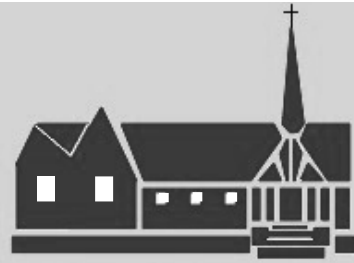


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Saint Mary's



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DEAR FRIENDS,

'Round about the time I was the age of two or three, I started singing. And my introduction to music coincided with spending each and every Sunday in church where everyone was making a joyful noise. It didn't matter to those old Scotch Presbyterians if they could carry a tune or not. They would still belt out every hymn, every Gloria Patri that came their way. I learned early on that singing has a lot to do with faith, and music a lot to do with salvation. Singing has a way of cracking open the heart, and letting the sweet Spirit of the Lord do its work.

I still love to sing. Those who know and love me best say I sing a little too loud, and sometimes a little off key. But that doesn't dissuade me. When all is said and done, it's probably the thing I love most about our worship and liturgy. And it's a constant joy to me that in St. Mary's, I am part of a parish that puts a high premium on its music.

We have great expectations for our music program. This fall, we are launching a community choir, which is open to all ages and abilities. The choir rehearses each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, and will be singing once a month. For those of you not quite ready to make a greater commitment to singing, or those who are a little shy about your 'hidden talent', or even those who have never, ever thought they would or could or should make a joyful noise, I want to invite you to consider joining me and others in this endeavor.

In Joan Kirchner, we have certainly found a versatile and talented Minister of Music. Those of you who were at our Harvest Dinner witnessed this in her stunning rendition of Cole Porter favorites. Joan is also a pianist and a flautist, to add to her other talents. To draw on her repertoire and to enhance our music program, we are hoping to add a grand piano to the chancel to lead us in our worship. Perhaps one of you has a piano you are looking to donate or would consider making a memorial gift to St. Mary's to make this possible. Please be in touch if this is the case.

November is a month of remembrance and thanksgiving, and we will have special opportunities for commemoration at St. Mary's. On Sunday, November 5th, we will have our All Saints Commemoration, and will read a necrology of all faithfully departed. If you would like a name of your loved one(s) remembered on that occasion, please call the parish office. On Sunday, November 12th, we will observe Veterans' Day with Pete Gouger once again processing the colors on behalf of our many living and departed veterans in the parish. And on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7:30 p.m., at the West Parish Congregational Church, we will join in our traditional interfaith Thanksgiving Service.



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NOTE FROM KRIS



Dear Ones,

Along with shorter days and the first chill whispers of winter, November brings one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a unique holiday lying as it does at the nexus of civic and religious life. Our celebration of Thanksgiving is clearly enshrined in our national legacy but the impulse to give thanks goes much deeper; in fact, it is deeply rooted in scripture. Giving thanks to God is established as not only right and proper but also as necessary in both the Torah, the most ancient of scriptures, and in the Wisdom writings, based on the accumulated experience of the people.. Giving thanks to God is our most elemental and essential response to God and God's care for us. It is necessary not only as a way of honoring God, but also for our own spiritual and psychological health. Being thankful shifts our focus from inward to outward. When we give thanks to God we also acknowledge that God alone is the source of our very being. We remember all that God has done for us. We give up any pretense of being in control and we turn ourselves back over to God.

Culturally, too, we recognize the importance of expressing gratitude: we teach children very early to say "thank you", to write thank you notes, to be grateful. Cultural icons no less than Oprah have touted having an "attitude of gratitude." But like many other values, giving thanks runs the risk of being trivialized these days. In a culture of plenty, it is all too easy to become glib about being thankful, to see what we have as the results of our own hard work rather than as a gift from God. Our rugged American individualism makes it difficult for us to admit our dependence on one another, let alone on God. Even our Thanksgiving holiday has become as strongly associated with football and parades and food and kicking off the Christmas season as it is with really giving thanks. Thanksgiving has come to

symbolize not only our abundance but also our tendencies to indulge (or over-indulge) ourselves.

How can we recapture the spirit of true thanksgiving? We can remember that being thankful does not end just with expressing our gratitude. Rather we are called also to offer back to God a part of that abundance that God has granted to us—and not just any part, but the first part—before we take out any for ourselves we are called to offer up our "first fruits". In doing so, we recognize that all that we have is a gift from God—our food, our homes, our very breath.

