



# Light in the Shadows

MARCH 2009

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



## LENT!

Recently, Joseph and I were driving to the airport in Manchester, New Hampshire to retrieve Christina. Some forty miles from our destination, Joseph plaintively asked how much longer the trip would last. Joseph is not now, nor has he ever been, a patient traveler. Having traveled the same way numerous times

before, I readily provided a rough estimate, barring unforeseen circumstances, of the time that needed to elapse before we reached our destination.

Joseph's impatience on journeys is not uncharacteristic for most of us regardless of age, although it seems particularly true when we are younger. I can remember myself at or near the same age quizzically and repeatedly asking my parents that perennial question, "Are we there yet?" On the face of it, this was a rather ridiculous question as the answer would have seemed self-evident. My father's reply, often sternly delivered, was always the same: We'll get there when we get there and you'll know it."

"Lent is a time to refocus our energies, renew Christian discipline, and rediscover or enlarge our discipleship in Jesus Christ."

—Paul Brannock-Wanter

To the best of my knowledge, my father had no acquaintance with Buddhism, nor, as he was a Christian, even with the early desert fathers and mothers of the Church. On reflection, however, his oft-repeated reply has all the qualities of the *koan* or puzzling replies to questions for which both groups are famous.

It didn't answer my question,

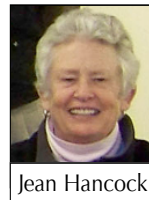
yet it did with broader ramifications. Underneath the answer was an implicit supposition that the journey itself had an equal importance to the arrival at any destination.

We are now in Lent, a yearly and microcosmic revisiting of the greater journey called life; life framed in the

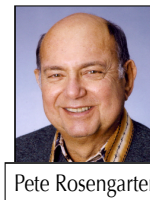


2009 Vestry: Back row, L-R: Alexandra Scarlett, Martha Stretton, The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter, Lynda Farmer & Sally Hoover. Front row: Marcia Leader, Mike Saul & Dee Robinson.

## Meet St. Luke's 2009 Vestry



Jean Hancock



Pete Rosengarten



Belinda Worth

At St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting held in February three members were elected to serve on the 2009 Vestry, bringing the membership to nine. New to the Vestry are:

**Alexandra Scarlett**, of Saxton's River, to serve a 1-year term filling the vacancy left when Nat Seeley moved to Colorado this past year and **Sally Hoover**, of Windham, elected to a 3-year term. Sally previously held the appointed position of Assistant Treasurer.

**Belinda Worth**, of Windsor, was elected to a 3-year term (this is Belinda's second term on the Vestry). The complete 2009 Vestry slate is as follows:

Senior Warden, **Marcia Leader**, Putney ....term ends 2010  
Junior Warden, **Jean Hancock**, Chester.....term ends 2010  
Clerk/Recording Secretary, **Dee Robinson** (appt. position)  
Treasurer, **Sally Hoover**, Windham .....term ends 2012  
Assist. Treasurer, **Norm Harrison** (appointed position)  
**Alexandra Scarlett**, Saxton's River .....term ends 2010  
**Lynda Farmer**, Springfield .....term ends 2011  
**Peter Rosengarten**, Weston .....term ends 2011  
**Mike Saul**, Chester .....term ends 2011  
**Martha Stretton**, Chester .....term ends 2011  
**Belinda Worth**, Windsor .....term ends 2012

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## Notes From The Senior Warden

A parishioner asked me who we got to be Senior Warden for this year? I told him that I would accept that responsibility for one more year, but that next year would be a time for change. As we work our way through the book "*Changing the Conversation*" it has become very clear to me that leadership change is part of the way for a church to develop new ideas and different points of view. I have sincerely enjoyed being Senior Warden at St. Luke's, it is most certainly not an overwhelming job. As we think and pray about new leadership please keep our needs in mind and share any ideas you might have with Paul and the Vestry. In another part of this newsletter you will be invited to join the Vestry every month for a discussion of the book I mentioned above. I want to strongly encourage you all to consider buying this book and making this commitment. A lot of preparation has gone into this project and I think anyone who makes this commitment will be pleasantly surprised by the excitement that the ideas begin to generate.

