Barbara Humphrey, the Rev. Richard Krapf, and all members of St. John's who ministered in many ways to our church, the community, and the world.

VESTRY REPORTS

Committee and other reports to be included in the agenda for the regular monthly Vestry meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010, are due in the church office on Monday, January 4, 2010.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. John's will take place Sunday, January 24, 2010 after the liturgy. There will be only one service; it will be held at 9:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be available during the Annual Meeting. Each parish is required to have an annual meeting of members for the purpose of electing one warden and three vestrypersons and for consideration and disposition of any other parish business. By canonical definition, a member is one who has received the sacrament of Holy Baptism by water in the name of the Trinity and whose baptism has been duly recorded in the Church. A member is eligible to vote if he/she is 18 years of age or older and has regularly attended corporate worship and has financially supported this parish during the twelve months prior to the Annual Meeting, with such financial support recorded. A member who fulfills these requirements is also eligible to be a vestry candidate. A candidate for warden must in addition have received the rite of confirmation.

If anyone has questions or doubts concerning his/her membership status, please check with one of the wardens (Mattie Bicknell at 396-2074 or Jeff White at 554-4318) or the church secretary, Carole Van Gelder, at 394-4818. There may be time to arrange a transfer from a former church to St. John's before the Annual Meeting.

One warden completes a two-year term each year and one warden is elected each year. Warden Mattie Bicknell is completing her first two-year term and is eligible for re-election. Three vestry members retire each year, and three new members are elected each year. The three vestrypersons whose terms expire in January 2010 are Darcy Graham, Lisa Krapf, and Elizabeth Mattison. Darcy is completing a one-year term and is eligible for re-election. Remaining until January 2011 are Mickey Broyles, Diane Hamilton, and Craig Munger. Remaining until 2012 are Suzanne Blatchford, Terry Carney, and John Norvell.

A note to parents of Sunday school children: there will be no Sunday school on January 24. Nursery care will be available for children five and under during the church service and Annual Meeting. Activities are planned for older children during the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you would like to be a candidate for warden or vestryperson, or if you would like to suggest someone, please speak with one of the Nominating Committee members: Grace Boudway (394-6172), Jim Fisher (455-2817), Dan Hemming (394-0682), Lisa Krapf (394-2694), Elizabeth Mattison (394-6195).

*St. John's is called to be a welcoming, diverse,
Christ-centered community
that cares for each other,
celebrates our blessings,
and spreads the light of the Good News
through ministry in our community and the world.*

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Deborah Cole-Wenderlich reports that the Committee is in the concluding stages of its work. The finalists have been invited here for personal interviews and at the December 14 Vestry meeting two to four candidates will be recommended to the Vestry for its decision. An announcement about the candidate called to St. John's will be made around the end of January 2010.

ALTAR GUILD

To order altar flowers or a sanctuary candle for Sunday services, please call Lisa Krapf at 394-2694, or fill out one of the reservation forms on the windowsill in the foyer and leave it in the church office. Available sanctuary candle dates are January 10, 17, 24, 31. Available flower dates are January 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2010.

If you would like to assist the Altar Guild in its Sunday duties, so essential to the beauty of our liturgy, please speak with Lisa Krapf after the 10 o'clock service or call her at 394-2694.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

PECANS

The Women of St. John's now have only 35 bags of pecans left! If you have not yet purchased what you need, please call Bonnie Norvell right away at 394-1825 or see her after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service. Price is \$8.00 per one-pound bag.

EPIPHANY PARTY

The Women of St. John's invite all women in our parish to the Annual Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 10, 2010. A potluck supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lisa Krapf (15 Granger Street; telephone 394-2694) and will be followed by a white elephant gift exchange! Bring your favorite dish-to-pass and your least favorite knickknack. You may go home with a rare item of breathtaking beauty!

CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS

On Saturday, January 2, 2010, and on the first Saturday of every month, Georgia Carney invites adults and children (accompanied by adults) to meet in Withington House for arts and crafts. Time is 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; if you need to leave early you are free to do so.

Do come and explore your natural creative gifts!

