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In our City, and in the Stranger.**

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St. Anne's: God's Hope for our Future

Sunday January 21st

9:00 a.m. Worship; Standing Brunch; Annual Parish
Gathering and Meeting



Conversations about our Strategic Mission Plan; Report from
Space Needs Assessment Committee with presentation from
Architectural firm to help us address our space needs;
Budget, election of vestry

We need you as we discern God's Hope for our mission!
(There will be an 8:00 a.m service this day, no 10:30 a.m.
service. Special activities for Children in the "Ark")

Rector's Ramblings

Epiphany Carol

Flocks feed by darkness with a noise of whispers,
In the dry grass of pastures,
And lull the solemn night with their weak bells.

The little towns upon the rocky hills
Look down as meek as children:
Because they have seen come this holy time.

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than low
candlelight
Under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed
stable.

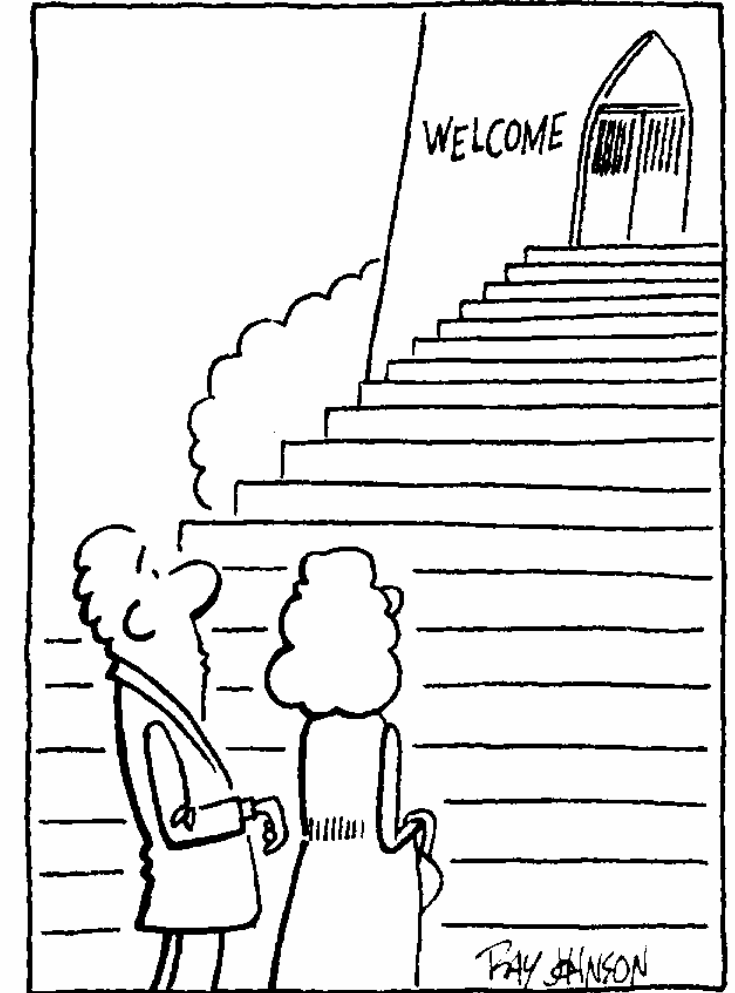
And O! Make holy music in the stars, you happy
angels.
You shepherds, gather on the hill.
Look up, you timid flocks, where the three kings
Are coming through the wintry trees;

While we unnumbered children of the wicked
centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars

-Thomas Merton



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Epiphany is the holy season when we mark and celebrate God's making Godself known to all of the creation, all of the world. (Manifestation) This is the season we celebrate God's coming into the world not as one more oppressor in a world full of oppression. Instead God chooses to come meekly, mildly, in the person of an innocent babe. God's power comes into the world as all power comes into the world and the child born on that fateful night would be visited by powerful men from the east and sought after by powerful oppressive rulers of his homeland. Those wise enough to know that hope for the world lies in the innocent, humble, and vulnerable power of the would be servant leader, will bring gifts to lay at his feet. Won't you bring your gifts to lay at his feet. Won't you bring the gifts of yourself, your care, compassion, your very heart to lay at his feet? Won't you bring your commitment to his values of servanthood to lay at his feet? Won't you bring your heart to worship the gift that has been given to all of us? My turn !