The Vestry has spent several meetings fighting the snow this winter in order to get together monthly and February was no exception. We did eventually meet with our new Vestry and begin our new year together. Our focus was on worship, music and altar guild. **Martha Stretton** talked about looking into a children's hand bell choir and how choir rehearsal has become almost a musical meditation. We all talked about some of the richer aspects of meeting in the undercroft for the winter. I felt moved one Sunday to mention at the end of the service that between the children among us, the wonderful incorporation of music and Paul's excellent sermon that we were blessed in a way that is almost impossible to duplicate when the service is in the sanctuary. I think we are off on an exciting journey this year, join us if you can.

—**Marcia Leader**

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## LENT!

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Christian perspective of journey as pilgrimage from darkness into light, from many lesser and greater deaths into life, from passions to resurrection. Lent is a time to refocus our energies, renew Christian discipline, and rediscover or enlarge our discipleship in Jesus Christ. If our journey has gone off course or we are lost, Lent provides a yearly time to reset our bearings. If we allow it, Lent provides a significant opportunity to learn or relearn the meaning for each of us of the journey itself.

We travel through a multitude of Lents, in a lifetime's journey. Are we there yet? Sometimes the answer seems more apparent than others. Often when we seem to have reached a destination, there are more, many more, miles to go. At times we reach a destination and fail to know it, or recognize it for the first time, although we have been there on numerous occasions before. All of this is part of the journey of faith, the journey that Lent invites us to enter more deeply. I hear my father's stern, yet loving reply: "We'll get there when we get there, and you'll know it." There is a something of a promise there and an admonition. Enjoy the journey. Enjoy life and Lent. In Christian joy, in Christ's joy that is, journey on.

*In Christ's love,  
Father Paul*



## Remedy For A Flat Spirit

Almost everyone has an occasional down day. You know the dreaded "flat" or "blah" feeling. Sometimes you don't even feel like praying. Is there any hope for this condition?

In the 12th century, a Carthusian monk named, Guigo, felt drained and depressed. But as he rested, the following prayer came to his mind:

*My soul is so dry that by itself it cannot pray;*

*Yet you can squeeze from it the juice of a thousand prayers.*

*My soul is so parched that by itself it cannot love;*

*Yet you can draw from it boundless love for you and for my neighbor.*

*My soul is so cold that by itself it has no joy;*

*Yet you can light the fire of heavenly joy within me.*

*My soul is so feeble that by itself it has no faith;*

*Yet by your power my faith grows to a great height.*

*Thank you for prayer, for love, for joy, for faith;*

*Let me always be prayerful, loving, joyful, faithful.*

## Brief Summary of Vestry Meeting Evaluating Paul's Sabbatical

**The Rev. Jeanette Tweedy**, Canon for Ministry Development for the Diocese, met with the Vestry on January 17th to talk about what we learned during Paul's sabbatical. As reported last month, we were asked ahead of time to consider the following questions:

- What did you learn about yourselves?
- What did you learn about your faith?
- What did you learn about the Vestry/Parish/ Church?
- What did you learn about the Rector?

This was difficult to summarize but John DesLauriers made the comment that *"no amount of arguing will settle an issue and no one person has all the answers."* We felt that this was an excellent overarching assessment. We all shared our personal growth during this sabbatical and the corporate growth of the parish. We felt that we functioned well as a parish, but should always be mindful of our need to rely on God and to respect each other. Someone said, *"the wheels didn't fall off"*, we can run our building, but we seem ready to take the next step, putting more value on our spiritual direction and reframing some of the challenges we face. The Vestry and several parishioners are looking forward to working on these growth areas while we read *"Changing the Conversation"* together over the course of this 2009 year. (see article at right). —**Marcia Leader**

### Complaint Dissipated

A woman called a newspaper office to complain that her Sunday paper hadn't arrived. Trying to calm her, the man at the office pointed out that the paper hadn't arrived because it was Saturday. After a brief silence, the woman said meekly, "Well, that explains why there was no one in church today."



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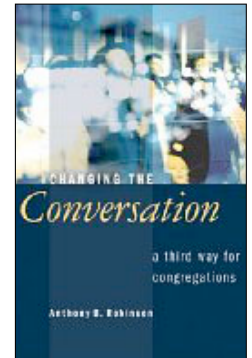
If you are currently receiving our newsletter, *"Light in the Shadows"* via the post office, we would like to invite you to consider reading it on St. Luke's great website: [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org).

