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At the opening show of donated artwork for the H'Artful of Fun annual fundraiser at The Living Arts and Science Center in Lexington, St. John's member, Maribell White, contributed her knitted figures of Red Riding Hood, The Grandmother and The Wolf to the project.

From Our Rector

Father Alan Sutherland

Dear friends,

A week before Christmas. Judi and I were in Garden Ridge. You could tell it was Christmas because the aisles were beginning to be stocked. Plastic eggs, peeps, colorful baskets were abundant. Of course Christmas was a week away, but to some retailers it was over and the next holiday that produces a profit was in sight and was their focus. It seemed odd that Valentine's Day had been missed, but Easter was abundant!

The secularization and the commercialization of Christian Holy days seem to be a driving force of our economy. One holy day is not even here before the next holy day is being sold.

Our Christian Calendar and liturgy ask us to pause and reflect on the events of our Lord's life in a timely and prayerful way. Christmas is followed by Epiphany and the visits of the Magi. We celebrate the Baptism of our lord and then we contemplate on some of his miracles.

This month moves us into Lent where we are asked to contemplate the passion of our Lord.

It is the liturgical calendar that gives shape to our learning the different events of our Lord's life. In the Episcopal Church we cannot pick and choose our favorite parts of the Bible, our favorite sayings, or our favorite stories to dwell on. We are presented with the whole gospel. Those parts that comfort us and those parts that ought to challenge us.

What is asked of us is that we do not look beyond the season we are in. We are asked to enter it, contemplate it, and ask ourselves what it is that our lord is asking us to learn from it.

So take it easy. As someone said it isn't over till it its over. Epiphany is our season. Lent is to come. Enjoy the season one day at a time despite what we see in the retail stores.

With all my love and prayers,
Your Friend
Fr Alan



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DEADLINE for EAGLE WINGS' November 2006 ISSUE (distributed Oct. 30th) February 1, 07 submissions by email: annagerrow1@windstream.net reads0202@aol.com

PLEASE TURN IN ALL EAGLE WINGS ARTICLES BY FEBRUARY 15TH FOR THE MARCH ISSUE. IF YOU HAVE PICTURES OR ART YOU WANT IN EAGLE WINGS, PLEASE SCAN OR DOWNLOAD THEM AND EMAIL TO ANNA GERROW AT ANNAGERROW1@WINDSTREAM.NET. RESOLUTION OF FINAL SCAN OR PHOTOGRAPH OR PICTURE SHOULD BE BETWEEN 300 DPI (AT 3" X 5") and 72 DPI (7" X 10").

ALL ARTICLES, SCHEDULES, ETC. SHOULD COME TO VICKIE DUFF @ reads0202@aol.com OR PLACE THEM IN THE EAGLE WINGS MAILBOX IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANKS!

REMINDER...

Any articles, news, photos, etc. for the Woodford Sun or the Advocate should be placed in Virginia Ballard's mailbox in the church office. Top row, right side, marked:

News for Woodford Sun & Advocate
Virginia Ballard
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WHAT IS LENT?

Wednesday, February 21st, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word for spring, and the season goes back historically to the very beginning of Christianity. In the days of the early church, when Christians were often persecuted, the church required a period of three years of instruction before a person could be baptized. This was called the Catechumenate, and the end of this period always fell on Easter Eve. It was Easter Eve at the Great Vigil that the Catechumenates were baptized into the life of the church. The Catechumenates were also confirmed at the same time and received their First Communion on Easter Day. The final preparation for all this included fasting and prayer, and it lasted from Good Friday until Easter Day. Later this was lengthened to one week before Easter and everyone in the

church, not just the Catechumenates, prepared with fasting and prayer. Over the centuries, as the church grew and moved further throughout the world, the forty days of Lent developed as a kind of reenactment of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness. There is also the association of the wandering of the Jews for 40 years after their deliverance from Egypt. As the custom of baptizing and confirming on Easter Day passed generally out of use, Lent became a time of penitence, a time of self-examination, and a time of preparation for Easter.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 21st. In the Bible the symbols of penitence are sackcloth and ashes. On Ash Wednesday we will have three services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes for those who desire it. Service times are at 7a.m., noon, and 7 pm. The ashes used are from last year's palm crosses and strips and they remind us of our mortality—"remember that you are dust, and unto

A L T A R G U I L D

DATE 8/9 A.M. 11 A.M.

