



JANUARY 2010

Light in the Shadows

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16



They Came, They Ate, They Shopped and All Had A Fun Time

If you didn't make it to St. Luke's Annual Christmas Tea & Sale on Saturday, December 5, you missed out on a great community experience. As usual the buffet tea table was laden with an array of tempting holiday treats to delight everyone's palate and there was a steady stream of customers throughout the day savoring this delicious repast and taking time to visit with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. *Grandma's Attic* was more popular than ever as many customers entered Willard Hall and made a beeline straight to the two rooms filled with great finds for bargain hunters. Again this year we were able to offer a quality selection of handmade crafts including beautifully executed quilted items by Adelaide Johnson and Jane Davis and Marcia Clinton's exquisite cut-out paper ornaments. Cyrena Goodrich joined the team of crafters, sharing her talent in the art of origami resulting in lovely tree ornaments and festive centerpieces for all the tea tables. Don Robinson (not to leave out the men) crafted some handsome yule log birch candle holders and Dee Robinson lovingly knitted a selection of baby items and adult mittens. Lillian deGiacomo, who is new to St. Luke's, generously donated some of her beautifully handcrafted porcelain Christmas

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Marking Time

I am writing this article in Advent, prior to Christmas. When most of you read it, however, New Year's Day will have come and gone. The Christmas Season, as in "the twelve days of," should still be continuing. I hope you all had a happy New Year's Day and I continue to wish you a joyous Christmas.



New Year's Day is a rather arbitrary affair. Just why it should fall on January 1 has never been entirely clear to me. Certainly, in other cultures and with other calendars such as the Jewish or Chinese, New Years is celebrated at another time of the year. Even within western European culture, of which we are apparent heirs, it hasn't always been on the same day as at present. In England, in earlier ages it began on the 25th of March.

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—H. Paul Brannock-Wanter

down from Scandinavia. Having tried them once, I can still all too readily recall their taste, and although I am tempted, I do not blame his death on them. Nor, having lived in the South, do I have any great fondness for the Southern

Neither do I fully understand the customs or traditions that surround New Year's Day. My Father, to his dying day, which happened to be January 2, insisted on eating pickled herring, something called "roll mops" on New Year's Day. It was the very first thing he did in the morning and only on that morning. Thankfully, he did not insist that the rest of the family share in that custom, which I assume was central or eastern European in origin; perhaps having drifted

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Paul, Jean Hancock and I met with a wonderful woman who was interested in being our facilitator for our strategic planning. This meeting got us started and led to considering doing some work with the Alban Institute's book on Asset Mapping before we decide on a facilitator. Peter Rosengarten is currently reviewing the book to see if we can use it at our Stewardship Meeting in January and include the St. Luke's Outreach Committee in our stewardship group. Peter and I have both been anxious to celebrate the talents and gifts that parishioners share with our church, our community and beyond and "asset mapping" is pretty much our goal, we just need to develop a way to do make this a visible and dynamic display.

The Vestry had a very lovely Christmas party at Paul and Christina's before Christmas. We tried not to do any business so I have only minimal reporting that I can do. The Finance Committee is working on the 2010 budget and hopefully this will be passed by the Vestry before the first of the year. Speaking of the first of the year, it comes around so quickly, we will need to have reports from all the heads of committees emailed to the Watters (lewbon@vermontel.net) by January 15th. I will email each of you to remind of you of this responsibility.

Happy winter, at least the days are getting longer. I will be away for the month of January experimenting with my retirement. —*Marcia Leader*

Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting Will Be On February 7

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 7**, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that day. As usual we will begin with a potluck luncheon and then segue into the meeting agenda. This year we need to elect three new members to the Vestry (names of the candidates were not available at this printing but will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin prior to the meeting.) **Lew Watters** has graciously offered to prepare the *Annual Parish Report Booklet* again this year and asks that all persons who need to submit reports, get them to him by **January 15** (finished clean typed hard copy or via email.)

Part of the focus at the Annual Meeting this year will be on future plans as we seek to define St. Luke's mission & vision and identify the gifts and talents of our faith community. We encourage all parishioners to make this meeting a high priority on your calendars.

Marking Time

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tradition of eating black eyed peas on that day. Unless they are heavily larded with pork fat and bits and pieces, they are as palatable as cardboard. And why pork? Yet another tradition to which many adhere.

We humans seem to have an inherent urge or desire to mark the passing of time; be it hours, days, weeks, months, or years, and all or any of the variants of the same. We can't seem to escape this habit. In some peculiar and unfortunate way it dominates, rules most of our lives; what we could have done, what we will do (see New Year's resolutions), this deadline or that, leading too often to either regret or illusions that become delusions. Yes, time passes, and if we are honest, we admit that we do too. We are creatures of time.