We can also reflect on what is really essential in our lives, and be grateful for those things—the love of family and friends, a roof over our heads and food on the table—while letting go of the need to always have more (a radically counter cultural idea today in a world whose economy depends on us always wanting more). Most of all we can recognize our utter dependence on God for all that we are and all that we have. In doing so, we are freed to be all that God calls us to be, and to do all that God calls us to do and for that too, we can give thanks.

Blessings

Kris+

STEVE'S NOTE (CONT)

This month, we begin the process of receiving names of candidates for vestry positions that will come open in the new year, as well as those to fill positions for Diocesan, Deanery, and Cape Cod Council of Churches delegates. Please speak to Marian Ferguson if you have someone in mind for these positions.

Finally, on behalf of the parish, I want to offer heartfelt thanks to the members of our Stewardship Committee for all their hard work on the Harvest Dinner and ECW members and friends who have volunteered numerous hours on another successful rummage sale.

Faithfully,

Steve+

TELLING OUR STORIES: THE VIRGINIA DEAL GIFT

By The Wardens and Vestry of Saint Mary's Church

For the past five months, this space has been devoted to telling the stories of longtime members of Saint Mary's Church in the Village of Barnstable. Warne Gooch, Don Melhop, Bea Magruder, Mary Ferguson and Gertrude Waters have each been profiled. In this season of Thanksgiving, we are deeply grateful for the lives and contributions of these "saints" among us, whose decades of dedicated service continue to inspire new generations of parishioners in our community of faith.

This month, we devote this space to telling the story of the Virginia Deal bequest and the important role each of us plays in supporting Saint Mary's financial operations. As you may recall from past communications, Saint Mary's was notified earlier this year of a bequest in the amount of \$2.1 million dollars from the estate of longtime parishioner Mrs.

Virginia Deal. We continue to be humbled by Ginny's generosity. Her gift offers

Saint Mary's an unprecedented opportunity to move forward and embrace more fully what God is calling us to be and to do in the years ahead.

For many years now, our church budget has had to balance the vital program and operational expenses of the parish with the increasing financial demands of maintaining our physical property. In recent years, we have been faced with stagnant pledge growth and significant budget shortfalls. These shortfalls have forced us to defer urgently needed maintenance work and to carve into our parish "savings" by liquidating principal from modest endowment funds to avoid major cuts in Saint Mary's programs and staff. Faced with limited pledge support over the past several years, our church outreach budget has become increasingly dependent on the fundraising activities of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Mindful of these challenges, and after months of prayerful consideration, your Vestry this September unanimously decided to devote Virginia Deal's generous gift to strengthening Saint Mary's outreach work, and endowing the legacy of our beautiful church buildings and gardens for future generations to use and enjoy.

Endowing Saint Mary's outreach activities, buildings and grounds is our grateful response to the generosity of Virginia Deal and other parishioners who have come before, and our promise to generations of parishioners to follow.

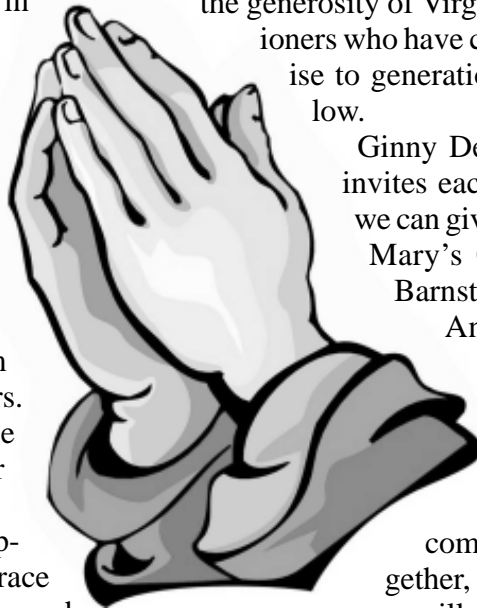
Ginny Deal's incredible generosity invites each of us to reflect on what we can give and do to help build Saint Mary's Church in the Village of Barnstable during the year ahead.

And how will the financial gifts and pledges each us makes during 2007 be spent? They will support the day-to day activities that lie at the heart of our community of faith. Taken together, Ginny's generosity and our own will enable Saint Mary's to enhance our outreach and maintain our buildings and grounds while strengthening the vital work that goes on within our church walls every day of the year.

During the next weeks, we will be working together to finalize our church budget for the coming year. Please pray for wisdom in this momentous time in our life together, as we consider the many challenges and opportunities ahead and seek discernment as a community of faith.