2-4-07	Vickie Duff	Allison Fleck
2-11-07	Susan Carey & Betty Rehm	Virginia Ballard
2-18-07	Ann Cox	Christy Potter
2-25-07	Kay Mobley	Judi Sutherland
3-4-07	Vickie Duff	Allison Fleck
3-11-07	Susan Carey & Betty Rehm	Virginia Ballard
3-18-07	Kay Mobley	Christy Potter
3-25-07	Ann Cox	Judi Sutherland

Wednesday evening -6:30

Bible study

FEBRUARY
7 NO CLASS

14 Intro to Close Encounters

21 ASH WEDNESDAY NO CLASS

28 Close encounter; first disciples

March

7 Close encounter; Nicodemus

14 Close encounter; woman of samaria

21 close encounter; man born blind

28 close encounter; mary and martha

April

4 Close Encounter; Mary Magdalene

11 Between the Old and New

18 Matthew

25 Mark

Community Lenten Luncheon

Wed., February 28th at St. John's

Service begins at 12:00, lunch served at 12:30. Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women. If you would like to help with soup or sandwiches please sign-up in Hosea Hall.



Pictured left to right: Virginia Ballard (Recording Secretary), Teresa Range (President), Judi Sutherland (Corresponding Secretary) and Linda Reeves (Treasurer). Not pictured: Karen Koontz (Vice President).

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP
NEEDS A GLASS DISPLAY
CASE TO DISPLAY OUR
WARES—PLEASE CALL
SAMMY CUNDIFF AT 873-
5631 IF YOU HAVE ONE
TO GIVE OR SELL.

Parish Records

Confirmation

December 10, 2006

Irvin Bullock
Ian Galbraith
Maret Galbraith
Ninon Lawrence

Received

December 10th
Emily Cardwell

Holy Baptism

January 7

Michelle Gloster
Kennedy Gloster

Deaths

December 14

Steve Hawkins, son of
Ginny Wigglesworth.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Ginny and all of Steve's family and loved ones. May light perpetual shine upon him.

dust you shall return.”

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Shrove is from the old English word Shrive, which meant to forgive. The custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday goes back to the days when all fat and meat was forbidden during Lent. To use up all this stuff, pancakes were made and eaten with meat. The French term Mardis Gras means Fat Tuesday, the word carnival means good-bye to meat. Hence, Shrove Tuesday was and is a great day of celebration.

Wednesday Evening 7:30 Contemplative Prayer

Sainted for
Helping and Healing

February

7 John the Almsgiver

14 John Joseph of the Cross

21 Edbert of Lindisfarne

28 Tunegund

*IF YOU STILL HAVE YOUR **PALM CROSSES** FROM LAST YEAR, PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH BY SHROVE TUESDAY, 2/20/07. FR. ALAN WILL BURN THEM FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES.*

Ash Wednesday February 21, 2007

Imposition of Ashes and
Eucharist
7 a.m.
12 noon
7 p.m.

Clothing Bank

Volunteers are needed to help at the clothing bank on February 12 and 13.

Please sign up in Hosea hall to volunteer or contact Carol Fillson at 983-1479 Thank you.

Dear All,

This month marks the third anniversary of the Clothing Bank's move to its present location, and December, 2006, marked the anniversary of the 2002 reopening of the Bank after the school system decided the Family Resource Center at Simmons Elementary could no longer be responsible for its operation at the Community Ed building.

Thanks to coordinators like you, the community now has a well-run, self-sustaining "shop" available for community members who need the services provided. The fourteen churches involved in the running of the Bank and the Salvation Army Service Unit have earned the thanks of the Clothing Bank committee. Without the clothes, underwear, hats/mittens, occasionally money and, most of all, volunteers generously furnished by those congregations, the Bank couldn't exist. If there is a way for you to share this note of thanks with your church members, will you please do so.

