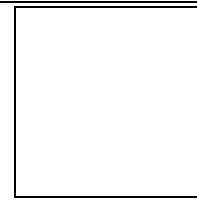


# **The Messenger**

*St. Anne's Episcopal Church*

**January 2008**



*Dear friends in Christ,*

The ancient god Janus is depicted with two faces. One face looks forward, the other looks to the rear. The Romans named the first month of the year to honor him and remind us that the past influences the future. To some degree, of course, the past influences the future. Our past experiences often cause us to make "New Year's Resolutions." Most articles in newsletters are really notices of future events. Let us look back at the year past. My personal looking back is included in another part of this newsletter which we share with you. A person's past often gives us a clue into their future actions.

Only you can think about 2007 because it is an experience unique to you. I am sure that some of us have had great joy. Others may have had great sorrow. For most of us, we have had sorrow—things not the way we want them. At the same time that we have sorrow we may have had joy. Life is usually a mixture of good and bad; sickness and health; new relationships (like birth) and broken relationships (like death). The reality of life is that, like Janus, we can look backward and forward with joy, anticipation, sorrow, and dread.

The message of Jesus is that He can guide us through this life. Hymn number 550 has these words, "In our joys and in our sorrows, Jesus calls us saying 'Christian, follow me.'"

Here at St. Anne's, we as a community can look back at last year with a mixture of joy and sorrow. Our rector left—sorrow. He has a new and full ministry—joy. We are left a task to move forward in joyful anticipation that God will provide the right person for us even as we look back at the faithful pastors He has sent in the past. There is no reason to believe that God will desert His people.

Look back; look ahead; look up.

*Peace,  
Father Karney*

## **January 27**

### **Bishop's Annual Visit**

Bishop Wright will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and will baptize and confirm candidates at the 10:30 a.m. service. He will preach at both services. Between services, he will meet with members of FACT. Following the 10:30 service, he will greet members of the congregation during the coffee hour.

### **Annual Meeting**

The meeting will come to order at 12 noon or as soon thereafter as practical. Items to come before the meeting according to the by-laws will be the election of vestry members for three-year terms and one person for a two-year term.

## **The Spirit of Christmas**

On Thursday, December 20, Mr. Henry Eckhardt of *The Main Street Team* Realtors came to the door of the office and gave us 10 \$50 gift cards to the Giant Supermarket so we could help families in need of food. What a generous gift! Mr. Eckhardt exemplified the spirit of the season, quietly, without fanfare, with no need for recognition, ensuring that those less fortunate would have a more pleasant holiday.

## **Annual Reports Due**

Persons who are responsible for written reports are requested and urged to send them to the office as soon as possible. (This includes the interim rector!) Deadline is January 14.

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*Messenger*  
are due January 15.**



Lent begins on Wednesday,  
February 6—more in the  
February newsletter.

## Christmas 2007

*This note is from Carolyn and George Karney with approval from Zoe, our yellow lab.*

During this past year, Carolyn has continued as a listener and support worker for Contact Lifeline of Delaware, a suicide help line. She also remains a member of the Board of Review for Children in Foster Care, an appointment made by the governor of Delaware. She was also elected to the executive board. Carolyn continues as a member of Christ Church in Greenville and has been appointed assistant director of the altar guild. This is both quite an honor and quite a task. She remains a member of the National Cathedral Association, but has taken a leave of absence from her Questers study group.

In March, George finished up almost five years at priest-in-charge for St. Paul's Church in Chester, Pennsylvania. From then on, he served churches in north Philadelphia; Salem, New Jersey; and several congregations in Delaware. In July and August, he was "interim interim" at Christ Church. In September, he became full-time interim rector at St. Anne's Church. He continues to teach a 6:30 a.m. bible class at Christ Church on Thursdays.

Both Carolyn and George continue their workout program through Christiana Care. Basically, we are in "good health for the shape we are in." We attend concerts on a regular basis in Philadelphia, which is a welcome and restful respite. We have also found the joy of steaks at Ruth Chris restaurant next to the concert hall.

Last January, we went to our favorite place in Playa de Carmen near Cancun. In March, we visited the Waco Karney's after a snowy false start. The tornado and floods that greeted us added to the joy and excitement.

