

# The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

April 2008



## ***Our Real Net Worth***

*Dear friends in Christ,*

Recently, I was reading Forbes magazine's list of billionaires. It was a group to which I do not ever expect to belong. As I read the list, I realized that, while these people had a great deal of assets, the exact amount of their wealth probably varies from day to day if not hour to hour. Most of us are aware of the financial ups and downs of the stock market and the real estate market. Wild swings in the value of one stock or the other can be very disconcerting to persons counting on their value for living now or in retirement. The same is true of housing. Many people count on their homes as a source of funds for retirement or current living using home equity loans. The difference between billionaires and the rest of us is in the amount of assets, not the behavior of what we and they own.

Most of us are aware that we have what banks and other financial institutions call "net worth." Net worth is the difference between what we own and what we owe. Thus, the ups and downs of stocks, IRAs, pension funds, and our home influence our net worth. Very often, we need to know our net worth in order to borrow money for houses, cars, or college tuitions. Of course, most of us earn money on a regular basis, so we have resources with which to function on a daily basis.

All this has caused me to think about my net worth. At my age, I worry about "outliving my resources," long-term health care, and something left over for my children. Maybe you share these concerns. Let me share another part of net worth, long-term health care, and inheritances. First of all, we know that God considers our net worth to be very precious. We read that He cares about the hairs on our heads and that He knows that we need food and clothing (Matthew 6:25 ff). Our real net worth is that we are God's children. In another place, we are reminded that we should only fear the loss of God in our lives. Our long-term health care should be more a matter of our spiritual health than our physical health. It amazes me that many people spend more time getting their bodies in shape through exercise and diet than on the spiritual aspects of their lives, such as reading the Bible and praying. Finally, the greatest inheritance you can leave for your children is not money but an example of a life lived loving and serving Christ, with the values inherent in such a life.

It is easy and understandable to worry about our financial "net worth." But God has given us the answer to these concerns. He has given you a net worth that will not be affected by the economy. For this we can be truly thankful. And God has given you the resources to leave your family the richest heritage of all, a life lived that reflects God's love.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### ***April 11***

Diocesan Convention  
St. Philip's  
Laurel, Delaware

#### ***April 30***

Celebration of the Ascension

#### ***May 18***

J2A Spaghetti Dinner  
& Auction

#### ***June 1***

9:30 a.m. Service at Old St.  
Anne's begins

#### ***June 8***

Old St. Anne's Day

*Peace,  
Father Karney*

## **Adult Formation in April and May**

Sunday mornings, 9:40-10:25

### ***Profiles of Bible Personalities and Their Influence***

Taught by George Karney and Louise Howlett

April 6	Sarah and Hagar (LH)
April 13	Amos (GK)
April 20	Ruth and Naomi (LH)
April 27	Isaiah (GK)
May 4	Mary and Martha (LH)
May 18	Ezekiel (GK)

(Stay tuned for special Mother's Day plans on May 11.)

## **Ascension Day**

This is one of the major feast days of the church year. It is the day, forty days after Easter, when Christ left His apostles and ascended into heaven to "be at the right hand of God." This year, we are celebrating this feast on Wednesday, April 30, with a service at 10:00 a.m. Afterwards, Carolyn and Father Karney will show slides and artifacts from their trip to Uganda in 1999, followed by a brown bag lunch with coffee provided.

## **St. Anne's Pastoral Care Ministers**

Our pastoral care ministers are fellow church members who are called to pray, listen, and lend a hand when there is a need. They visit those in hospitals, in nursing homes, and recovering at home. We keep in touch with those who request our ministry by phone, email, and cards. On the last Tuesday of each month, we gather for scripture, prayer, and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in the town church library (next to the Barr Chapel).

If you would like a member of the Pastoral Care ministry to contact you, please call Beth Lamb at 302-378-8758 or the church office at 302-378-2401.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ – Galatians 6:2*

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**Articles for the May  
Messenger  
are due April 15.**

## **F.A.C.T.S. Update**

The F.A.C.T.S. committee was created from the former SNAC (Space Needs Assessment Committee) in November 2007. During the previous year, SNAC worked closely with ministry leaders and an architect to determine what our space needs for worship will be over the next 10 years. The conclusion was that our present sites and facilities would not accommodate our projected growth.

F.A.C.T.S. consists of five teams: **Financial Feasibility, Architectural Design, Communications, Town Church, and Site Selection.** The chairpersons and team members have been carefully chosen to accurately represent our parishioners with thought given to their particular experience and gifts.

