



OUTLOOK

September 2011 Newsletter

St. Asaph's Church is called to be a progressive Christian community

We will welcome everyone to God's table.

We will stand with those in need and advocate for the poor, the sick, the friendless and the marginalized.

We will make children central to our life as a community

We will celebrate the presence of God with joyful, engaging and inviting worship.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Several of us were talking about the feeling one gets when Labor Day arrives. For many of us our bodies tell us that change is in the air. That feeling we all remember from when school begins hits us again, even if we have long since left behind our school days. (We all know that none of us ever stops learning for when we do, we have most certainly stopped living.) This morning I had the pleasure of watching the first students unlock the gates at the St. James School in West Allegheny. Thanks to you all who have given school supplies, your skills and your many contributions to help St. James get up and running.



Labor Day is much more than a feeling, however, of a change in the air. I am more deeply concerned about those who labor in our land for less than a living wage. I am concerned when we celebrate a great number of jobs created when those jobs are only at minimum wage and without benefits. I am concerned when 9 or 10 of us out of every 100 are still looking for a job. I am concerned when people highly qualified for one job are working in other fields all together. Yes, it is complicated; I pray we find a way to get all people back to work and in meaningful and beneficial ways. I am also concerned when cleaner greener alternatives are openly mocked by the political forces that are in favor of the ones that abuse our environment.

I also am thinking this day of one among us who now rests from his labors, **Johnathan Zellers**. His death was a shock to many of us. He was young to us and such a vital part of our community. We will lay Johnathan to his

final rest as part of our liturgy, **Sunday, September 18, 2011**. Please plan to be in attendance.

Finally, I look forward to the new labors we will engage in as the new "year" begins. For as Labor Day is the end of the summer season, so also it is the beginning of new endeavors here at St. Asaph's. Please be sure to sign up for some new things, committees and experiences. Also, the St. Asaph's players will be returning with a new production in January- pending the creative muses of course. Please be sure to see Anne if you are interested.

What do you want to do? Let all things be for the glory of God and may you find contentment and meaning in your labor.

Peace, Barry+

Vestry

Vestry Calls Fr. Barry Harte as Rector of St Asaph by Chris Dennis, Rector's Warden

You will remember that in the spring Father Barry Harte, working with our bishops and following a long process, became canonically resident in the Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania. That meant that as an Episcopalian, he could be called as rector—in contrast to his position over the last few years as priest-in-charge.

The vestry this spring asked the personnel committee (Sandra Haye Carr, John Chou, Chris Dennis, Pam Sheeran, and Linda Sterthous,) to meet with Father Barry to engage in a mutual ministry review, in which we could exchange views on goals, expectations, challenges and opportunities for further developing the

St Asaph's community in the coming year and years. Topics touched on in the lengthy conversation and reviews were shaped by the strategic planning discussions held during the year and included: pastoral care; growth; worship/liturgy; children; adult formation; and outreach, among others. We also invited comment from the parish in the course of several Sundays and received a number of comments that became a part of our discussion.

Following the review this summer, the personnel committee recommended enthusiastically and without dissent that the vestry call Father Barry as rector. I am pleased to say that in a unanimous vote, the vestry at its meeting of August 21, 2011 did just that.

Father Harte's liturgical investiture will tentatively be in November, if we can work out the date with the bishop's calendar. In the meantime and when you get a chance, please take a moment to welcome Father Barry in his new role as rector of St. Asaph.

Liturgy



The Edge comes back this fall on every second and fourth Sunday, beginning with Sept 11th, then the 25th.

Prayer Teams

Prayer Teams at Worship by Mary Chris & Steve Lindsay

The pastoral care team was created last year to provide additional spiritual support for the people of St. Asaph's. One of the first ways we thought we could help was to organize prayer teams to pray with people during Sunday worship. Perhaps you have seen the team work during the summer as we offered prayer under the tree during communion.

When we move inside we will return to our spot near the font. In your observation you may have wondered what

a prayer team does, who can participate and how does one come for prayer?

The first principle that we live by is that we are praying with people, not simply for them, and we never pray alone. We are people who are joining our prayers with those in need. We have prayed for many concerns: illness, courage to face an event, strength to clean the house, thanksgiving for a good diagnosis, and strength and wisdom in dealing with a family member or friend who is ill or suffering. No request is too trivial or too overwhelming. It is within the intersection of community and divine presence that a person may find healing.

