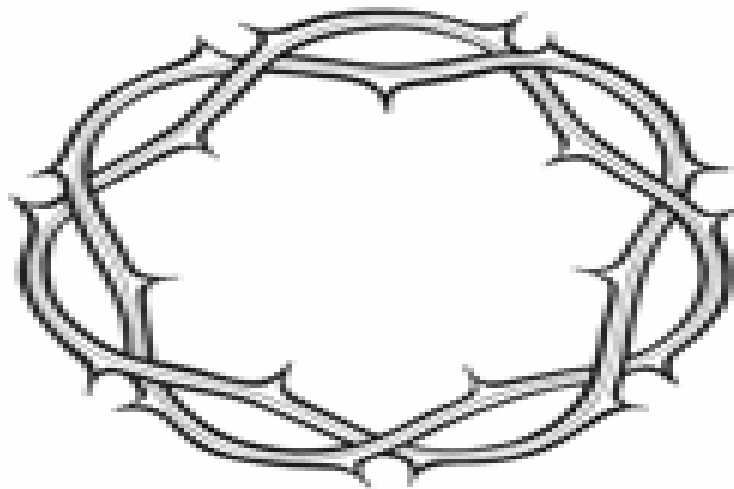


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**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## **The Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church**

As you read the headlines and hear the news about the meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion in Tanzania and the conditions placed on the Episcopal Church, it is important to keep an understanding of our means of authority/structure in mind, as well.

**Remembering our history – The Episcopal Church** was established in the 1770's as a result of the Church of England's unwillingness to consecrate bishops to serve in the colonies, because of a required oath of allegiance to the throne, as American independence was growing. When the Church was established, it was through the consecration of our first bishop, Samuel Seabury, by the Anglican Church of Scotland, which was also independent of the Church of England. Our structure for decision making was set up in the very way our democratic system was set up for this nation, by the very same founding fathers. They believed that no one person should dictate to a nation and no one person should claim to know the will of God. They believed in both cases that the voices of everyone needed to be heard, respected, and given a vote. They believed that laity as well as clergy needed to participate in the prayer and discernment of God's Will and act accordingly. And just as there are differences within the Supreme Court, in the interpretation of the Constitution, so is there a difference of interpretation of scripture by deeply faithful Christians, be they laity or clergy. Therefore, the process of prayer, study, conversation and representation in a voting process is the closest we, as the Body of Christ, are able to come to living the word and the will of God. Along with **Scripture** and **Reason**, authority and decision making are rooted in the **Tradition** of a democratic process for our church.

We do not want a church where an archbishop reigns supreme and goes unchecked. We do not want an imperialistic structure where any one culture can dominate or dictate to other parts of the body what they must do.

The conference of Anglican bishops from all parts of the world, was instituted by Archbishop Longley in 1867, and known as the Lambeth Conferences. It did not have the authority of an ecumenical synod, and their decisions are rather of the nature of counsels than commands. Yet it has done much to promote the harmony and co-operation of the various branches of the Church. The Anglican Communion was given more definition by the great Pan-Anglican Congress held in London between June 12 and June 24, 1908. As the result of negotiations and preparations extending over five years, 250 bishops, together with delegates, clerical and lay, from every diocese in the Anglican Communion, met in Lambeth, the opening service of intercession being held in Westminster Abbey. In its general character, the meeting was but a Church congress on an enlarged scale. The conference, of course, had no power to decide or to legislate for the Church, its main value being in drawing its scattered members closer together, in bringing the newer and more isolated branches into consciousness and contact with the parent stem, and in opening the eyes of the Church of England to the views and problems of the daughter-churches.

The Lambeth conference now meets every ten years, and is now a gathering of Bishops only. There are no laity represented at this gathering. In reality, the Anglican communion is similar to the United Nations, a body of many parts, participating by choice and maintaining autonomy, while working toward unity in mission for the good of all.