June found us in Chicago sharing the happy event of the high school graduation of Christa, Lisa's daughter. In August, Allison, Meg, Stuart, and Charlie joined us at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Surf swimming, crabbing, and surfboarding were enjoyed by all. We went back to the Outer Banks in September with friends. Amazingly, we had great weather both trips.

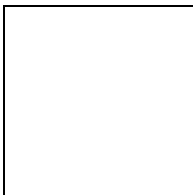
Carolyn spent Thanksgiving with the Smiley's of Western Springs and the Wheaton's of Chicago. While there, Carolyn visited George's mother who reminds us of the verse in Matthew 5:12. George visits his 93-year-old mother on a regular basis on the boomerang flights of Southwest Airlines (take off from Philadelphia at 6 a.m., return the same day).

We sincerely hope that your life is as blessed as ours. We feel that God has blessed us with wonderful family and friends and the health of body and mind to enjoy them as we have enjoyed getting to know the people of St. Anne's.

Peace to you and those you love.

*George, Carolyn, and*  *(Zoe)*

## *A View from the Pew*



### ***AN EVENT OF THE HEART: THANKSGIVING 2007***

Recently, I read a quote ascribed to an "accomplished philanthropist." It went like this: "My mother used to say, 'It's more important to do good than it is to do well, but if you do well, you must do good.'" Regardless of the category, those of us who made the Community Thanksgiving a success did "GOOD"! Often we are asked, "How does this event work without a meeting or a committee?". It works because it is an "Event of the Heart." It reflects true "Christian Hospitality." Some people who hear or read about it are simply moved by the Spirit to become a part of something very special; an opportunity to share food, fun and fellowship with strangers. Many times old friends reconnect and sometimes new friendships are formed. The Terry Family from North Carolina help us each year when they visit relatives in Newark. Upon their return home, they sent us a card in which they wrote, "What a joy celebrating God's goodness at St. Anne's on Thanksgiving! Our Father's love is everlasting." We have made some new friends.

We estimate that at least 200 folks attended, and many took food to others who are home-bound. Donations both monetary and foodstuffs were very generous. We cooked 13 turkeys and 5 hams and provided all the traditional and not so traditional sides. The cooks outdid themselves as usual and provided us with some extra special treats. One turkey was fried and delicious, one was smoked with apple wood, and the others were roasted to perfection. There were three kinds of stuffing and a salad and condiment table that exceeded expectations. The dessert table filled itself as usual with pies, pizzelles, cakes, brownies, cookies and homemade breads and rolls. Where all those goodies come from remains a mystery!

Donations topped \$1,000 and will support our Honors Day Outreach. The Longfellow couple won the dog bed and plan to give it to their grandchildren. The Wrights, Kathy and Sam, provided music during the Church Service and during the dinner. They have been faithful participants for the last three years. We are so grateful for their Ministry of Music.

We cannot forget Robbie who donned his chef's apron and worked tirelessly with the kitchen staff as well as helped make newcomers feel welcome with his winning smile. We have another new friend!

Personally, I would like to thank the folks who volunteered to prepare and cook for three days prior to the dinner. Behind-the-scenes work is tedious and tiring and on the morning of the dinner things are fast-paced and hectic, but everyone is cool and collected and get along as if they have known each other for years. If I were Charlotte, I would have been spinning a web that said, "Some great day!"

Many thanks to the young children whose fast little feet kept the tables supplied with needed items. Thanks to all the young adults who helped in a variety of ways. All of them were acting out their commitment to love their neighbor.

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**An Event of The Heart: Thanksgiving 2007** (continued from Page 4)**A Celtic Rune of Hospitality**

*We saw a stranger yesterday,  
 We put food in the eating place,  
 Drink in the drinking place,  
 Music in the listening place;  
 And with the sacred name of the triune GOD  
 He blessed us and our house,  
 Our cattle and our dear ones,  
 As the lark says in her song:  
 Often, often, often, goes the  
 CHRIST  
 In the stranger's guise.*

Thanks to all who helped with this Ministry. I am humbled and grateful for your overwhelming generosity and unending support.