ADULT FORMATION

Sunday classes for adults will begin on January 10, 2010, and continue on January 17 and 31, with Georgia Carney leading a three-part series on “The Battle for God” by Karen Armstrong. At the conclusion of this series, the Rev. Richard Krapf and Lisa Krapf will begin Via Media which will run for four weeks, February 7, 14, 21, and 28.

A special one-day program on “Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life” by Kenneth Haugk will be led by Mattie Bicknell and Georgia Carney from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23. Lenten and spring schedules will be announced shortly.

If you would like to suggest a topic for later use please speak with one of the committee members: Georgia Carney, chairperson, 289-6446; Natalie Clark, 554-3708; David Druschel, 394-0289; Jim Fisher, 455-2887; Don Morley, 394-5789; Bonnie Norvell, 394-1825.

STEWARDSHIP

Chairperson Bill Greer reports that as of December 13, 2009, 88 pledges have been received, totaling \$139,000. The committee is very grateful for this response. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so immediately so that next year’s budget can be finalized.

St. John's Episcopal Church - 183 North Main Street - Canandaigua, NY

JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					1 Church office closed
3 8 A – HE 10 A - HE 11:30 A – De-greening of church	4 7 P – Boy Scouts	5	6	7 7:30 P - Choir	8
10 8 A – HE 9 A – Adult Class 10 A – HE 1 P – Gleaners Pasta Dinner 6 P – Epiphany Dinner	11 7 P – Boy Scouts 7:15 P – Vestry in Withington House	12	13	14 7:30 P - Choir	15
17 8 A – HE 9 A – Adult Class 10 A – HE & Healing Service	18 Church office closed	19 7 P - Boy Scout Committee	20 7 P – Buildings and Grounds Committee	21 7:30 P - Choir	22
24 9 A – HE 10:30 A – Annual Meeting	25 7 P - Boy Scouts	26	27	28 7:30 P - Choir	29
31 8 A – HE 9 A – Adult Class 10 A - HE					

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday

2
9 A – Arts & Crafts
in Withington
House
12 Noon – AA

9
12 Noon – AA

16
12 Noon – AA

23
9 A – “Christian
Caregiving”
Seminar
12 Noon – AA

30
12 Noon – AA

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 6
Arts and Crafts 9:00 a.m.
in Withington House

Monday, February 8
Vestry 7:15 p.m. in Withington House

Sunday, February 14
Gleaners Pasta Dinner 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21
Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
10:00 a.m.

MARCH

Saturday, March 6
Arts and Crafts 9:00 a.m.
in Withington House

Monday, March 8
Vestry 7:15 p.m.
in Withington House

Sunday, March 14
Gleaners Pasta Dinner 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21
Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

APRIL

Maundy Thursday, April 1
Dinner, Stripping Altars
6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2
12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3
Arts and Crafts
9:00 a.m. in Withington House

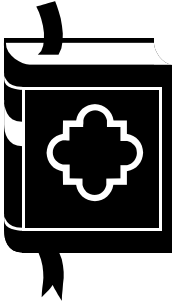
Sunday, April 4
Easter
Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with Music
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 11
Gleaners Pasta Dinner
1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 12
Vestry 7:15 p.m.
in Withington House

Sunday, April 18
Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
10:00 a.m.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST



All members of St. John's are asked to include the people on our Long-Term Prayer List in their daily prayers. If you have submitted a name that has inadvertently been omitted, or should be deleted, please call the church office at 394-4818 with updated instructions.

Amy	Nick	Alissa
David West	Theresa	William Worrall
Michael Golebiowski	Paul Humphrey	Pat Perkins
Bess Perkins	Norman Browning	Ray Schreiber
Paul Rudat	K. J. Raymond	Steve Cole
Mary Rudat	Grant Kennedy	Peter VanDenburg
Betty W.	Amy	Deborah Schmidt
Dot	Jack Woodward	Teagan Harvey
Annalise Pelton	Ayesha Islam	Peter Kane
Beatrice Rose Duling	Martha Bowen	Sandra
Kellie	John Bowen	Chris
Carol Witzel	Emily	Haley
Sarah	Cal Fisher	Bob and Eileen
Dan	Matthew Oldfield	Sonya
Bob	George Ward	Barbara Humphrey
Austin White	Andi and family	Grayson
	Ryan Fly	

SUNDAY BULLETIN

If you have an announcement for the Sunday bulletin, please deliver it to the church office no later than the preceding Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.

