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26th Presiding Bishop Elected

The Right Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori Elected 26th Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church, 30 years after it allowed women to become priests and bishops, has elected a woman as its Presiding Bishop.

The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada, was elected the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, June 18, on the fifth ballot cast by the House of Bishops. Her election was confirmed by the House of Deputies, as is required by church canons. She is the first woman to hold the top post in the church's nearly 400-year history. Her nine-year term officially begins November 1st 2006; she will be invested and seated November 4th during a liturgy at Washington National Cathedral.

Jefferts Schori was born March 26, 1954, in Pensacola, Florida. She has been married to Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician (topologist), since 1979. They have one child, Katharine Johanna, 24, who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

She received a B.S. in biology from Stanford University, 1974; an M.S. in Oceanography from Oregon State University, 1977; a Ph.D. from Oregon State University, 1983; an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1994; and a D.D. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2001. Jefferts Schori was consecrated the ninth Bishop of Nevada on February 24, 2001. She serves a diocese of some 6,000 members in 35 congregations.

Her service to the wider church includes current membership on the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; the Board of Trustees, Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California; the CREDO Advisory Board; the House of Bishops peer coaching program; the General Board of Examining Chaplains;

the Board for Church Deployment; the House of Bishops' Pastoral Development, Racism, and Planning Committees; the Court for Review of a Trial of a Bishop; the Episcopal visitor team for the Community of the Holy Spirit; and the Bishops of Small Dioceses group. From 2001-2003 she



Presiding Bishop Elect, The Right Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori

was a member of the 20/20 Strategy Group and served as secretary of the House of Bishops Ministry Committee at the 2003 General Convention.

Anglican leaders who were guests at the General Convention spoke favorably about the June 18 election of Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori as the 26th Presiding Bishop, noting the important role of women in the church today.

Bishop Trevor Mwamba of Botswana in Central Africa, said that God is a God of surprises. "She is a servant of God and we thank God for what she has to contribute to the life of the Anglican Communion," he said. "This is a great year for women and we honor the role that women are playing in the world today."

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, secretary general of the Anglican Communion, as well as three Anglican primates, said they look forward to welcoming Jefferts Schori to future Primates meetings.

Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, said that it is a wonderful day in the life of the Anglican Communion. "I have enormous respect for her and her competence," he said, "and this will change the dynamics among the boys' club of primates in the Anglican Communion significantly."

Bishop Martin Barahona of El Salvador, Primate of the Anglican Church of the Central Americas, said that he is not surprised with the result because the work of women in the Episcopal Church is very strong. "In the Anglican Communion it will be a big challenge but women have the capacity to lead the church today," he said.

The Most Rev. Carlos Touche-Porter, Primate of Mexico, said he is "thrilled" and eager to welcome her as a fellow primate in the Anglican Communion. "We need to go back to the Anglican spirit of respectful diversity as a source of enrichment and not division," he said.

Thirty years ago, the General Convention voted to admit women into the priesthood and the episcopate. Fourteen of the 38 Anglican provinces make provisions for women in the episcopate. At present, there are 13 active and retired women bishops and bishops-elect in the Episcopal Church and three in the Anglican Church of Canada. The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, Polynesia and New Zealand, has one retired woman bishop. The Church of England voted last year to remove the legal obstacles that stop women from becoming bishops over the coming years.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Rowan Williams, has issued a statement on the election of the Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori as the

next Presiding Bishop in succession to the Most Reverend Frank Griswold: "I send my greetings to Bishop Katharine and she has my prayers and good wishes as she takes up a deeply demanding position at a critical time. She will bring many intellectual and pastoral gifts to her new work, and I am pleased to see the strength of her commitment to mission and to the Millennium Development Goals. Her election will undoubtedly have an impact on the collegial life of the Anglican Primates; and it also brings into focus some continuing issues in several of our ecumenical dialogues."

[Episcopal News Service and the Anglican Communion News Service contributed to this story.]