It can be read right on screen or you can print out a copy. Our webmaster does a great job of keeping the site up to date. If you prefer to read LITS online, please let us know by sending an email to Pat Fromberger at: [panjoe@vermontel.net](mailto:panjoe@vermontel.net) or you can go right to the Contact page and email the webmaster. Our savings will be 42¢ postage (soon to be 44¢ in May) for each newsletter we don't have to mail.

## Join In (Changing) The Conversation

All parishioners are invited, encouraged, urged, and exhorted to join the Vestry in a book study beginning Thursday, **March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in **Willard Hall** and continuing at the beginning of the monthly Vestry meetings until the book is completed.

The book, *"Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations"*, is both reassuring and challenging. It reassures us that the problems we face as participants in a mainline Protestant tradition—the culture wars, religious pluralism, moral relativism, discord within and without, and so on and on—are not unique and that we did not cause them. It challenges us to face honestly the world we live in, with all its post-modern chaos, and to look to the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and guidance to respond to it as the Body of Christ.



"Much of the time it can seem that the church we love is merely fading away, but those of us who cling to the promise of the Resurrection already know that God has a way of taking the raw stuff of decay, and even of death, and fashioning it into something 'rich and strange.' This God is not finished yet. And so, I believe, neither is the church." (*Martin Copenhaver quoted in Changing the Conversation, p. 18*).

Vestry meetings begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in Willard Hall. The book study at **6:30 p.m.** will precede the business portion of the evening, which you may or may not wish to stay for! Do come, and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the **March 19 meeting**. And pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us in discerning how we will respond to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Books are available at St. Luke's, by special order from *Misty Valley Books*, or online through the Alban Institute or Amazon.com. —**Martha Stretton**

## St. Francis "Snow Sculpture"

Our garden guardian of stone caught a good deal of attention during Chester's Winter Carnival. Everyone was asking, "Where's that snow sculpture?" We did convince inquirers that St. Francis was under snow, not of snow. Anyway, he did not win a prize but did get lots of attention.





## “O Beauty, Ever Ancient”

During Lent the choir will be singing a new anthem, “O Beauty, Ever Ancient.” Here are some notes from the composer, Roc O’Connor, SJ:

I based this song on the much-loved prayer by Saint Augustine (354–430) that comes from his Confessions (ca. 400) and sums up his journey toward conversion to Christ: “Late have I loved thee, O Beauty, ever ancient, O Beauty, ever new; late have I loved thee....” It is a profound recognition of the person’s quest to encounter God.

In some ways, it is a prayer that can only be truly uttered by people who have lived long enough, suffered enough, and come to understand that conversion to Christ is a long and arduous process of attraction and aversion. Yet its appeal seems to go far beyond veterans of the spiritual life.

Depending on the liturgical situation, the song may be interpreted in a number of ways. It could reflect halting recognition and petition for God’s guidance, joyful acceptance of one’s path toward God, or repentance and deeper acceptance of the Gospel....

The choir has spent time reading, singing, and praying this text and we hope you will join us in prayer as we sing it. As the season progresses, we will invite the congregation to join us in singing this lovely piece that speaks to all of us, wherever we are in our walk with Christ.

—Martha Stretton, Church Musician/Choir Director

“The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser. Remember that, in case you thought optimism was dead.”

—Robert Brault

## Ever Ancient, Ever New

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I

was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

—from *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*. (Painting of St. Augustine by Botticelli)



## Easter Memorial Flowers



In anticipation of St. Luke’s joyful Easter Festival Eucharist on Sunday, **April 12**, the Altar Guild will be decorating the Church sanctuary with fragrant Easter lilies and other traditional spring flowers. If you would like to help support this endeavor and at the same time honor dearly departed loved ones or to celebrate the lives of children, mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, or special friends—please make your check payable to: “*St. Luke’s Flower Fund*” and send it along with a note listing the names [PRINTED CLEARLY] indicating if ‘in Memory of’ or ‘in Celebration of’. Mail your check & list of names to:

Adelaide Johnson, 294 Hill Top Road, Andover, VT 05143

The deadline for submitting names is March 31st. Thank you! —**Adelaide Johnson**, Altar Guild Directress

## Web Talk

### Lew Watters, Webmaster

Welcome to my new column “Web Talk,” where I hope to offer a monthly tidbit or two about our place in the World Wide Web.