Pastor Gail

**At St. John's:** On April 1<sup>st</sup>, following the 10:00 am service, the vestry will gather with members of St. John's to discern our way forward, to hear the voices of our members regarding the issues facing our common life in the Christian faith, the Anglican communion and the Episcopal Church. We hope that each of you will come, prayerful and mindful of everyone's desire to do the right thing as they understand it.

## Vestry Report

As the new vestry convened its first business meeting, it became clear very early that we have a high level of both commitment and involvement from new as well as returning members. We had a full agenda.

Following prayer, previous minutes review and the financial report, the vestry reviewed the existing commissions at St. John's and how the **roles of the commission chair and vestry liaison were defined**. The commissions and their purpose will be the subject of the next meeting of each commission as they further refine their mission and purpose and how it supports our ministry as defined in our Baptismal Covenant. The commissions are: Pastoral Care - Vestry contact Lise Smith; Worship—Vestry contact is Sharlene Zagozewski; Hospitality and New Membership—Vestry contacts are Rick Keizer and Bill Huntington; Community Life—Vestry contacts are Kathy Olson and Kendra Bell; Mission—Vestry contact is Nancy Brown; Christian Education—Vestry contact is Sydney Page; Spiritual formation—Vestry contacts are Donna Stone and Eric Sawyer; Property—Vestry contacts are Eric Sawyer and Bob Warner; Finance /Stewardship—Vestry contacts are Sharlene Zagozewski and Rich Davis. The role of the liaison from the Vestry is to:

- Help committee to create a clear sense of purpose/mission
- Help committee to chose an effective chair
- Help increase committee membership (recruitment)
- Communicate news as needed from Vestry to committee and visa versa
- Monthly report presented at the Vestry meeting

Also, the Vestry has formalized up a hall rental policy for parishioners holding profit (business) activities and non profit outside individuals and groups that is consistent with our mission and ministry.

Rental for receptions, banquets, etc. will be a flat fee determined by the number of people being served.

Rental fees for parish members who are making a profit will require a minimum 10% donation of their profits to the ministry and mission of the church.

All use of the hall for church and non church related activities must be coordinated through Elaine in the office.

The Diocese will be electing a **new Bishop Suffragan** to replace the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos at a special Convention on March 10th at the Christ Church Cathedral. The bios of the candidates are on the bulletin board in the hallway and are available in the office. There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates at Trinity Church, Newtown on Saturday, March 3rd from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Our voting delegates from St. John's are Donna Sullivan and Larry Greenspan and alternates are Kim Polhemus and Flora Quammie. If you have questions or strong feelings about any one of the candidates, please speak to them.

The Vestry has a committee working on **Policies and Procedures** for operations in the life of our parish and copies of the rough draft are available through the office. If you have any suggestions regarding additions or changes, you are encouraged to speak to Kathy Leier, Bob Warner or Sharlene Zagozewski.

**Several fundraisers** were also submitted to the vestry for approval. Those approved are a wine tasting party hosted by Kathy Leier and Community, a Fashion Show and Luncheon by Lei Lemos, Lea Sophia Jewelry during a coffee hour and Creative Memories Scrap Booking Workshop by Bonnie Lawrence. Elaine will let the event leaders know what dates each of these can occur.

We closed with prayer and a renewed sense of purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharlene C. Zagozewski

## OUR JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

**HOLY WEEK** is the most important time in our Christian journey. In it we walk the way of the cross to the way of life. Through it we are reminded of our brokenness, our wounds and our sin. We are also reminded of God's unconditional love in Jesus, who in this week takes on all of the darkness and pain of life and conquers it. Come. join us in this spiritual walk.

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**, April 1, 8 & 10AM

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord"

We recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the Blessing of the Palms and a joyful procession into the Church. We hear the Passion Gospel: the story of Jesus' betrayal by Judas, the arrest, trial, and condemnation of Jesus, and the Crucifixion.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 5, 7:00PM

"This is my body which is given for you."

This service recalls Jesus washing the feet of His disciples and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Sacraments are consecrated for Good Friday. All items are removed from the altar. The service ends in semi-darkness and silence. The Night Watch Vigil begins at 9:00.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 6, 6:30PM

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

We once again hear the Passion Gospel of our Lord. We pray for the worldwide Church, our government, for those in need. The Holy Eucharist from reserved Sacrament is shared.

