

# The Messenger



## NOVEMBER 2009

Dear friends in Christ,

Prayer is one of the most important components of our Christian faith. Jesus of Nazareth—steeped in his own Jewish faith tradition—taught his disciples how to pray. We pray one version of this prayer every Sunday morning during our worship.

Anglicans and Episcopalians are sometimes called “people of the book”—that is, The Book of Common Prayer. In some places, Anglicans still use the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. In America, we have had several versions since 1662. Now, almost all of us use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

Many Anglican/Episcopalians were taught that when we enter church for worship, we kneel and say a private prayer of devotion and preparation. Later in the service, we join in corporate prayer—with the *Collect* (a “collection” of prayers into one themed prayer), the Prayers of the People, the Eucharistic Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, and finally, a Post-Communion Prayer.

With all this emphasis on prayer, one might think that Episcopalians are praying people. Yet while most of us believe that prayer is important, we really do not know how to pray. Furthermore, through the years, I have found that folks are often ashamed to admit that they don’t know how to pray.



Some years ago, I read an article in *The Living Church* magazine about “The Five-Finger Prayer.” This is a prayer that you can learn yourself and teach your children to use:

1. Touch your thumb and remember that your thumb is closest to you. Pray for those who are near and dear to your heart.
2. Touch your index finger, your pointer finger, and recall those who teach, guide and heal. Pray for teachers, clergy and doctors—those who keep us pointed in the right direction.
3. Touch your middle finger, your tallest finger. Pray for those who lead. Pray for the president and leaders in your church, country and community. These people need God’s guidance.
4. Touch your ring finger. This is your weakest finger (ask any piano teacher) and will prompt us to pray

for those who are sick, troubled or in pain

5. Touch your little finger, your smallest finger. This is where the Bible tells us to put ourselves in relation to God and others. ‘For he who is least among you all is the greatest’ (Luke 9:48). Pray for yourself.”

You can use this prayer “tool” when you come into church on Sunday, to help focus yourself on worship. You can teach it to your children or grandchildren to use as bedtime prayers. You can use it for your own prayers at home. And if you don’t yet pray regularly, perhaps this is an easy method to help you begin that spiritual discipline.

After you use “the Five-Finger Prayer,” finish with **gratitude**. God has given us much for which we can say “Thank You, God.” Sit for a few moments and think about your blessings. Say thanks to God for the good things in your life—for life, health, your parents, your children and/or grandchildren, the ability to have a hot shower and clean water to drink, a roof over your head (and heat!), food on your table, a bed in which you can sleep every night. There are so many things for which we can thank our Lord. So end your prayer with thanksgiving.

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**GIVING THANKS**



**FOR  
WHO  
WE  
ARE**

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the Ingathering of all our Pledges for the fall Stewardship Campaign. Since Thanksgiving is four days later, we will celebrate Ingathering with Thanksgiving prayers, readings and hymns.

This year, we would also like to give thanks for each person in the parish—the gifts and talents that are embodied in us. On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we invite you to bring a symbol of yourself: a symbol of your career, your hobby, some gift that you have. For example, if you were or are in the military, bring a symbol of that. If you teach school, or used to teach, bring some symbol of teaching. If you work with your hands, bring a symbol of that (i.e. a carpenter would bring a hammer, etc.). If you are a physicist or chemist, bring a test tube or small telescope. That sort of thing. And if you want to bring a symbol of a craft or hobby (i.e. a painting or hand-work), that would be wonderful. If you would like to bring a colorful symbol of your home country, you can do that as well.

When you arrive for worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, place your item in one of the windows, on the shelves (starting at the front of the church.) Later in the service, we will talk about these gifts of yourself, and do a special blessing.

So begin to think about what *you* will bring the Sunday before Thanksgiving, in addition to your pledge. And don't worry, if you've already responded and sent in your pledge, we will gather all pledges received and bless them that morning. ~Sheila+



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Prayer is, first and foremost, a relationship between us and God. I encourage all who read this to explore that relationship as you would explore a human relationship—at first tentatively, and then with greater assurance. I promise you that your life will be richer for the effort. So will the lives of your children, as we teach them the language of faith in prayer.

Faithfully, Sheila+

Kathy Siefferman, "Five-Finger Prayer," in *The Living Church*, Vol. 22, No. 13 (Milwaukee: The Living Church Foundation, Inc., 8). Graphic of hand also from article.