Each of these teams is presently meeting and gathering facts and with prayerful deliberation will present their recommendations so that St. Anne's Episcopal Church can make an informed decision about our future. These recommendations will come in the form of how we would pay for such an endeavor, what the worship facility would offer, what we would take with us from the Town Church, and where the facility would be located, all the while keeping our congregation informed on the progress and always being open to their input and suggestions.

*Diane Dudderar-Foster, Co-Chair*



### **Discernment Survey**

Please place your completed survey in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Café Area or you may bring it into the office during working hours.

## **Discernment Committee News**

The Discernment Team has been meeting weekly since our kick-off on Feb. 9. Several sub-committees have been organized to deal with the large amount of work that needs to be accomplished.

If you have any photos of events at St. Anne's that you would like to share, please be sure to send them to Amanda Shepard at [4shepards@gmail.com](mailto:4shepards@gmail.com). We would love to have them for the Parish Profile.

Be sure to track our progress on the poster located at the back of the Sanctuary. Follow along with us as we make our "Pilgrimage to Discernment."

Please be sure to fill out your Parish Survey. We can't do this work without you. Your thoughts and feelings are vital to the process! You'll also have the opportunity to attend an informational meeting after each church service on April 13. This will be your chance to hear about the search process and ask any questions you might have.

If you have any questions, ask any member of the team. We are easily identified by the name tags we wear:

Franklin Brons	Charlie Dunham
Chelsea Frederick	Ed Masterson
Kathy Means	Larry Norfleet
Amanda Shepard	Janet Schreppler
Jessie Ventura.	



***The flowers adorning the sanctuary on Easter were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:***



Joyce Owens  
Johnie Burton, Sr.

Johnie Burton

Lucy and George Durney  
Clara & Theodore Tremayne  
Frank Durney  
Mary and Edward Biter

Jim & Becky Cronin

Eric Pederson

The Pederson's

Raymond E. Peters, Sr.

Maxine Peters & Family

Phyllis Dunham

Charlie Dunham

Charles & Mary Lou Roberts  
Florence & Lawrence Jester

Chip & Becky Roberts

Al and Dot Florian  
Arthur Wildasin  
William Roth

Jim & Nancy Florian

Helen & Donald McCann

Kate Rokosz

Fred M. Shallcross  
Olive Lockwood Stavely  
Mary Nowland Shallcross

Olive Jane Shallcross

David M. Foster, Sr.  
James H. Pickel  
Anne C. Foster

Joyce Foster

Robert L. & Myrtle I. Chadwick  
Aaron C. & Alice C. Willoughby

Jane Shetzler

John W. Hoch

Gwen Hoch

Gordon Jennings  
Hilda & Bill Schweitzer  
J. Paul Winthrop

Ellen Jennings

Don Heinold  
Ron Smith

Brian & Patti Smith

Andrew and Ellen Jackson  
Isadore and Dorothy Reynolds

Velma Johnson

Frank & Emily Spear  
Wesley & Elizabeth Robertson  
James Toy

Emily E. Toy

Ella Karney  
George Karney, Sr.  
Judy Wolff  
Jean R. McDowell  
T. Edward McDowell  
Margaret J. McDowell

The Rev. & Mrs. G. Karney

Chase Andrew Elwood  
Arthur Leonard Vanderhoogt

Rosemarie S. Vanderhoogt

John E. Cunningham, Jr.  
George & Mary Kerr

Pat Kerr

Leslie Juel  
Donald Juel  
Raymond Vines  
Elsie Vines

Paul & Janet Vines

Thomas H. Lamb  
Robert H. Denney  
Phillip H. Denney  
James W. Ryan  
Jane B. Calloway

Beth Lamb

Andrew A. Greene  
Carolyn A. Greene  
Karlee Andrews

Laurie Wolinski

Mattie Harris  
Edwin Presson & Margaret Benfield  
Rudolph and Maryrose Meyers

Tom & Dianne Meyers

Marjorie Harper

Anonymous



***And in thanksgiving for:***

Lawrence McCoombe  
Kathryn & Wesley McCoombe  
Norman Castick

Fran McCoombe

Mr. & Mrs. Johnie Burton, Jr.

Johnie Burton

Patrick and Shane Cronin

Jim & Becky Cronin

Gary Meyers

Tom & Dianne Meyers

## **Introducing Our New Music Director**

Norman P. Thompson was born and educated in southern California, receiving his B.A. from Pomona College, his M.A. from Claremont Graduate University, and his D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) from the University of Southern California, where he won the U.C.L.A. Young Artists Award.

