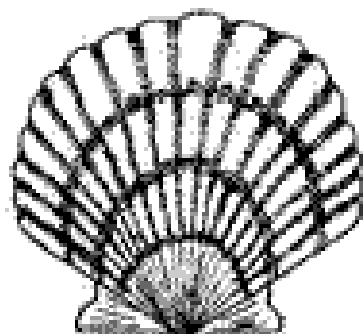


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St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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Announcing Our New Rector

The Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Barker

It is with great joy and profound thanksgiving to God that the Vestry announces that the Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Barker has accepted the call as Rector at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. We have concluded a thoughtful and prayerful discernment process that culminated in our parish finding a pastor who stands ready to capably lead us as we continue our spiritual journey. We expect Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Barker's arrival at St. Anne's some time in February.

An important early part of our discernment process involved the congregation listing the qualities and attributes that you felt were important to consider when searching for a new rector. These were important guidelines for all involved in the process and helped us find a pastor who is a wonderful match for our worship community. We would like to tell you about the new Rector and offer some information to help you become acquainted with her qualifications, so you can see how her background, experience and accomplishments meet our needs.

Reverend Dr. Barker is a priest with doctoral training, ordained in 1994. She is a gifted pastor and educator and a consensus builder among members of her congregation. She is an innovative liturgist who consciously includes all people, especially visitors, in the rich and diverse worship of the Episcopal Church. Our new Rector is an experienced fundraiser and capital campaign leader for both church and community groups. She is skilled in finance and administration with more than 20 years of experience in human resource management and financial oversight of church programs. She has guided parishes through transitions, including vision quests for building new sanctuaries. Reverend Dr. Barker is personable, approachable, and very excited to become part of the St. Anne's community.

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January 1

New Year's Day
Feast of the Holy Name
Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 a.m. (Chapel)

January 4

Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.
Festive coffee hour
and family activities
(see Page 2)

January 25

Annual Meeting

**Epiphany Celebration
Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Family activities and festive coffee hour**

Join us after the 10 a.m. service for Epiphany activities: wrap a gift for Jesus, send a holiday card to a soldier, make a crown and star to use your power, and shine your light to make the world a better place.

**Adult Education and Formation in January
Reflections on Race.**

Epiphany is a season when we celebrate the light of God spread throughout the world, yet sometimes our different lives and experiences threaten to separate and divide us. Join us for a theological discussion group exploring President-elect Obama's speech on race. (This idea was gained from Bishop Robinson's recent visit and is a study parishes in the Diocese of New Hampshire are doing as well.)

Bible Study

**Learn more about the text book for your faith.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

The subject will be the lessons to be read on the following Sunday. If you cannot make every session, you will be able to join in fully, since each week is self-contained.

Father Karney

Lectionary Readings for January

| | First Lesson | Response | Epistle | Gospel |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 4 | Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 11 | Genesis 1:1-5 | Psalms 29 | Acts 19:1-7 | Mark 1:4-11 |
| 18 | 1 Samuel 3:1-10 | Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-17 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | John 1:43-51 |
| 25 | Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalms 62:6-14 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20 |

Please return your Estimate of Giving card.

**Annual Meeting: January 25 after the 10:30 a.m. service—
reports are due January 9.**



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**Articles for the February
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are due January 15.**



Our heartfelt thanks to Leslie and Bill Hickman for their generous donation of the wreaths that adorned our churches for the Christmas season.

January Birthdays

- Amber George 1
- Thomas Beall 3
- Clara Yaiser 3
- Nancy Koenig 4
- Kristi Vitola 6
- Donald Voshell, Jr. 6
- Scott Kasprenski 7
- Shirley Webb 7
- LoisAnn DeBenedictis 8
- Christopher Hanna 8
- Sarah Willey 8

- Matthew George 10
- Janet Schreppler 10
- Kathy Lyon 13
- Kendall Webb 13
- Kelly Halverson 14
- Matthew Stevens 15
- G. Lindsay Brown 16
- Amber Cook 17
- Cierra Kreshock 18
- Justin Ly 19
- Hayden Hudson 20

