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DEAR FRIENDS,

I remember first hearing this saying of Mahatma Ghandi 30 years ago on a visit to Coventry Cathedral: "Live simply in order that others may simply live." In the ensuing decades, it has come to me over and over again as an invitation and a standard for my own faith and practice. I have to tell you, though, this little saying has come back to me in the past few weeks with a new sense of immediacy. Nearly half of my vacation time away, you see, I have lived a simpler life, partially off the grid.

It began with five days with our oldest son, Jamie, in downeast Maine, on the primitive farm where he has spent the summer living and working. It was a mile walk in and a mile walk out, there was no running water, no indoor plumbing. An organic garden was our primary food source, and we spent time each morning and evening feeding our farm mates, the pigs and chickens and goats. It was not so long ago that this was the way of life for most human beings. But to one accustomed to instant gratification, a flick of the switch here, a press of a button there, simple living, subsistence farming, seemed at the outset a major inconvenience.

Soon however, there were lessons to be learned. I learned, for instance, that it takes 1100 pounds of feed a month to keep this tiny herd of livestock fed. Believe me, next time I bite into a hamburger, I won't forget the 80 bushels of corn it took to produce the beef I am eating. And I learned that it would take nearly a month of the kind of manual labor I was doing a couple of hours a day to produce the equivalent of energy in a gallon of gasoline. As I fill up my gas tank, I will keep in mind the true cost of my consumption. And there is something profoundly arresting in becoming aware of where your food comes from, and touch the calloused hands that picked your produce, and measure the lines in the faces of those who have put food on your table. This is especially true when one of these is the face of your own son.

In the past several days, I have returned to Monhegan Island, living in a little parsonage for a week, without electricity. It is amazing how quickly the effect of simple living takes hold, and how my body attuned so readily to the natural light and tides. Away from human artifice, away from the concrete and steel, the constant drone, the cacophony, I settled into another rhythm. Of greeting the dawn, and celebrating the sunset, of marking the swells as they beat against the farside cliffs, trying to capture a scintilla of their majesty and beauty.

I took along with me a book by Cape Cod writer David Gessner 'The Return of the Osprey', and his words resonated deeply with all that I was drawing in from this simple way of living. "The best of our actions," he writes, "is a marriage of the human and the wild, thought and instinct, the product of a place in between. It is the places in between that are most interesting, most nourishing, and it is these lands, the lands in between sea and water, science and art, low tide and high...our present and our past selves, our consciousness and our wildness (that presents itself) as a better life."

There is so much truth, so much beauty in simplicity. There is so much hope and redemption too. A blessing it has been to return to such a place, and it once again offers



Reverend Stephen Smith

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NOTE FROM KRIS



Dear Ones,

October is one of those months that gives us space to take a deep breath. The children are back in school, the tourists have (mostly) gone home, and programs that took a hiatus for the summer are back in full swing. The weather is lovely; summer's heat and humidity have subsided and the snows of winter are still far enough away that we don't have to be concerned about them just yet. There aren't any major holidays—religious or secular—that must be celebrated, and life moves on in a steady pace.

In the church year we are deep into the season of Pentecost. In some traditions this period is called "ordinary time", and that feels especially fitting in October. Ordinary time—regular time—calls us not to any special celebrations, but instead to move with the rhythms of the day, of the week, of the season, calls to attend to the quotidian reality of our lives. And as we attend to this reality, these rhythms, we can find God in the ordinariness of our lives; we can encounter the Holy in the midst of the mundane.

As often as I have experienced God this way, I am still taken by surprise by these encounters, and by the joy they can bring. Perhaps the unexpectedness heightens the joy, but when I find God in the commonplace, it seems to make the ordinary extraordinary. Such has been my experience recently with hands. What can be more ordinary than human hands? But over the last few months, as I distribute the bread at the Eucharist, I'm drawn to the outstretched hands, and I am struck by their holiness. Old hands, gnarled with arthritis, wrinkled and worn with age, with skin almost translucent—hands that have dried tears, soothed hurts, shaken with anger, caressed with love, hands created in God's image, hands that do God's work in the world. And baby hands—chubby, soft, unblemished, reaching; reaching; So full of wonder and newness, so eager for the little wafer of bread. Grasping for life and full of promise—in these hands, too, I see the Holy, I see the presence of God. The hands, young hands, old hands, soft hands, worn ones, all these hands reaching out to receive the Body of Christ become for me a window to God's extraordinary love for us.