The second principle is that we are to respect the dignity of everyone. This means that concerns are held in strictest confidence and with highest respect.

The third principle is that we are to make visible the love of God and the community through prayer and spiritual support. We see healing as the process of an individual discovering all that God has called them to be. The awareness of this healing may be immediate or become evident in living through the situation. This healing may take many different forms, such as: peace of mind, confidence, physical changes, attitude changes, courage, changes in relationships, etc. In all of this we rejoice in God's presence, God's love for us and the community in which we find ourselves.

Anyone at the service may request prayer. We have had old-time members, visitors, children, and clergy – almost any classification of person you can name. There will be a team of two available to pray with people during communion. Just make the team aware of your desire for prayer. Usually there is a brief conversation so that the team understands your request. Touch can be healing, so you will be asked if a team member may place their hand on your shoulder or hold your hand while they pray. Feel free to do or request what makes you comfortable. It is our intention that this experience be a time of comfort and peace – a means of spiritual support for our community.

Youth Formation

Mary Chawaga and Margaret Nelsen were confirmed at the Cathedral on Thursday June 2nd at 7pm. Congratulations to the confirmands.



Children's Formation



Julia Miller

Hello, Saint Asaph Family,

Happy Fall and Welcome Back Formation Kids! There's LOTS going on, so here it goes!

I have chosen a new curriculum called SPARK for the K-5th grade kids. In order to accommodate the large age and developmental range we have, I have divided the kids into two loose groups K-2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th. We will do some common things together, and then split into the smaller groups for activities. The Spark curriculum is very well written with Leaders Packets for each Sunday, and printed materials the kids will use. The adult facilitator will guide the kids through the day's Lectionary text and questions, and then be available to

help with the activities that go with it. am looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to facilitate one of the groups, so that each group gets individual attention as they work with the curriculum for the day. The time commitment is 9:00am-10:00am on Sunday morning. Our first day is September 11th, which will be an Open House to come see what we're up to.

On Sunday, September 18th during the coffee hour, we will have a Nursery Open House! This year, we have relocated the nursery space to the Fleming Room, and it is my hope that it will be a fun, comfortable space for our little ones. At the Open House, I would like to chat with the parents about how best the space might be used to meet everyone's needs. Please join me for coffee and bring the little ones to explore!

I am redecorating the classroom to make it a fun "hangout" space, and I am looking for donations of anything you might have that would make the room comfortable such as bean bags, fun lamps or rugs, etc. We are also looking for a small couch.

I also want to have a small collection of simple toys and board games that we can keep for the kids, so they will have fun, structured things to do if we finish lessons early.

I am also putting the Nursery (Birth-age 3) together and am looking for stuffed animals and soft toys (I would like to replace the ones we have because of flooding in the basement) learning toys, any other baby "stuff" (other than clothing) that you would like to donate. Please know that I am looking for donations, and all that is donated will be tax deductible.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the kids. I'm looking forward to a great new year!

Blessings,

**Behold what you are; become what you see.
(St. Augustine)**

Outreach

Notes from the Philabundance Garden





When Jesus said, "Feed the hungry," we took that to mean something like "Dig up the church lawn and grow vegetables for your neighbors." So that's what we have all been doing for the past four years and in addition to harvesting loads of produce, we have been learning a lot. Here are some things we --individually or collectively--didn't really know before.

Doing the weekly chore of watering can give one a peaceful time out from a busy schedule and a chance to reconnect with what is essential in life -- as well as an experience of quiet gratitude.

More people walk along Conshohocken Road than anyone suspected. So many of them stop to chat and we get all sorts of questions. The favorite so far has been "What exactly is this establishment?" Having a lot of people doing what they call "very little" makes a huge project successful. The primary workers get the help they need, feel supported; so, everyone can be appreciated and burn out is not an issue.

Cherry tomatoes taste the way real tomatoes used to taste and are even more delicious right off the vine as a snack as you go or hoe or harvest or water.

People love to know we are growing food for the hungry, love to remember their own family gardens, and frequently offer to help-- or express interest in having a community plot next year. They also offer tips. One gentleman, who had asked to pick some of our black walnuts, then picked some for me and told me his secret

for opening them. (Let them dry, rub off their aromatic brown skins and bake for 10 minutes at 350.)

No matter how good a job I do (picking beans--knowing I got every single one) someone else with a different vantage point can improve upon it (and gather an embarrassing quantity of beans I could swear weren't there).