- Liam Rafferty 21
- Gail Smith 21
- Kathy Hanna 22
- Taylor Cameron 23
- Hiep Ly 24
- Fuad Masso 24
- Norene Taylor 24
- Shirley Brett 28
- George Kerr, Jr. 28
- Judy Liefeld 28
- Rosemarie Vanderhoogt 28
- Herb Allen 29
- Gavin Garrod 29
- George Lawrence 29
- Cristin Haas 30
- Rachel Vaughn 31

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: _____ Date: _____



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

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| Fones Family | Helen Alford | Helen & Donald McCann | Kate Rokosz |
| George & Lucy Durney Theodore & Clara Tremayne | Jim & Becky Cronin | Olive Lockwood Stavely Nellie Cochran Lockwood Fred M. Shallcross, Sr. Mary Nowland Shallcross | Jane Shallcross |
| Arthur F. Wildasin William D. Roth Al and Dorothy Florian | Jim & Nancy Florian | Myrtle I. & Robert L. Chadwick Lucy C. & Edward R. Cordery Elinor C. & William C. Linge Alice C. & Aaron C. Willoughby | Jane Shetzler & Robert A. Willoughby, Sr. |
| David Foster, Sr. Anne Foster James Pickel | Joyce Foster | Don Heinold Ron Smith | Patti & Brian Smith |
| Selena H. Gaskins Frazier Family Lisette Escoto Patricia Escoto Gavino Escoto George Howard | Ron & Nellie Frazier | Myra Ingham Andrew Michael Chandler Wilson & Edith Sparks | Edwin & Lesley Sparks |
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| Lawrence McCoombe Wesley & Kathryn McCoombe | Frances McCoombe | | |
| Rudolph & Betty Meyers Margaret Benfield Edwin Presson Mattie Harris | Thomas & Diane Meyers | | |
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| | | Luke Woodall Karli Frederick Chelsea Frederick | Denise Woodall |
| | | Shetzler Family | Anonymous |



and in thanksgiving for:

Father George J. Karney

Announcing Our New Rector, *continued from Page 1*

Our new pastor has served as Rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jonesboro, AR since 2004. She had a history at St. Mark's, serving first as Minister of Program and Administration from 1988 to 1990 and then, following her ordination, as Curate from 1994 to 1996. In 2004, her Bishop in Arkansas appointed Reverend Dr. Barker as Priest-in-charge at St. Mark's, asking her to return to the parish she had earlier served so well; subsequently she was chosen by the St. Mark's Vestry as Rector after a discernment process. Her years at St. Mark's are noted for her healing and reconciliation skills, a new stewardship program focusing on giving from the heart with thanksgiving, meaningful liturgies, and developing a positive relationship between the church and the Day School to reinstate the Episcopal presence in the school and reaffirm the school's community as a ministry of the church.

Between serving as Curate at St. Mark's and returning as Priest-in-charge in 2004, Reverend Dr. Barker accepted a call to serve in her first Rector position at St. John's Episcopal Church in Harrison, AR, in 1996. She was the first woman called to serve as Rector of a parish in the Diocese of Arkansas. Reverend Dr. Barker led St. John's through a vision process that culminated in the building of a new sanctuary, consecrated in 2003. As Rector of that parish she spearheaded a successful capital campaign which raised over \$650,000 toward construction of the new \$1 million sanctuary. She recruited an innovative organist, revitalized a day school with 25 children in 1996 and saw the school grow to a regionally renowned school of 125 children by 2004. She supervised the day school director and staff of 27 teachers and employees and brought her skills, experience and talent to the parish administration. In addition to her duties at St. John's she was often invited as preacher in ecumenical services in the Harrison community. She actively participated in outreach ministry which provided alimentary and monetary assistance to the poor. She also motivated 40 parish volunteers to teach adult literacy through a cooperative program with North Arkansas college.

Reverend Dr. Barker is active in community service and a member of Rotary International. She launched the Rotary Dental Clinic, raising \$50,000 for program activities in this program that benefited people in Boone County with no access to dental care. She initiated the Boone County Habitat for Humanity program. Her family includes her husband of 38 years, Dr. Charles "Larry" Barker, MD, PhD, Obstetrician and Gynecologist. The Barkers raised three children – Joseph, an HIV/AIDS epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Uganda; Michael, a MBA/MFA theater management graduate student at Yale; and Amanda, a graduate student and former Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Madagascar.