Submitted by The Very Rev. Bruce N. Gardner

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Rededication of space at St. Alban's, Spooner

St. Alban's has a Monday night class that began as an inquiry class trying to develop interest in the Episcopal Church and it was planned for eight weeks. Because of the format, the class attracted recently received and long-time members of the congregation. The class has been steady for two and one half years. This is mentioned because the genesis of the space modification was born in this class.

In the summer of 2005, an older member of the congregation was at the funeral of his wife and approached the steps to receive communion and he tripped. He was not hurt. But this incident triggered some



thoughts about barriers. In the aforementioned class, one of the questions was something like "What do we do in church?" This is a broad question and we attacked it through the study of liturgy and the architecture that has developed. One evening the whole class was invited into the sanctuary to view the architectural barriers that had been made over the years. At one point these barriers were important. We needed, of course, to separate the choir from the congregation as well as the organist. That same evening one of the participants asked when was the last time St. Alban's had a separate choir and no one could come up with an answer. The organ had been stored in the vestibule for as long as anyone could remember and all we knew is that it didn't work and was too costly to repair. The word barrier has been used with a purpose. With the fence that was around the choir and the organ presented barriers to liturgical flow. The step provided a barrier to the older population coming to the communion rail.

The result of all of this is that the barriers are now all down. The metal grates with the wood frame that surrounded the choir and the organ are gone. The altar rail has been removed and communion is now distributed at the first step so that step is no longer a barrier. The organ was donated to a family that was willing to fix it (if they could) for their daughter. People can hang up their coats again.

The doors at the internal entrance have been painted and a 12" square beveled glass window has been installed on each one.

The plan is to move the freestanding altar back under the reredos where it was originally and to use a communion table on the first level for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Then there will be no barriers between the clergy and the ministers.

This has been a delightful experience and one that we chose to celebrate. We invited Bishop Whitmore to rededicate the space. On May 9, 2006 Bishop Whitmore came to celebrate the Eucharist and to preach. It has been quite a ride. All of this was done for the total budget of \$60. We are not too small to make a difference.

The Christian Poet in an Age of Anxiety

A review by Roger Forseth

I knew of the great Anglo-American poet W. H. Auden's devotion to the Anglican Church since I began reading and admiring his work over fifty years ago, but not until Arthur Kirsch published his splendid *Auden and Christianity* (Yale University Press, 2005) was I fully aware of the ways this devotion expressed itself in his poems and critical and cultural essays.

Born in the cathedral town of York in 1907, Auden, both of whose grandfathers and four of whose uncles were priests in the Church of England, recalled that his "parents were Anglo-Catholics so that my first religious memories are of exciting magical rites (at six I was a boat-boy) rather than listening to sermons." His faith waned and in 1922 he "discovered" that he had become an atheist, but he subsequently returned to the Church, observing that every "Christian has to make the transition from the child's 'We believe still' to the adult's 'I believe again.' This cannot have been easy to make at any time, but in our age it is rarely made, it would seem, without a hiatus of unbelief." In his poem *The Age of Anxiety* he characterized "our age" as a time when "the historical age breaks down." In 1940 Auden moved to New York where he joined St. Mark's in

the Bowery and re-affirmed his faith.

The cornerstones of Auden's belief were that one should love one's neighbor as oneself and that we must accept and live in our bodies with all their shortcomings. In his moving lyric "As I walked out one evening" he affirms both: "Life remains a blessing / Although you cannot bless. / O stand, stand at the window / As the tears scald and start; / You shall love your crooked neighbour / with your crooked heart." Sinful ("crooked"), but blessed for all that. The commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself meant to Auden that though we pray as individuals we worship collectively, and that therefore the liturgy is necessary for the full practice of one's faith. Auden was adamant, however: art is no substitute for religion. Art simply is, he said, while faith is action; and though his faith was to a large extent expressed through his poems, he had nothing but contempt for those who thought art could be a substitute for religion.