Across the years and generations, God's abundant grace continues to bless us in this season of Thanksgiving. May these blessings carry us forward together with courage and determination to the Glory of our Savior Jesus Christ.

—The Saint Mary's Vestry



PARISH RETREAT RECAP



The road to Narnia wound us through winter into spring on our Friday evening movie night, and through an actual fur-coat wardrobe into the bright sunshine of a fall New Hampshire weekend together on our First Annual Parish Retreat. The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire set alongside picturesque Otter Lake allowed for times of quiet reflection, interesting discussion, sharing delicious meals and making connections with faces we recognized but had only had a passing interaction with. We found ourselves rotating dining companions so that each meal's company was different.

The Saturday morning program continued our visit to Narnia with separate programs for adults and children, giving parents some adult time for pondering. On Sunday, before we departed for home, at Tom Fahey's suggestion, we grouped ourselves by decade and found that all ages were represented, from three to eighty-three!! Saturday afternoon, some found time to go apple picking, mountain hiking, being enveloped in a new book, revisiting an old one, kayaking, napping, and playing volleyball. Saturday night found us all encircling a great bonfire where we

shared songs and some very bad but silly jokes and s'mores.

Some things we found out... Matthew Hersey lost his first tooth and it's up in New Hampshire near the bonfire! Charlotte Steifel knows some really silly songs and knows how to deliver a punch line. David Palmer can tell jokes as well as his dad. And his dad, Matt Palmer, along with Brian Sullivan knows all the words to the theme song to Gilligan's Island. The Buswells know a great apple picking orchard and a better way to get to BCH. Amy Crocker can sing harmony and Chris Barron can play old rock and roll songs, from a time before he was born, on his guitar! Pete Gouger ties a mean fly and has some new turkey feathers to make some with. Spencer Reed enjoyed his company fishing this weekend. Kaitlynn Greene has a nice new boyfriend. Hi Bill. Jeanette Hanlon and Ann German can rip some pretty cool vocals too. And Connie Sullivan and Shannon Sullivan do a mean volleyball spike.

Wrapping up our weekend away together, Sunday morning's homily was a puppet show put on by the children present retelling the themes of Narnia. Then, all of us were then crowned kings and queens by the children of St. Mary's and sent on our way to reclaim our own stories.





MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

Fall is my favorite season—it must have something to do with my North German blood that the falling temperatures and even the darkening days feel somehow cozy rather than depressing to me. The liturgical seasons are headed for a change as well, and I cherish the quietness of the last few Sundays of Pentecost.

The cycle of the liturgical year is often tied to the agricultural cycle, and as one of the rapidly diminishing number who grew up working on a farm, I find these seasons comforting. This is the season of tidying up and putting to bed the garden that has been reproaching me all summer while I raced by, intent on the necessary tasks of earning a living. Now is the time of celebrating the harvest of my few tomatoes, of anticipating the joyful holiday season and a new year.

The complexity of modern life can make us long for an idealized rural existence, but we need to remember some important aspects of that era. It wasn't that long ago that pumpkins and corn and squash were harvested for sustenance, not decorating your front porch. Autumn was a bountiful season, but there was also the constant computation to make sure enough was stored to see the household through the winter. The adage of "you reap what you sow," the story of the ant and grasshopper, the parable of the wise and foolish maidens all come to mind.

November is my Advent. December is always far too full of rehearsals and performances, the inevitable "Messiahs" and caroling, to allow for much contemplation. In these last darkening days of Pentecost the planning book is full of the potential for holiday music, but the point of panic is still a few weeks away! I walk my dogs around the harvested cranberry bogs, admiring the stark outline of leafless trees against a stunning sunset, and have the time to appreciate God's gifts of the world around us as well as wrestle with what Jesus' advent into my own life asks from me.

Advent marks the end of the longest season of Pentecost, when hopefully we've been out doing the work of God. We prepare to re-welcome Christ into our lives and wonder about that mysterious aspect of "second coming", evaluating how we would feel if Jesus did return and hand us our spiritual report card. It's time for the new liturgical year and renewed spiritual resolutions. Do we have within us the spiritual resources to see us through the stressful aspects of the holidays and the long winter? Before we launch into the blessings and trials of family gatherings and calendars full of holiday events I invite you to join me in thoughts of gratitude for the fruits of summer and harvest the grace available to us to sustain us through the months ahead.

Joan Kirchner

St. Mary's Choirs

By the time you are reading this, the Community Choir will have made its debut at the end of October. We'll be starting music for the Christmas Pageant soon so this is the perfect time to join us if you've been contemplating making the leap!