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**, Saturday April 7, 7:30PM

"The Light of Christ"

This is the first service of Easter; it is held after sunset on Holy Saturday. It has four sections: The Service of Light begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle from a new fire; The Service of Lessons, when we hear the stories of our Christian Faith; Christian Initiation, a time of Baptisms and renewing our Baptismal Vows; and the Holy Eucharist with First Communion. It is a joyful service when we once again say Alleluia!

**EASTER SUNDAY**, April 8, 8 & 10 AM

"The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

We celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord with sung Eucharist at both services.

**NIGHT WATCH VIGIL**  
**APRIL 5-6, 2007**  
**9:00 pm-12:00 pm**

The Night Watch Vigil begins at 9:00PM after the Maundy Thursday service and ends at 12:00PM on Good Friday.

Jesus went into the garden to pray, asking his disciples to wait for him. When He returned, Jesus found his disciples sleeping. While the disciples fell asleep, we will remain vigilant during this 15-hour vigil.

At the beginning of each hour, a chapter of the Gospel of John is read aloud. The Gospel of John explains the mystery of the person of Jesus. Prayers of intercession are offered for the worldwide Church, our country, and our life together as a parish family.

The Night Watch Vigil is a spiritually rewarding experience that you can do alone, with your mate, with a friend, or with your whole family.

The signup sheet will be available March 11, 18, and 25.

**“Could you not watch with me for one hour?”**

**Ready to become an Episcopalian Christian?**

If you have been attending St. John’s or any other Episcopal Church for more than six months and would like to be officially recognized as a member of the Episcopal Church, please inform the rector. For those who come from other Christian denominations where confirmation is a part of the rite of adult passage and you have been confirmed, our Bishop would recognize your Christian confirmation, welcome you into this part of the communion and bless you. If you have not been confirmed in your Christian communion, our bishop will welcome and confirm you. All of us will renew our Baptismal Covenant together and joyfully celebrate your part in our life in Christ. The date of this celebration is Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> with our Bishop. Please see the rector if you would like to be received. We will have classes to answer your unanswered questions.

**Children and Youth Project for Lent - SAVING ONE BABY'S LIFE**

As we have learned through Bishop Jeffery Rowthorne and the Millennium Development Goals, a baby dies every three seconds around the world from preventable causes. These causes include dehydration, malnourishment, Malaria and infections or lack of trained assistance in child birth.

The youth and children of St. John's have committed to and are working on saving one baby's life somewhere in the world during lent by giving up some of their treats and saving the money to fill the jar at the altar in our church. Each Lenten Sunday before or after the service, the children/youth are invited to bring their pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters forward to put in the large jar.

Each household is asked to put a jar on the kitchen table to fill with coins each week and then to bring those coins to church each Sunday through Lent. Please help our kids save a life. As you hold them in your arms, remember that another parent is holding their son or daughter as they die.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dear Members of St. John's,

My name is Pat Harris. I am a resident of Sherman and in need of a bone marrow transplant. Even though getting the word out about our Marrow Drive places some of the focus on me this is much larger than any one person. We have an opportunity to help many children , mothers and fathers find life again. I am hoping that you may be able to make an announcement to your congregation this coming Sunday about the drive on March 10th. It is most important for the people know how easy the test is and that the donation process is much like donating blood. Most donations do not require anything more than some shots in the arm and a donation process that only removes stem cells and the rest of the blood is returned to the donor seconds later. Following you will find a letter that was written by one of our firemen to the church Men's Group. It will contain information I may have forgotten. Thank you so much for your help.