We realize this is a great deal of information for you to digest and process at one time. We are genuinely astonished and encouraged by the myriad of possibilities this wonderful individual has to offer our congregation. We hope as you become acquainted with her that you will come to the same conclusions. And we ask for your continued prayers, support, and participation as we move forward together.

*For the Vestry
Charles D. Wolf, Senior Warden*

THANKSGIVING KEEPS ON GIVING!

Cards and calls came this year from some folks who would not be able to join us at the dinner this year...just like family! A Christmas card just arrived from our friends in North Carolina, keeping in touch! Ky Small, an honor student from Meredith Middle School, won the dog bed. He had helped to clean the newly picked turnips and then left town with his family. He had a happy surprise when he returned. And thanks to Ray that, in spite of all things, the turnips arrived!

I keep bumping into new faces in town—we have some new friends out there. Three area churches joined forces with us this year, which helped to decrease the work and increase the pleasure. St. Paul's UM Church youth group baked pies, and their scout troop delivered a ton of rolls. Connections Community Church delivered paper goods, coffee, cups, plenty of drinks, and a lot of great workers. Tree of Life Lutheran brought desserts and other necessary items. Over 40 Community Service Certificates went to students from area schools. Thanks, Lois!

Girl Scout Troop 1128 made decorations, candy favors, turkey cookies, and lots of brownies. We had pumpkin pies galore. The vegetarian foods and "heart smart" soups were a big hit, and now recipes are being e-mailed back and forth. Our community is connecting. Thanks to all who helped to make this possible.

Thanks to the generous supply of donated foods. Many take-out dinners went back to the community and all extra non-perishable foods were delivered to the Neighborhood House the following week. Thanks to those who provided rides home to those who arrived on foot. They were able to get home safely with all their goodies. Some seniors and others were provided with extra pies to share with their friends the next day because our bounty was great. We wrapped scraps requested for canine friends. No one left with an empty heart or an empty hand.

The free-will offering was over \$500 and will be awarded to a University of Delaware Education Major on Honors Day in May. So many hands help to make this event possible that it is impossible to recall each and every generous gift, but please know that your gift keeps on giving throughout the year in ways you never thought possible.

Grace George



Happy New Year!
From Nicole, Corinne, and Tracey

Thanks to all of our parent volunteers for their continued support of the Nursery/Child Care.

Nursery is available from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

From our Interim Rector

Dear friends in Christ,

In another part of this newsletter, there is more news of about your new rector. I rejoice with you that the Discernment Committee and the Vestry have finished this important task in such a successful way. This means, of course, that I will be leaving St. Anne's in the near future. The exact day will be determined by the Vestry in consultation with me and your new rector. So I look to the month of January in a bittersweet way—happy for you but sad for me.

The most important thing is that you are now ready to move forward in a new year with a new rector. Anticipation is one of the great gifts that God gives to us. A mixture of hope and faith should be a part of your future. So what can you anticipate? First of all, you can anticipate that many things will stay exactly the same. The worship and discipline of the Episcopal Church ensure that the Prayer Book and Bible are the cornerstones of our life together. A different voice reading the same prayers is a welcome change. A new and unique set of experiences will bring fresh ideas to your life as Christians. I am very happy for you and look forward to a new surge of growth in faith and numbers in the years to come.

What about me? I came knowing that I would be here for a limited time and specific goals. The time is up and the goal of seeing you through to a new rector has been achieved. During our time together, I have tried to give you my understanding of the gospel through teaching and preaching. Some of you have shared with me life changing events: the joy of baptizing children; the joy of marrying your children and friends; and the opportunity of sharing your grief. Each opportunity to minister in this personal way has been a gift to me. I thank you for the trust you showed to me. Christ teaches us to share both our joys and sorrows. Together we have done this.

Since retirement, I have been an interim in several congregations. Each congregation was unique. Each has given me a chance to grow—for this I am thankful. I will miss being with you. It is impossible to thank individuals—there are just too many and I might miss someone. If you sat in a pew; if you supported the church; if you smiled and greeted me, you have my thanks. You may wonder what is next for me. Well, so do I. I will keep you posted. Who knows—I may retire. See you around.

Peace
Father Karney

Carolyn and I wish to thank all of you who have remembered us with gifts or cards. You are most gracious.

Father Karney