Those with more experience who are interested in joining the Adult Choir for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols on the afternoon of December 10 or for the Christmas Eve services, please get in touch with me through the church or at home (508-385-5490). We'd love to expand our forces for this season so rich in beautiful music, and I guarantee you'll love being part of it as well!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			10am - 11am Holy Eucharist Healing Service 1pm - 2pm Staff Meeting 3:30pm - 4:30pm Eucharist Heatherwood 7:00pm - 8:30pm Adult Choir
5 8am - 9am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10am - 11am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15am - 11:45am Community Choir	6 9am - 11:30am Miracle Kitchen Cooking 9am - 10:30pm ECW Board Meeting	7 7am - 9am Men's Breakfast	10am - 11am Holy Eucharist Healing Service 11am - 1pm EWC presentation Speaker: Laura Peterson Loss Services of Cape Cod 1pm - 2pm Staff Meeting 3pm - 4pm Finance & Administration Meeting 7pm - 8:30pm Adult Choir
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1 Eucharist & Meeting Eucharist at Adult Choir	2 7:30am - 9am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group Greens Committee-Wreath Making 5:30pm - 6:30pm Contemplative Prayer -Holy Spirit, Orleans 7pm - 8pm Book Group 7pm - 9pm AA Meeting	3 Poster Contest for Youth - Entries due	4 8:30am - 9:30am Liturgy Committee Meeting 5pm - 6pm Holy Eucharist
8 Eucharist & Program Guest son Dir, Sight eCod ting & Budget Choir	9 7:30am - 9am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:30am - 1:30 pm Cape Cod Auxiliary Hospital 7pm - 9pm AA Meeting 7pm - 9:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting	10 No Events	11 5pm - 6pm Holy Eucharist
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Church Women United of Cape Cod

Cape Cod Synagogue – November 14, 2006, at 10:00am – 1:30pm.

Theme: Signs of Healing

Speakers: Cantor Malin – “Seeds of Peace”

Carolyn Hebert – Champ House

Lunch: \$10.00 –Please call Beverly Hammer at 508-833-8942 to reserve a seat.

Interfaith worship service – guitar music during lunch. Rabbi Freeland and Dr. Mark Walcott .

This promises to be a very good day. Those of you who have attended these meetings in the past have always found it a very heart warming experience, and the food is wonderful!

Church Women United of Cape Cod are celebrating their world community day with the Synagogue at this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Dot Pettibone.

Greens Committee

Beautiful fresh greens make our homes festive and inviting for the holidays. The Greens Committee makes lovely swags, baskets, decorated wreaths and other novel arrangements –but we need you to supply us with greens (boxwood, spruce, white pine, etc). Please help us. Greens may be left outside the solarium beginning November 26. If you have holly, expert prunners will come to your home to collect it! Please call Guy Bradley at 508-385-7081.

We have lost some holly sources this year. We would really appreciate more calls offering this most important green!

Looking Ahead to Advent

December 3 is the first Sunday in Advent. It might seem early to be thinking of Advent and Christmas, but it will soon be upon us. So mark your

calendar now for these Advent happenings:

December 3 Advent Wreath Workshop 11:15 (following 10:00 service)

December 12 Potluck Dinner and Jesse Tree Celebration 5:30-7:30 pm We'll learn about the tradition of the Jesse Tree and make decorations for St. Mary's own Jesse Tree

December 17 Advent Lessons and Carols 4:00 pm

December 24 Advent 3 Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

Stewardship News

The second annual Harvest Dinner was held on Sunday, October 15. Once again the Parish Hall was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was warm and happy. After dinner we were treated to a truly outstanding program with our new Music Director, Joan Kirchner, singing Cole Porter tunes accompanied by the piano. A standing ovation closed out our wonderful evening of thanksgiving for all of the time, talent and treasure given to St. Mary's.

Pledge Cards for 2007

Pledge Cards were mailed to all St. Mary's parishioners on September 7th. Our two goals this year are: (1) 100% Pledge Participation and (2) a 19% increase in our total pledged dollars in order to fund a balanced St. Mary's budget for 2007. Stewardship Sunday is October 29 when we will present our pledges to God at the altar. We hope everyone will participate.