Okra can grow two inches while your back is turned.

Gardening is contagious. After watching us for a year or so, Paul C. offered to help saying he knew nothing about how to grow things. He has been an incredibly eager learner and a constant presence in the garden, fixing hoses, trying out new plants in unusual spaces, and helping our other community gardeners and joining us for lots of Philabundance work. He is now exploring the Urban Farming movement in and around Philadelphia. and wants to help us make connections with that network. Stay tuned.

Growing Vegetables by Emma D. Teelucksingh

'Be the change you want to see in the world', were the words derived from Gandhi's teachings in 1913. It all started with an empty plot of land and a lot of hardworking volunteers. My Philabundance church garden was an experience I'll never cease to remember. It was a change (I hope) you would want to see in the world. Here is the story.

Every Saturday morning, I would wake up at 8 and stumble out to my dad's car. We drove all the way to Pearl City, an African American community that was built in 1915 for 'Blue collar African Americans'. In this tiny neighborhood was a community garden. My 'Roots and Shoots' group had a plot of land there in which we grew and gave. That is, when vegetables (lettuce, tomatoes, and green peppers) were ripe and ready, we donated them to the local food shelter called 'Boca Helping Hands'. And when they opened a new, much bigger facility, we were invited to tour it. It was beautiful, with new stainless steel equipment and granite counters. You could see them make fresh salad with the lettuce and 'Big Boy' tomatoes we grew. The people were so happy for our work and it's true that helping someone really makes you feel good. Plus, what could be better than fresh vegetables with lots of nutrition?

Then, when my family and I moved to Merion, Pennsylvania, we joined a church. Every summer, this church grew a vegetable garden for big food shelter/program for the homeless. It is called Philabundance. My dad and I tilled a plot and grew sweet potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, strawberries, and cucumbers. We were so excited, and we also started two gardens at home. One is a raised bed with hot chilies and tomatoes. The other has cucumbers, squash, and heirloom tomatoes! Two

months into the garden, our church helped “raise” 8,023 pounds of produce!

Philabundance has already beaten last year’s score and we still have one month of growing vegetables! We also met a lot of new people during this program. I think growing a garden is a really great way to meet new people, work as a group effort, and get exercise. Growing a vegetable may not seem that hard, but it definitely helps get your blood pumping. It could probably replace Weight Watchers® for all I know... after you keep growing every day for a year!

So, as they say, ‘it all pays off in the end’. All the hard work really made a difference. This small, church garden really was a big project and I hope all goes well next year, too! I guess if you mix soil, seeds, vegetable plants, spades, hard-workers, a whole lot of water, and soil-enriching coffee grinds, you just might get to take credit in helping get 8,023 pounds of vegetables for a local food shelter. Yes, if you ask me, I think it was a change I wanted to see in the world. And I was part of it.

Food Cupboard Donations

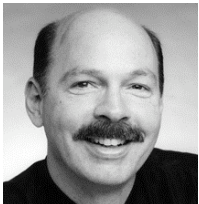
We continue to collect for both ElderNet and Northlight. Please be sensitive to the expiration dates on your donations.

School Supplies for St. James School

The St. Asaph cache of school supplies collected over the summer was delivered to the St. James School last week. These supplies were so necessary as they launch their first class. St. James School aims to provide children from this low-income community with the same quality education offered in the region's best private schools.

