
The Outrider

SEPTEMBER 2002

The VIEW from the Discernment Groups...

*“practicing **being** and searching for the hundredth monkey”*

By the time you read this, we will have completed the second “St. John’s Discernment Group” and finishing enrolling the third (and perhaps the fourth) of the groups. If fact, you may have gotten an invitation to #3 or #4 by the time you read this—and I hope you made every effort to sign up. It’s a trip well worth taking!

dis-cern-ment n. from L. *discernere*= *dis* *apart* + *cernere* *to sift*

1. the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure.

St. John’s Discernment Groups are designed to enable members of the Parish to, literally, “sift apart” the call of God to us as a community from our own ideas of what the church is or should be. God’s will for a community, I believe, immerses naturally and organically when the community can clearly define who they are. Discernment requires us to be with clarity and confidence so that we might grasp and understand what God is calling us to do.

Most of us, most of the time, define ourselves by our *doing* rather than our *being*. And most of us, most of the time—as individuals and as a parish church—are so caught up in all there is to do that we leave little time to practice *being* at all. That’s where the discernment groups come in. That’s what they’re for: to give us, individually and in groups, *practice in being*.

One of my favorite passages of scripture is the 15th chapter of John’s Gospel where Jesus gives his disciples the example of the vine as a way they are to relate to him.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine; neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15. 4-5

In those two verses (and the 6 that follow them) Jesus uses the word “abide” eleven times. Abiding is not about doing—it is about *being*. We can do nothing, Jesus warns, unless we first simply **be** with him so he can simply **be** with us. Before we can do the work we are given to do by God...before we can even discern the work God gives us...before any of that, we must practice **being**. We must abide in Christ and with each other. That is the purpose of the Discernment Groups—to “practice *being*” and search for the hundredth monkey.

(Where did that “hundredth monkey” come from???)

At the end of World War II, several islands off the coast of Japan has be defoliated, threatening the existence of a species of monkeys who live there. The U.S. Occupying Forces undertook to feed the monkeys until the vegetation could grow back on those islands. Through trial and error, the Americans discovered the monkeys love sweet potatoes. So each morning sweet potatoes were air dropped onto the beaches of those islands.

The monkeys loved the sweet potatoes but didn't like the sand on them. One morning, a single monkey carried her potato from the beach and washed it in a stream so she could eat it sand free. Over the next days and weeks, other monkeys—one at a time or in small groups—learned to wash their sweet potatoes before eating them. Most of the monkeys still ate sandy potatoes.

Time went on like that—a few more monkeys each day going to the stream to wash their food—until one morning when just one more monkey joined the others...let's call him "the hundredth monkey" for simplicity sake, though there was no accurate count. Well, what happened next seems too remarkable to believe—the day after "the hundredth monkey" washed his food, **ALL THE MONKEYS** on the island went to the stream...and more astonishing than that...**ALL THE MONKEYS on all the other islands did too!!!**

What had begun as an obscure practice—washing food before eating it—was suddenly, almost miraculously grasped and comprehended by the whole Community of Monkeys spread over several islands....)

Quite a few people have asked me, "what are the Discernment Groups **for**?" And I answer, "to practice **being** and search for the hundredth monkey."

We will continue to go through the parish list, inviting folks to be a part of the Discernment Groups. And I believe profoundly that when we reach a *critical mass* of members of the parish, inviting them to "abide" a while with Christ and each other, **discernment** will break out throughout the parish, even among those who have not been in a group, even among those who are not yet members of St. John's.

I believe that, I truly do. And I invite you to believe it as well....

Shalom,

Jim

DISCERNMENT SEEKING HUNDREDTH MONKEY

When you're invited to join a discernment group, I trust you will prayerfully consider the possibility and I hope you say YES!

If you just can't wait for you invitation to come talk to Jr. Warden Bill Garretson, to Jim Bradley or Malinda Johnson and you'll be invited....



REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

There will be an observance of the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on the Waterbury Green on Wednesday 9/11 at noon.

