



May 2009
The Grapevine
A Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Brandywine Hundred, Delaware



A Word from Father Karney

Dear friends in Christ

As most of you know I was assigned to St. Anne's Church in Middletown for almost 18 months. This meant that for at least 5 days a week I would commute via route one. It was usually tedious with little excitement except for seeing the result of an occasional accident and incidents of what is called "road rage". These were far more frightening than anything else. People weaving in and out of traffic, cutting each other off, shaking fists at one another (sometimes less than a clenched fist) and generally driving in a reckless manner. I was able to avoid confrontations with these drivers. Seeing them reminds of some of the pastoral situations I have encountered over the years. For want of a better word I think it could be called "God Rage". Actually the signs and causes are very similar to road rage. The thing single most central to road rage is the frustration of the driver. He or she wants to get someplace in a hurry. Anything or anyone who gets in the way is subject to the driver's wrath. When the personal goal of the person is thwarted he/she is angry and curses what they perceive to that which is preventing them from reaching their goal. Most people who are late can only blame themselves for leaving too late. Typical of a person with road rage is a sense of frustration in not getting their way. And they are ready to blame anyone except themselves. Many people come to me suffering from: "God rage" and the signs are much the same as road rage. A goal the person has is being delayed or denied. Rather than blaming self for setting unrealistic goals they feel that God has failed them and they are angry with God--sometimes even shaking a fist at Him. There was a movie starring Jim Carrey in which he plays God. At one point he tries to please all the persons who want to win the lottery so the payoff is only a few dollars per ticket. Another time he changes the position of the moon and causes a flood in another part of the world. Dealing with some aspects of a person's rage toward God is relatively easy--not everyone can win the lottery or finish first in their class. Dealing with the painful aspects of life like illness and death is yet another issue. One which is best handled on an individual basis. That is why clergy are often called pastors. If you feel a rage toward God evaluate if it is from frustration or real anxiety about your life. Remember as you do that the ability to be angry with God is the opening to being able to accept God's love. As you go on the journey of a Christian life don't be angry but be thankful for the opportunity. Life is a gift -- appreciate it.

Peace

GJK

Please note: Although Fr. Karney is not in the office daily, he is available for any pastoral need. Please contact him at (302) 994 3659 He asks you please to call him whenever anyone is hospitalized.



Vestry Highlights

- The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry is on April 20th, too late to make the current edition of the newsletter
- There was a short congregational meeting following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, March 29th, to discuss the possible purchase of some of St. Alban's property. The interested group desires to build senior housing and must own a minimum amount of property. They will need less than one acre of our ground next to the farm property on the east side of St. Alban's. The group will make a proposal at the April Vestry Meeting.

February To-Date Financial Summary

Cash: The current balance is \$63,329 compared to \$66,287 in January and \$69,516 at the end of 2008

Revenue: As of February to date this is \$631 above budget. Pledges are \$63 low and Plate is \$341 over

Expenses: These are under budget by \$1,588. Maintenance is under by \$1,530 Personnel is under by \$846 Gas is over by \$1,427

To-Date: As a result of our higher income and lower expenses we are \$2,217 above the \$10,600 budget for net income

Food Closet

Your contributions for the Food Closet are always appreciated. Items particularly needed at this time are:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Dry Cereals
Fruit Juices

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sister Sheila Brigid

Web Site

Barb and Dan Krieger are now responsible for the content of the St. Alban's Web Site. Please contact them at 478-1942; or leave information in the Grapevine mailbox in the St. Alban's mailroom.

Mats and Pats

An Invitation----- There is still room for more guests at Memorial House during the Mats and Pats annual trip to Rehoboth. Any members or friends of St. Albans are welcome to join us. Our reservation for May 18th to 21st includes 9 meals and 3 nights' accommodations for the price of \$258.00.

Anyone in the parish, singles, couples, young or old, is welcome to join us. May is an ideal time to enjoy Rehoboth Beach, and the comfort and beauty of Memorial House are the perfect setting. There is no set program. Stroll to nearby Rehoboth Ave. or the boardwalk, sit on the deck with a book, drive to Lewes or the outlets for an afternoon, or spend time at the Art League. After dinner play a board game or watch a video. You can do any of this on your own, but there is usually someone to team up with if you want company. See Joan Lynch, 478-3137, or Bob and Mary Morrow, 478-3798, for more information.