Music and Arts

Roy Harker, Director



**2011-2012 Season
The Gallery at St. Asaph’s**



Carol Wisker

September 23 through October 23, 2011

Paintings/Collage/Assemblage

Opening Reception: Fri., Sept. 30, 2010, 6:00-8:00pm

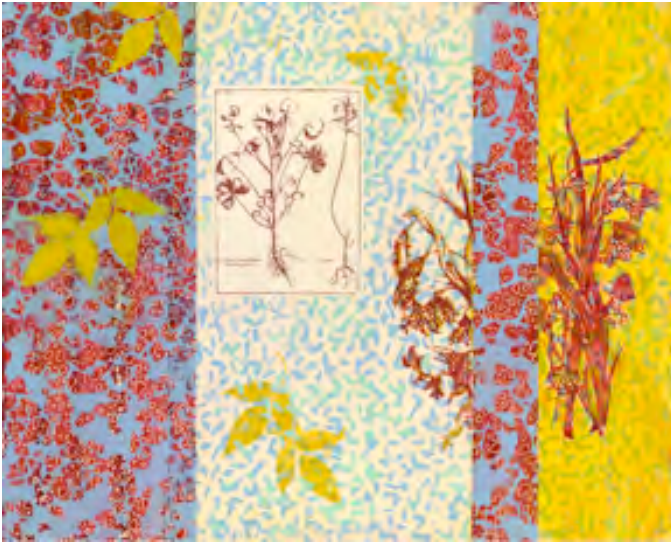


Al Wachlin

October 28 through November 27, 2011

Photography

Opening Reception: Fri., October 28, 2011, 6:00-8:00pm



Jean Burdick

December 2, 2011 through January 1, 2012

Media

Opening Reception: Fri., Dec., 2, 2010, 6:00-8:00pm



Patricia Siembora

January 6 through January 29, 2012

Textiles

Opening Reception: Friday, January 6, 6:00-8:00pm

Patricia Siembora has had an enjoyment with thread, yarn, cloth and creating throughout her life. She enjoys weaving, sewing, silk screening and dyeing fabric. Her love of color, memorable images and the natural world are included in her creations. Recently she has created functional quilts and wall hangings.

The recent works starts with photographic images digitally printed onto cloth. This fabric is cut apart and sewn back together incorporating stripes or outlines of color using found or manipulated fabrics.

Trish Siembora received her B.F.A. in Crafts and M.A. in Teaching Art from the University of the Arts where she taught experimental costume and fabric printing after graduating. For the last twelve years she has taught elementary art at The Agnes Irwin School.



Sibylle-Maria Pfaffenbichler

February 3 through February 26, 2012

Media?

Opening Reception: Fri., Feb. 3, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm

Jonathan Zellers Retrospective

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March 2 through March 25, 2012

Opening Reception: Friday, March 2, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm



Laura Barton

April 8 through May 20, 2012

Media

Opening Reception: Friday, April 13, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Asaph's Church is a progressive and inclusive Christian community. We offer the message of Christianity to those who sometimes find organized religion ineffectual, irrelevant or repressive. We see our faith as an agent of justice and peace. We are a community that embraces search, not certainty. We believe faith is a process not a destination.

Boston Kids Visit St. A's

On Tuesday, August 16th, St. Asaph's hosted 65 kids and 18 chaperones from the Summer Urban Program, sponsored by the **Phillips Brooks House Association**, a public service organization at Harvard University. The kids, mostly sixth and seventh grade students, were returning from a three day trip to Washington D.C. and slept on our parish house floor and in the basement. In the morning, the kids enjoyed breakfast outside on the circle and then were off for a day at Dorney Park. Most of the kids had never traveled out of Boston before so this was a big occasion for all of them. Their chaperones from Harvard were thrilled with our hospitality and sent us this picture.



Property

By Robert Powell

I suppose we *could* hold services every Sunday in a late-model, bare-bones StranSteel[®] warehouse sitting on an acre of asphalt. —But then *all* of our Saturdays would be taken up with blankly drinking in the high fructose mind syrup dispensed by the Hi-Def flat screen.

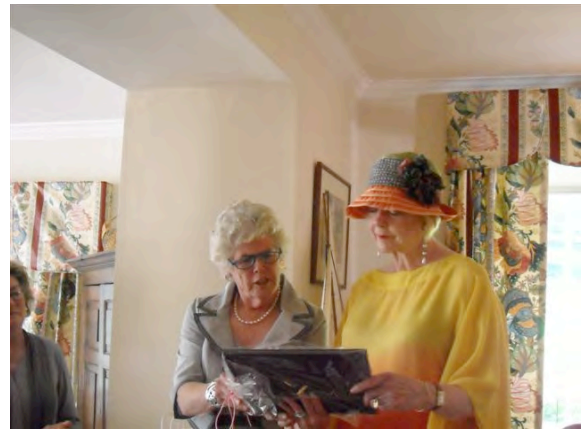
Fortunately, the facility spirits have seen fit to bestow upon us here at St. A's a character-replete edifice, which rests within a richly scenic plot of land, both of which demand a lot of attention. —Obviously the spirits intended for us to be engaged, at least on *some* of our Saturdays, in truly *worthwhile* activities: keeping the plot

of land scenic, helping our edifice to retain its character....