St. John's will be open from early morning for those who want a time of quiet and prayer on that day.

St. John's has taken a primary role in planning for the observance. It will be dignified, quiet and solemn. The Mayor and representatives of the Fire and Police Departments as well as Emergency workers, will take part. After a brief time of silence and prayer for all Faiths on the Green, there will be a procession to the monument by city hall to lay wreaths honoring those who died on that sad and tragic day. The church bells of the city will toll at 1 p.m. to end the observance.

Our normal noon service will be held at 1:15 p.m. so we can all be a part of the remembrance on the Green.

There will also be a 7:30 p.m. Eucharist on 9/11 as our parish time of remembrance and prayer.

WELCOME MALINDA....



At its August 12th meeting, the Vestry officially approved the calling of Malinda Johnson as our Deacon. Malinda will become St. John's Curate on her ordination to the priesthood, hopefully in December.

Though Malinda is no stranger to us, having served as an Intern in 2001-2002, she returns in a vastly different role to begin her ordained ministry in our midst.

Malinda's "official welcome" will be on Sunday, September 8. Be there to show her your support and best wishes.

ALSO RETURNING....



Steve Arbogast will also be returning to St. John's in September for his second year as our seminarian assistant. Steve will be working in the area of spiritual development as the director of St. John's Center for Ministry and Spirituality. He will be looking for input regarding designing quiet days, retreats, special study and groups to deepen and enhance our spiritual journeys.

He will also be involved in a wide range of other parish ministries.

HARVEST FESTIVAL— HARVEST FESTIVAL— HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sunday, September 22 will be the date of St. John's 2nd annual Harvest Festival to celebrate the fruits and goodness of God's bounty. We will especially recognize all those who have helped Dan and Mary Gates with the Sharon House Project and celebrate that ministry of good food for the poor.

Bring fruits, vegetables, flowers from your garden to help decorate the church. The produce can be dropped off on Friday or Saturday before the Festival so the decorating can be done Saturday afternoon.

We are expecting St. Luke's Steel Band from New Haven to be a part of the festivities and our liturgy.

Also, bring some special dish to share at coffee hour.

All the food we collect—you can bring canned goods as well—will be donated to hunger projects such as the Soup Kitchen and Jubilee Harvest. Bring some friends as well—it promises to be a wonderful day.

ST. JOHN'S BEGINS DAILY WORSHIP



It's been a hope of mine for some time to have worship available each weekday at St. John's. Beginning on September 9th, there will be daily worship at St. John's, Monday – Friday, at noon.

On holy days, when a priest is available, we'll have the Eucharist. Other days we will have noonday prayers.

One of the things we'll do is pray a cycle of prayers for all the members of the parish. They cycle will be printed monthly in the Outrider so you can join us in praying for each other and so you will know when you are being held in prayer in the Chapel of St. James at noon.

We need folks who would like to lead noon prayers. Let me or Malinda know and we'll schedule you in.

Numbers aren't important – however, whenever you can join us, please do.

What is important is that we all know worship is happening at noon every weekday at St. John's. Even if you aren't there, pause at noon each day to pray for St. John's.



THE CHAPEL OF ST. JAMES

The chapel on the north side of the of St. John's Nave is called the Chapel of St. James. St. James is the original name of this parish though it was changed to "St. John's" in _____. When the chapel was created on _____, to provide an intimate prayer and meditation space, it was named to honor and remember the beginnings of our parish.

The chapel renovation was made possible by a gift to the parish from the estate of Lucy Kellogg. Take time to read the plaques in the Chapel the next time you're in the sanctuary.

CENTERING PRAYER AT ST. JOHN'S



Gail Szantyr has agreed to take over the leadership of St. John's Centering Prayer Group at St. John's in the autumn. Watch for details in weekly bulletins.

Centering Prayer is a meditation form that seeks to be still and present to God by use of a prayer word. The practice of centering prayer is an ancient form of meditation in the church and there are similar practices in most faiths.