If you are like most computer savvy users, you know that the web is an instant medium. With a few clicks you can find the answers to most of your questions. For example, the *Shaw’s Receipts Rewards* program is going to change beginning March 1st. From the Outreach page on St. Luke’s webpage you will find a link that explains the new electronic procedure tied to your Shaw’s card. Thanks to technology and automation, errors are eliminated, points and funds are quickly transferred electronically back to the St. Luke’s account.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome because [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) belongs to everyone in the parish.

## Let's Keep the Cunninghams – Forever!

We're always hearing about connections at St. Luke's. Spending nearly three enjoyable hours with **Charles** and **Marija Cunningham** at our dining room table over brunch did much to find common threads and historic insights. Most fascinating are the influences, the inspirations, and pure chance that fill our lives.

First Marija and Charles answered my pet profile questions—factual data like dates and names and places. With that in hand I do not have to write while I listen. So let's start with those.

Marija was born in Portland, Oregon on January 19, 1927. Charles was born on August 24, 1924 in Denver, Colorado. She is the oldest of three, with two younger brothers. Charles, on the other hand, is the youngest of two boys. Oldest and youngest are supposed to be the perfect formula for a great marriage. It would seem so in their case. They were married in Yakima, Washington on March 18, 1956.

Charles' area of medicine was pathology and he had his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and practiced at Mt. Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Springfield Hospital and Rockingham Memorial for thirty-five years from 1957 until his retirement in 1992. He was also an assistant medical examiner and came to know all the area morticians. Paul Adams of Chester was one of his favorites.

Marija spent her special summers with both sets of grandparents. She enjoyed hiking and skiing and was an honor student who has been a constant learner and teacher all her life. Her college training at the University of Washington in Seattle was nursing, working at the Swedish Hospital in Seattle for a bit. She ventured to the southwest to do her "peace corps" duty of the day, working on the Canada Indian Reservation in Arizona.

At 22, Marija took the big train ride out east to Philadelphia, Boston and Hanover, NH for job interviews. Quite a trip for a young single woman in those days. Finally when she reached Hanover during a particularly brilliant autumn, she was hooked. Guess whom she meets through the outdoor "club" of young hospital staff at Hitchcock Hospital? It was 1954. Two years later she and Charles were married and honeymooned at Mt. Hood. In 1957 a connection brought them to Chester for about a year, to a house on First Avenue. Marija worked at Springfield Hospital, and of course knew our Helen Aspden very well. A fact she shared was that Helen, perhaps because of her Red Cross connection, led the Armistice Parade on Fifth Avenue after World War I.



The Cunningham Family: L-R: Sarah, Marija, Josh, Charles, Don and Lydia

Over the next ten years, four children, all about two years apart were born. Only Don, the eldest, was born at Hanover—in a snowstorm we are told. All the Cunningham children were Springfield products—the hospital, schools and community. The next to come was Josh. Two and a half years later came Lydia and finally Sarah. Where are they today? Don lives in Keene and works at the Toadstool Bookstore. Josh lives in Spring Mills, PA and is a blacksmith with a successful welding business. Lydia teaches high school biology and chemistry in a Glen Burnie, MD. Sarah lives in Hartland and is a nurse practitioner at the Veteran's Hospital in White River.

Marija is on the board and very active in Historic Preservation in Windsor. She is a member of the Springfield Garden Club and especially enjoys flower arranging and gardening. She also taught Health Occupation for two and half years at the Vo Tech. Both she and Charles like canoeing and walking. Charles likes his time at the Springfield Recreation Center, staying healthy and having fun. They are about to take off for a week of canoeing in to the Florida Panhandle.

The Cunninghams like the Bible oriented sermons and traditional services offered at St. Luke's. They will represent us at the Diocesan Convention this fall and are excited to host one of the newcomer progressive dinners so we can see their 1791 homestead, which Charles tenderly refers to "working around the place," when he fixes things. Marija and Charles have assured us they will not be at St. Luke's forever, as they hope to move to Woodlands in Lebanon in the next eighteen months. So let's continue to enjoy them as long as we can. —*Bonnie Watters*

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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. —*Proverbs 3:5*

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Joe Grannis & Justine Musabyeyezu  
at a Life Skills Workshop.