As you move through ordinary time in the church year and in everyday life, where do you unexpectedly find God? In nature? In children's faces? In the love of a spouse or partner? In the voice of a friend? This October as we move through ordinary time, look for God in the ordinary in your life, and give thanks for God's presence that is always available for us.

Blessings,

Kris+

STEVE'S NOTE (CONT)

itself as an invitation to make it a way of life.

It brings to mind the fact that Jesus himself lived simply. It was the way of life he chose. It was the way of life he taught. It was the way of life he exemplified. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," he said. You are to love God and your neighbor, he said, and to do this you must live simply in order that others may simply live. A simple life, said Jesus, is single-minded. It will not yield to the distractions of human pride and folly. A simple life counts being last of all the highest path to follow. Time and again Jesus invited his disciples into the way of simplicity.

It recalls that old, wonderful Quaker song: 'Tis the gift to be simple, tis the gift to be free, tis the gift to come down to where we ought to be.' The gift of simplicity, the invitation to simplicity is at the heart of our Gospel. And it is this gift Jesus exemplified and sought to give those who followed him. I return to you now with great hopes and expectations that we here at St. Mary's, and in this beautiful, fragile, precious home we call Cape Cod, may truly live more simply in order that others can simply live.

I want to call your attention to a few special events in the month of October. First, on Sunday, October 15th, it is a great joy for me to have my father, the Rev. Burton S. Smith, here as our preacher for the 10:00 a.m. service. On the evening of the same day, at 5:00 p.m., we will have our second annual Harvest Dinner, with a special program provided by our new Minister of Music, Joan Kirchner. The entire parish is invited, and sign up sheet is in the sun room. I am also pleased that we have the opportunity to show the new movie documentary "An Inconvenient Truth", with former Vice President Al Gore, this month in the parish. For those of you who have seen it and those who have not, I believe this is a very useful tool for us to enter into conversation about the issue of global warming and our environmental stewardship. Time(s) and date(s) of these discussion(s) will be announced in the coming days.

Know what a blessing it is for me to serve as your rector.

Faithfully,

Steve+

TELLING OUR STORIES: GERTRUDE WATERS

By Patrick Ramage

Sisu is a Finnish concept with no direct English translation. It is an almost magical combination of determination, strength and courage conveying the resolve to continue on and overcome difficult times.

*"Good luck catching up with Gertrude.
She's a busy gal."*

*"She's amazing, a real force. She knows
the church budget six ways from Sunday."*

"She's our very own Miss Marple."

She welcomes me at her kitchen door on a bright September morning. "We can sit here or in the living room, but first I want to show you something." We enter the next room. A single, massive sunburst of Dahlia blossom hovers above a bud vase on the window sill. "Gertrude it's gorgeous," I tell her, "as yet unaware she is a prize winning gardener. "It is lovely isn't it," she agrees. "You can see several others just there in the garden. The blossoms are so large they don't do well in the rain. I just brought this one in."

We return to the kitchen and Gertrude turns on the coffee percolator. I thank her again for agreeing to be interviewed. "Well, my life has been an interesting journey" she says in clipped, dulcet tones. "How it weaves into the fabric of St. Mary's I don't know, unless it encourages someone to pursue their interest."

Gertrude Peterson Waters was born in 1922, ("You don't need to necessarily put that in, but I don't care,") on a 200 acre working farm in Ashburnham, MA. Gertrude, an only child, spent her early years at the feet of her grandmother, a calm, strong woman she called "Mi-mi."

"She spoke four languages and was bound and bent that I would learn Finnish," Gertrude recalls. "She read scripture to me and gave me my first Bible, which was in Finnish. She never, ever shouted or raised her voice. She would just explain why I must not do this or that. But if she ever gave me *that look*, well, that was it. I would just sit there."

Gertrude attended a one room school near the farm where a lone teacher taught students from first grade through eighth. "I was always the youngest wherever I went," Gertrude recalls, "I was the only one in first and second grade, so the teacher fast-forwarded me to third."

Gertrude uses the phrase "fast-forward" several times to describe rapid progress in her life narrative. It conveys her persistent focus on the future and genuine eagerness for what lies ahead.

When she was eight, Gertrude's parents moved to Gardner, MA, where she joined the Swedish Baptist church. "My best friend attended there and we would go together. My mother was ecumenical in her beliefs. She loved the 23rd Psalm and the hymn "Rock of Ages." But my parents spent most of their time just plain working."