*Grace George*

**January Birthdays**

Amber George	1	Cierra Kreshock	18
Tony Pompa		Justin Ly	19
Thomas Beall		Hayden Hudson	20
Claire Yaiser		Liam Rafferty	21
Nancy Koenig		Gail Smith	21
Kristi Vitola		Kathy Hanna	22
Donald Voshell, Jr.	6	Taylor Cameron	23
Scott Kasprenski	7	Hiep Ly	24
Shirley Webb	7	Fuad Masso	24
LoisAnn	8	Norene Taylor	24
DeBenedictis		Shirley Brett	28
Christopher Hanna	8	George Kerr, Jr.	28
Sarah Willey	8	Judy Liefeld	28
Matt George	10	Rosemarie	28
Janet Schreppler	10	Vanderhoogt	
Kendell Webb	13	Herb Allen	29
Kelly Halverson	14	Gavin Garrod	29
Matt Stevens	15	George Lawrence	29
Lindsay Brown	16	Cristin Fretz	30
Amber Cook	17	Rachel Vaughn	31

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

Delphia Sanders	Sandy & Bill Cohee	Isabella Politano Lillian & Wallace Higgins Ruth & Gilbert Ward Jack Lepore	Nancy Koenig
George & Frank Durney Clara & Theodore Tremayne Janet & John Cronin Edward & Mary Biter	The Cronin Family	David Foster Anne Foster Nick Machulski	Kristin & John Machulski
Ellen Coombs Davis	Hedley C. Davis	Lawrence McCoombe Kathryn & Wesley McCoombe	Frances McCoombe
Edna & Joseph Davis Karen Anne Davis Kate & Clarence Lipscombe	Rosalie & Dennis Davis	Eric Pederson	Christa Pederson
Mary McClellan Frances McMichael	Teresa & John Dessin	Lawrence & Florence Jester Charles & Mary Lou Roberts	Becky & Chip Roberts
Phyllis Dunham	Charles Dunham	Helen & Donald McCann	Kate Rokosz
Avon Fletcher Lockwood Fletcher Dorothy Rudolph Harry Rudolph	Ed & Linda Fletcher	Olive Lockwood Stavely Fred Moore Shallcross, Sr.	Jane Shallcross
Al and Dot Florian Arthur Wildasin William Roth	Jim & Nancy Florian	Myrtle I. & Robert L. Chadwick Lucy C. & Edward R. Cordery Elinor C. & William C. Linge Alice C. & Aaron C. Willoughby	Jane Shetler & Robert A. Willoughby, Sr.
David Foster, Sr. Anne Foster James Pickel	Joyce Foster	Don Heinold Ron Smith	Patti & Brian Smith
Lee Gaunt	Bettylou Gaunt	Edith Sparks Wilson W. Sparks Myra Ingham Andrew Michael Chandler	Ed & Lesley Sparks
Frank & Mary Hipp Albert & Mary Reed Winifred & James LeFand Freda, Katie, & Walter Hipp	David & Martha Hipp	Ltc. Bryan J. Sutton Dr. & Mrs. J. Sidney Rice	Sally Sutton
Hilda & Bill Schweitzer Gordon Jennings J. Paul Winthrop	Ellen Jennings	Emily & Frank Spear Elizabeth & Wesley Robertson James Toy	Emily Toy
Gerald J. McNaughton, Sr. John Newton James	Ruth B. Jones	James & MaryAnne Ruddock Celon & Edith Williams	Everett & Ena Williams
John E. Cunningham, Jr. George & Mary Kerr	Pat Kerr	Andrew A. Greene Carolyn A. Greene Karlee Andrews	Laurie Wolinski
Thomas H. Lamb Robert H. Denney Phillip H. Denney James Wesley Ryan Marian B. Miller	Beth Lamb	Catherine & William Alt Howard Alt William Alt Anna Mae & Christian Yaiser Fred C. Yaiser	Claire Yaiser
Andrew & Ellen Jackson Isadore & Dorothy Reynolds	Velma L. Johnson		
Mr. & Mrs. Edward McDowell Judith Wolf Marge McDowell George Karney, Sr. Barbara Rothrock	George & Carolyn Karney		

***and in thanksgiving for:***

Jamie Hicken	Sandy & Bill Cohee
Blessings Received	Ed & Linda Fletcher
Zachary & Cody Malcom	Pat Kerr
The Machulski Girls	Kristin & John Machulski
Katie, Elizabeth, & Alec	Laurie Wolinski