Life Skills Workshop for  
older youth

## CHABHA: Children Affected by HIV/AIDS

As most of you know, for several years St. Luke's Outreach has been an enthusiastic supporter of CHABHA. It is a non-profit that was started by former St. Luke's members, Susanna and Joe Grannis. Belinda Whipple Worth continues to serve on the Board of Directors and Jane Davis is a past member of that Board.

CHABHA works "to improve the lives of vulnerable children who are affected by HIV/AIDS by providing support during the dependent years of childhood and youth, thus enabling them to become independent young adults. These projects are led by young people who saw children in need and who had themselves experienced the problems of orphanhood and early family responsibility."

With the help of funds like those from St. Luke's CHABHA currently supports the following vibrant programs in Rwanda and one new program in neighboring Burundi:

- **The AMAHORO Association:** CHABHA first provided funding in 2003. This active association, which now helps 2500 children was started, and is currently lead by young people, many of them orphans of AIDS or the Genocide, who have a first hand understanding of what it is to become the head of your family and household in your early teens. CHABHA funds provide school fees, health cards, an active home visiting program, Saturday gatherings for children to socialize with other orphans of AIDS, and life skills workshops which teach HIV/AIDS prevention and life skills.

- **AGAPE:** CHABHA has partnered with this Christian run support group for young children since 2005. It supports a group of about 300 very young children in the outskirts of Kigali, Rwanda with Bible teachings, singing and nutritional support. They are now trying to reach out to teenagers in their area.

- **AJESOV:** This program in rural Nyamata, Rwanda has partnered with CHABHA since 2005. CHABHA has supported the 275 children in this program with school fees, health cards, and goats for breeding and sale. It has also developed a microfinance program. This loan system has

enabled families who have taken in orphans, to borrow money to start small enterprises to help support their growing family. To date, these loans have been paid back in full by 90% of the borrowers.

- **PROJECT INDEPENDENCE:** Begun in 2006 by the CHABHA-Rwanda Staff this project provides internship training to older youth in a number of fields, beauty salon, auto mechanics, cooking, hotel work, restaurant work, plumbing, and construction. Thanks to this program, several hundred graduates have found jobs and are now able to support their families.

- **Burundi AMAHORO:** There are 50 children in this new project which CHABHA started supporting in 2008. It is modeled after the AMAHORO Association in Rwanda, and the young leaders from Rwanda have traveled to Burundi to help young people there to act as consultants in the organizing of this new program. It is wonderful to see the commitment and leadership skills demonstrated by the leaders of both programs.

CHABHA continues to be so appreciative of the funds contributed by St. Luke's Church, especially in these economically troubled times and thanks each and every one of you.

—Jane Davis, Outreach Committee

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## Lenten Ecumenical Services Begin on March 4

We invite you to participate in the Lenten Ecumenical Services on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning on **Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Luke's Church**. Since St. Luke's is hosting the first in the series, we will be looking for donations of goodies and finger foods for the fellowship gathering in Willard Hall after the service. Please let **Bonnie Watters** (875-2114) know what you plan to bring.

This year's theme is "Fear Not". All services begin at **7:00 p.m.** with the offering going to the Chester Ministerium. There will be refreshments and fellowship following each service. The complete schedule, preachers and locations are listed below. Mark your calendars and do come!

<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>St. Luke's Episcopal Church</b>
Guest Preacher:	The Rev. David Armstrong
<b>MARCH 11</b>	<b>Andover Community Church,</b>
Guest Preacher:	The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter
<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>St. Joseph's Catholic Church</b>
Guest Preacher:	Pastor Steve Knisley
<b>MARCH 25</b>	<b>The Congregational Church</b>
Guest Preacher:	Pastor Rick Blaisdell
<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>First Baptist Church</b>
	"THE MAINE EVENT" will deliver the message and music.



## Meetings & Events

### 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.

#### • Choir Rehearsals:

**Tuesdays**, 6:45PM-8:15PM. **Sunday mornings** from 9:10 AM – 9:40AM to warm up and rehearse the anthem. Call Martha Stretton, 875-3145 for more information.

### LESS THAN WEEKLY

#### • Lenten Ecumenical Services:

**Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th** at 7:00PM. The March 4 service is at St. Luke's Church. See page 6 for the complete schedule and mark the dates on your calendar.

#### • Adult Evening Bible Study:

**Thursdays, March 5th & 26th** in Willard Hall, starting at 6:30PM and ending promptly at 8:00 PM with Compline. Do come join us!