God Bless and Keep you all

Pat Harris

P.bharris@juno.com

203-241-5433 cell

Dear church members,

As many of you know, one of our members, Pat Harris, needs a bone marrow transplant. He has not been able to find a matching donor YET. We need to change that and make a difference. The Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is holding a bone marrow registry drive on Saturday March 10th from 1PM - 5PM at the firehouse. I have learned a whole lot about bone marrow transplants in the last few weeks and it is a much simpler deal than I thought. When I heard bone marrow transplant I was thinking power drills into the lower back. WRONG. Over 80 % of transplants are done very similar to the way you donate blood - no power tools required! Signing up for the registry is even easier, they take a swab from inside your cheek...no blood involved!!! Then your tissue is typed and you are put into the registry. It will take longer to fill out the paperwork than to have the swab done.

Pat has 3 boys that need him to be healthy. We can help make this happen. Donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age. If you are outside that age range, how about your neighbors, your kids, your grand kids, brothers, sisters ...you get the idea. The more folks we get registered the better the chance we have of finding a match for Pat. Please spread the word where you work, in your neighborhood, social groups etc. If you cant register, offer to drive your neighbor or kids to the firehouse to get registered. I cant think of a better way for Holy Trinity to celebrate its 25th Anniversary than having one parishioner change the life of another. Please help get the word out and get folks to get registered.

I have attached a press release that I would ask you to post at the water cooler where you work or the watering hole where you hang out!

Please email this to all the Sherman and neighboring towns people in your email lists.

Let's have Holy Trinity make a difference, let's save a life!!!

Thanks for your help and

God Bless You

Peace,

John Dwyer

# March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir 7-9	2 Latino Potluck 6-10 PM	3 Centering Prayer 10 AM Boy Scout Pasta dinner 5-8 PM
4 HE 8 & 10 Youth & Adult Ed 11:30 AM  Potluck 5:30	5	6 NA 7:30- 8:30 PM	7 Healing Service at 10 AM HENMRC at 11 AM	8  <b>NO CHOIR</b>	9 Ballroom Dancing 7-10 PM	10 Centering Prayer 10 AM Scrap book class 10 AM-5 PM
11 HE 8 & 10 Daylight Savings Brunch 11:30- 12:00 Youth 5:30	12 Finance Meeting 7:00 PM	13 NA 7:30- 8:30 PM	14 Healing Service at 10 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM	15 Choir 7-9	16	17 Centering Prayer 10 AM
18 HE 8 & 10 Youth and Adult Ed 11:30 AM	19 Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM	20 NA 7:30- 8:30 PM	21 Healing Service at 10 AM HENMRC at 11 AM	22 Choir 7-9	23	24 Centering Prayer 10 AM
25 HE 8 & 10	26	27 NA 7:30- 8:30 PM	28 Healing Service at 10 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM	29 Choir 7-9	30	31 Centering Prayer 10 AM

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1 Palm Sunday HE 8 & 10  Potluck 5:30	2	3 NA 7:30- 8:30 PM	4 Healing Service at 10 AM HENMRC at 11 AM	5 Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Choir 7-9	6 Easter Vigil 7:30 PM	7 Centering Prayer 10 AM
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**As Jesus Is for Us... so we can be for others**

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.

WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A  
TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE SPIRITUAL  
BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN  
EXPERIENCE.

## **Easter Flowers**

**If you would like to remember your loved ones with flowers this Easter, please fill out the form below and give this form and your donation to Elaine Swanson in the office no later than Sunday, March 18th.**

**Suggested donations: \$25.00**

**Flowers given by**

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**In honor of/in memory of**

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## **Music Notes Hail and Farewell**

**On Sunday, February 25 the choir welcomed two new members and honored one who had retired.**

**Sopranos Katie Mulligan and Katherine Waters are fine additions to the choir. They have good voices, learn rapidly and sing with confidence.**

**To recognize Jim Mulligan's retirement from their midst, the choir dedicated "Cradle me Lord with your arms of love" to him and presented him with flowers and a gift certificate.**

**Jim traces his love of singing back to grade school in Denver when he was a soprano in the parish boys and men choir. By the time Jim entered the Jesuit seminary he had become a second (very low) bass. He learned to sing Gregorian chant and read medieval notation- "the best experience"**

**While a PhD candidate at UC Berkley, Jim lived in a Dominican convent in Oakland where he had "the glorious experience of chanting the daily office." After the solemn observance of Lent Jim was "impressed and moved by the joyful explosion of Easter."**

**Thank you, Jim, for your years of dedication to the music of the church.**

### ***Youth Program for March***

**Classes for Rite 13 and J2A** Students are first and second Sundays from 11:30 am to 12:30, led by Rick Cassar and George Barnett

Youth groups meet with the Rector for class and mass on Second Sundays at 5:30 pm until 7:30. March meeting will also be the preparation for the youth leadership in our Palm Sunday service.