As we go into our fifth year of operation, just know that you are appreciated. *Phyllis*

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Ministerial Association is sponsoring a series of community services throughout lent. We meet each Wednesday and one of our local ministers will deliver the message. Services begin at noon and are followed by a light lunch. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Feb. 21	TBA	TBA
Feb. 28	St Johns	Freddie Patterson
March 7	St Leo	Doug Simpson
March 14	Pinckard Baptist	Marcus Lynn
March 21	TBA	Alan Sutherland
March 28	Methodist Home	TBA
April 4	Woodford Community	James Smith.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON

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Marriage Tune Up Feb. 23/24

Jeff and Debby McElroy, founders of Forever Families have designed a conference that is unlike any other you have attended on marriage enrichment. It is open to all members of our community and is being hosted by Versailles Baptist Church; more information is in Hosea Hall.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

On February 22nd, delegates from all over our Diocese will gather in Cumberland falls state park for our annual convention. It is a time when we get together with other Episcopalians and put faces to places like Middlesboro, Hazard and Beattyville. It is a time of business, but more importantly it is a time of worship and fellowship as we make decisions for the life of our Diocese as we want it to be in 2007. Please pray for all our delegates as we move into an important time together in the life of our Diocese.

ECW's Bloody Mary Brunch was a success! We kicked off the New Year with 22 members present. We received a lot of great ideas from the surveys, and the ECW officers will meet the first week of February to discuss plans for 2007. So if you were unable to attend the brunch you still have time to turn in your suggestions to one of the ECW officers. Teresa Range assumed the responsibility of

President. She appointed Karen Koontz as the new Vice-president. Virginia Ballard is the Recording Secretary, Judi Sutherland is Corresponding Secretary, and Linda Reeves is still the Treasurer.

St. John's Booth @ the Versailles Antique and Flea Market

Did you know St. John's has its own booth at the Antique/Flea Market in Versailles? So many folks came through the Bazaar saying, "Oh, I had things I (could have, should have, would have) brought but I just ran out of time (or forgot, or whatever.) Knowing that, plus seeing the good stuff that hadn't sold, we thought we'd give a booth a shot. It seems like we're off to a good start with just the Bazaar leftovers. What would really help now, though, would be for everyone to bring in those items that didn't make it to the Bazaar. Plus, now you can bring in those Christmas gifts you have no idea what to do with! Or maybe you now have a newer model of something still in good shape at home. Bring in the older one!

Please remember, though, that we only have an 8' x 10' space so we have to be choosy about what goes in. Think "Things I could give to a friend without being embarrassed!" Sorry, there's no room for clothes, but the Woodford County Clothing Bank will gladly take those. The booth could use

almost any small item that is in good shape: house wares, appliances, books, videos, DVDs, knick-knacks, seasonal décor, tools, antiques, toys, dishes, glassware, etc. Bring your items any time and leave them on the stage in Hosea Hall to be priced and taken to the booth. For questions or to volunteer your help call Lisa Hawkins @ 858-0041 or 338-3012. Be sure to visit our booth, #194; buy early and buy often! The money we make will support ministries of St. John's.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

FEB. 28TH

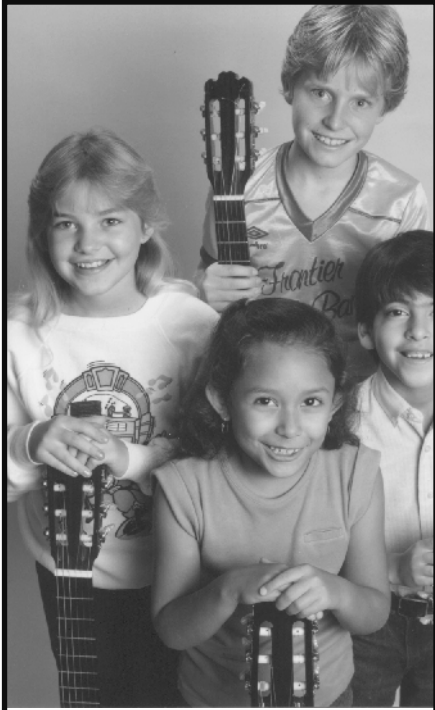
LENTEN LUNCH AT ST. JOHN'S—SIGN UP TO HELP IN HOSEA HALL.