#### • St. Luke's Vestry Meeting:

**Thursday, March 19th** in Willard Hall. 5:30PM, supper; 6:00PM, Bible Study; 6:30PM – Book Study, "Changing the Conversation", followed by the regular business agenda. Parishioners are urged to join the special book study. See article on page 3 for details.

#### • Maple Sugaring Festival Supper:

**Saturday, March 28th** in Willard Hall, starting at 6:00PM. Cost is \$10.00. Mini-Raffle to benefit PINS. See article on this page for details.

#### • Save This Date, Passover Seder:

**Sunday, April 5**, 6:30PM in Willard Hall. Cost: \$10 age 12 and up, \$7.50 age 5-11, under 5 free. Proceeds to benefit St. Luke's youth fund. See article at top of page for more details.

Remind me, Jesus, that the best way to show You my love is to show my love to the people around me. Please help me to grow in love as I open myself more and more to Your Spirit. **Amen.**

## Save The Date: Passover Seder on April 5

The Passover Seder marks the night when the Israelites were "passed over" by the angel of death when the tenth and final plague—the death of all the firstborn—was visited upon Egypt. The angel passed over all homes marked by lamb's blood on the doorpost. The lamb whose blood on the doorposts ensured salvation was referred to as the paschal lamb. The paschal lamb was then eaten that night at "the Lord's Passover."

The text for the evening, the "Haggadah," includes songs, readings, and responses, along with explanations of the various symbolic foods that will be used to tell the Exodus story. Following the symbolic meal, a delicious dinner of roast lamb, chicken, vegetables, tossed salad and dessert will be served. This all happens on **Palm Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.** in Willard Hall.

Sharon Poitras has already put away the lamb and goat for our Passover. We will need roasted potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, meringue cookies and other ingredients. Watch for the signup sheets and how to reserve your tickets.

This is a not-to-miss event on St. Luke's calendar. —*Bonnie Watters*



Cindy Roundy-Winston stitches cloth diapers for African adopted children.

## We Shared And Cared

The weather outside was really too delightful to be inside on Saturday, February 14, but Bonnie Watters and Ciana and Cindy Roundy-Winston were productive and had fun. We made four cloth diapers, wrote several note cards to soldiers, decorated five Operation Christmas Child boxes and three flannel baby dolls for the same boxes. We had two visitors who joined us for lunch and work and the donation money received has been given to the PINS Graduation Fund.

## Maple Sugaring Festival Supper on March 28

Taking the best of last fall's Harvest Dinner—a table hostess, a set menu, advance ticket sales, and family style setup, the Outreach folks have put together a fine Saturday night, **March 28, 6:00 p.m. in Willard Hall** for everything Maple and Syrup. The cost for the supper is \$10. The menu includes pork tenderloins, sweet potatoes (some with chicken), baked beans, Crucifers Salad, breads and muffins and desserts galore—all laden with or created from maple syrup. We will also have a mini-affle with tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will be a choice of several prizes and people can choose the item they wish to win by putting their tickets in the can by that item. Proceeds of the dinner and raffle will go to the PINS (Partners in Service) Graduation Project. (PINS brings together faith communities and human service agencies in particular to help children and youth in the foster care system).



# MARCH CELEBRATIONS



## Birthdays:

8	Lew Watters	17	Meghan Guerra
9	Kathy Crocker	17	Norm Harrison
9	Ross Jones	17	William Scarlett
10	Doc Sexton	23	Jack Dowd
12	Gerrit Keator	31	Bill Dakin
13	Peter Pill	31	Bill Lindsay
17	Jessica Dakin		

## Anniversaries:

18 Charles & Marija Cunningham



Daylight Saving  
Time begins on  
Sunday, March 8th,  
so remember to set  
your clock ahead  
the night before.

## Seeking God

Sometimes, God, You're not very easy to see. Maybe that's because I'm being half-hearted about my seeking. Help me to seek You with my whole heart. Remind me to seek You in everything I do, wherever I am. *Amen.*

## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

**Mar. 1** **I LENT – ONE SERVICE**  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**Mar. 8** **II LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Mar. 15** **III LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Mar. 22** **IV LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Mar. 29** **V LENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**April 5** **THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**6:30 PM PASSOVER SEDER** – Willard Hall

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in Willard Hall. Child Care: 10:00 a.m. Service



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