Glow bowling is planned for Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

Youth Breakfasts are the Second Sunday of each month with those serving the first breakfast arriving at 8:00 am and those serving the brunch are to arrive by 9:30 am. March - 8:00 Dylan and Mollee Ryan and Ally Herron 9: JC Sawyer, JP Mulligan, Catherine Waters, Pryia Kannan, Mark MacInnis

### ***Adult Education for March***

**Second and Fourth Wednesdays** - Bible Study following the 10:00 am healing services.

We will be looking at Torah or the first four books of the Bible (the Hebrew Scripture).

**First Sundays (through April)** - The Episcopal Church and homosexuality

The Rev. Dr. Jim Mulligan will be leading the class on March 4<sup>th</sup> as the authority of human 'reason' is considered regarding biology, psychology and theology of human sexuality. Jim has a doctorate in Biology and trained as a psycho therapist at Menninger's, as well as Theological studies through Seminary.

The April Class will be an explanation of how the structure of the Episcopal church makes decisions and a time of listening and discussing St. John's response to Bishop Smith's permission to bless the same sex civil unions of parish members.

**You are responsible for getting your own substitute** if you are unable to serve on your assigned day for **Coffee hour, Nursery, Acolyte, Lector, Intercessor** etc. If you are unsure of how to go about this, contact the person in charge of that group.

**Jorge's medical needs continue.** Please consider joining other parishioners in donating five to 10 dollars per month to help Jorge's family with their enormous medical bills. Please contact Kim Polhemus at 354-7403

**Fashion Show and Luncheon**—Plans are underway for a luncheon and fashion show at St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Clothes from the Dress Barn will be modeled by members of St. John's. There will be a program in which advertising can be purchased. Tickets to the luncheon/fashion show will be \$15.00 and will be sold in advance only. Any questions, contact Lei Lemos, 354-9833 or Linda Kallstrom, 927-3213.

**Creative Memories Scrapping Day**—Do you have boxes, or drawers full of pictures? Have you spent lots of money on developing those rolls of film, now you don't know how to get organized. I can help, I am a Creative Memories Consultant and I can show you easy ways to organize, and put your pictures in the best albums to preserve your memories. Do you know how many pictures get thrown out because no one knows who they are; your family history goes with them. Come to my scrapbook day, bring your photos, organize, sort, learn to crop, learn about our products. You will have such a good feeling, and enjoy this hobby so much. No you do not have to be creative, make your albums simple. Come see our Picfolio albums, you just slide the pictures in and slide in a journal box. Or a very simple computer program, you download free of charge and make a story book. March 10th 10AM - 5 PM workshop is free! Lunch will be served along with snacks, coffee and Tea for the low price of \$7.00. You will learn a lot, and have fun, invite a friend. Many products will be available for sale, some at discounted prices. **Must pay ahead of time to reserve your spot and you will have lots of room to spread out. Invite a friend.** Call Bonnie Lawrence 355-9547

**Heifer International [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)**—Thank you to everyone who purchased a Valentine's gift through The Heifer project. **As a group we purchased 9 flocks of chickens, 1 flock of geese, 3 goats, 1 llama share, 1 pig and 1 flock of ducks, totaling \$740.** The families who receive these animals will have a sustainable source of income by selling the products that come from the animals, as well as the offspring of the animals—which will then enable another family. Heifer International is a wonderful source of gifts year round. Visit their website to learn all about giving an animal gift that will make a lasting and life changing difference to a poverty stricken family. This is what ONE EPISCOPALIAN can do to help eliminate poverty!!