The October Companion Evening on Tuesday, October 1 will begin with a pot-luck at 6:30 p.m.—the program will be an introduction to Centering Prayer and a chance to try it out. Plan to be there and sample this form of spiritual exercise.

HELP WANTED



As the fall and the new year of parish program approaches, we are looking for those who would like to **read lessons** or **lead intercessions** or be a **chalice bearer** or be a **Vergger** at the Sunday Eucharists.

Reading lessons or **leading intercessions** requires a training session and a willingness to perform those ministries.

Chalice bearing requires a training session and a commitment to that ministry.

Being a **Vergger** requires two training sessions and the desire to be involved in the liturgy in a vital way.

Interested? Information sessions will be held September 15th and 29th after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Eucharists.

Contact Jim. Training will be in October.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR THE FALL



Each Sunday, beginning September 15th, there will be an adult class in the clergy office on the second floor of the Parish House from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

The sessions will be led by Jim, Malinda, or Steve.

The Sunday bulletin in September will contain more details.

We invite parents of church school children to consider being a part of adult education. That way, children and parents can arrive together and have educational opportunities prior to the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – AN INVITATION



From time to time folks comment on wishing the Prayers of the People on Sunday could be a little more timely and specific to issues facing the church and each of us.

I've decided to bring the issue to the Liturgical Council at its September meeting and invite members of the Council to consider "writing" the Prayers for our Eucharist.

I think that should be an invitation open to more people than simply the members of the Council. So, the first 9:15 a.m. Sunday Adult Education offering of the fall will be an opportunity to examine the Prayers of the People in the Prayer Book and begin experimenting with writing our own prayers.

Those sessions will be September 8, 15 and 22 in the Kellogg room.

I invite anyone interested in helping form and compose our weekly Prayers of the People to join in those sessions.

FALL PLANTING & CLEAN-UP DAYS



The House Committee (and other interested parties) is planning two Fall Planting and Clean-up Days. On **Saturday, September 14** and **Saturday, October 19**, we will be cleaning up the Close and the parking lot and planting any donated plants. We want to continue to plant the Close with a combination of perennials and spring flowering bulbs and fill in the beds in the parking lot with sun lovers. We would like to have all the plant material donated and hope parishioners can divide plants they have at home and give us the extra or donate some money for us to buy bulbs.

We have received many compliments about the appearance of the parking lot and the Close; but we all know there is a lot more work to be done. Our efforts to put only tough, native, sun-loving plants in the parking lot (and to mulch the daylighters out of them!) have paid off. We didn't water all summer. Please help us in making Waterbury and St. John's a greener place to live and work.

Donations we need:

Money for bulbs (We hope to plant 1000 bulbs – daffodils, scilla, grape hyacinths, etc.)

Labor:

9/14 – We need people to weed and till the soil and amend with fertilizer. We ask everyone to bring his or her own tools. We may be doing some pruning of existing shrubs if appropriate.

10/19 – On Sunday, October 6, the children of the Parish will be planting bulbs in the close. In case they are unable to get them all in the ground, we need people to plant the remaining bulbs and the material we have had donated. Large and small shovels and pruning shears will probably be all the tools you need.

Materials:

9/13 – 10/18 – Bring in your plants! We particularly are looking for:

Hosta, lamium, ferns, nepeta (catmint), astilbe, aruncus (goats' beard), digitalis (foxglove), alchemilla (lady's mantle), columbine, campanula. (We can take seeds from columbine and foxglove.) Call the office if your plant is not on the list – we will probably want it anyway.

FROM THE TREASURER

The following are financial statements through the end of May 2002... five months into our budget year that began on January 1. Budget Report: January 1 – May 31, 2002

September Parish Prayer Cycle

September 1: Sue Jefferson, Norman & Sandra Jellinghaus, Jannice Johnston, Joan Kachergis, Heather Kay & Family, Charles & Martha Kellogg, and the Kennedy Family.