Equally fortunately, the first of the fall workdays is coming up next Saturday, September 10th. For you outdoorsy types, there'll be a list of scenic-plot-of-land chores. For you who shrink from the elements, Julia will be looking for additional hands to help in preparing the Formation and Nursery environments for Sunday the 11th. And other needs will no doubt present themselves between now and then.

So fling the remote and make your physical presence known. We'll be here from around 9:30 AM until, like, noon to one. Feel free to show up any time during that interval.

Congregation



On June 14th **Jane Carton** was awarded The Garden Club of America's Club Civic Improvement Commendation "*With profound gratitude for her energetic and inspired leadership that initiated 'Twilight in the Park' in Haverford's Sharpe Park and beautified it for Lower Merion residents.*"

In the photo is **Sallie Greenough**, the President of the Garden Workers, Zone 5, presenting the award



Lori Wernersbach and **Bruce Labaw** with their son **Kern Nicolas Labaw** born on July 7, 2011.



Mary Chris and Steve Lindsay renewed their wedding vows.



Say Hello to:

Christopher Woolson, Bob Mullen and their daughter Clare held by Christopher's aunt, Deb Woolson.

Christopher and Bob usually attend the 8am service, but I really got to meet them and listen to their story during one of our outside services this summer. Here is what Christopher had to say:

"Bob was raised Catholic while I was raised in the Episcopal Church however we both struggled a bit with religion before finding St. Asaph's. Of course the Catholic Church's views on same-sex couples and their scandals involving priests, it was a huge blow to Bob's faith. My own views wavered on the concept of a God in general though I consider myself more spiritual than religious.

We started the adoption process in May 2008 and it was nearly two years of potential matches and possible children. We had lots of time to talk about raising a child and Bob started to reach out to the local churches, wanting to raise our child in an environment that was accepting of two dads as well as providing the support and spiritual well-being needed for a young child. The first church Bob emailed was St. Asaph's and Reverend Barry's response was exactly what we needed ... two adopted children, mixed-race and same-sex couple. It

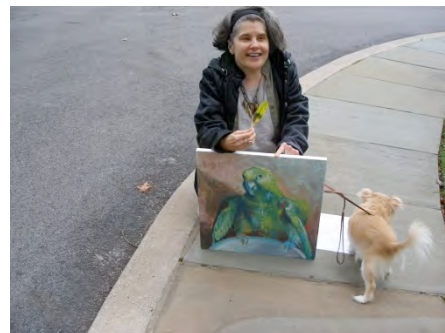
couldn't have been a more perfect fit. After Bob met with Reverend Barry, we knew St. Asaph's was the perfect fit.

"The call" about Clare came on June 1, 2010 and we picked up our newborn daughter June 3rd, forever changing our lives for the better. Of the 5 states our agency was licensed to work in, we were fortunate enough to adopt a child from Harrisburg - though the drive to pick her up seemed like an eternity. Just like everyone else, we knew nothing about taking care of a baby but we figured it out and had a wonderful support network for backup when needed. Our families and friends were incredibly supportive and we had a revolving door as they stopped by to meet our new daughter. We also made a commitment to stay home with Clare for the first year, taking turns throughout the week to ensure we were there for her daily needs, create the bond and quite honestly -- enjoy her. Thankfully my job as a computer programmer allowed me to work from home and the first 6 months were fairly easy to take care of her and work while she slept. Bob was able to cut his hours at Children's Hospital to three 10-hour days and was fortunate to spend 2 full days with Clare. Our year with Clare ended in June of this year and she started daycare, allowing her to socialize with other children as well as pick up every cold and bug known to man!

Life has changed a bit, though not completely. Our year is no longer marked with vacations but Clare's milestones... the first tooth... the first word... the first step. Life has a new meaning and we have a new view based on her. Looking back on what we thought were tough times, waiting for "the call", we truly believe Clare was the one meant for us and we were meant to be her parents. She fits so well with our personalities and life style, laid-back and go-with-the-flow ...we cannot imagine our life with anyone else but her.

She has already traveled to Key Largo and Iowa, with her first international trip planned for Ireland in October. I own a travel business (EnchantingIreland.com) which focuses on Ireland so Papa (me) needs to go and check things out each year and poor Clare has to go along for the trip :)."