**Holiday Eating & Diabetes**

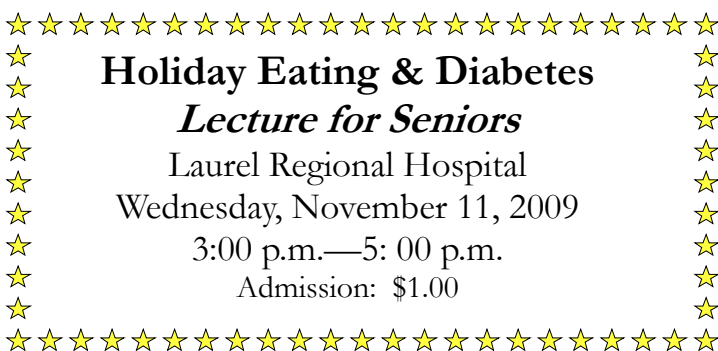
**Lecture for Seniors**

Laurel Regional Hospital

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

3:00 p.m.—5: 00 p.m.

Admission: \$1.00



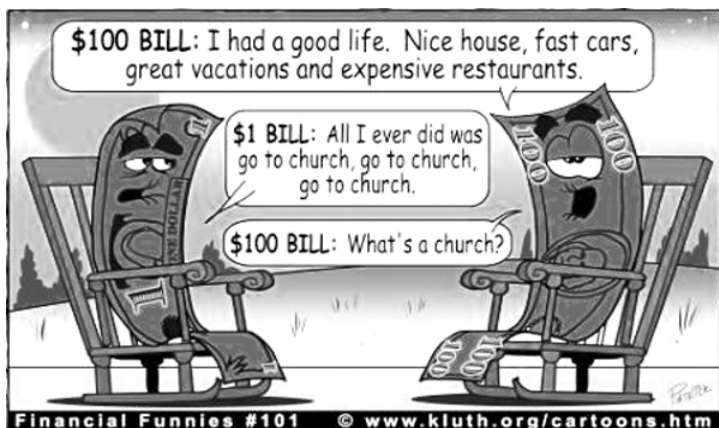
## Stewardship Guidelines

Every year about this time, we hear local public radio stations asking for pledges from listeners. Isn't it ironic that we don't mind that kind of pledge drive, yet when our church begins to think about a pledge drive, we all get nervous?

Church is not supposed to be about money, you may say. It's about worship, fellowship, outreach. It is true: we gather for worship every Sunday, and we are spiritually fed. We gather for potlucks, barbeque cook-offs, chili cook-offs and are physically fed. We do outreach projects. Yet there are practical aspects of parish life. When we give money to a particular parish, we show that we support the mission and ministries here and now.

For example, when we pledge a specific amount of money to St. Philip's, that enables our Vestry and Finance Committee to make specific plans for next year—i.e. programs for children and youth, outreach, resources for Adult Spiritual Formation. Plans can also be made for maintenance and upkeep of our historic buildings, as well as for reduction of our mortgage on Wyatt Hall. Some of this is not glamorous, but if you think about what you must do to maintain and repair your own home, you will better understand what it takes to maintain a historical campus like we have.

Perhaps you are not sure how much of your resources you should pledge to St. Philip's for 2010. The biblical guide for giving is the tithe, or 10% of household income. However, you may give to other charities, so we ask you to consider seriously at least a pledge of 5% of income. Perhaps you could give prayerful consideration to working towards the tithe in the next few years.



Here are some specific guidelines:

<u>Your Income</u>	<u>5% Pledge</u>
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000 (Abt \$20/wk)
\$ 30,000	\$ 1,500 (Abt \$30/wk)
\$ 40,000	\$ 2,000 (Abt. \$40/wk)
\$ 60,000	\$ 3,000 (Abt \$60/wk)
\$ 80,000	\$ 4,000 (Abt \$80/wk)
\$ 100,000	\$ 5,000 (Abt \$100/wk)
\$ 150,000	\$ 7,500 (Abt \$145/wk)
\$ 200,000	\$ 10,000 (Abt \$190/wk)
\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500 (Abt \$240/wk)

If you do on-line banking, it takes about four minutes on your computer to set up a weekly or monthly payment (by bank-generated check—they send it to St. Philip's.) Your account number is your pledge number.