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| SPECIAL SERVICE WITH ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING No 10:30 service | 9 am | L | Helen Wolf | 378-2165 | CB | Peter Hall | 376-8934 |
| | | C | Tyler DeFriece | 376-1636 | T | Karli Frederick | 378-0937 |
| | | T | Greg Hughes | 376-5217 | LEC | Peter Hall | 376-8934 |
| | | V | Cim L'Heureux | 378-9570 | | | |
| | | U | Brian Smith | 378-7306 | U | Patti Smith | 378-7306 |

28 8 am L Scott Lawrence 378-1947

Bishop Wayne Wright's Visit

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| 9 am | CB | Patti Smith | 378-7306 | CB | Diane J. Dudderar-Foster | 376-9039 |
| | LEC | Charlotte Howard | 376-8815 | Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People | | |
| | U | Jessica Ventura | 376-9060 | U | Scott Ventura | 376-9060 |

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| 10:30 am | L | Sarah DiAngelo | 378-4203 | CB | Franklin Brons | 449-1250 |
| | C | Donna Leathrum | 378-9075 | T | Taylor George | 378-2181 |
| | T | Julia Vail | 378-8639 | LEC | Amber George | 378-2181 |
| | V | Bill Ivers | 376-1344 | | | |
| | U | Tom Vail | 378-8639 | U | Ted Nutter | 730-1791 |

Altar Guild - Christa Pederson, Donna Menzen, Sarah Gail Beall

Vestry Usher of the Month - Ron Taylor

**BISHOP'S
VISIT/CONFIRMATION/BAPTISM'S
JANUARY 28TH**

Are you an adult interested in being confirmed, or received by the Bishop of Delaware? If you are from another tradition and worshipping regularly at St. Anne's it is most appropriate for you to be incorporated into the common life of ST. Anne's through the public action of confirmation or reception. We Episcopalians say that "we pray what we believe", that means we have ritual for those things important to our common life. The action of our Bishop as our spiritual leader represents for us our common life together. Confirmation and reception is the public act of committing yourself to our common mission and to your baptismal vows. Please contact the Rector (Fr. Tony) and plan to attend a gathering of those interested on Sunday January 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. (This gives you opportunity to worship at 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. if you desire). We will also be celebrating baptisms on the date of the Bishop's visit, if you desire to be baptized please contact Fr. Tony. Saturday January 27th at 9:00 a.m. there will be a brunch for all to be baptized, confirmed, and received the following day. Please contact Fr. Tony to indicate your interest in Baptism, confirmation or reception.

**Adult Formation in
January, Sunday mornings
9:35-10:25**

An Introduction to Islam
Jan.7, and 14, Sam Sabrin, our guest teacher, will teach us about his faith for three Sundays.

Jan. 28 The Rt. Rev. Wayne Wright, our Bishop, will speak to us about the Episcopal

Church USA, it's hopes and its controversies, since General Convention.

Feb. 4,11 A two week course in **gift discernment** with Tom Vail and Tony Pompa.

Our Lenten Book Study, Dennis Maynard's *Forgive and Get your Life Back*, led by Fr. Tony, will begin on Feb 25. (This book is much shorter than last year's!) Please sign up on the Adult Formation bulletin board or call the church office to order a book for \$10. We must order in January to have books in time.

Book Description

Forgive and forget are easily uttered words. This book breaks these words into identifiable steps that will help the person distinguish between forgiving, reconciling, and restoring. We all know that we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we fail to do so, we end up being prisoners frozen in our own pain. But do we have to reconcile with them? Should we reconcile with them? Is it even advisable? Dr. Maynard gives us some guidelines for answering those questions for ourselves.

About the Author

The Reverend Doctor Dennis Maynard has been a parish priest in the Episcopal Church for 34 years. He has distinguished himself as a preacher, teacher, pastor, and author. He has published four other books: *Those Episkopols*; *The Money Book*; *Forgiven, Healed, and Restored*; and a soon to be released novel - *Behind the Magnolia Tree*. He lives in Southern California and is often requested to be a guest retreat leader, board consultant and preacher throughout the United States and Canada.