Dr. Margaret Stineman



For those of you who may have missed it, on July 6th, in the Philadelphia Inquirer, there was an article about our member, Margaret Stineman. The story covers how Margaret dreamed of being a doctor and how she worked around her disabilities to become one. See below:

Margaret Stineman spent many of her formative years in the slow classes that were then the domain of children who were, as she delicately puts it, "not achieving."

Born with a severely deformed spine and shoulders, she endured 15 operations as a child on her eyes, internal organs, and misshapen bones. She spent much of her adolescence in a body cast, making her the object of ridicule. Problems with the muscles that control her eyes severely limited her vision. People around her did not think she was capable of much, and she agreed.

How that child - functionally illiterate when she left high school - became an artist and then a doctor and then a respected researcher and then a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine is a remarkable story of serendipity, determination, motherly devotion, and well-timed mentoring.

Then there's the emotional alchemy. A set of circumstances that would have made many people angry, bitter, or at least deeply insecure seems instead to have forged a woman who is, at 58, confident, profoundly thoughtful, joyful, and serene. Joel Streim, a longtime friend and research collaborator at the University of Pennsylvania, called her "one of the special people of the world." Just as Stineman focuses on her own strengths rather than weaknesses, he said, she sees other people's abilities and "has a real talent . . . to make them more creative and innovative."

Now a professor of both physical medicine and rehabilitation and epidemiology whose work has focused on measuring and compensating for disability, Stineman does not like talking about her physical problems. But she recently gave a rare speech to colleagues at Penn about how she had made it in academia, and now hopes her story will help fellow health workers see the potential in their patients.

Stineman's journey to the upper levels of medical research began with art. Bored in school, unable to see well, and plagued by medical problems, she turned inward and expressed her private world by painting and sculpting. In early adaptations for her handicaps, she used templates and mirrors to compensate for a lack of depth perception. Some of her teachers noticed her talent, and it got her into Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

Baptism at St. Asaph



Foster, Amanda, Emily and Bob Cronin (seated), and Baby Eleanor Elizabeth



PARISHIONER CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY!

On Thursday, July 21, three members of the congregation of St. Asaph's, together with Fr. Barry, paid a visit to **Ethel McCrary**, to celebrate her 100th birthday. Ethel attended St. Asaph's from approximately 2004 till 2007. When she was no longer able to walk from a car to her pew, and was unable to hear the service, she stopped attending, but has never forgotten her time with us. For the last 4 years, she has been in a nursing home, currently the Bala Nursing and Retirement Center on Ford Rd.

Pat Wood, Anna Roberts, Sally Pearne and Fr. Barry brought Ethel a cake, a balloon, and cards (you may remember Fr. Barry's email requesting that 100 cards be mailed to Ethel in honor of her momentous day). Ethel

had been counting years and then months to her 100th birthday. She was both surprised and very delighted, to be remembered by us. She later commented that of her 3 birthday parties (one given by Mayor Nutter to 100-yr-old residents in area nursing homes, one given by her daughter, and her St. Asaph's surprise birthday), that her St. Asaph's party was "the best."

Almost deaf, of limited vision, unable to walk, Ethel keeps up her spirits by being grateful that she has had a good life and the good fortune to see her 100th birthday. She appreciates receiving Communion from Fr. Barry, and likes to say the Lord's Prayer with Sally when they each visit her. Her attitude of graceful acceptance is an inspiration.

Dinners to Raise Money for St. Asaph's

St Asaph's will kick off a series of international dinners this fall starting with a Tunisian couscous. Meals are for up to 12 participants and will include a full three course meal and wine for \$35 per person. A UN Buffet will also be featured in the Parish Hall as part of the series at the cost of \$20 later in the series. Projected themes include Australian, Modern English, Scandinavian and Pakistani.

The intent of the International Dinner Series at St. Asaph's is to raise funds for the Church, promote cross-group networking and conviviality among the congregation, enjoy food from the world in keeping with St Asaph's pluralistic tradition and to introduce potential new members to our group.

As always, scholarships will be available so any may participate who desire. Contact the church office.

Check the Parish hall to sign up for the first two dinners and let us know if you would like to host a meal.

For more information, please contact **Zabeth Teelucksingh at 484 270 8746** or zabeth@gmail.com.

Poetry Corner By Virginia Powell

This poem came about when my sister and I were visiting the Denver Art Museum. They'd just opened up an enhanced Native American section. At the entrance we found a woman sculpting a huge (12' foot tall) "Storyteller Doll" out of clay. Traditionally among the Pueblo peoples, Storyteller Dolls (a few inches tall) embody life's connections. Surrounding this emerging woman of clay were smaller figures, representing children from all the different stages of life and parts of the world. I became so enthralled with Roxanne Swentzell's work that I just sat and watched her for a good half hour. So this reflects my impressions of that experience.