September 8: Kenneth & Gloria Kerns, The Kerns Family, Joseph & Nancy Kinsella, Gil & Thecla Kirby, Bertha Kirschbaum, Edith Klein, Patricia & Michael Klein, and Robert Klein.

September 15: Barbara Klobedanz, Victor & Heidi Kloc, Richard & Sandra Knapp, Bill Knapp & Christine Jewell, Eugene Knight, Marvin & Charlene Knighton, Matthew & Holy Kosky, Brian & Lucylle laden, and The Lafferty Family.

September 22: Edwina Lago, Evette & Jerry Lamy, Lila Lange, Jason & Cathy Lanoie, Joseph & Kristan Lanoie, Burt & Connie Lavey, Carl Lawson, and The Lawson Family.



SEPTEMBER

9/1	Lila Lange
9/1	Shirley Chouinard
9/1	Destiny Santa Maria
9/2	Linda Pomeroy
9/2	Peter Lenart
9/3	Michael Misurelli
9/4	Tiffany Dwyer
9/4	Virginia Sheehan
9/4	Zenith Punter
9/5	Mike Carroll
9/6	Donna Gervickas
9/6	John Yuhas, Jr.
9/9	Shirley Weiss
9/10	Joan Huggins
9/10	Devin Mantzaris
9/10	Brandon Perreault
9/10	Harriet Fotter
9/10	Moriah Vermette
9/10	William Penny
9/11	Mary Friez
9/11	Leigh Inkster
9/11	Mike O'Connell
9/11	Briana Smith

9/12	Peter Tcharkirides
9/12	Gregory Emmens
9/12	Katherine Frazine
9/14	Richard Harris
9/16	Lois Mraz
9/16	Michael Quirici
9/17	Dorothy Westerlund
9/18	Aaron Capobianco
9/20	Linda Snyder
9/20	Bailey Schuster
9/21	Pearl Young
9/21	Erika Mattson
9/22	Terry Munger
9/22	Daniel Yuhas
9/24	Patty Daniels
9/25	Tayler Umbro
9/25	Brittany Kennedy
9/26	Lorene Castle
9/26	Peter Taylor
9/27	Galo Marriott
9/27	Elena Viega
9/27	Jane Woods
9/27	Robert Mantzaris
9/27	Paige Mantzaris
9/29	Theresa Gambino
9/29	Mary Ellen Yashenko
9/29	Cynthia Skipp



SEPTEMBER

9/2	Christopher and Karen Donohue
9/2	William and Priscilla Munson
9/5	Bill and Gert Payne
9/5	Jim and Bern Bradley
9/5	Paul and Elizabeth Santoro
9/8	Steve and Karen Minkler
9/9	Tony and Anne Vaccarelli
9/12	Joseph and Kristan Lanoie
9/15	Jason and Cathy Lanoie
9/18	Mark and Susan Finney, Sr.
9/19	Michael and Maria Forrester
9/25	Peter and Bonni Hartley
9/27	Gerard McDonald and Janet Mitchell
9/29	Larry and Kathleen Tapley, Sr.
9/29	Jason and Donna Sevas
9/30	George and Barbara Hankey, III





In Memory Of...

September 1: Agnes W. Newell, Arlene Belden DiVito, and Joseph DiVito.

September 8: Florence R. Rametti.

September 15: George J. & Margaret Kirschbaum, George W., Robert and Harry Kirschbaum.

September 22: Anne Gervickas, Thomas and Helena Burnham, Thomas Marsden Burnham.

September 29: Robert Bryan Schuster, Franklyn & Agnes Bristol, Willa & Charles Jones, Louis & Mildred Schuster, Frederick Schuster, and Charlotte Abercrombie.



shut-in.