Kirsch devotes an entire chapter to one of my favorite works, the "Horae Canonicae," a series of seven poems based on the Breviary. The "Hours" constitute the monastic daily prayer cycle: "Prime," "Terce," "Sext," "Nones," "Vespers," "Compline," and, in Auden's arrangements, concluding with "Lauds" in the

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Bundy Hall Work Day

By The Rev. Dale Klitzke

A few but very “strong and courageous” Christians ignored the bad weather and plunged ahead into the work set before them on April 29th. In an effort to support our unpaid caretakers, members of the diocese helped with cleaning, painting, repairs and grunt work. We left the place better than we found it but the amount of work to keep up a conference center is overwhelming.

Those who participated on work day were rewarded with good fellowship, awesome food and the smiles on Eric and Naomi’s face as they saw that a small dent was made in their work load!



“Grateful Managers” Eric and Naomi Glidden



Bundy Hall Manager, Naomi Glidden, having a good time!



Friendship, Food, and Conversation and important part of Work Day.



The smile on Father John Rasmus (St. Paul's, Hudson) makes one ask, “Just what went into that dumpster?”

A New Sign for St. Luke’s

Highway 63 is a major route for locals and vacationers alike. Several years ago when Highway 63 was improved and the right away purchased by the State of Wisconsin the Episcopal Church Welcomes You sign was torn down for the improvements. St. Luke’s salvaged the sign and stored it but over the years nothing had been done to restore signage along Highway 63.



Nancy Lester and Dave Zimbrick

Lawrence Neste, Chairman of the township of Springbrook, and faithful member of St. Luke’s was asked what we needed to do. The Washburn County Highway Department was contacted and finally we were directed to the State Department of Transportation in Superior. The State of Wisconsin only allows a white arrow sign with black letters. The vestry wanted to have the time of the service on this sign but with the letter size restrictions it would not fit. Once the permits were received (only about six months later) David Zimbrick had

the sign up on the side of the road that was in the exact spot designated by the State of Wisconsin.

St. Luke’s now had two The Episcopal Church Welcomes You signs and no sign that tells the time of the service. The one that had been in storage and safe keeping for those many years was placed outside the church and the one it replaced was repainted by Nancy Lester and an additional sign attached to the bottom telling all the travelers on Highway 63, locals and vacationers alike that we worship God each Sunday at 8:30 A. M.

Memorial Day in Springbrook

By The Rev. Robert Rodgers

As one of three veterans within the Diocesan Priesthood, Memorial Day has become an important day. When I accepted the call to St. Alban’s and St. Luke’s I joined the Springbrook VFW Post 10568. The Commander immediately asked me to be on the Honor Guard since I was one of about four others that were under the age of 75.

The Honor Guard has a special role in the life of small town America because we are the organization that provides Military Honors at the veteran funerals, if requested by the family. Each Memorial Day the VFW Post 10568 provides military honors for all the fallen veterans in the surrounding area of Springbrook, Anah and Earl: there are four cemeteries and the symbolic lake.

The first clergyman from this diocese to participate in the VFW Memorial Day Honors was Bishop Keith Whitmore, who provided the prayers at all the cemeteries. His apostolic efforts have started to bear fruit.

What is slowly becoming tradition; Memorial Day is started with Morning Prayer at St. Luke’s, Springbrook. This year we had 25 residents of the area both members and non-members in attendance. We even got a donation though no collection was taken. The people of Springbrook make this a very special and patriotic day that is only possible in small town America.

We thank and honor the three veterans within the Diocesan clergy: The Right Reverend Keith B. Whitmore, The Reverend Canon J. David McCallum, and The Reverend Robert Rodgers.

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form of a sung Eucharist. These poems embody a paradox: the Passion and the Crucifixion incarnated in everyday, normal life (e.g., the ironic greeting “have a good Friday” in “Terce”). “Bless what there is for being” is the response in “Lauds,” itself a summary of the cycle and, indeed, an expression of Auden’s faith.

Arthur Kirsch concludes his fine study: “Auden was a great poet and critic, but he should also be remembered, and would have wished to be remembered, as a man who sought to lead a Christian life.” Amen.

[Roger Forseth is professor Emeritus of English at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a member of St. Alban the Martyr, Superior.]