We are also something more. Perhaps New Year's Day falling in the midst of Christmas has the significance of reminding us that although creatures of time we are also heirs of the eternal; that eternity of God which broke into this world in Christ Jesus in order that we might break out of the finite, the limitations of time. The invitation of God in Christ is that we live in the now, the present moment. And in the now we will find and be found of eternity. As the English poet George Herbert has it, writing in the poem **Easter**: "Can there be any day but this, Though many suns to shine endeavor? We count three hundred, but we miss: there is but one, and that one ever."

In Christ's love,

Paul

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Income/Expense Statement

	<u>November</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Pledge & Income	\$ 9,589.12	\$91,975.12	\$101,450.00	90.66%
All Other Income	\$ 2,265.12	\$33,385.02	\$ 34,030.00	98.10%
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,854.24	\$125,360.14	\$135,480.00	92.53%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,844.32	\$119,086.32	\$129,985.92	91.61%

The above is for the first eleven months of 2009. Our income is on budget for the period as are expenses. The continued 7% deficit in paid pledges is due to outstanding pledges that will not be met due to personal circumstances. However our plate income is well above what was budgeted and has helped our bottom line. Everyone has done a great job so far this year and the Finance Committee thanks you all very much.

—*Sally Hoover, Treasurer*



Christmas Tea... con.'t. from pg. 1

ornaments and Bonnie Watters donated a Bonnie's Bundles Calico Cat—just to mention some of the fine handcrafts that draw customers to this event each year.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to all St. Luke's members (adults and the young helpers) who baked cookies and other treats, donated food supplies, items for the sale, helped setting up, worked the day of the tea (in the kitchen, selling crafts & foods, manning the "cookie swap," pouring tea, serving trays of goodies, etc.) and much more. The Christmas Tea is always an uplifting and joyful event as we come together in community and share our time and talents. At the end of the day we were rewarded for all our efforts, earning over \$1900 for St. Luke's. Thank you again!

—*Adelaide Johnson & Pat Fromberger, Chairs*



Thank You from Mary Henry's Family

Dear Members of St. Luke's:

The reception after the memorial service for Mary Catherine Taylor Henry on October 10 was a memorable event in itself. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who planned, prepared food, and helped to celebrate her in that way. We truly appreciate the generosity of such kind and caring friends.

The loving tribute to Mary in the November issue of *Light in the Shadows* deserves special thanks to Pat Fromberger, whose dedicated editing enlightens all her readers.

Mary's physical condition kept her from attending church during the last two years. We thank those friends, especially Joyce Tiemann, Martha Stretton and Pat Fromberger along with Father Paul, who found the time to bring the Holy Sacrament to her at home week after week. She always looked forward to their visit, and it encouraged her to persevere.

The ministering of Father Paul provided Mary with great spiritual comfort over the years. We give thanks for the time and energy that he devoted to supporting her, particularly during her final days in the hospital. His beautiful homily at the memorial service illuminated his bountiful compassion for life and reflected his selfless concern for his parishioners.

Mary would have been overwhelmed by everyone's efforts in her honor, thinking that she was not worthy of so much attention. She loved St. Luke's Church and the many friends she made while becoming one of its longest-term members. We are indebted to all of you for contributing so profusely to her life and memory.

Gratefully, Mary's family

The Epiphany of Our Lord

EpiphanY is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are counted from December 25th until January 5th. The day before Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, and is sometimes called Twelfth Night, an occasion for feasting in some cultures. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal". As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

St. Luke's Church will celebrate The Epiphany of our Lord on Wednesday, **January 6** with a service of **Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We invite you to come join us.



Worship Committee Meeting

St. Luke's **Worship Committee** will meet on Sunday, **January 10 at 9:15 a.m.** between the two services that morning. Anyone involved in any aspects of worship at St. Luke's (altar guild, ushers, chalice bearers, lectors, choir, coffee hour hosts, etc.) is urged to come. Plans for the Lenten season will be decided as well as reviewing how well the Advent & Christmas season went. Input from parishioners is always welcome, so please feel free to come.

Lives We Celebrated & Gave Gratitude for in 2009



Anne Bissell
Sept. 1954 - April 2009



Frances Williamson
April 1923 - April 2009



Jane Margaret Zezza
Nov. 1931- March 2009



Mary C. Henry
June 1917- Sept.2009

The St. Luke's community grieved the loss of two former and two current parishioners in 2009 when the Lord called them home. Each of these ladies touched many hearts and radiated the love of the Lord in their lives as is witnessed by the glowing smiles on their faces in these photos. We are very blessed to have shared in their faith journeys.



Christian Symbol: Olive Branch

The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

St. Luke's is a Community



St. Luke's Vestry 2009



Pat Saul, Parish Treasurer retires

John DesLauriers ends his term as Junior Warden



Passover Seder

Easter Egg Hunt



Ski for Heat Team

Seeking...Walking... and Reflecting the Light of Jesus Christ...