A gifted Sunday school teacher, Helen Ohman, was a force in young Gertrude's life. The two correspond to this day. "Sunday school was different then. It was more like school. She gave us projects and assignments. I got to know the Lord there." Gertrude recalls. "I was baptized at 16 in a lake at a camp in Connecticut. We were immersed. And I mean we were wet — like drowned rats!"

Another strong woman made an impression on Gertrude that year. "Amelia Earhardt came to speak at my high school. It was very exciting. I was so close to her I could see her freckles. And I thought 'that's what I want to do — fly!' But of course becoming a pilot was out of the question."

Gertrude's actual trajectory has been defined by hard work and a steady arc toward Christian outreach. "When I got into my young adult years, I began feeling I wasn't evangelistic enough," she remembers. "The church was doing things, but I didn't feel like I was." She joined volunteers leading weekly Baptist "street meetings" on the town square in Gardner. "If you did street meetings today, you would probably be run over. But there were fewer vehicles then. We would sing songs. I sometimes played the violin in a trio. A crowd would gather and one of us would give testimony of what the Lord had done for them that week. Then we would lead the crowd back to our church."

Between street meetings, Gertrude worked five or six days straight in accounting. "I was still in high school when I took a part-time clerical job. My teacher told me a full-time position was available with another company and I went running over for an interview. The man I was supposed to see was named Sherman Waters. Out came this distinguished looking gentleman in a business suit with white hair. He scared the dickens out of me. I was shaking in my boots!"

Sherman Waters hired the terrified young applicant before moving on to his own accounting practice. Gertrude stayed and thrived. But it was not enough. "I still felt there should be something beyond, that there should be further outreach." This inner calling led Gertrude to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher, Christian camp counselor and youth program director over the next several years.

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TELLING OUR STORIES (CONT.)

Gertrude ultimately joined Sherman Waters' accounting firm to assist with corporate audits. She laughs, recalling obstacles she faced as a young female accountant. "I was sent to begin an audit of a sheet metal company in Fitchburg where 100 percent of the employees were men. The top man asked me: "Ms. Peterson, do you mean to say Mr. Waters is trusting *you* to do the audit?"

I ask about the state of St. Mary's books. "They are doing very well," Gertrude says. "Betsy [Hineckley] does a wonderful job. And the recent Deal gift will help us do good things. But over the past several years we have relied on liquidating investments because the deficit has been so great. Until we get our house in order so that we are supporting our actual operating costs, we need to walk cautiously. If we can put that part of the puzzle together, then we can really engage."

I ask about this year's budget projections. "Some people can't afford to increase their pledge and that is fine. Others don't feel they should support current operations. I am at a loss to know why they feel other parishioners should pay their way."

In 1964, Sherman Waters' wife died of cancer. Three years later, "Sherm and I ruined a perfectly good partnership and got married," Gertrude says wryly. The couple moved full time to the Cape in 1972. "Sherm was Episcopalian through and through and we enjoyed attending St. Mary's." After a series of strokes, Sherman Waters died in 1980. A year later "David Allen asked me to look at St. Mary's books," she says with a smile, "and I've been looking at them ever since." Other Cape Cod institutions also benefit from her numen. Gertrude serves on the Finance Committee of the Centerville Public Library, where she has been a trustee for 36 years.

Over the past quarter century, Gertrude has served as a member of the St. Mary's Vestry, as Junior and Senior Warden and, for the past 16 years, as chair of the Finance committee.

Anyone who has the privilege of witnessing Gertrude's pitch perfect review of the church budget at a St. Mary's annual meeting does not soon forget it. I ask Gertrude how she prepares. "The budget requests come through the Committee chairs. The Diocese sends us formulas for calculating pensions, housing and so forth. The Finance Committee reviews these and we discuss them with the Rector and Wardens. We begin to project the budgets, work through any questions with the committee chairs, and prepare another draft."

"By the time we actually present the budget, it has been through three drafts and circulated in hardcopy for review. I try to do the review of the budget during the meeting with some humor and in a way that all 'St. Mary-ans'

as I call them, will understand what the items in each budget line are."

Line by line, year by year, through sunshine and breezes, snow, winds and rain, Gertrude Waters tends St. Mary's budget with a gardener's care, overseeing seedtime and harvest, sowing, pruning and reaping with experienced eyes and firm, nurturing hands.

Gertrude is an enthusiastic traveler and has visited 17 countries since 1998. A trip to Australia was among her favorites. "I saw the Southern Cross from Phillips Island in Melbourne. I felt the presence of the Lord so strongly there. "The heavens declare the glory of the Lord and the firmament showeth his handiwork"" she recites from memory. "Is that your favorite bible verse?" I ask her. "No," she says, "my favorite is Proverbs 3 verses 5 and 6."