Hayward, Springbrook and Spooner Worship Together

On Sunday May 28, 2006, Church of the Ascension, St. Luke's and St. Alban's worshiped together in a little park in the center of the village of Springbrook. On the hottest day of the summer (hopefully) the three congregations had a wonderful worship and fellowship experience.

The planning for this service started shortly after Fr. Art Hancock was installed as the Priest in Charge of the Church of the Ascension in Hayward. Since the Hancock's had been supply several times in both Springbrook and Spooner, the occasion of his installation coincided with the absence of Fr. Bob Rodgers' from his post in Spooner/Springbrook. The vestries of both churches voted to not have services and instead, go to the installation of Fr. Art. The fellowship that followed the service was wonderful and begged to be repeated.

The people at Ascension and the people of St. Alban's and St. Luke's had such a wonderful time in fellowship with one another that they requested it to happen again and since we are one church within the Diocese of Eau Claire we decided that it would continue. The date of May 28, 2006 was selected with very little thought about the holiday weekend that begins the summer season. There were several conflicts. There was a need to provide services in both Springbrook and Hayward prior to the time together but 53 people and three dogs came to Lions Park, Springbrook to worship together and to have fellowship.

The event turned into a beginning of summer cook out with Brats and salads and deserts—the true Episcopalian method. We had fun—we glorified God and we praised Jesus Christ together and we are already planning to do it again.



Fr. Art Hancock provided music for the Holy Eucharist



Fr. Bob Rodgers, "The Lord be with you."



The three staples of a Wisconsin cookout: brats, brats, and brats!



Friendship and fellowship!



Now it's play time! The children of the three congregations enjoyed the opportunities for climbing offered at the park.



"We are having the BEST time!"



During the service, the grandson of Carol Meacham (St. Alban's, Spooner) seems to be saying, "Is it time to play yet?"

FREE CONCERTS!

Bayfield (mostly) Schubert Festival

~This year is the 10th anniversary of the annual summer Bayfield (mostly) Schubert Festival held at the exquisite 1870 Christ Episcopal Church in Bayfield.

~No tickets needed, all concerts are **free** (though a free-will offering is gladly received).

~A sherry reception in the English garden follows every performance.

~This year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth with his compositions at every concert.

FOR FULL PROGRAM INFORMATION

~Visit our website at www.bayfieldschubertfestival.org

Sunday, July 2 at 3 pm

Madeline Island Music Camp Piano Ensemble

Thursday, July 6 at 5 pm

The KAT Trio

Thursday, July 13 at 5 pm

Music for Violin and Organ

Thursday, July 20 at 5 pm

Die Schöne Müllerin by Schubert

Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm

The Highland String Quarter

Thursday, August 3 at 5 pm

Works of Schubert, Mozart & Vaughan Williams

Thursday, August 10 at 5 pm

The Wisconsin Brass Quintet

Thursday, August 17 at 5pm

Kathleen Otterson, Mezzo-soprano

Fr. Dennis Michno, Piano



Mark Your Calendar

July

- 8 Deacon's Formation Academy
- 20 Bundy Hall Board
- 21-22 Evangelism Retreat
- 22 Executive Council, St. John's, Sparta.
- 22-23 Visitation, St. Alban's, Spooner**
- 29-30 Visitation, St. Mary's, Tomah**

August

- 5-6 Visitation, Our Saviour's, Lugerville**
- 12 Picnic, Bundy Hall
- 12-13 Visitation, St. John's, Sparta and Blessing of the bikes**
- 16 Trustees, Diocesan Office
- 17 Bundy Hall Board
- 19-20 Visitation, Ascension, Hayward**
- 26 Cursillo Gathering
- 26-27 Visitation, St. Luke's, Springbrook**
- 29 Cursillo, Summer Gathering, St. Mary's, Tomah

Evangelism Retreat

June, 2006

Hello everyone! The Evangelism Team has been busy planning. We have met twice since the first of the year, and we will be meeting again in July for an over-night retreat at Bundy Hall. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be on the Evangelism Committee. A fall retreat is in the works, and the July meeting will be one of exploration and getting to know one another, as well as discussing *The Purpose Driven Church*. Won't you please consider joining us? We would like to add to our numbers – so please come!

