

July - August 2008

The Grapevine

The newsletter of St Albans Episcopal Church,
Brandywine Hundred, DE



The Rector's Thoughts

Summer: vacation, sailing, sitting doing nothing, digging in the garden. I have never quite lost the student's view of summertime as vacation time. Of course it is more than that. You and I have plenty of work to do too. Nevertheless, summer remains a wonderful reminder of Sabbath time.

Sabbath time: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Time for rest and reflection is God's gift, commanded by God because it is good for us. "The Sabbath," says Jesus, "was made for humankind." We may no longer observe one day a week as the Sabbath, but we do need Sabbath time. In an age when we are so identified with what we do ("What do you do?" being the most common question when we are introduced to someone), the Sabbath is a reminder that there is much more to life than doing. I might not accomplish much sitting in my back yard or sitting in worship, but God blesses both. It is no accident that recreation finds its root in re-creation.

God's grace: We live in it. We die without it. Sabbath time is grace time: time to rest, time for re-creation, time to thank God for the gift of such time and all God's gifts.

May you be blessed with relaxation and re-creation in these days of summer and throughout the year ahead. God's peace, *Jim+*



Food Closet The shelves of the Food Closet are nearly bare. This is partially due to changes in leadership at the Claymont Community Center and partially due to the fact that contributions of food are sparse during the summer. Contributions of all types of canned goods and dry foods are always welcome. Some suggested items are:

Canned foods: Tuna fish, soups, fruit, baked beans, ravioli and beef stew.

Dry goods: Pancake mix, cereals, and instant mashed potatoes.

Thank you for your continued support of this project. Faithfully, *Sister Sheila Brigid*

"Pecan Ladies" Partner with Altar and Flower Guild The proceeds from the sale of Pecans by St. Albans' "Pecan Ladies" are used to benefit various worthy causes at St. Albans. This year, the Flower Guild had a need to refurbish two beautiful brass vases which had not been used for years due to their condition. The Altar Guild also had a need to replace our very worn altar linens. The "Pecan Ladies" offered some of the proceeds from this year's sale of pecans to cover these two costly items. The congregation's support of the Pecan sales goes a long way toward benefiting and beautifying our worship services! Nancy Young, Bettye Stout and Helen Graham.

Calling all acolytes! If anyone would like to be added to the acolyting schedule, please contact Erin Collins at 302-479-7802. *We are also currently looking for a new acolyte coordinator. The job takes about an hour every three months. If interested, please contact Erin at 479-7802.*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Weed Steffon 7/03
Harriet Peters 7/04
Charles Barefoot 7/10
Thomas Barefoot 7/10
Ginny Wood 7/11
Thomas Stout 7/11

Rob Mullen 7/14
Carol Palermo 7/17
The Rev. Jim Wolford 7/21
Charles Ganter 7/22
David Gail 7/25
Jim Goode 7/25

Cathy Cloutier 7/25
Jane Bye 7/26
Nora DeLuca 7/28
Randy Yoncha 7/29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Gail 8/4
Richard Hartman 8/6
Francis Mariner 8/7
Blaine Collins 8/9
David Yoncha 8/11
Tommy Cloutier 8/12

Sheila Coffin 8/13
Matt DeLuca 8/15
Beth Yoncha 8/18
Talbot Crane 8/19
Nona Kelly Smith 8/19
Julia Wright 8/21

Jack Harris 8/25
Anne Yoncha 8/27
C. Frank Manion 8/30
Charles Pell 8/30



JULYANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Kathy Porter 7/01
Bill & Reggie Hearn 7/12
Bruce & Judy Gwaltney 7/09
Barb & Dick Anderson 7/15

Matt & Nora DeLuca 7/22
Debra Appleyard & Rita Berryman 7/23
Ed & Becky Meyers 7/25
Frank & Callie Manion 7/25

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Susan Barefoot 8/1
Rob & Tracey Hausel 8/3
Jack & Doris Wright 8/4
Rob & Mary Wright 8/5
Richard & Sr. Sheila Sharpe 8/6

Jim & Diane Wegner 8/19
Jim & Doris Cummings 8/20
Rick & Ginny Hartman 8/22
Gary & Nancy Young 8/23
Leonard and Margaret Chandler 8/30