I ask Gertrude to fast-forward and share her vision of St. Mary's in five years. "I'd like us to grow, to have more young families and to pursue avenues for further outreach. We have been told to take forth the good news — I like the word evangelism — perhaps we could take on a needy family, to meet not just their physical needs but their spiritual needs as well. Perhaps we could host a sunrise service on Easter on one of the nearby beaches. Perhaps the young people might be interested in helping with that. We need more young families. That is the future of the church. We need to do whatever we can to invite and encourage them."

"St. Mary's has great potential. There are challenges, both on the religion front and as far as the world is concerned but I am an optimist at heart — unless we make technology our God."

I ask Gertrude about TV. "Most of it is abominable," she says, "but I do watch the news." "What have you read recently that has inspired you?" I ask. "I don't know about being inspired, she says with a smile, "I'm more into being entertained at this stage in my life. I especially enjoy mysteries, whether classics by Agatha Christie or contemporary by Nancy Higgins Clark and Carola Dunn."

Unable to resist, I ask her about Miss Marple. "Oh yes, I've seen a few episodes," she says. "And I've enjoyed them."

Telling Our Stories, a new oral history project, was launched at St. Mary's earlier this year. Informal interviews are conducted on an ongoing basis with longtime members of our parish to capture their perspectives, wisdom and life experiences, including their personal involvement with St. Mary's Church in the Village of Barnstable. Written summaries of these interviews are shared in the monthly issues of Cross Currents, and may at some future date also be published as a stand-alone collection. Questions, comments or suggestions for further development of this unique project are very welcome and may be directed to Patrick Ramage, Chair of the St. Mary's Communications Task Force at 508-362-2052 or forwarded via email to smarysnewsletter@comcast.net



MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

On the inside of each hymnal at my college were John Wesley's instructions on singing hymns, and if my office were not in quite the dis-

array it is, I would share them with you. I'm sure I'll locate it in the next few months. Suffice to say, his main point is to take a deep breath and sing out. In my own words, "God hears what you mean." Don't let your criticism or that of others stop you. Many people were told as children they "couldn't sing" and they carry this belief with them throughout their lives. This is especially problematic when their children, in the throes of that affliction of not wanting to be seen with, much less embarrassed by, parental units, voice the same harsh criticism.

As a voice teacher I can say with some authority that just about everybody can "sing" to some extent. As a minister of music even those few hopeless cases should still be making noise. In the wonderful din of congregational singing their droning is swept up into glorious melody. I truly believe that God hears what your heart is singing. The person with the booming voice and a bad attitude could be the least pleasing to Him.

The bottom line is that worship is not a spectator sport. Liturgy translates from the Greek as "the work of the people." The choir and clergy leading the service aren't there to "perform" or to sing for everyone else—they are there to lead. There is no greater joy for me as an organist than to start a hymn and hear this wonderful swell of sound from choir and congregation. The word hymn actually refers to the text, so if nothing else just read along in rhythm (then start adding some pitch inflections, and voila, you're singing).

This invariably leads to the discussion of what we're singing, as in "why don't we ever sing. . . (insert favorite hymn)". Don't be afraid to ask for requests; just give me time. Most churches today are a happy conglomeration of people from varied backgrounds, and what's a "golden oldie" to you may not be to the person next to you, and vice versa. St. Mary's has a wealth of musical resources we'll be exploring, so join in and "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." (Ps. 100:1-2)

Joan Kirchner

THANK YOU FROM JIM ARMSTRONG

Dear friends,

What a wonderful celebration at St. Mary's on my last official Sunday as your Director of Music! Janet and I were thrilled that so many of you were able to be there with us.

When we arrived in the morning, the Parish Hall was already buzzing with activity, as a full complement of singers from St. Mary's was joined by the choir of St. Peter's and other musical friends. Meanwhile, Estelle Trzcinski's crew were bustling around in the kitchen, preparing a gourmet spread for later. As we rehearsed the music, Janet and I were counting noses to be sure that there would be seats enough for everyone in the chancel.

The service that followed showed St. Mary's at its best: Kris's superb sermon on a most difficult text, Steve's reading of a "Jim Armstrong Day" proclamation during announcements, and the Eucharist, concelebrated by Steve, Kris, and my daughter Kathy's partner, the Rev. Joanne Sanders, Associate Dean for Religious Life at Stanford University.