What: Evangelism Retreat
 Where: Bundy Hall
 When: Friday, July 21, 2006 (arrival 6:30 PM)
 Saturday, July 22, 2006 (depart 3:00PM)
 Cost: \$25.00 + donation for food

If you can join us, call or email John Ambelang, 608/374-3423, jambelang@centurytel.net, Carol Meacham, 715/635-3462 or Carolyn Rybak, crybak57@webfavorite.com.

See you at Bundy Hall in July!

Alaska Pilgrimage Set For Summer of '07

Fr. Dale Klitzke of Grace Church, Menomonie will be leading a pilgrimage to Alaska in June of '07. The travel will take the participants to one of three areas, depending on their interest. The first option is to the diocesan church camp for a work project, evangelism and day trips. The second option would take us a village to lead a Vacation Bible School and do repairs to the local church. The third option is for a visit to a remote Alaskan village to share the gospel. Those signed up to go will determine which of the three options will be exercised.

Regardless of the choice, the parties that participate will experience native ministry and hear a different and powerful version of the Gospel.

The cost of the trip is expected to be about \$1,200 plus air fare (about \$600 this year).

Participants must be sixteen years old or older. All participants will be required to do a days training before signing up.

Interested parties can sign up by contacting:

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Bundy Hall News and Needs

First off, we want to say THANK YOU!!! –to those who were willing and able to generously give of themselves for the 2006 Bundy Hall Work Day. Although the weather was far from ideal (it was rainy and gloomy), **lots** of indoor work got done! We truly appreciate everything that was done. There is far more work to do here than two people could possibly do, so your efforts were appreciated! Bundy Hall cannot survive without the body of Christ—you.

Coming around the corner through spring and into summer has been an interesting ride. We are making efforts to push for the future of Bundy Hall. With the changing of our market over the last few years (from mainly being a camp, to shaping more into a conference and retreat center) is still in process, but we are trucking on.

Looking for a way to share your time, have an impact, all while blessing the Lord with your service? Bundy Hall always has many tasks that we would gratefully welcome help on! Whether just for a day, or if you are looking for a way to spend time each week, give us a call. We would love to work a time (or times) for you to come join us!

Thank you for your prayers!
 Eric and Naomi Glidden

Bundy Hall Prayer Requests:

- **Pray** for more a growing interest in using Bundy Hall.
- **Pray** that people would be touched by the Holy Spirit while visiting Bundy Hall.
- **Pray** for God's provision concerning our tight finances.
- **Pray** for wisdom and discernment for the Bundy Hall Board of Directors.
- **Pray** for the manager's to keep their relationship with God as their guiding light to management of Bundy Hall.

Bundy Hall Donation Needs:

Financial

Electric hedge trimmer

Other Lawn care & gardening equipment -there is a lot of this work that gets done here, thus lots of wear on the equipment that we do have.

Couches/comfortable chairs (good condition strongly preferably☺)

Pool Tables, Ping Pong, Foosball, Closeable dart table, board games, cards, ...recreation related things

Jim Wilson named "Archdeacon Emeritus"



Bishop Whitmore and the Venerable L. James Wilson share a light moment during the Very Rev. Bruce Gardner's personal reminiscences of Jim's many contributions to the life of the diocese and Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire. During the June 4th Solemn Mass of Pentecost at the Cathedral, Archdeacon Wilson was honored by being named "Archdeacon Emeritus" and given his own designated stall in the Great Choir. Tribute was also paid to Rita Wilson and the couple's long ministry of servanthood and hospitality. Jim functioned as the principal Deacon of the liturgy with his customary reverence, devotion, and aplomb.

Summer Gathering

The first of three Summer Gatherings will be hosted by St Mary's Tomah with Guest Speaker, Father John Ambelang. He will be speaking on his January trip to Peru with the Wycliffe Bible Translators and then on "Islam & Christianity in the Middle East" based on trips to Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, and Egypt. There will be time for discussion and fellowship with long-time friends. For lunch we will be joining the Bishop and the Cursillo team which will be training at St. Mary's at the same time. Bring something to share for a potluck and gather with your diocesan family in Tomah from 10-2:00, July 29, 2006. St. Mary's is one block West of Hyw 12 (Superior Ave) downtown Tomah, 1000 McLean Ave. The subsequent gatherings will be Saturdays: Aug 26th and Sept 30th, details in the next Herald."