Foundations Class for newcomers/inquirers, January 7-February 11

On **January 7 at 10:30am**, Fr. Tony will meet with all interested in learning more about St. Anne's and the Episcopal Church, especially those who want to be confirmed or received when the Bishop comes on January 28.
January 14 at 10:30, Chaplain Howlett will continue the course, discussing the three or four-legged stool of Anglicanism and our personal journeys to the Church.
January 27, a Saturday, 9-11am, the group will meet to prepare for the Bishop's visit and watch a film on the Episcopal Church.
January 28, 10:30am service, Confirmation/Reception with Bishop Wright.
February 4 and 11 at 10:30, the course will continue with Chaplain Howlett teaching.



All are welcome to an **Open House at St. Anne's Episcopal School, on Thursday, January 11, 5-8pm**. Come see our beautiful building and hear about our mission to nurture the hearts and minds of young people, PreK through 8th grade. If you have questions, please see Chaplain Howlett or email her at howlett@saintannesschool.org.

SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Tidings of great news and happenings from SNAC! On Saturday, December 2, 2006, SNAC presented our recommendation for the hiring of Rubeling Associates, an architectural firm from Towson, Maryland, to the Vestry. Rubeling is to prepare a Master Plan (Phase I) report. The Master Plan will assess our growing church space needs and will analyze our current space and determine if our space will meet our parish's projected growth as outlined by the Strategic Plan, dated January 2006. The Plan will also provide an answer as to what the "next step" is.

SNAC wishes to thank everyone for their continued patience during this process as well as the hard work that has been done to date. However, we are not yet finished with our task at hand. Al Rubeling is attending our annual church meeting on January 21, 2007, and will be giving a short presentation assessing our space needs as well as answering any questions you may have.

Again, thank you all so much for your vision, prayer and thoughts during this very challenging yet rewarding task.

To each of you a very joyous and peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year. GOD'S Love and Blessings,

Ted Nutter, Patti Smith, Sandi Lind, Chris Garrod
 Barney Reynolds, Diane Dudderar, Larry Hutchins, Lea Hutchins

January

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| 7 | 8 am | L | Lou Pederson | 378-8324 | | |
| | 9 am | CB | Laurie Wolinski | 376-1772 | CB | Beth Lamb 378-8758 |
| | Adult Choir | LEC | Jessie Ventura | 376-9060 | Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People | |
| | | U | Kim George | 376-6396 | U | Matt George 376-6396 |
| | 10:30 am | L | Cim L'Heureux | 378-9570 | CB | Kim Blasch 376-1714 |
| | Treble Choir | C | Bill Ivers | 376-1344 | T | Forrest Brown 378-9618 |
| | | T | Caitline Hemings | 376-7750 | LEC | Carson Hanna 449-2216 |
| | | V | Franklin Brons | 449-1250 | | |
| | | U | Becky Roberts | 378-9308 | U | Chip Roberts 378-9308 |
| 14 | 8 am | L | Kathy Means | 378-2044 | | |
| | 9 am | CB | Donna Leathrum | 378-9075 | CB | Jessie Ventura 376-9060 |
| | | LEC | Kitty Rehrig | 836-5057 | Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People | |
| | | U | Kittie Rehrig | 836-5057 | U | William Rehrig 836-5057 |
| | 10:30 am | L | Nancy Koenig | 653-7653 | CB | Wendy L'Heureux 378-9570 |
| | | C | Dean Dannaker | 834-5286 | T | Bethany Bennett 376-9785 |
| | | T | Carson Hanna | 449-2216 | LEC | Wendy L'Heureux 378-9570 |
| | | V | Burgon Sealy | 376-0244 | | |
| | | U | Wendy L'Heureux | 378-9570 | U | Nancy L'Heureux 378-9570 |

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| 21 | 8 am | L | David Hipp | 836-0628 | | |
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January 2007

OSA means Old St. Anne's Church

WSA means Women of St. Anne's

HE means Holy Eucharist

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Regular Meetings of AA are at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Vestry Nominations for 2007

The following have been recommended by the Vestry Nominating Committee to serve on the St. Anne's Vestry beginning February 1st, 2007. They are, James T. Cronin, Diane J. Dudderar-Foster, Ellen Jennings and Norene C. Taylor. A brief biographical sketch of each is given below.