MARCH 3RD IRISH STEW, A ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

MAY 18- 21 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CATHEDRAL DOMAIN

FEBRUARY 10 7-9 P.M. ENJOY BLUEGRASS MUSIC BY RON MOBLEY'S BAND, KENTUCKY BLUE, and PICKIN-TIME AT A FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JOHN'S READING CAMP. HOSEA HALL.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB MEETS THE **FEB. 6TH**, TUESDAY, IN HOSEA HALL—BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.



Would your child like to play guitar?

St. John's Episcopal Church is the new home of the Childbloom Guitar Program of Woodford County. The Childbloom program teaches children ages 5 – 12 to play the guitar. Classes are taught by certified instructors. The Director of the Childbloom Program of Woodford County is Andrew Leonard, Versailles resident and University of Kentucky, School of Music faculty member. For further details call (859) 879-1863.

IRISH STEW

On Saturday, March 3rd, St. John's will host "An Irish Stew" in conjunction with the Celtic Heart Foundation. Please come to this fun evening filled with good Irish food, music and dance and prepare yourself for St. Patrick's Day! Irish Dancers and a pipe and drum corps will perform. Half the profits from the evening will benefit St. John's; the remaining half will go to the Celtic Heart Foundation, an Irish cultural organization that puts on community performances and events to raise money for the Diocese's Reading Camp and Children of the Americas.

Tickets will be pre-sold at \$10 each; there are only 100 available seats, so buy your ticket early! Tickets will be sold for several Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. service, beginning in the near future. Please contact Allison Assay at 321-2200 with any questions.

Would you like to volunteer to help make Irish Stew a success? We need volunteers to help cook the Irish stew in their homes, and to bring it to the church on March 3rd. The meat and potatoes for the stew will be pre-packaged; all you need to do is follow the recipe and cook a batch of stew. Sign up in Hosea Hall if you are able and willing to donate your cooking talents!

**BRIDGE CLUB
AT ST. JOHN'S!
LOOK FOR DETAILS IN
HOSEA HALL OR CONTACT
JULIA ASHLEY AT
873-1459.**

Schori: Credo

Katharine Jefferts

As one year closes and another opens, many of us turn to the making of resolutions. Consider what might happen if all of us resolved to make 2007 the beginning of a new era in which the hungry are fed, the ill cured, the young educated and women and men treated equally. What if all had access to clean water and adequate sanitation, basic healthcare and the promise of development that does not endanger the rest of creation?

For people of all faiths and for those who claim no faith, the Millennium Development Goals provide a way in which together we can achieve greater global good by leading local lives intent upon the eradication of poverty and disease.

Set forth by the UN in 2000, the MDGs are consonant with the core beliefs of the world's great religions. Indeed, they help Christians to bring hands and feet to the great commandment to love God and our neighbours as ourselves. The goals offer a form of deed-based evangelism that reminds people of faith that we can do little to improve a person's spiritual health while that person contends with starvation or disease.

The MDGs offer a full complement of ready-made resolutions — for the new year and beyond — in the form of eight achievable objectives:

- 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger;
- 2 Achieve universal primary education;
- 3 Promote gender equity and empower women;
- 4 Reduce child mortality;

- 5 Improve maternal health;
- 6 Combat HIV/Aids, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases;
- 7 Ensure environmental sustainability;
- 8 Develop a global partnership for development.

These goals seek to end the deep poverty that limits human flourishing. Achieving them would exemplify the abundant life Jesus insists is the reason He became incarnate: "I came that you might have life, and have it abundantly" (John x, 10).