Transitions

Joseph Weaver, St. John's, Sparta,
March 23, 2006

JoAnn Burhop, St. Katherine's Owen,
April 29, 2006

David Goodnough, Christ Church, La
Crosse, May 21, 2006

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Nine Months and Counting - Katrina Survivors Still Need Us!

By Dianne Dawson

Our Brothers and Sister in New Orleans (and through out the Gulf Coast) still need our thoughts, our prayers, and our help.

Pete and I spent almost 4 weeks at St. Anna's New Orleans in January and February, which is when we wrote our first "report" that appeared in The Herald in February. We then went back for Easter and spent almost two more weeks there in April. What concerns us is that things seemed almost worse in April. During the weeks we were gone, more and more people had returned and subsequently decided they could not stay, putting a glut of houses on the market. Many more of those returning were gutting out homes and businesses, resulting in more and more piles of debris everywhere. FEMA neighborhoods of white trailers had sprung up everywhere (which is a good thing) so people were dealing with very tight living quarters, both within their trailer homes and within their "neighborhoods" (If someone sneezes two door down, you can hear it.) That can cause even more stress in their lives. (Not such a good thing.) Mental health officials say that a huge percentage of the population is suffering from depression and/or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Folks are still dealing with many of the same frustrations as in January, and now, as of today, June 1, here is the Hurricane season again. No matter how optimistic one is, the brain remembers, and that has to be scary.

The good news is there is hope and there are many signs of Gods presence amidst the suffering. The people of New Orleans and St. Anna's are thankful to all those throughout the country who contributed on their behalf.

The people of St. Anna's, in spite of their personal struggles, are ministering to their neighbors. Their Medical Mission, with the new RV, is poised to take Doctors, Nurses, and diagnostic equipment throughout the neighborhoods. Their Collaborative Mission to the Musicians of New Orleans is a rousing success. Entitled "INN THAT NUMBER", they draw anywhere from 55- 75 folks every Wednesday evening for spiritual reflections, a free meal, pay a band to play and provide an opportunity for other musicians to play and jam, passing the hat for them as well. There are also a variety of services available; advice, guidance, housing assistance, credit mentoring, free health screening, mental health screenings and an Internet café. As Father Bill Terry writes, "perhaps the most important aspect of this mission is the "gathering". By gathering musicians and encouraging them to network, jam and talk, a sense of hope and well-being is engendered. As a matter of social justice this affinity group, musicians and artists have been undervalued and under-employed in New Orleans for years". Many musicians lost their homes, and since tourism is down, their "jobs" are fragile, and they too, are susceptible to depression etc. Pete and I loved the Wednesday night we were there. There was sense of community, the joy of sharing gifts, good food, great music, all very uplifting and very much New Orleans!

**Dear People of The Diocese of Eau Claire,
Please keep all these people in your prayers.**

You could also do any of the following;

Send donations for either or both of the St. Anna's outreach ministries

Send a card or note of encouragement to a person or the congregation.

Have your church family "adopt" St. Anna's congregation by regularly praying and sending cards, perhaps arranging for a surprise coffee hour treat, or altar flowers.

And if you are so inclined and wish to advocate for systemic change as N.O. rebuilds, so as to address some of the disparities and inequalities that were unmasked during post Katrina days, as well as the environmental degradation that led to such devastation, please contact us; Pete and Dianne Dawson at padawson@centerytel.net or 715-288-6805.

Contact information will follow.