1. James T. Cronin

James T. Cronin affectionately known as "Jim" has been a member of St. Anne's since December of 1988. During this time he, his lovely wife "Becky" and their two children Patrick and Shane have contributed much of their time, resources and talent to church committees, programs and activities. Jim finds his recommended nomination to the Vestry of St. Anne's one of his life's greatest challenges. He eagerly looks forward to serving with compassion and dedication.

2. Diane J. Dudderar-Foster

Diane J. Dudderar-Foster has been a devoted member of St. Anne's Church since 2001. She and her husband Jeffrey, along with their two children John and Elizabeth have participated in many church activities, programs and committees. Diane views her recommendation to the St. Anne's Vestry a highly spiritual and challenging venture in this period of parish transition.

3. Ellen Jennings

Ellen has been a member of St. Anne's Church since 1966. For the past two years. Ellen has energetically served on an unexpired term.. Ellen has a daughter Laurie, and three grand children. She has unselfishly given of her time, talent and resources whenever called. She presently serves on the Vestry Property Committee. Ellen looks forward to once again serving the church in this time of change and growth.

4. Norene C. Taylor

Norene has been a member of St. Anne's for the past five years. She and her husband Ron have two children, David and Caroline, and three grandsons. She currently serves with dedication and enthusiasm on many parish activities and committees. Norene looks at her nomination to the St. Anne's Vestry as a total commitment. She also looks forward to contributing her time, talent and resources toward the development of church programs, facilities and stewardship.

J@A PROJECT "WE CAN"

If you knew that...

1. 100% of a recycled aluminum can ends up as another can in little as 60 days
2. An aluminum can has no limit to the # of times it can be recycled
3. Aluminum is the most recyclable of all materials: it is 4x more recyclable than any other recycled material
4. Throwing out a can is like pouring out 6 ounces of gasoline
5. Recycling one can saves enough \$ to keep a 100 watt lightbulb burning for almost 4 hours or can run you tv for 3 houes.
6. Last year 54 billion cans were recycled saving energy equivilant to 15 million barrels of crude oil-Americans entire gas consumption for 1 day.
7. We really can save –Americans throw away enough aluminum cans to rebuild an entire air fleet every 3 months!

...would you still throw away that can?

Bring in any beverage cans for recycling. WE can help the environment while earning \$!
Bring your cans weekly rinsed and crushed and deposit in the container provided. Contact Jamie Richards 653-3732 with questions!



January Birthdays

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| George, Amber | 1 |
| Pompa, Anthony | 2 |
| Beall, Thomas | 3 |
| Yaiser, Clara | 3 |
| Koenig, Nancy | 4 |
| Vitola, Kristi | 6 |
| Voshell, Jr., Donald | 6 |
| Kasprenski, Scott | 7 |
| Webb, Shirley | 7 |
| DeBenedictis, LoisAnn | 8 |
| Hanna, Christopher | 8 |
| Willey, Sarah | 8 |
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| Schreppler, Janet | 10 |
| Webb, Kendall | 13 |
| Halverson, Kelly | 14 |
| Stevens, Matthew | 15 |
| Brett, Shirley | 16 |
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| Cook, Amber | 17 |
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| Hudson, Hayden | 20 |
| Rafferty, Liam | 21 |
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| Hanna, Katharine | 22 |
| Brown, G. Lindsay | 23 |
| Ly, Hiep | 24 |
| Masso, Fuad | 24 |
| Taylor, Norene | 24 |
| Kerr Jr, George | 28 |
| Liefeld, Judith | 28 |
| Vanderhoogt, Rosemarie | 28 |
| Allen, Herb | 29 |
| Garrod, Gavin | 29 |
| Lawrence, George | 29 |
| Fretz, Cristin | 30 |
| Vaughn, Rachel | 31 |



Do not grieve as those who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Alice Baldwin Biggs
November 29, 2006

Harold F. Price "Mickey"
December 10, 2006