If you do not do online banking, then the next time you go to your bank, you can talk with an account representative about setting up a direct payment. This is a very simple method, and you don't need St. Philip's bank account number—just St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 522 Main Street; Laurel, MD 20707.

If you do not currently pledge, the Vestry, Stewardship Committee and I encourage you to consider doing so for 2010. Your commitment to St. Philip's out of thanksgiving for what God has done for you is appreciated so very much by your brothers and sisters who benefit from the ministries at St. Philip's.

This parish has much good energy and a sense of growth. We hope to continue building the children and youth ministries here, the music ministries, the outreach ministries, and other important programs.

In addition, the Vestry really wants to have the financial resources to do some much-needed repairs and maintenance, so that we can finish work on the basement area of Wyatt Hall. We also want to begin to pay down the mortgage debt of Wyatt Hall.

We can do these things with your help, with your gift of financial resources. If every member of St. Philip's pledged or gave \$10 a week in 2010 (or more!), there is so much we could do. Each one of us is an important part of this parish. Please prayerfully consider your own financial gift, and then give to St. Philip's for 2010.

# HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR!

There is no need to travel to Germany or Austria to experience a Chriskindlmarkt. St. Philip's has its own mart, better known as the Holly Days Bazaar. On Saturday, November 21, Wyatt Hall will be transformed into the Village of St. Philip's as the Women of St. Philip's sponsor the 43rd annual Holly Days.

Upon entering the VILLAGE there will be street signs to guide the visitor to the various specialty shops where one may purchase Christmas decorations, door prize tickets, jewelry, cards, purses, quilted household goods, and previously treasured items.

The exclusive HOLLY INN, in the capable hands of our hardworking vestry, is open only once each year during this event. Stop by for a lite breakfast and/or lunch. You'll be glad you did.

The WISHING WELL is the stop for chances on a variety of door prizes. Nearby is the SILENT AUCTION table with several treasures to bid upon. At the CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE the discriminating shopper will find a variety of Christmas decorations, wreath, and ornaments.

The VILLAGE CARD SHOPPE offers Christmas crèches, cards, books, jewelry, and purses. GRAMMA'S STICHTERY features a variety of fall decorations, household items, toys, sweaters, afghans, scarves, and floral arrangements. A treasure chest of handmade items is there to tempt you.

As you wander through the VILLAGE you might wonder what that delightful aroma could possibly be. Well, check out Lucy's old hangout--PIZZELLE PLACE. This is where the crew, following Lucy's

explicit directions, is making those traditional treats the Holly Days is known for. Place your order and then check out the VILLAGE SWEET SHOPPE nearby. Again you'll find familiar treats--Margaret's fudge, Lizzie's cookies (by Main street festival), pies, cakes, brownies, jams, pickles and breads. Keep in mind that Thanksgiving dinner will be enhanced by these purchases!

KINDER KORNER will be in session with crafts for the children. St. Nick plans to make a visit to the VILLAGE.

MRS. CLAUS' ATTIC again will have an array of collectables and previously cherished items for sale. It is best to arrive early for the best buys as Mrs. Claus is very busy in the morning.

A new line of handmade gifts will make it's appearance at the Bazaar this year. Responding to public demand (ok--maybe it was public request) special items for the pets in our lives will be for sale. How about a new neck kerchief, a Christmas stocking, an Advent calendar, or home baked dog biscuits or a catnip toy to brighten you animal's Christmas? We will have them available.

Plan to begin your Christmas shopping at the Bazaar. Invite your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family to come with you to share our parish family tradition. This is a great way to begin the coming season.

**Mark your calendars for SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**November 21st**



**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



# NUTS AND BOLTS

## Looking for New Members

The Altar Guild will have a potluck dinner meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm in Wyatt Hall. Anyone who might be interested in learning more about what an Altar Guild does and would like to join the guild is encouraged to meet with us that evening. For more information please call Betsy Brothers at (301)604-1981.

## Special Event or Memory?

Is there an important event in your life or someone else's that you celebrate? Have you considered dedicating flowers or a sanctuary candle? These dedications may be in honor of, or in memory of, someone you care about, or for a special event. After the last service, the flower delivery team will deliver altar flowers to someone on the pastoral care list. What a way to brighten their week! Look for the flower chart in Wyatt Hall and take an envelope, fill out the request form, add your check and place in the collection plate, bring to the office, or drop in the mail.