Besides all that great food, the reception afterwards included presentations by Steve, Roy Anderson, Phyllis Bradley, Russ Fales, Bruce Johnson, and special guest Barbara Edgar. And such lovely gifts! — a double bouquet of gorgeous roses, a cooking lesson with chef Dan of the Hyannis Port Club, plaques, poems, cards, notes, and an extraordinarily generous purse to which so many of you had contributed. We were deeply touched by the outpouring of appreciation and affection.

Although I'm retiring from my job, I'm certainly not retiring from life. We're not planning to leave the Cape, and St. Mary's has been our parish home. I will stay active as an organist, although with a schedule that allows us to travel and visit our far-flung family more frequently. I'm starting to explore new avenues of service, and I'll be picking up some personal interests that have lain fallow in recent years. Both of us also plan to continue singing with the Chatham Chorale. We look forward to the next chapter in our lives, and we feel richly blessed in all that we have received so far. Bless you all, and thank you!

Jim Armstrong

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>All Day Parish Retreat Weekend¹ 8a – 9a “HE, Rite I” 10a – 11a “HE, Rite II” 11:15a - 11:45a Community Choir in Library Sunday School will be closed - Library opened for cry room</p>	<p>2 11:30a – 1p ECW Board Meeting 9a - 11:30a Miracle Kitchen Cooking</p>	<p>3 10:30a - 11:30a Prayer Group</p>	<p>10a – 11a Holy with Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 3:30p - 4:30p Eu Heatherwood 7p - 8:30p Adult</p>
<p>8a – 9a “HE, Rite I” 8 10a – 11a “HE, Rite II/Blessing of the Animals” 11a – 12p Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15a - 11:45a Community Choir in Library 5:30p - 7:30p J2A</p>	<p>9 7a – 9a Men’s Breakfast 9:15a - 9:30a Newsletter Deadline 3p – 4p Finance & Budget Committee</p>	<p>10 Rev Smith on Vacation</p>	<p>10a – 11a Holy with Healing 11a – 12p ECW-Cove - Cape Cod Advocacy Center 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 7p - 8:30p Adult</p>
<p>15 8a – 9a “HE, Rite I” 10a – 11a “HE, Rite II” 11:15a- 11:45a Community Choir in Library 5:30p - 8:30p Harvest Dinner 5:30p -7:30p Rite 13</p>	<p>16 9a – 5p Rummage Sale Set Up</p>	<p>17 9a – 5p Rummage Sale Set Up 10:30a - 11:30a Prayer Group</p>	<p>9a - 5p Rummage Set Up 10a – 11a Holy with Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 7p- 8:30p Adult 7p -9p Vestry Meeting</p>
<p>22 8a – 9a “HE, Rite I” 10a – 11a “HE, Rite II” 11:15a - 11:45a Community Choir in Library 11:45a – 1p Adult Forum & Book Signing by Deirdre Good 5:30p - 7:30p J2A</p>	<p>23 No Events</p>	<p>24 7a – 9a Men’s Breakfast</p>	<p>10a – 11a Holy with Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 6p - 6a Overnight tality 7p - 8:30p Adult</p>
<p>29 8a – 9a “HE, Rite I” 10a – 11a Morning Prayer/Rite II 11a – 12p Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15a - 11:45a Community Choir in Library 5:30p - 7:30p Rite 13</p>	<p>30 No Events</p>	<p>31 10:30a - 11:30a Prayer Group</p>	<p>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS Charles Atkins 1 Holly Jackson 1 Daniel Miller 2 Elizabeth Warner 2 Eleanor Jaquinet 3 Jane Lough 4 Beverley LeBlanc 4 Walter Neale 7 Nikki Fishkind 7</p>

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Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Eucharist Meeting Eucharist at Choir	5 7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 5:30p - 6:30p “Contemplative Prayer - HS, Orleans” 7p – 8p Book Group	6 No Events	7 8:30a - 9:30a Liturgy Committee Meeting 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist
11 Eucharist Children’s Child Meeting Choir	12 7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:30a – 1p Cape Cod Auxillary Hospital 7:30p - 9:30p Buildings & Grounds Meeting	13 9a – 1p Staff Retreat - Mashpee	14 Set up for Sunday’s Harvest Dinner 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist
18 Rummage Sale Eucharist Meeting Choir Meeting	19 7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9a – 5a Rummage Sale Set Up	20 10:30a – 12p Altar Guild Meeting 12p – 6p Rummage Sale	21 9a – 2p Rummage Sale 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist 6:30p - 8:30p “Pot Luck Dinner, Presentation by Deirdre Good”
25 Eucharist Meeting of Hospi- Choir	26 7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group	27 No Events	28 9a - 10:30a Warden’s Meeting 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist

MEMBERS

Shannon Crocker	7	Carol Spohr	13	Joy Hamby	15	Betty Miller	22
Anita Buddington	9	Elizabeth Morton	13	Linda Leonard	16	TorrieMacDonald-	
Bruce Stewart	9	Lynne Gadkowski	13	Nancy Crowell		Tammish	22
Abby VanWormer	9	John Frazee	13	Cotoia	17	Anna Honeycutt	24
Curtis Buttenheim	10	Herbert Olofsson	14	Jud Phelps	18	Bob Pickel	25
Samuel Harrison	10	Margery Geiger	14	Ann Grainger	18	Jessica Byrne	25
Clara Douglas	11	Margaret VanSciver	14	William Davis	19	Christina Scichilone	25
Spencer Reed	11	Forrest Beam	15	Roger Boocock	20	John Scichilone	25
Cheryl Wyman	12	Beverly Lopes	15	Laura McCarron	20	James Armstrong	26

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Louise Koch	1	Debbie Machon	16
Michael Koch		Allen Machon	
Connie Sullivan	3	Margery Storey	20
Brian Sullivan		Donald Storey	
Betsy Hinckley	5	Linda Hutton	21
Robert Hinckley		Peter Hutton	
Barbara Hersey	10	Lynette Norton	26
Michael Hersey		Steven Norton	
Susan Jilson	10	Lee Ann Giardino	30
Harry Jilson		John Giardino	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stewardship Committee

Second Annual Harvest Dinner - Oct 15

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the second annual Harvest Dinner to be held in the Parish Hall on October 15 at 5:30. Last year's dinner, (giving thanks for all the time, talent and treasure given to St. Mary's by our parishioners) was a huge success and we are looking forward to another wonderful evening together. We are very happy that Joan Kirchner has agreed to entertain us with a short program of Gershwin/Porter.

Starting on Sunday, September 17, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Sun Room. The meat and wine will be supplied by the Stewardship Committee.

Please bring a dish of your choice (Salad, Vegetable, Fruit, Pasta, Rice or Dessert) or, if you do not want to cook, please make a \$5.00 donation per person. Important: maximum size container is 11"x14". Last year our serving tables overflowed with bounty! Desserts should be pre-cut into single servings. We would also like everyone to bring a 3x5 recipe card for their dish which should be taped on the bottom of the container. Please include your name and phone number in case we have questions. We will put together a St. Mary's Cookbook hand-out after the dinner. If you would like to work with the Stewardship Committee on this event and/or have any questions, please call Sharon Donegan at 362-6365.

Stained Glass Window - Project Update

The following is an update on our project:

LARGE WINDOWS (\$6,900); We have sold four of the six large windows. There are two large windows yet to be sold.

SMALL WINDOWS (\$2,300); We have sold all six small windows in the main Sanctuary and one in the St. Mary's Chapel. There are two small windows yet to be sold in the St. Mary's Chapel.

TIMETABLE:

February-August, 2007 – Design and fabrication of windows;

April-May, 2007 – Restoration of current stained glass windows and installation of new stained glass window frames;

June-August, 2007 –
Installation of all the new windows.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

50% on February 1, 2007 and the remaining 50% on June 1, 2007.

Please contact Sharon Donegan (508-362-6365) or Father Steve Smith, if you are interested in seeing the artist's renderings, would like to purchase a memorial window and/or would like any more information on this project.

Suppers for Seven

"Sunday Suppers for Seven(or so)" will commence again on Oct. 22 and continue on the THIRD Sunday of each of the following months: Nov., Feb., Apr., followed by a whole group gathering in May. Those who are participating should please pencil in the event on those dates on your calendars now, remembering that circumstances may necessitate flexibility in the dates within the individual groups as the year progresses. Schedules will reach you shortly, preferably by email. Members, please send your email address to Margaret Mankiewicz at capemanx@yahoo.com to facilitate this communication or call at 362-0230 with any questions. Bon Appetit!

St. Mary's Choirs

The Adult Choir has begun its service at the Sunday 10am service after their summer break. Many thanks to all who shared their talents during the summer.