Storyteller

A story of an artist unfolds.
Displaying her soul, she speaks as she molds
with Earth's most humble medium...mud.

Absorbing her story, her granddaughter works.
Works alongside as the master sculpts the earth
with disciplined hands and deliberate moves.

The rough mud-and-straw beginnings,
patiently timed,
begin to be smoothed,
and unveil details,
details of intent.

Mountainous, with tumbling children reaching out.
Knowing Mother Earth will embrace, with much grace,
generations beyond as she whispers life's connections
and sustains serenity through her strength.

New Yoga Class at St. Asaph's

Georgette DuBois, will offer gentle yoga lessons this fall in our new conference room on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 27, 2011 and running for eight weeks—until Nov. 15, 2011. She will give an introductory lesson at noon on Sunday, September 25. Call the church office for more information 610-664-0966.

Book Review

On Monday, September 12, the book club will continue their discussion of *Islam: A Short Guide to the Faith* which they began on **June 13**. Our discussion leader will be **Roger Allen** who edited this book of essays with **Shawkat Toorawa**.

Loaves and Fishes

Island Fling Saturday, June 11, 2011



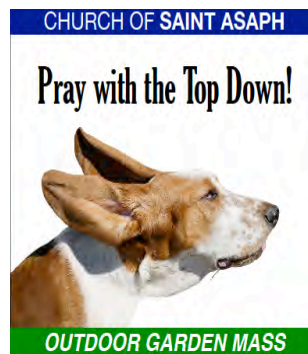


**By Karen Love
The Celebration of
the Life of Kurt
Chiappardi was**

held on Saturday evening, August 13th. Bala House, under the excellent direction of Diane Force, did an exceptional job coordinating this lovely and most meaningful tribute. Kurt's band played many of his original compositions, which we all enjoyed hearing again. We were all reminded of Kurt's kindness and thoughtfulness while listening to the memory stories. Jeanne Adams related the many contributions Kurt made to St. Asaph, and to her and Edgar in particular. The evening was a beautiful celebration.



My thanks to Joan Roberts, Gwen Hauser and Cole Egert, Carol Linfoot, Allene Murphey, Joanne Behm, Stevie Graves and Teresa Wallace for their donations of food. The gorgeous flower arrangement by Jane Carton and Connie Stelzenmuller, were especially appreciated by Bala House and Kurt's family. Thank you all.



Say goodbye to our mascot who heralded our outdoor services. The last one was on Sunday, September 4 which was followed by a wonderful pulled pork brunch hosted by Barry and Mark at the rectory. **We will resume our regular Sunday services at 8 & 10 am on Sunday, September 11.**

PRAYERS

Those for whom our prayers have been asked: We pray for Jamie Dent, Bill and Betty Duffey, The Achuff Family, Alice Longdin, Emerald Randolph, Kayte Reeves, Eugene Svinchek, Bessie Smith, Theresa Townley, Doretta Walker, and Robbie Walters.

Those who have recently died in the parish:
Peter Stelzenmuller, Jonathan Zellars, Bennie Donaldson, Kurt Chiappardi, Joan Schroeter, Bess Manton.

St. Asaph's Church is a house of prayer for all people and a community that works to be progressive in belief and inclusive in practice.

Sunday Schedule

- 8 am, Contemplative Communion
- 9 am, Spiritual Formation for all ages
- 10 am, Parish Eucharist
- 5 pm, Emerging worship (2nd and 4th Sundays)

Holy Days as announced

Summer Schedule

9:15 am

Parish Staff

Roy Harker, Director of Music & Arts
Steve Sheeran, Youth Formation
Julia Miller, Children's Formation
Lynda Staton, Parish Administrator

Pastoral Care Team: Rev'd Barry Harte, MaryChris Lindsay,

Parish Vestry

Teresa Wallace, Accounting Warden
Chris Dennis, Rector's Warden
Mary Allen, Laura Brennan, Sandra Haye-Carr, Mary Chris Lindsay, Bob Powell, Smith Ragsdale, John Silbaugh, Linda Sterthous, Kristen Stewart, Lori Wernersbach

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