Thank you to Sandy Allard, Eleanor Crean, Willis & Gert Payne, and Jack Parker for your assistance in distributing Day-By-Day booklets to St. John's parishioners who are shut-in.
Henry Friez

CALLING ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS IN BROADWAY ON THE GREEN 2003



Plans are being made for the next Broadway Show which will be held in the spring of 2003. If you are interested in participating, we would love to have you join us. You do not have to be experienced or read music. Please call Jeanne Luedke at 754-8445 for further information as soon as possible so we can include you in our plans. Thanks. Jeanne Luedke

CHOIR SEASON BEGINS



St. John's Adult Choir will have its first rehearsal of the season on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room, which is located on the second floor above the library. We hope that all singers from last year will be returning and we will welcome new singers. Auditions are not required, but new singers should arrive early to determine their voice part. The beginning of the season is a great time to join the choir!

If you have questions about the choir, call Bob Havery after September 1st at 577-4566.

THE NEW AUGMENTED CHOIR



The Augmented Choir was introduced two seasons ago and enabled us to offer some wonderful classic anthems on Sunday mornings and to give singers an opportunity to sing in the choir on an occasional basis. This year we're going to try a different format which should make it possible for even more people to experience the joy of singing.

This fall we invite singers to join us an hour before the service to learn a simple anthem to be sung that morning. Thursday night rehearsal will NOT be required. The anthems will be easy and light. We'll start with a spiritual in October, then learn an attractive and very "singable" new anthem in November and a simple Advent piece in December. We will designate the second Sundays of each month as the Augmented Choir Sunday. That means that October 13th, November 10th and December 8th will be Augmented Choir Sundays. If you want to sing, just come at 9:15 to the choir room for a short enjoyable rehearsal and offer your gift of song in the morning Eucharist. Come to one or more. ***Make a joyful noise to the Lord!***



Creative Church School
Opening Day – September 8, 2002

September 8th: Opening day of Church School. Registration of students entering preschool (3&4 year olds) thru 7th grade (preconfirmation class). Refreshments and registration will take place in the Guild Hall on the third floor from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with classes beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending 10:00 a.m. (weekly).

September 15th: We will continue to register students and offer refreshments from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. followed by class. Church School teachers will be dedicated in the Guild Hall at 9:00 a.m. with classes to immediately follow registration.

September 22nd: Church School 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

September 29th: Church School 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – please send in a small Pringles can with your child.

Sweet Susie

Where ever I be
 she sits,
 quietly near me
 my protector
 my friend
 Til each day's end
 hiss and growl
 In the night she prowls
 stretches out on the rug
 her sweet face

gives me a tug
 softly she mews
 saying
 I love you,
 Timid and shy
 she holds her own
 proud in her home.

Sarah Haines

OUTREACH – TEAM 2000
SAFE HAVEN NEWS

Serving



OTHERS

To paraphrase a Pete Seegar song of the sixties, "Where have all the flowers gone?"- many of us wonder "Where has the Summer gone?"

September is here; schools are welcoming their teachers and students, while families are getting use to resuming early morning schedules of sending off their children. It is a time of adjustment, too, for organizations, Churches, and governmental/legislatures to begin their programs from now through Spring.

Safe Haven, Waterbury's Womens' Shelter, however, has continued throughout the Summer and remains committed to providing women, sometimes with their small children, emergency short-term safe lodging. Many of St. John's parishioners have also continued to support the shelter throughout the Summer in providing supplies of basic personal products needed. Every donation is gratefully received. Our suggestion for September 8th's donation is:

- 1 new pillow **or**
- 1 pkg. new pillow cases **or**
- 1 bottle shampoo

If you are unable to leave your donation at St. John's that day, please leave your contribution in the Church office. Please indicate clearly it is for Safe Haven.

As a reminder, every donation is gratefully received at Safe Haven. Those of us who have traveled this Summer and collected motel "free toiletries" can find a good use for them by donating to the shelter. And, remember, diapers, not 3mos. size, are always very welcome! We invite anyone who would care to join us in this simple but very helpful ministry. Please speak to Diane Caggiano or leave your name and phone number in the office.

Thank each of you, women and men, who regularly take this commitment to support Safe Haven.
 Diane C. and Jan G.



Outreach updates. We had nine people attend our last meeting. The next meeting will be **September 15** at the Gurniak's home in Southbury.