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE HAVING ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND ARE LOOKING AS TREATMENTS, SURGERY OR SPECIAL CARE, PLEASE LET THE RECTOR, DEACON, OR THE HEAD OF PASTORAL CARE, LISE SMITH, KNOW. LIKewise IF YOU KNOW OF ANOTHER PARISHIONER WHO IS DEALING WITH HEALTH ISSUES, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THE CLERGY AND PASTORAL CARE ARE SOMETIMES THE LAST TO LEARN THESE THINGS.



### Birthdays

A belated happy birthday to Richard Wagner who celebrated his

3/2 Natalie Kannan  
3/2 Kendra Bell  
3/3 Yvonne Locke  
3/3 Karen Bain  
3/5 Janis Wohlschlaeger  
3/8 Rich Davis  
3/8 Heidi Warner  
3/9 John Santorelli  
3/10 Paul DiGiacomo  
3/10 Kathy Olson  
3/10 Craig Hulse

3/12 Tara Turner  
3/13 George Fletcher  
3/17 Jenna Santorelli  
3/19 Marilyn Mitchell  
3/20 Tami Mills  
3/22 Al Murphy  
3/27 Andrew Schaffer  
3/28 Katherine Schaffer  
3/29 Dorothy Schaffer  
3/31 James Kranyik



### Anniversaries

**3/5 Jim and Marilyn McLaughlin**  
**3/11 Dale and Cheryl Mitchell**  
**3/29 Paul and Sharlene Zagozewski**



### **The Concert**

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit, Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit, Keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped, rather, He equips the 'called.' Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire. So touch someone by passing this little message along. May God bless you and be with you always! and remember ,

**"Don't quit, Keep playing."**



**Strictly Ballroom Dancing**

Since October we have been holding Ballroom Dance practices sessions every 2nd Friday of every month; They have been very successful. We have between 25 and 35 quest, cost is ten dollars, we give them coffee, tea and desert. Everyone is really enjoying these events, the atmosphere is so romantic. We are looking for more quest and would love it if you could pass the word. Since October we have made a profit of \$1,200. It takes very little to run this and it is a little extra money for the Church. I am looking for one or two people to help me once in a while to set out the deserts, fill the carafes of coffee and tea water, then to clean up. March 9th from 7-10 PM, is our next dance and I will be working and I need someone to do this. It is very easy to do and fun to watch or join in. Please let me know Bonnie Lawrence 355-9547.

**Save The Date! Sun. March 18th**

Directly after Coffee Hour! The Community Commission is having a Pampered Chef Party! Come and eat and see all the new items available! Bring a friend and/or outside order and win chances for the new Trifle Dish! See Missy Sawyer or Yvonne Locke for more details! Hope to see you there!

**Make a difference in someone's life**

Literacy Volunteers on the Green will offer a Tutor Training Program to prepare you to work effectively with our students from 6 to 9 PM Tuesday, March 27-Thursday, March 29 at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Whittlesey Avenue, New Milford, CT No prior teaching experience or knowledge of a foreign language is required to become a tutor, just a willingness and desire to help others improve their English skills. Call us at 355-0830 for further information.

**Mark your calendar!**

The schedule for the monthly potlucks are March 4, April 1 and May 6. Please bring your favorite dish and join in fellowship. Any questions call Eileen Gillis at 355-2321 or Kathy Leier at 354-3338.

**Baby Bundles** is in desperate need of diapers and Pull-Ups—sizes newborn through Pull-Up size 5T. Donations can be left in the back of the church or in the Office. If you are unable to get to the store and would like to make a monetary donation see Kathy Engle or leave it in the office.

*Clergy*

*The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Bishop*  
*The Rt. Rev. James E. Curry*  
*Rector The Rev. Dr. Gail Keeney-Mulligan*  
*The Rev. Marilyn Mitchell—Deacon*

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Property—John Roger  
Mission contact—Kim Polhemus  
Youth Director—Pastor Gail

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