The Community Choir will hopefully have begun rehearsals by the time you receive this newsletter. The current plan is to meet in the church library at 11:15 (after the 10am service) and sing at the October 15 10am service. If you enjoy singing in church but feel the regular choir is a bit much for you in terms of difficulty or time commitment, try out the Community Choir. We plan to have short rehearsals on Sundays and sing once a month. We'd also love to welcome young people from reading age on up. Come join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT)

Poster Contest for Youth

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St. Mary's Book Club

Love to read? Love to get together with friends? Then the St. Mary's Book Club is the perfect place for you! Join the St. Mary's book club. The Club meets the first Thursday of each month for a lively discussion on the book of the month! Meet in the St. James Room at 7pm. Upcoming Book Club selections include: October 5th- Anam Cara by John O'Donohue; November 2nd- When the Heart Waits by Sue Monk Kidd; December 7th- The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion. For more information contact Susan Babcock at susan.babcock@comcast.net.

Dr. Deirdre Good To Give Talk

Saint Mary's is privileged to welcome Dr. Deirdre Good, Professor of New Testament at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, for two presentations the weekend of October 21-22. On Saturday evening, October 21, following an all-parish potluck dinner at 6:15, Dr. Good will present a talk based on a work-in-progress, *How the Bible Came Into Being*. She will discuss the theological and historical origins of the collection of writing we call "the Bible," addressing questions like, "Why four gospels and not just one? What books are included in most ancient manuscripts but excluded from the canon of scrip-

ture?" This talk is a pilot for the book, and responses to the presentation will be used to shape the project.

On Sunday, October 22 following the 10 am service Dr. Good will discuss her book, *Jesus Family Values*, to be published this fall by Church Publishing. Over the last few years we've heard many people claim to know what Jesus would say or do in the kinds of ethical dilemmas we face today, but applying traditional Christian values out of context actually sells Jesus teaching short. What are Christian family values, Dr Good asks, why are there so many interpretations of what Jesus actually taught and said, and which of these biblical values should guide our lives?

Both talks promise to be lively and informative. Please plan to join us for both events.

Sign-ups for the Saturday potluck will be available in the Parish Hall in early October.

The Greens Committee

Handcrafted Pine Cone Wreaths - can be ordered thru The Greens Committee of the Holly Fair. If you would like a wreath, please call Teddy Carlaw at 508-362-9798. Delivery will be by November 19th

The committee will be meeting for work on October 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Please join us – to teach or to learn. We welcome new ideas and skills – and we have a lot of fun! Any questions please contact Pat Rothermel at 508-385-3381

Create Wreaths – October 19, 26 and November 2, & 16th, with the Greens Committee. They will work in the library on the above noted Thursdays. Join them for fun and recreation. Bring decorations from nature for grapevine wreaths. Call Becky McClenahan if interested at, 508-362-6361

Vestry Notes

At their Sept 20th meeting the vestry reviewed the stewardship program and progress. A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the disposition of the Deal bequest was approved: \$300,000 of the bequest will be allocated to St. Mary's Charities Fund for Outreach and the balance \$1,784,600 to Supplemental Capital. The Charities Fund will receive income from their fund monthly; the Supplemental Capital Fund income will be reinvested until such time as it is needed to be expended.

To assist the Vestry in understanding and communicating the structure of the church's finances, the Sr. Warden offered a course in Church Finances; on Church Budgets will be held next month.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH FORMATION

Just a reminder...

J2A = youth in grades 8, 9 and 10

Rite 13 = youth in grades 6 + 7

J2A meeting dates:

(5:30pm - 7:30pm)

October 8 and October 22

Retreat dates to follow

Rite 13 meeting dates:

(5:30-7:30pm)

October 15 and October 29

Parents please see Youth Mentors to sign up to bring meals. If you have already, thank you and I will send an email reminder.

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Watch for upcoming news of Kaitlynn Greene's trip to El Salvador over the summer. This was a Diocesan-sponsored Youth event. Her trip was fully funded by parishioners of St. Mary's. Thank you to everyone for supporting her!

October 13-14 J2A Overnight/Lockin at Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans. Prior sign-up and health forms required.

Youth Calendar

October 1 - No Church School Classes - Parish Retreat.

Godly Play Presentations:

October 8 - The Great Family

- Feast of St. Francis and the blessing of the animals.

October 15 - Exodus

October 22 - Ten Best Ways /The Falling Apart

October 29 - Jonah the Backwards Prophet /

Ten Best Ways - Morning Prayer.