## "Bazaar" Needs

Mrs. Claus needs previously cherished items. Call Cathy Macoughtry at (301)776-8954. The Village needs set-up help on Friday, November 20 and the Sweet Shoppe needs donations. If you can help with either of these contact Betsy at (301)604-1981

## Outreach Opportunities

On Thanksgiving morning, the Fifth Annual CarMax Toyota 5K Turkey Trot to benefit LARS will be held at the First United Methodist Church. The 5K runners will take off promptly at 8 AM, with the One Mile Fun Walkers following at 8:05. Last year's race registered 388 participants. LARS' goal for the fifth anniversary is to bring out 500 runners or walkers. Registration is \$20.00 before November 13<sup>th</sup>, and \$25.00 after. Register today at [www.laureladvocacy.org](http://www.laureladvocacy.org)

This year Saint Philip's will adopt several LARS families for Christmas. The families' gift wishes will be posted in Wyatt Hall this month. Help give a needy family a Merry Christmas. **December 6 is the deadline** for bringing your wrapped and labeled gifts to Saint Philip's for delivery to LARS.

## Winterhaven

Saint Philip's will host Winterhaven for both men and women the week after Christmas. Our week will begin with dinner on Sunday night, December 27<sup>th</sup>, and end after breakfast on Sunday morning, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up in Wyatt Hall after Thanksgiving. A lot of help is needed: signing in the guests, staying with the guests overnight, helping provide the evening meal, making bagged lunches, stocking the pantry, escorting guests to the shower in the office wing, laundering sheets/towels after Winterhaven, and packing up on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to move the guests to the next congregation

## Help Needed at Elizabeth House

Elizabeth House is a house in Laurel (Rt 198 & Rt 1) where the homeless and needy can get a hot meal and take-out lunch every day of the year (except Thanksgiving which we do at St Philip's of course!). Numerous community groups and Churches volunteer with meal preparations, serving and cleaning.

If anyone is interested in helping with meal planning on Saturday mornings (it apparently only takes an hour) please contact Deb Fitzer at 301-498- 2742.

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practical ways to do welcoming. This will be particularly helpful to the introverts among us.

So this November 8th session is not just a training session. It is, in some ways, an Adult Forum. All are welcome. And maybe if you attend, just for information, you may just decide that this ministry is one with which you want to be involved.



~Sheila+

## Remember



## Turn Your Clock Back

# NOVEMBER VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Tuesday, October 20th. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting began with Opening Prayer for guidance in Vestry leadership. Members of the Vestry completed Theology and Practice worksheets in an effort to see how different Vestry members view the strengths and priorities at St. Philip's. Sheila+ told the Vestry that the worksheets would form the basis of our discussion of Vestry goals at the end of the meeting.

**Open Forum Time** – Nate Allen asked how St. Philip's follows up with members who indicate on the pledge form their preference for getting involved in a particular ministry. Nate believed that the list included one or two ministries that are not currently active. Doug Hayes explained that typically the Stewardship Committee informs the various ministry leaders of the names of parishioners who have expressed interest in their ministries. The leader may contact the parishioner. The Vestry agreed to review the list of ministries for next year's pledge form.

Joanne Woytek reminded the Vestry that the number of Vestry members elected each year may vary due to the needs of the parish. Joanne suggested reducing this year's vestry class to three instead of four members. A smaller Vestry allows members to serve the parish in other leadership roles.

Amanda Colindres asked for an update on the drainage and landscaping project to keep water from running into the Wyatt Hall basement. Junior Warden Tracy McCracken stated that we have received two proposals. She was not sure when the work was to begin. She would inquire further of the Property Core Team.

Pam Brown informed the Vestry that the Grant Committee is researching several grants. One grant is a \$5,000.00 Maryland Heritage Grant. We can get funding for some small property improvements through this grant. The submission date for this grant is February, 2010. The Maryland Historical Trust offers a non-capital grant which includes payment of a professional to complete an application on our behalf to be listed on the Historic Register. Pam informed the Vestry that the

application to be included on the National Historic Register is voluminous and completion of the application would be incredibly time consuming. We must file our notice of intent to apply for the grant by December, 2009. The application would be due in March, 2010.

**Old Business – Treasurer's Report:** Amie Littmann was present at the meeting and distributed her Treasurer's Report to the Vestry members. We are currently operating at a loss of \$9,260.00, which is an improvement over last month. We had a gain of about \$941.00 in September. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue the rental of the Little Chapel next year. The rent will possibly increase.