Your Vestry Needs You

The end of this year will mark the completion of three-year Vestry terms by Linda Hutton, Russ Fales and John Watters. Please join us in thanking Linda, Russ and John for their hard work and valuable contributions to the growth and vitality of St. Mary's. We are now faced with the task of replacing them on the Vestry while maintaining the diversity of representation and strength of tal

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ent. Each year, a nominating committee consisting of outgoing Vestry members, Wardens and the Rector is convened to gather input from parishioners on Vestry, Diocesan Convention, Cape Cod Council of Churches and Deanery representatives. This culminates in the presentation of a slate of nominees at the annual meeting in late January. Please submit your recommendations to aid us in the discernment process by emailing or calling Marian Ferguson (marianferg@aol.com 508-362-8225) or leave a message for her in the church office. Matt Palmer and Marian Ferguson

Joan Kirchner in Performance

Joan will be soprano soloist with the Chatham Chorale in November concerts of Handel's magnificent oratorio *Israel in Egypt*; performances will be at the Mattakeese Middle School on Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm. Open seating – all tickets are \$20.00 and are available from Claire or Roy Anderson (508-778-4441). Students 18 and under – free tickets upon request.

*"This monumental work, composed three years before "Messiah", * "is somewhat atypical, of Handel oratorios (like Messiah); it contains relatively little solo material; also unusual is the extensive use of double choruses, with the themes alternately echoed and reinforced."*

James Francher (Naperville Chorus).

Fall Workshops

The greens group will be working on fall wreaths on the following Thursdays from 9am-noon: 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, and 11/16. Come join them for creative fun and to meet fellow parishioners. These wreaths may be purchased on Sundays: 11/5, 11/12, & 11/19 in time for Thanksgiving.

The Holy Fair Live Wreath workshops begin every day the week before the fair from 9am-12 Monday thru Friday, 11/27-30 and Dec 1. Please

bring scissor and wire clips or just yourself!

Call Dick Buswell if you can help the men gather the holly that week (11/27-12/1) 508-896-7103. Call Dick if you can help for details on time and place

The St. Mary's Book Group

Will meet on the first Thursday of the month, November 2 in the St. James Room at 7:00pm. Jeanette Hanlon will lead our discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's *When the Heart Waits*. For the following month (December 7), we will read Joan Didion's *The Year of Magical Thinking*. All are welcome.

Vestry Meeting Notes

At our meeting on October 18th the Vestry reviewed the objectives and procedures of the Nominating Committee. Buildings and Grounds reported on ongoing work on the columns in the courtyard, drainage, landscaping, office refurbishing, and the long term possibilities of solar panels. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to understanding our budgeting process, the long-term financial health of the church, and how to stem the tide of spending levels that have required spending capital. The meeting ended on a more joyful note with a report from the Music Committee.

Let's Talk Box

These are located inside the front door of the church and on the table outside the parish office. We invite your comments, concerns, questions. "Let's Talk" is always the first item on our agenda, and signed comments are assured of a response.. Please know that your feedback and concerns are most important to us. Help us to keep this line of communication open.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH FORMATION

Dear Saint Mary's Parents and Teachers,

On Saturday, November 18th, 9am to 11 am, Church School Parents, Teachers and helpers Workshop. We will start with Coffee, light snacks and a helpful review of classroom norms in Godly Play and Story Practice, wrapping up on time at 11am. Please RSVP.

On October 29 and November 19 the Community Choir, including children and adults will sing. They hold rehearsal every Sunday immediately following the service, all are welcome to join. Church School Classes will attend services on those Sundays. A Children's Chapel will be held in the Pre K and Kindergarten Classroom for any children too young for the Community Choir. Any child up to age 8 is welcome to attend Children's Chapel on these Sundays.

On November 26th, just a reminder for a Morning Prayer Sunday. The whole Church School will remain in class until the close of the Service. Older children will meet families in the Sunroom/Parish Hall and Pre K and Kindergarten will wait for Parents to come get them.

- o Looking ahead:
- o December 3, Advent Workshop after the 10 o'clock service.
- o December 12, 6pm Potluck Supper and Jesse Tree Decorating.
- o December 23, 9 to 10:30am Pageant Rehearsal.
- o December 24, Sunday, 10am Christmas Pageant.

Sincerely and Faithfully,
Barbara – annahersey05@comcast.net and
Connie – sullivision@gis.net

November Youth News

Meetings Dates are posted on the Youth bulletin board in the sunroom and in the calendar portion of this newsletter. Please refer to the sunroom board for the most up to date information. Please also see one of the Youth Mentors to sign up to bring a meal & beverage if you have not already done so.