May Ascension
Day Shrimp Boil



Parish Picnic



Good & Faithful Servant,
Martha Stretton



Ray & Freddy Holden
60th Anniversary, June 6

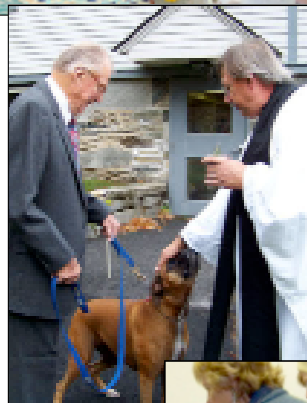
Montgomery's
Thank You
Gathering



71st August
Supper



Community
Outreach Day
at the school



Annual
Pet Blessing



MelodyChimes
being rung at
Music Retreat



Immaculate
Heart
Church
Choir
Visits &
Sings
with Us



Christmas Tea
& Sale spans
the generations

The Outreach Corner



Outreach Committee 2009

Members: Cindy Roundy-Winston, Don and Dee Robinson, Jane Davis, Sally Hoover, Marcia Clinton, and Marcia Leader. In late November the committee asked the congregation to fill out a questionnaire indicating their preferences for St. Luke's outreach giving in 2010. The results are listed below:

Results of Tallies for Outreach 2009

International Organizations:

Americares	29%
Partners in Health	23%
CHABHA	20%
Our Little Roses	17%
The LAMB Institute	11%

State and Local Organizations:

Chester/Andover Family Center	16%
Habitat for Humanity	15%
Hospice	14%
Vermont Foodbank	13%
Visiting Nurse Association	12%
Ministerium	11%
Camp Scholarships	7%
Council on Aging for SE VT	7%
Windsor County Partners.....	5%

Current Outreach Projects

Soldier's Angels; Adopt a Platoon, and Operation Christmas Child – Cindy Roundy-Winston
 PINS – Marcia Clinton, Don & Dee Robinson
 Mittens for School Children – Marcia Clinton
 Food Basket for Chester/Andover Family Center
 – Kathryn Wright, Adelaide and Red Johnson
 Coupon collecting – Janice Fielder

—**Pat Saul, Outreach Chair**



Bell Ringers L-R: Jean Hancock, Jane Davis, Sally Hoover, Belinda Whipple Worth, Bonnie Johnson and John Hoover.

St. Luke's Bell Rung 350 Times For International Day of Climate Action

On Saturday, October 24th **Jane Davis, John and Sally Hoover, Bonnie Johnson, and Belinda Worth** joined me in ringing the bell at St. Luke's 350 times for the *International Day of Climate Action*. This is a grass roots organization formed to help understand the need to reduce the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. 350 is the upper safe level of CO₂ and at the moment we are at 390. It is time to take action to help reduce this dangerous level and we need to start thinking about alternative uses of fuel. People in countries around the world and churches in the diocese of Vermont were taking part in alerting people by ringing the church bells. Other activities were also happening. Please check out the web site (350.org) for further information. A big thanks to Jane, John, Sally, Belinda and Bonnie for helping in this worthy cause. —**Jean Hancock**

"Happy moments, praise God; difficult moments, see God; quiet moments, worship God; painful moments, trust God; every moment, thank God." —*Author Unknown*

Egg-ceptional Year For Outreach

Hello. May we introduce ourselves? We are three of the free ranging flock of chickens at Blue Hill Farm (although we are not free ranging anywhere in this cold!!! It's our feet you know. We don't like snow.) We have been doing our best to produce lots of delicious eggs. And we know that many of them have ended up in the houses and tummys of the members of St. Luke's Church. We want to thank our loyal customers. Our human Mom tells us that our eggs have raised over \$250.00 for the St. Luke's Outreach Program this year. It is fun for us, down on the farm, to think of our tiny part in making this world a better place. So, love and good cluck in the New Year from the "girls" at Blue Hill Farm. —**Jane Davis**





Church Greening Magic

Did you ever wonder how the sanctuary gets magically transformed with festive Christmas greenery and flowers between the morning of the fourth Sunday in Advent and Lessons & Carols and the Christmas Eve Services? This year at the annual greening of the church (after the worship service on the IV Advent) the youth were front and center with helping to accomplish this transformation. Mary Anderson (with brother Brian supervising from the sideline) and Margie DesLauriers—with smiles on their faces—took on the challenging task of hanging the artificial evergreen garlands between the wooden arch supports on either side of the main aisle in the nave. Not an easy job and

one that some of the older generation were only too glad to hand over to younger and more agile bodies! The adults had plenty to do as well. John & Alison DesLauriers, Bud Watson, Bill Hoyt, and Lew Watters arranged the poinsettias, greened the window sills and hung the large wreath suspended above the altar. A special thank you also to Marcia Clinton, Sally Hoover and Jean Hancock who came the day before and decorated the 25-ft. Christmas Tree (generously given by Bud Watson) at the rear of the church with lights, Chrismons and other ornaments. Thanks to all these faithful servants for helping make the sanctuary so beautiful and welcoming as we celebrated Christ's birth! —*Pat Fromberger*