Peace be with you, Dianne and Pete Dawson, Christ Church, Chippewa Falls

Haiti Project

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Episcopal Churches in Wisconsin
Coming Together in Compassion



The **Diocese of Eau Claire's Volunteer Haiti Project Team** consists of Dianne and Peter Dawson of Chippewa Falls, Patrick and Dorothy Croy of Lugerville, and myself, JoAnn Martin of Spooner. Together our mission is to share the history and progress of the Haiti Project, to serve our current sponsors, to recruit new sponsors, and to inform the Eau Claire Diocese of the status of the Haiti Project in Jeannette, Haiti. Since 1986, Episcopal Churches in Wisconsin have worked with the people of Jeannette—it's our twentieth anniversary this year!

As members of the Haiti Team, we hear many questions. Below is a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and their answers that we hope will entice you to join the Haiti Project.

Why do the people of Haiti need our help? Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere today. Because the American dollar goes so far there, even the smallest donation to the Haiti Project makes a big difference to our partners in Jeannette.

What is the Haiti Project's purpose? From <http://www.haitiproject.org>: "Our goals are simple—to work in partnership with Haitians to educate children and keep them healthy; to organize trips for American volunteers; to provide potable water; and to develop trade schools and college scholarships."

What does my money buy? The people of Jeannette neither ask for nor expect luxuries or charity. They work hard and do for themselves whenever possible, and when it's not possible, they request only the basics: school supplies, medicine, and clean water.

Together, have we made progress Jeannette? Yes! While the politics and poverty of the country of Haiti have not improved in general, life in Jeannette certainly has. The first school was a "room" of 150 students of all ages, with one teacher, no walls, no books, and one chalk-board. At one time, there was no health clinic in Jeannette and no source of clean water. In contrast, today St. Marc's School serves over 650 students from pre-school through high school and includes a trade school. The schools and the new health clinic are staffed with paid teachers and health care workers, most of whom graduated from St. Marc's and returned to make life better there.

Can I send letters to the child I sponsor? Yes, you can; however, there are parameters we must follow. You must mail cards, notes, and pictures to Nancy Frana (address below). Once Nancy has a bundle of letters, she forwards them to Haiti.

Instructions for mailings

- Inside your mailing envelope, your photos and/or note must be in a second, plain envelope, with no return address (to avoid unwanted solicitations).
- Be sure to include your child's full name and number on the back of your photos as well as on the plain envelope.
We're sorry: The Haiti Project does not accept packages or gifts for the children, even for Christmas and birthdays. The best gift you can give is your continued prayers and timely payments.
- Extra donations go to buy gifts for all of Jeannette's children.
- Once the cards and letters arrive in Jeannette, they are translated and then hand-delivered to the students (there is no official mail service in Jeannette).
- Unfortunately, we ask that you do not expect to hear from your child for several months, if at all. Life in Haiti is hard, so letter-writing is difficult. However, your child will receive your letter, and they will know you care.

Please send all correspondence to the following address:

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New Berlin, WI 53151

How do I learn more about the Haiti Project? To learn more and to view pictures of our work in Haiti, go to our Web site at <http://www.haitiproject.org>.

To get started, who should I contact in the Diocese of Eau Claire? To become a sponsor, simply contact JoAnn Martin of St. Alban's in Spooner. She can be reached at the following information:

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We are thankful to be able to report that things are looking up for Haiti. In May, the first parliament in two years was formally installed. President Rene Preval was inaugurated on May 14, calling for reconciliation, dialogue and peace among all factions in the country. He was the people's choice and Haitians are feeling hopeful once again as they move forward. A group from Milwaukee left for St. Marc's in Jeannette on May 30, the first group to go to Haiti in 2 years. The Partnership will put together a group to go down next year as well, and it is hoped that will include some folks from the Diocese of Eau Claire.



The Clinic at Jeannette is shown in the photo above.

To the Left:
A Haitian family, one of many served by this ministry.

TOP 10 MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE REGARDING FAITH LIFE - THIRD OF TEN

I read an article at the gym about the top ten mistakes people make at the gym, mistakes that can eventually lead to people abandoning exercise all together. It set me thinking about the mistakes people make in the practice of their faith. The parallels came relatively easily to me, because I've made them. Actually, I continue to make them, so I write from experience and humbly make suggestions to

Bad Form: No matter what the workout at the gym consists of, it's necessary for us to have good form. When lifting weights, for example, we have to know that our body is in the right position: feet on the floor, shoulder width apart, back straight, arms parallel to the ground, etc. In walking or running, we need shoes with good support and a relaxed stance. If we're in the wrong posi-

tion or ill-equipped, we don't get the maximum benefit of the exercise and we risk hurting ourselves.