Address Change:

Jack and Winnie Harris
Jenners Pond
1107 Greenbrier Lane
West Grove, PA 19390

Mrs. Elaine Ringle
The Country House
4830 Kennett Pike #1537
Wilmington, DE 19807

New Member Address:

Mrs. Dorothy Cutting
2016 Naamans Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19810

Add to Directory

Matthew and Nora DeLuca
233 W. Chestnut Road
Newark DE 19713

Dates to keep in Mind

May 21st, Ascension Day

There will be an Ascension Day Service at 7 p.m.

May 31st, The Feast of Pentecost

There will be baptisms at the 10:30 a.m. service

June 21st, The Feast of St. Alban

The parish will celebrate our namesake



ST.ALBANS 2ND ANNUAL SPRING CABARET

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

6-8:00 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

“BARN DANCE”

MUSIC IN THE COUNTRY STYLE/SING-A-LONG

FUN FOR ALL

COVERED DISH SUPPER BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

ENTERTAINMENT ALL EVENING LONG

“HEE-HAW, YA’LL”

Vestry Person of the Month – Aldos C. Barefoot



After growing up in Raleigh, graduating from Needham Brought High School, attending Davidson and then Dartmouth, Al Barefoot went to work at the Sabine River Works, Texas, where he met and married his wife Susan in 1982. Al and Susan have two boys, Charles, a 1st Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, currently serving in Iraq, and Tom, who is planning to use his unemployment opportunity to return to school. Having been transferred to Brandywine Hundred, Susan and Al noticed St. Alban's when looking for grocery stores, doctors, shopping centers and their workplaces. When they visited, they were greeted warmly and immediately felt welcome. Al has participated in the life of St. Alban's through serving on the Vestry (3 times – one year as senior warden), search committees, stewardship campaigns, social activities, Sunday School Coordinator and working with the Boy Scout service projects and around the grounds. He sang in the choir for 18 years, and still occasionally joins them. Recently, Al took up service as a lay reader. Although Al claims no specific hobbies, he says that he never feels a lack of absorbing challenges in home maintenance.

Al and Susan have found a home at St. Alban's and are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and the friendship and support that they've received over the years as their children grew up in the St. Alban's family.

Church Services:

Sunday, Holy Eucharist Services: Beginning Sept. 7 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Eucharist & Healing Service: 5:45 p.m.

Office Hours: Mon.-Wed. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Thur. 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Fridays – Closed

Contact Information:

St. Albans contact information: Phone: 478-7778;

Fax: 478-7762

Interim Rector: The Rev. George J. Karney (302) 994-3659

Organist/Choir Director: Donald McFarland

Deacon Postulant: Sister Sheila Brigid Sharpe

St. Albans Website: www.stalbansde.org

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2009 Easter Flowers were given by:

- ☞ Helen Graham in loving memory of Gus from the Graham family
- ☞ Jim and Linda Goode in loving memory of Jane Goode, Paul Nickel, Jennifer Nickel
- ☞ Bettye Stout in memory of Mel Stout from his loving family
- ☞ Dorothy Cutting in loving memory of Ralph C. Cutting, Jr.
- ☞ Marion & James Cummings in memory of Mattie & Paul Davis, and Louise & Clarence York.
- ☞ John and Ruth Norman in memory of Mary & Joe Norman
- ☞ Bill Hearn
- ☞ Barb & Dick Anderson in memory of loved ones
- ☞ Doris Wissler in memory of L. Kenneth Wissler
- ☞ In thanksgiving of the Parish's support and prayers
- ☞ The Olmstead Family in memory of Frank & Geraldine Beymer
- ☞ The Bye Family in thanksgiving for Tyler, Danielle, Nicole & Jacob
- ☞ Frank and Norma Mariner in memory of Michael Mariner
- ☞ The Lane Family in memory of Mel Stout
- ☞ Sally Wolff in memory of Fred Wolff
- ☞ Charles & Hazel Yeagle
- ☞ Sally & Joe Weed
- ☞ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrow in thanksgiving for Logan Morrow's college graduation
- ☞ Carol Palermo in thanksgiving for Davie and Michael and other family and friends

Many thanks to those who gave but are not listed.

Diocesan Convention

St. Alban's was represented by the Rev. George Karney, Bill Gail – Sr. Warden, and Barb Krieger, parishioner at the 224th Diocesan Convention at Christ Church, Brandywine Hundred, on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, 2009. Sr. Sheila and Sr. Andrea were also present. The Convention began with workshops on Diocesan Finances, General Convention, Resolutions, Meet the Candidates. We split up to cover as many as possible. The first business session included balloting (organized and run by our own Br. Steven), annual reports, Bishop's appointments, etc. Christ Church provided an excellent meal and an opportunity to meet and greet fellow Episcopalians from around the Diocese. The highlight, however, was the presentation by the Cathedral Choir School and the testimony by several of the children as to the difference the school has made in their lives. Again, on Saturday, the schedule

was alternated between business and workshops, including Youth Ministry, Camp Arrowhead, Slavery, Deacons, Environmental Awareness/Issues, Care of the Homeless and Hungry. Business wrapped up at 3:00 p.m.