Web Talk by Lew Watters

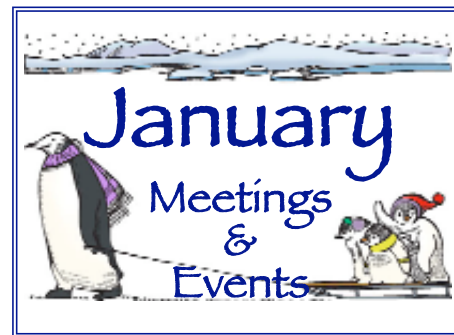
Daily visits to the church website have shown a steady increase throughout the past year. December visits jumped dramatically to over 100 daily, which were four times the number at the beginning of the year. Requests were up 138 percent, coming from all over the world, even the U.S. House of Representatives. Consistently, the favorite page is Newsletters, closely followed by Special Events, Worship, Music and Fellowship. Our directions page is requested more now, which I interpret to be newcomers and visitors.

A new page was added this fall called “letters.” It was in response to the Henry family who wanted to share its appreciation for the memorial service for Mary Henry. If you haven’t visited “letters,” you are missing out. It seems another appropriate place to share our ministries.

Finally, I have added a link for **Ian Montgomery** on the Links page so you can read firsthand news about his ministry in Peru. He also provides a link to Polly. Both are fascinating, filled with skilled writings and pictures.

Church Office Computer Replaced

If you haven’t received responses from Paul’s church mailbox, it was due to the old Mac needing to be replaced. Paul now has a donated laptop that restores his church email, Internet along with an upgraded faster router. This upgrade also provides us with WIFI. Anyone who wishes to connect to the internet need only ask for the security key to access. —*Lew Watters*



WEEKLY

• Monday Lunch/Discussion Group:

Meets 12:00PM-1:00PM in Willard Hall. Brown bag lunch and book study discussion with the Rector on topics of spirituality and faith. Please come join us!

• Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Holy Eucharist:

7:00AM Intercessory Prayer

8:00AM Holy Eucharist in Willard Hall.

• St. Luke's Choir Rehearsals:

St. Luke's Choir will resume evening rehearsals on Thursday, January 14 at 6:45 p.m. in Willard Hall. Sunday morning 'warm-ups' will continue at 9:00 a.m. We welcome new members!

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• Adult Evening Bible Study:

Tuesday, January 5th & 19th in Willard Hall, starting at 6:30PM and ending promptly at 8:00 PM with Compline. We will begin reading the Book of Isaiah at our next session. Come join us!

• The Epiphany of Our Lord:

Wednesday evening, January 6 at 6:30PM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the sanctuary of the Church. We invite you to come!

• St. Luke's Worship Committee:

Sunday, January 10 at 9:15AM in Willard Hall (between the services.) Please come and share your input. See article on page 3 for details.

• St. Luke's Vestry Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20th in Willard Hall. 5:30PM, supper; 6:00-7:00PM book study, “Changing the Conversation” (we will be discussing Chapter 8.) The regular business agenda. will begin at 7:00PM. Focus will be on plans for the Annual Parish Meeting. Parishioners are urged to join the special book study.

• SAVE THE DATE:

St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 7, following the 10:00AM service. Potluck luncheon in Willard Hall, then segue into meeting agenda to include elections of Vestry members and other delegates, reports, etc. Watch Sunday Bulletins for details.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

4 David Carey	18 Henry Pennell
7 Margaret (Worth) Hugg	19 Marija Cunningham
9 Don Robinson	21 Kai Forlie
10 Alexandra Scarlett	23 Irene Wright
11 Marjorie Carey	24 Sandra Rich
12 Donna Farrell	25 Freddy Holden
12 Mackenzie Walton	26 Belinda Whipple Worth
16 Susan Purinton	

FEBRUARY LITS DEADLINE:

JAN. 22nd

Send articles, photos,
announcements, etc. to:

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Special January Dates

- Epiphany, Jan. 6
- Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 10
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
Jan. 18
- Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity, Jan. 18-25

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

Jan. 3	CHRISTMAS II
9:00 AM	All Parish Breakfast
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Jan. 6	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
6:30 PM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Jan. 10	EPIPHANY I (The Baptism of Christ)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Jan. 17	EPIPHANY II
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Jan. 24	EPIPHANY III
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Jan. 31	EPIPHANY IV
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. in Willard Hall. Child Care: 10:00 a.m. Service

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