People can sometimes be in the wrong position in their practice of their faith. We're reminded at each mass to "keep [our] hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God." However, even while completing one of the programs noted above, our minds are on other matters. Our hearts are burdened by un-acknowledged and un-confessed sins. Our bodies are in the midst of countless distractions. All of these things make being mindful of our relationship with God difficult to do. Jesus knew that. He often went off by himself, to rest and pray, to rejuvenate and revitalize His relationship with His Father. We'd do well to follow Christ's example.

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RESERVE THE DATE NOW!!

By Barb Gaynor, St. Paul's, Hudson

Saturday, August 12—Bundy Hall

There was a fellowship committee formed after the last Diocesan Convention and they met in January 2006. At that meeting it was decided that the annual Diocesan picnic should be revived. This would be a day of fun for everyone which would include games to play and perhaps some booths set up with the carnival effect, such as ring toss, fish booth etc. A rummage sale is also in the works. The plan would be to have each parish in charge of an event. Individual correspondence will be sent regarding specific assignments.

The schedule for this would be: Arrival time, approximately 10:00 A.M. for set-up- and play time. Eucharist at 12:00 noon, followed by the picnic. Hot dogs and buns will be provided and everyone is to bring a dish to pass.

Let's try to make this a huge suc-

cess, something that our children will look forward to each year. What a great way to get to know your fellow Christians.

The Fellowship Group: Merrie Jo Chamberlain & Carla Marcou [Christ Church, LaCrosse], Dick Smith [St. Alban's, Superior], Elaine Ellenson [Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire], Alice Brown [St. Mary's, Tomah], Jean Jacobs [Grace Church, Menomonie], Barb Gaynor, Cinders & Steve Pogalz, & Ed Slamkowski [St. Paul's, Hudson].

See you August 12th!

EASTER Dinner AT ST ALBANS – Spooner

By John Meacham

Over the last several years John and Carol Meacham's have invited anyone from St. Alban's to their home for Easter Dinner after the 10:30 service. This year the dinner was moved to the Guild Hall at St. Alban's. It was also decided that this was a good opportunity to invite the community. Approximately 34 people from church and the local community came to dinner. Cranberry glazed Pork Loin and Apricot Chicken were provided by the Meacham's. Several tables of wonderful

This is the first time in a number of years, that a festival day meal was prepared for parishioners, their families and the Washburn county community at large. We are hoping that this event will grow every year, and that through St. Alban's God love is shown to the community.

The fellowship, food and fun on Easter Day is a wonderful way to celebrate the risen Lord.

We hope that this endeavor will grow and God's love and generosity will continue to shine from St. Alban's Spooner.



side dishes of potatoes, beans, salads and amazing deserts, and beverages were provided by Mary Anna Johnson, Mary Jo Teasdale, Suzie Kluge, Janet Larson, Maxine Schorn, Donna Hook, Archdeacon Jeanne Stout, Grace Plaster, and several others. Of course being Episcopalians, we could have fed many more people. It was an adventure because we had no idea how many people would actually show up.



Bishop's Visitation, April 30, 2006, St. Barnabas, Clear Lake
Back row: Phil Grece, Gregg Westigard, Chuck Clark, Bishop Keith, Candy Cox, Kathy Siebell, Scott Siebell, Eddie Bannink, Joshua Coulson, Rus Booth.
Front row: Fr. Bob Lyga, Lynda Grece, Mary Lou, Ginger Johnson, Kathy Bannink, Parker Cox, Angie Lewis, Elaine Bannink, Thelma Booth, Bennie Bannink. Missing: Tom Bucher, Ted & Mary Bissell, Amy Coulson (Tre & Courtney), Rick & Chris Gates, Helen Hinds, Sara Knutson, Harriet White.