Sheila expressed a desire to use her Rector's Discretionary Fund to make a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Bishop's Fund.

**Old Business --Update of sale of Absalom Jones window:** Our Absalom Jones window has been sold. Half the cost has been paid already and the balance will be paid once the new owner takes possession of the window. The window may be placed in a another church, in Mobile, Alabama.

**Old Business -- Stewardship update:** On October 18<sup>th</sup> approximately 60 people attended the Stewardship luncheon. This year's theme is Keep it Simple St. Philip's (K.I.S.S.). Six parishioners turned in pledge forms on that Sunday.

**New Business – Nursery Assistant:** Marcella Dunivin will be moving before the end of October. We must find a nursery attendant. Sheila+ has run a print ad in the Laurel Leader for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jenny Wall Smith suggested running the ad on Craig's List and inquiring at the Senior Friendship Club. Doug Hayes suggested advertising in the Penny Saver. The job is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sundays. The pay is \$16.00 an hour. Applicants must agree to a background check and must participate in Safeguarding God's Children training.

**New Business – Scheduling Mutual Ministry Review:** The Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) is not a performance evaluation. Instead, it is an opportunity for the Vestry, including the Rector, to discuss what is going well and what needs improvement. Last

year our facilitator or consultant was Frank Dunn. He is the senior priest at St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, DC.

Doug Hayes will contact Father Dunn to see if he will serve as the facilitator for the Vestry again this year. The MMR typically takes place in January.

**New Business – Development of Vestry Nominating Committee:** At present Jenny Wall Smith, Clif Collins, Doug Hayes and Debbie Dusterwald are serving on the Vestry Nominating Committee. They will recruit members of the parish who do not serve on the Vestry to join the committee. The commitment for candidates is three years. Candidates must be willing to attend the Vestry Retreat each year. The Vestry is looking for candidates who will work well with other members and respect different opinions and perspectives. Sheila+ remarked that our Vestry members need to "raise up" other leaders in the parish.

**"Big Hairy Audacious Goal" (BHAG) – Theology and Practice of Leadership:** The Vestry answered a questionnaire about individual spiritual and religious practices, aims in preaching and teaching, and central religious goals and beliefs in ministry. Sheila+ emphasized that all of us, through our baptisms, are ministers. Vestry members were asked how often they participated in activities such as prayer and meditation, exercise, personal hobbies, singing, playing or listening to music and worshipping with others. Vestry members were then asked to choose which activities bring them closest to God.

Vestry Members identified the most important practices in the development of their Christian Faith from a list that included, as examples, volunteering service in the community, weekly worship with my community of faith, study and meditation on scripture and regular time of personal prayer.

The questionnaire was a starting point to explore what our vision is for St. Philip's. Many Vestry members valued serving the

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# A RADICAL



# WELCOME

“Welcoming the Other, Welcoming Change” was the title of a workshop in D.C. attended by three St. Philipians (Mother Sheila, Jill Reddy, and Arleen Leis) in late September. The workshop was led by the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, author of “Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation,” the book that a group of parishioners have been studying under the leadership of Mother Sheila.

Joining Rev. Spellers in facilitating the workshop were several members of “The Crossing,” an emerging community/congregation that is part of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Boston, MA. Rev. Spellers says that “radical welcome” is “first and foremost a spiritual practice.” Radical welcome goes beyond inviting and inclusion. It also accepts and embraces the gifts and perspectives that “The Other” brings to the whole congregation that help fulfill God’s dream and purpose.

The concept of “The Other” is very important in understanding “radical welcome.” “The Other” refers to any group of people whose voices are not heard and whose story and culture are not involved in shaping the church community. Who are the groups at the margin—that tends to be present in the church, but not very engaged? Are there people who do not feel welcome in our church?

The Other” may be different groups for different congregations. They may be people of color, young

adults, poor people, people with disabilities, and gay and lesbian people. “Radical Welcome” pushes one to examine who “The Other” is. Workshop participants were involved in exercises helping us to identify who “the other” is in our parishes.