ADULT FORMATION

As you may have noticed, Adult Forums have gone missing this fall. One reason for this is finding the right time to hold these Forums which met last year Sunday mornings at 8:45. While this time worked well for a small but faithful group, it excludes many from attending. This time also proved to be a bit of a crunch for the clergy who are finishing one service and must prepare for the next. Some have suggested holding forums after the 10 am service, a time that would better accommodate some but that still excludes others. While there is no perfect solution to this problem, Forums will resume in Advent at a time to be announced. In the meantime, if you have ideas about times or topics you'd be interested in please contact Kris+, [klewis@cape.com](mailto:kewis@cape.com).

October is not without opportunities for formation, however. Dr. Deirdre Good, Professor of New Testament at the General Theological Seminary, will be here Oct. 21-22 for two talks (see article on page...). We will also begin piloting a new program, *via media*, in October. *via media* is designed to introduce Anglican theology and Anglican vocabulary both to those who may be new to the Episcopal Church and to those who would like to learn more about the church, no matter how long they have been a part of it. Our first offering of *via media* is a pilot program and is by invitation, but watch for further offerings of the program that will be open to all.

Formation is an integral part of the mission of Saint Mary's. Recognizing this, a task force focusing on Adult Formation will be convened in late October or early November to assess the needs of the congregation and to plan formation programs that will meet these needs. Stay tuned for more information.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The purpose of E C W of St. Mary's is to unite the women of the Parish in a program of worship, study, services and fellowship, which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into service for the Church; in the Parish, the Community, the Diocese, the Nation and the World....

Now that our new year's programs have officially begun, we look forward to the rest of this 06-07 year. We would love to see an increase in attendance this year. Our programs are quite varied, but they create interest in many areas. The Board of Directors would welcome input, and for your info, I am listing the members of your E C W board.

President: Ann Canedy
 Vice President: Ann Treimann
 Secretary: Bunny Thompson
 Treasurer: Marge Buswell
 Programs: Ann Treimann and
 Constance VonMaur
 Publicity: Margaret Mankiewicz
 (outside media)
 Publicity: Lois Gagnon
 (inside Parish)
 Missions: Penney Hensley
 U T O: Helen Boocock
 C W U: Dot Pettibone
 (Church Women United)
 Membership: Jan Hendrickson
 St. Martha's Guild: Marilyn Cannon
 (bereavement)
 Kitchen: Estelle Tzcinski

RUMMAGE SALE

It is time for Fall Cleanout once again. Our "Queen" of Rummage sales, Jeannie Stokinger, will be announcing dates and requesting helping hands.

OUTREACH

The E C W is proud to sponsor many outreach programs, both within the parish, and in the community. We are pleased to announce that we financed the seed money needed to proceed with a wonderful new Youth

Ministry called "Journey to Adulthood". Rev. Kris Lewis gave a wonderful presentation at our first board meeting, and we sincerely hope the parish will be supportive of this wonderful, new program for our Youth of St. Mary's.

HOLLY FAIR

December 2nd is only 2 months away. That, of course, is our Holly Fair Day. A new concept is being tried this year. The ECW board will chair the event, sharing the oversight of the various rooms and activities. Along with our usual specialties—Country kitchen, jewelry, attic treasures, potpourri, knitting and sewing, greens, children's room, our famous luncheon, and the new outreach room which proved successful last year.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!— -A silent auction, featuring a few exceptional items, and a raffle.

What can you do to help?????? pies, cake, cookies, jams, jelly, candy(fudge),jewelry, hand made crafts, mittens, scarves, aprons, pillows, potholders— There is much to choose from! Please watch your weekly Church bulletins for further information.

PLEA FOR HELP AT THE OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE!

One of our most successful fundraisers, the October Rummage Sale, needs your help! Due to a scheduled lecture and reception on the last day of the Rummage Sale more hands are needed to break down and clean-up the Parish Hall. Especially needed are men with trucks to haul away the remaining items. A commitment to help would require work beginning at 2pm on Saturday, Oct 21. The goal is to be have the parish hall, sunroom and family room cleaned up by 4pm. If you can donate some time for this wonderful event please contact Jeannie Stokinger at jeanstokinger@msn.com

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Mission Statement

Saint Mary's is a community of faith striving to live intentionally as the Body of Christ in the world. We express our faith through worship, spiritual formation, care for others, and responsible stewardship of all our resources.

- We base our worship on the richness and diversity of Anglican liturgy and music.
- We provide opportunities and resources to guide the spiritual development of our multigenerational congregation.
- We reach out to help fulfill the material needs of those in our local community and beyond.
- We invite everyone to participate in the life of our community through sharing their time, talents, and tangible resources.



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