We are in the process of forming ourselves into a group. Attendees had dropped off to 2-3 persons early this year. We could easily have planned to give away the total budget during one of those sparsely attended meetings. We are trying to give ourselves some time to learn about various projects before we commit all the funds. We plan to meet with the finance committee to develop a process that will work for both committees.

1. Approval of Draft Request for Proposal Form
2. Approval of \$250 for Holy Cross Monastery
3. Approval of \$250 for Safe Haven. Outreach member will shop for sweatsuits for rape victims to wear home from hospital. Clothes must be turned in for evidence. Safe Haven does not have other funding for this project.
4. Approval to include the profits of \$260 from Broadway on Green sale of treats, \$100 donation to cover expenses of AmeriCares, and \$300 donation to Outreach in the current year's budget. If approved the total 2002 budget for Outreach would be \$6,660

New projects: The Outreach Council is seeking support from the vestry for an Advent Caroling/ Chili Eating Project. The Outreach part of the project would be to sing carols for soup kitchen guests, low-income housing residents living around the Waterbury Green etc., people on The Green. Donations for the chili would go toward Outreach projects.

We propose asking other committees including the committee planning the greening of the church and the choir, to join with us in the project. We would like to model the way for other area churches to do something similar to encourage a family day away from the commercialism of this holiday. We are thinking asking for newspaper coverage, local talk shows, the Episcopal Newsletter, and clergy groups to help spread the idea.



Each fall as cold weather and Christmas approach us there is a Christmas Tree filled with mittens and hats in the lobby of the church near the office. Now is the time to begin knitting or crocheting those hats and/or mittens. Yarn and instructions for making those zany warm hats are available in the Church. Ask at the Office for the location of the wool. By appointment, I will give knitting instructions and lessons. (My most talented – and only student has been Pam Toffey.) Do help a child or children enjoy a warmer winter with a new hat and/or mittens. I thank you in advance for your creations.

Marilyn Mitchell



The following staples are needed for the Food Pantry: beans (all kinds), hash, chili, canned juices, baby food (all stages). Bring your donations to church and place them in

the food baskets. Thank you.



St. John's needs folks to host the coffee hours after each morning service. If you're interested you could talk to Malinda Johnson or Eleanor Crean. It's a chance to provide the ministry of hospitality to the congregation. Malinda can be reached by calling the church office and Eleanor's phone number is 860-628-050.

Thanks for considering this possible ministry.



The annual Fall Retreat at the **Holy Cross Monastery** will be the weekend of **October 4-6, 2002**. Mark your calendars! Call the Church Office to make your reservations for this event.

**PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING FROM
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OUTREACH BUDGET**

Outreach funds are limited. The budget for Outreach for the calendar year of 2003 will be approximately \$4,500. Priority will be given to projects that serve persons who are not members of St. John's who live in the greater Waterbury area.

1. Tell us about your organization. Please include mission, total yearly budget, number of staff, and funding sources.
2. Tell us about the project for which you are requesting funding. Include the target group who will benefit from the project, the need that this funding will help solve, and other sources of funding for this project.
3. Please indicate the amount of financial support you are seeking. What percentage of the amount you are requesting will be used for administrative purposes.
4. Tell us how you will report the outcomes of this project to the Outreach Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church.
5. Who is the Project Director for this project. Please include name, phone number, and address.
6. Other information that you think might be useful to the committee.

The Outreach Committee meets quarterly. Requests will be discussed in the order in which they are received. You may call Lorene Castle at (203) 756-1733 or the Church Office (203) 754-3116 for further information.



GWIM Walk For Hunger is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. Please circle this date on your calendar – more information to come. Please see Sarah Haines to help make sandwiches. Shoprite will provide the provisions. Thank you.

Thank you note from Lillian Farley – The AmeriCares Project this year helped make Mrs. Farley's home safe, warm, and dry.