Rev. Spellers reviewed some of the demographics of America vs. the demographics of the Episcopal Church. America is: 70% White; 12% Latino/Hispanic; 11% Black; 2% Asian; and 2% Other. The Episcopal Church (U.S.) is: 92% White; 5% Black; 1% Latino/Hispanic; 1% Asian; and 1 % Other. Age-wise, 12% of Episcopalians are ages 18-34, while in the general population 24% are in the same age group. At the other end of the age spectrum, 27% of Episcopalians are 65+ while 13% of Americans are over 65.

The workshop was provocative in challenging participants to assess how welcoming are their home Parishes. Many congregations work at inclusion and incorporation but very few have reached the stage of being intentionally “radically welcoming” of “The Other,” embracing the gifts and perspectives they bring.

Participants at the workshop were invited to return the next afternoon (Sunday) to experience a worship service that incorporated “radical welcome” and elements of an emergent faith community. Prior to the worship service, participants were invited to be involved in the planning of the service.

The service was a very uplifting experience with elements that were traditional, such as the order of the service, but also contemporary. There was not a lot of formality. Hymns sung were simple and like chants (a phrase repeated over and over) giving it a contemplative flavor. Instead of a sermon, a lay person shared a “meditation”. Each worshiper was involved in the sharing of communion as one received the bread and the wine from his neighbor on one side and shared it with the person on the other side of him/her. The service was simple but inspirational. The service took place with seating right around the altar which made it feel like a cozy, close community even though we were in a sizable sanctuary.

*Arleen Leis*



## 2009 Pledge Update

### Regular Pledge

Amount Pledged for 2009: \$194,832.28

Amount Received as of  
Sept. 30, 2009: 187,936.00

**Under <\$ 6,896.28>**

### Building Fund Pledges

Amount Pledged for 2009 \$17,729.94

Amount Received as of  
Sept. 30, 2009: 12,553.00

**Under < 5,176.94>**

### Note:

If you have not brought your 2009 Pledge (either Regular or Building Fund) current, it would help St. Philip's very much if you would do so as soon as possible. Your financial gifts make so many ministries possible in the name of God, and we would love to end 2009 with all current pledges brought up to date. Thank you!



## SUCCESSFUL CRAFT WORKSHOP

The Women of St. Philip's had a very successful Craft Workshop in early October to make some new craft items for the upcoming Holly Days Bazaar. Workshop leaders and their crafts were: Pat Higgins, making handbags from placemats; Susan Hayes, making crafts for animal lovers; Susan Miranda, decorating tabletop Christmas trees; and Arleen Leis, making bead jewelry.

It was a very enthusiastic group of workers that toiled at the "sweatshop," as affectionately termed by 11 year old Emma Reddy, who expertly handled a glue gun at the jewelry table as she colorfully decorated hair barrettes. Both Emma and 12 year old Kateri and several women also made a number of pretty bracelets and necklaces that will be on sale at the Bazaar.

The hum of the sewing machines could be heard as Pat Higgins led several workshop attendees in cutting and sewing attractive handbags using placemats. These are guaranteed to sell fast so get to the Holly Days Bazaar early to be one of the lucky purchasers.

Susan Hayes was busy at the sewing machine putting together crafts for animal lovers designed by her very enthusiastic and creative crew. Working with Susan Miranda were tree decorators putting together special tabletop Christmas trees, each decorated differently.

While a lot of work got done at the workshop, participants also enjoyed the fellowship with each other.



Arleen Leis

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community as a way to honor our Christian faith. Sheila+ pointed out that our parish has thrived most when we have done more community outreach. Many outreach projects, such as Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April, require a critical mass of parishioners and a financial commitment.

Sheila+ noted that her book study on Radical Welcome has led her and the other participants to conclude that we are welcoming, but perhaps not quite radically welcoming. Joanne Woytek observed that we must warmly welcome all newcomers, but never forget our parishioners in need of love and attention. Sheila+ discussed the possibility of lay ministries such as Bible Study or Book Study or informal Christian discussion that could occur during the 9:00 Sunday school hour for folks who are waiting for their children. Sheila+ would like to see a lay minister run such a program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after a Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Brennan -- Clerk of the Vestry

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Stewardship Meeting-WH All Saints' Day - Holy Baptisms Daylight Saving Time Ends Youth Group</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Crafters 7:00 PM Quilters 7:00 PM Vestry Ex Committee</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study - WHCR 7:00 PM Yoga-WH</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Smart Recovery Meeting - PH CR 7:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>																																																																																																		
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