HELLO!

WHO

~~HOW~~ ARE YOU?

Linda Jean Bruce, or “LJ” as she was called in her childhood, was born in Wilmington, Delaware. While her father served in World War II, Linda lived with her mother Margery, her maternal grandparents Linda and Jack Evans, and her maternal great-grandmother Ernestine Zeuner. Seldom without a suitcase in tow, Linda fondly remembers dividing her early years among Wilmington, Avondale (Pennsylvania), and Mardela Springs (Maryland) where her grandparents owned Double Mills Farm, a vacation retreat located on Mockingbird Pond. In the five years after her father was discharged from the army, LJ acquired two brothers, Andrew and John, who thereafter joined in the travels.



*Linda J. Bruce
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Canandaigua, NY 14424
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After attending the University of Delaware, Goldey Beacom College, and Brandywine College, Linda joined Human Resources at Du Pont Company, eventually going into Customer Service. Her forty-four-year career included travel to U.S. customer locations, Du Pont plants and warehouses throughout the country. She enjoyed playing golf at all the Du Pont facilities, learned how to scuba dive including sport and wreck diving, and was taught skeet-shooting by one of her customers, an avid sportsman. Linda describes this activity as being “a little scary”. In more recent years Linda’s travels have been curtailed by her need to care for her parents in Wilmington, as both brothers and their families were settled in Florida.

Linda’s love of all animals has been key throughout her life; she has made a mission out of rescuing cats and dogs. Having had experience with her own diabetic dog Percy, Linda adopted Charlie, a diabetic wire fox terrier whose Canandaigua owner could no longer care for him. Several years later Linda arranged a reunion between Charlie and his former owner, a meeting that resulted in Linda’s move to Canandaigua after her retirement on August 1, 2009. When Charlie passed away shortly thereafter, Linda adopted Hogan, a toy poodle, from Happy Tails.

Still officially a member of New Castle United Methodist Church in Delaware, Linda has already joined St. John’s choir as a soprano although her previous experience in the New Castle choir was in the alto section. (Her comment is “Oh, my!”) Her car still carries license plate “Car 54”, a nickname bestowed on her by fellow employees at Du Pont (as in “Where are you?”). If you spot her out and about in Canandaigua, please be sure to say “hello”!

DECEMBER REMINDERS

Since the church office will be closed December 24-31, 2009, The Eagle will be mailed earlier than usual this month. Here are a few reminders for December.

Sunday, December 20

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Adult Formation

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Healing Service, S.S.

Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Family Service

10:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols

11 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday, Christmas, December 25

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 27

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, S.S.



A CONCERT INVITATION

The United Church (Main and Gibson Streets) has invited our parish members to attend a piano/organ concert presented at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2010. The "United Four" from the United Church have planned a program of solos, duets, trios, and/or quartets, as part of the Joyful Noise Series of the Ontario County Arts Council. No admission is required, but a donation of \$5.00 would be gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served after the concert. If you need further information please call Dorothy Magley at 394-0232.

PERSONALS

Condolences to Peter and Cheryl VanDenburg on the death of his mother Dorothy Harris in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 30, 2009.

Condolences to Marian, Peter, and Norman Browning on the death of their mother Jean Browning in Canandaigua on November 15, 2009. Jean was a faithful, active, and much loved member of St. John's for several decades.

Condolences to Pat Perkins on the death of her husband Edward Glenn Perkins in Continuing Care Center, Canandaigua, on November 21, 2009.

Condolences to Stacy and John Taylor on the death of her father Donald Truax of Dalton, NY on November 28, 2009.

Condolences to Deborah Cole-Wenderlich and Mark Wenderlich on the death of her mother Judy Irland at Strong Hospital on December 6, 2009.

EAGLE INFORMATION

The next deadline for Eagle news will be Wednesday, December 30, 2009. All news items for March and April 2010 should be submitted to the church office to the attention of Pat Perkins, or please call her at 374-2976. Pertinent information is listed below.



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