Dr. Thompson decided early on to combine the careers of teaching and performing, becoming an Associate Professor of Music at Chapman University in Orange, CA, teaching music history and theory, and performing throughout the west as recitalist, soloist with orchestras, and chamber musician.

Retiring from full-time teaching in 1992, Dr. Thompson and his wife moved to Wilmington, DE, where he became Director of Music at St. Barnabas's Episcopal when Father Karney was rector. He assumed this same position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chester, PA, also serving with Father Karney. Most recently, he was Director of Music for St. John's Episcopal Church in Salem, NJ.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Thompson on April 6.

## **Reminders from the Rector**

April 11: The convention of the Diocese of Delaware will convene at St. Philip's Church in Laurel. Our delegates are Norene and Ron Taylor. Ron is also a candidate for election to the diocesan council.

June 8: Old Saint Anne's Day. Our guest speaker will be Bishop William Jones, retired bishop of Missouri.

## **Sunday School News**

On March 2, we celebrated Mothering Sunday; we hosted the coffee hour and the kids made a gift of a flower pen and a card for their mothers.

On Palm Sunday, the kids made posters of the Stations of the Cross that were used on Good Friday.

On Youth Sunday, March 30, the kids are involved with the service.

For April, we are in the final rotation of teachers for Sunday School, which concludes end of May.

We always welcome and appreciate volunteers.

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Friends, I thought I'd send this on, to all who pray and care for others:

*When we honestly ask which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not-knowing, not-curing, not-healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness.....makes it clear that whatever happens in the external world, being present to each other is what really matters.*

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Nancy Woodward

## Kick Off the Summer With J2A

Hello Summer! J2A will welcome summer with its **Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Sunday, May 18**. The dinner and auction will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal School from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and will go on sale soon. Children under 12 are free. All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go towards J2A's pilgrimage in the summer of 2009.



The auction will include silent auction items, live auction items and a special Chinese auction. J2A is accepting items for the auction now. If you have any items (tickets, services, etc.) that you would like to donate, please contact any J2A member or its leaders (Tom Vail, Elizabeth Walker, Lea Hutchins and Dan Bennett). We are also accepting smaller (new) items to put together themed baskets (i.e. baby, kids, beach, movie night, parents' night out, sports fan, etc.). All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Help support our youth in this wonderful family evening of fun, faith and fellowship.



## April Birthdays

Velma Johnson	2
Joyce Foster	3
Bill Cohee	4
Lucy English	4
Laurie Ann Branner	6
Michael Maier	7
Laurie Wolinski	7
Tyler Calder	9
Donna Mower-Wade	12
Alison DeFino	13
Matthew Kline	13
Kim Blasch	14
Alexandra Cameron	14
Alex Baker	15
Margaret George	15
R. Estelle Peters	15
Carter Ventura	15
Harry White	15



Kathryn Harper	16
Madison Branner	18
Jeffrey Calder	18
Logan Cameron	18
Cathy Hennings	18
Greg Hughes	18
Caitlin Richards	18
Stephanie Brons	20
Jane White	20
Ron Taylor	22
Russell Poole	25
Rebecca Roberts	26
Jane Shetzler	27
Jamison Delaine	27
Jim Newton	28
Randolph Reynolds	29

# Vacation Bible School 2008

We are excited to plan our next VBS program for summer 2008. We will use the Gospel Light curriculum again this year. Please view it on-line. At SonHarvest County Fair, you'll find kids growing in the Son, and students will learn about growing the fruit of the Spirit in their own lives. Students will grow **love**, sprout **joy**, plant **peace**, produce **patience** and pick **kindness**, Join us on July 20 through July 24 from **5:30 p.m.** until **8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall at **Saint Anne's town church**. Volunteers are needed to assist with this year's program.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers: Please indicate which dates/times you are available.**

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help in the following area(s):**

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| Decorating                                 | Craft Assistant                              |
| Prayer support                             | Group guide (Youth volunteer)                |
| Publicity (Transcript, Communion, Website) | Activity centers/ Pre-kindergarten assistant |
| Bible Games or Lesson Center               | Skits (performers and set design)            |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/day: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or your involvement in it, please call Nancy and Dan Bennett 302-376-9785

**Please return this flyer in the offering plate or to the church office**

*Nancy and Dan Bennett  
VBS Directors*



## *Parish Prayer List*

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Use this form to add a name or to continue a name for another month, then please place in the collection plate or bring/mail to the office. You may also call the office (378-2401) to add, continue, or remove a name.

Please continue to keep on the prayer list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please add to the prayer list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