The goals are increasingly being advanced within the Anglican Communion by its 38 provincial churches, including the Episcopal Church and the Church of England. When bishops and deputies from the Episcopal Church's 110 domestic and overseas dioceses gathered in June for the General Convention, we adopted a set of mission priorities, the first of which is to be the work of justice and peace, framed by the goals.

We understand this work as a visible sign of building the reign of God. A vision of that reign lies behind the ancient Hebrew concept of shalom, which means far more than simply peace. Shalom has to do with the restoration of all creation to right relationship with God, so that the hungry are fed, the grieving comforted, the ill are healed and prisoners set free. Isaiah sets forth this vision (particularly in chapters 58 and 61), and it is later echoed in Luke's gospel.

The mission of the Church, according to our Catechism, is to restore all people to unity with God

and each other in Christ. That work of restoration and reconciliation frames all of our ministries, whether we are students, parents, legislators or farmers. We cannot be at one with our neighbours if some are starving or living in slums. The work of achieving the MDGs is intimately wrapped up in the promises we make in the baptismal covenant. At baptism in the Episcopal Church we vow to strive for justice and peace among all people, to respect the dignity of every human being, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves. Helping the world to achieve the MDGs is a concrete way to live into those promises.

We cannot speak much in the way of good news to people who are starving or dying of preventable disease. We must begin by doing good news with those who are most vulnerable. In and through both, God is glorified, and all creation can begin to experience the shalom for which we were created.

When Jesus begins His public ministry (Luke 4), His first act is to read from that vision of shalom in the prophet Isaiah. And his own rejoinder is, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke IV, 21). We seek to be able to say the same in our own day, that this vision of shalom may be fulfilled for all the world's people. May this begin the new year of the Lord's favour (Isaiah lvi, 2).

How will you resolve to help?

The Most Rev Katharine Jefferts Schori is Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2007

	02/04/07	02/11/07	02/18/07	02/25/07	03/04/07
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves
Altar Guild					

	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Laura Wehrle	Tori Donovan	Leigh Wehrle	Annie Gibson	Mark Herbert
Torch Bearers	Emily and Ashley Lawrence	Hannah and Sophie Edelen	Annie Gibson and Laura Wehrle	Ashleigh and Jessica Woods	Emily and Ashley Lawrence
Acolyte	Ann Cox	David Richmond	Ann Cox	Linda Wardle	Sammy Cundiff
Chalice Bearer	Gary Menges	Toss Chandler	Connie Spencer	Ann Cox	Ann Richmond
Lector	Corbin Crutcher	Wanda Johnson	Walter Kuntz	Linda Wardle	Ann Richmond
Gift Bearers	Johnson	Donovan	Lewis	Menges	Lawrence
Ushers	Mark Cox and Ben Wehrle	Watts/Alves	Ben and Toss Chandler	Mike and Jo Gardone	Range/Johnson
Altar Guild					
Lay Eucharist Ministry					
Breakfast					

	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer	Judi Sutherland	Ryan Potter	Michelle Kinkead	Ryan Potter	James Hawkins
Torch Bearers	Ethan and Elena Howard	Ethan and Elena Howard	Eric and Audrey Sandknop	Ethan and Elena Howard	Eric and Audrey Sandknop
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkead	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead	Judi Sutherland	Ann Cox
Chalice Bearers	Judi Sutherland	Ann Cox	Cindy Sullivan	Geoff Bosman	Cindy Kinkead
Lector	Carol Filson	Jacqueline Means	Katherine Harper	Julie Ross	Lisa Hawkins
Gift Bearers	Chittick	Galbraith	Giberson/Martin	Range	Howard-Potter
Ushers	Chittick/Kinkead	Cox/Wehrle	Kinkead/Range	Howard-Potter	T. Hawkins/C. Sullivan
Altar Guild					

Wednesday	02/07/07	02/14/07	02/21/07	02/28/07	03/07/07
Acolyte	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Vickie Duff	Ann Cox	Ben Harper
Altar Guild					