Dear Lorene:

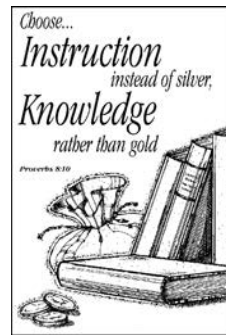
Who says present day America is not giving and sharing?

There are not enough words to express my gratitude and thankfulness to all your wonderful group. They were all so pleasant and so willing to help.

Every time I look at my flower beds, I can't help smiling. And, my new windows make me think how much warmer I'll feel next winter.

Again, Lorene and Jeff and all, thank you so much for choosing me, for being so kind and for being there.

Gratefully,
Lillian Farley



**SAIL
Students And Adults In
Literacy**

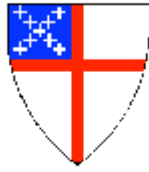
Help a child read!
Volunteers are needed to tutor second and third graders in local elementary schools for fall 2002. Two hour time commitment weekly. Choose your school, day and time.

Tutoring is one-on-one during the school day. Training, mileage, and free accident insurance provided. Call **Melita Lucas**, SAIL Facilitator at W(203) 574-8088 or H(860) 274-0180 for more information.

MEATLOAF MINISTRY

The third Sunday of the month a 2 lb. cooked frozen meatloaf is needed for the GWIM dining hall. Wrap it in aluminum foil and bring it to church. Two pounds of raw hamburger or a donation of \$5 is optional. Sarah Haines





Come spiritually feed the soul. We, the ladies of St. John's Parish, are delighted to have Trinity Center Books & Gifts, a Diocesan-wide Episcopal book store, join us on Sunday, September 29th at our Bake Sale after the 10:15 a.m. service. Wonderful gifts for all occasions. Perhaps purchase a book for our library.

Sarah Haines



Bake Sale

September 29, 2002—Women of St. John's Baked goods, cookies, brownies, etc., after 10:15 a.m. service in the Library.

LOOK at THIS!

If you are interested in being informed about the broader range of some of the issues coming up in Congress, the Episcopal Church has an office of Government Relations. It costs nothing to receive the information or to make contact with our senators. To place your name on the mailing list, write or phone: **The Episcopal Public Policy Network, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Suite #309, Washington, D.C. 20002, phone 1-800-228-0515, fax (202) 547-4457.** The week's mail brought background information on debt relief for poor countries (remember "Jubilee 2000"). Postcards made us aware of current bills under consideration.

Doris Hollenstein



ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL!

The word is out and the date is set! St. John's Holiday Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 23. This year the tone and flavor of our yearly bazaar is an Old Fashioned St. John's Square with circus flair and flamboyance. The square is to be surrounded with theme shops, a Tavern with plenty of room to dine, and an Auction Block that will also offer magical entertainment. Our Second Hand Shop will add to the festive holiday atmosphere. All of our participants will be wearing attire to reflect the job or shop they are involved in, such as tavern maid for "Gert's Tavern".

Gert Payne is collecting donations for the Tavern turkeys and condiments. She also needs HOME MADE apple pies and pumpkin pies. The Second Hand Shop is in need of good items that can be sold to our local community but WE CAN NOT ACCEPT ANY USED COMPUTERS OR COMPUTER PRINTERS. The "Sweet Shop" is asking for donations of home made candies, cookies, brownies, tarts and smaller sweet baked items. Sarah Haines is seeking jewelry for the Jewelry Boutique. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities for St. John's Holiday Festival are available and Bill Conda is the contact person for that. Please feel free to contact him if you would like to advertise in the Festival Map or sponsor entertainment.

There is a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library for all who want to participate in the Festival with a shop or to help in the planning and set up process. This meeting will give you the layout of the great hall and help shopkeepers in their shop design. I encourage anyone who wants to work on the Festival at any level to attend. Please let Harriet in the Church Office know of your intentions or call me. If you are unable to attend but do want shop space, please contact me as soon as possible so you can stay updated. I look forward to seeing many of you September 19 and look forward to a very fun and successful Holiday Festival!

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