Youth Mentors meeting – Nov. 6 7:00pm St. James Room

We will be meeting to discuss progress so far and to hand out schedules of lessons and plans for December and January.

J2A = grades 8, 9 and 10

Rite 13 = grades 6 and 7

ADULT FORMATION

The Adult Forum continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 8:50 in the St. James Room. On November 6, 13, and 20 we will continue our discussion of the Nicene Creed. looking at what it says, why it says it, and what it means to us today. Please join us!

A Look Ahead at Adult Forums for Advent Note—this is a change from the previously announced schedule. The series on Mary will be rescheduled for the spring.

During Advent (November 27, December 4, 11, & 18) the Adult Forum will focus on Jewish Rituals—An Introduction for Christians. All religions have rituals and spiritual practices. We will look at some Jewish rituals—observation of the Sabbath, prayer, keeping kosher—both to understand their origins and role in Jewish life today, and to understand how they have influenced Christian practice.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

HOLLY FAIR

Incredible!!! Our Holly Fair is just one month away; Saturday, December 2nd, to be exact. There are numerous opportunities for each of you to assist in this exciting day at St. Mary's. **FOR INSTANCE:**

Some wonderful suggestions have been offered for the Country kitchen—Cakes, cookies, fresh baked bread, candy, jams, jellies, relishes, home baked beans, spaghetti sauce, cheese balls, and how's this for an idea???? H'ordeuvres which can be put in your freezer for holiday gatherings. Do you have a special recipe that everyone clamors for???? It sure would sell in our country kitchen.

Are you a crafter? The pot-pourri room is for you! Knitting, sewing..your cup of tea???

Buyers are always lined up outside the doors of the attic treasures and jewelry room. Lets fill the rooms to the brim!! Be sure to bring your youngsters to the Children's room so they can do their very own Christmas shopping. The gifts are even wrapped.

Helen Hinckley will again be offering wonderful unusual items in our new outreach room in the Library, and a silent auction will be introduced featuring services and gift baskets.

The greens committe consistantly outdoes it-

self, and not enough can be said for the beautiful items they create. It is always a sell-out. Denise Johnson and Holly Green are heading up our famous luncheon served in a festive dining room.

As you can see, it is a special day, requiring much planning, and lots of busy hands and willing volunteers. The ECW board is the support group for all the chairpeople, and we ask for your support to help each of them.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The program for our November general meeting will be a speaker from the "sight loss services of Cape Cod" Many do not know of the opportunities this organization offers to Capr residents suffering from loss of sight. Please join us on Wednesday, November 8th at 11 AM for fellowship and enlightenment.

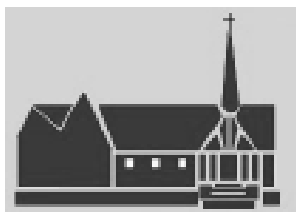
DRESS A LIVE DOLL PROGRAM

Again the ECW will receive names from the Salvation Army for their annual dress a live doll program. If you are interested in participating, either individually, or part of a group, please contact Penny Hensley 508-775-2262 or e-mail PKHensley@msn.com. We attempt to dress 15 needy children, but doing more would be fantastic!!

Birthdays

Sarah Monger	1	Matthew Norton	8	Jack Smith	20
Kelsey Palmer	1	Ellie Gouger	9	Olivia Fluker	20
Max Dalrymple	2	Bruce Colwell	10	Russell Borglund	21
Genie Washburn	2	Patricia Palmer	11	Florence George	21
John Byrne	2	Charlotte Hevey	11	Matthew Miller	21
Joyce Shinn	3	Margaret Sullivan	11	Charles Saladino	22
Hannah VanSciver	3	Jarroed Peckham	11	Emerson Markham	22
Mary Ann Mans	4	Alex Fishkind	11	Connor Byrne	22
Brian Sullivan	4	James Fishkind	12	Julia Rutherford-Holand	23
Helen Pickel	4	Victoria Kyle	12	John Harper	24
Suzanne Moyer	5	Sallie Irwin	12	Margery Buswell	25
Tom Fahey	5	Sarah Thornington-Cericola	13	Cara Scichilone	25
Kimberly Chesnut	5	Mark Moran	13	Teresa Starling	28
John Hagstrom	6	Benjamin Wood	14	Zachary Orcutt	28
Hannah Gray	6	Bob Hendrickson	14	Joseph Cobb	29
Margaret Milliken	7	Amy McCarron	17	Jennifer Nasuti	29
			18	Ted Clifton	30

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