One of the very best happenings was that we met the new priest from St. Phillips, Laurel, Howard, who happens to be a life-long friend of Paul Daggett's. What a small and wonderful world we live in.



Parish Life

May Birthdays

Mary Golly	4
Rick Harra	4
Andrea Davis	6
Kathy Porter	8
Carla Wegner	9
Jaime Martin	9
Bunny Dodge	13
Dianne Coffin	14
Kevin Roux	15
Charles Yeagle	17
Lorraine Riordan	18
Thomas Peters	20
Joe Lynch	20
Ariel Hardy	22
Juliana Coons	23
Jim Wegner	25
Lindsey Roux	25
Pam Yeagle	26
Richard Roux	27
Richard Watson	27
John Golly	29

May Anniversaries

Jerry and Jaime Martin	5/7/05
Frank and Norma Mariner	5/18/1945
Jim and Linda Goode	5/28/02

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Wilmington Garden Day – Saturday, May 2nd (rain or shine)

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., featuring 21 sites of glorious gardens and gracious homes. "Glowing Green" is this year's theme. This year's beneficiaries are St. Michael's School and Nursery and Patterson House at Friendship House. Details are on the News page of our website.

Outreach to Foster Care Youth - Sunday, May 3rd

From 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington with participation of Congregation Beth Emeth and Mt. Lebanon Methodist. We will fill 200 bags for foster care youth who have turned 18 and are no longer under the supervision of the Family Court. These young adults must leave their foster care homes and find their own housing. Bring breakfast cereals, fruit/granola bars, prepackaged fruit, tuna fish, pasta and sauce, prepackaged dry macaroni and cheese, jello or pudding mix, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soaps, and deodorants. There will be a pot-luck supper. Out of respect for participants' dietary guidelines, dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, or combine dairy products with meat. For details, call 425-4155 or 478-6296.

2009 Spring Social and Silent Auction Thursday, May 7^t

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool is sponsoring the social that starts at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the CCEP's Annual Fund. For details, call 472-0021.

Claymont Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 9th

Starting at 8 am to 2 pm, Tables available - \$25. It will be held at Church of the Ascension. Call the church office 302-798-6683 to reserve your spot!

Women's Spiritual Retreat – May 15th – May 17th

All women in the diocese are invited to a wonderful week-end of soulful refreshment, spiritual uplift, sisterhood, and ice-cream sundaes. The retreat will be self-directed with modules focusing on "Becoming Better and Brighter Beacons of God, While Impacting Our Community." Please register no later than May 8. The all-inclusive cost is \$160. Mail your check, payable to Trinity Parish, to Florence Collins-Hardy, P.O. Box 861, Bear, DE 19701-0861. For details, call Florence at 838-2055. If you need scholarship assistance, please call the Rev. Patty Downing at 652-8605.

Safe Church Training - Saturday, May 16th

Starting at 9:00 – 3:00, Trinity Church. Prior registration is required. Registration deadline is May 1st. Please Cynde Bimbi in the Bishop's office to request a registration form and/or more information.

Annual Flea Market - Saturday, May 16th

Grace Church, Wilmington is having their Annual Flea Market from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. across from Concord Mall on Hwy. 202. For details, call 478-9533.

St. James Spring Faire and Flea Market- Saturday, May 16th

St. James Newport is having a Flea Market from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tables are \$20. Call 994-2029

An Urban Experience – June 22nd – 26th

The Cathedral of Saint John is sponsoring a unique opportunity this summer for students 16-20 to immerse themselves into Wilmington city life. We will be offering an intensive one-week program designed to give participants, particularly those who have an interest in education, social services, community advocacy, government, or medicine an overview of the advantages and challenges of city living from the perspective of residents, community leaders, and elected officials. There will also be a community service project. Cost is \$125 some scholarships are available. All students will receive a certificate for 40 hours of community service. For more information, call Saint John.

In Concert: The Chapel Choir of Cheltenham College, England - Friday, July 10th and Monday, July 13th

On July 10th starting at 8:00 p.m., at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, under the direction of Alexander Ffinch.

On July 13th, starting at 8 p.m., 28 voices under the direction of David Rowland. Free, with a goodwill offering taken to defer the cost of the students' tour.

