

THE LIGHTHOUSE

January 2010

Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Seek, love, and serve God

A Different View of Stewardship

By Sharon Bloodgood

Many new year resolutions center around a theme of self-improvement, especially things relating to our physical-self -- lose weight, eat more nutritious food, stop smoking, exercise more, get more sleep, reduce stress, etc All are important ways to improve our health and well-being....and ways to deepen our understanding of stewardship.

Taking proper care of ourselves is being a good steward of this wondrous and beautiful gift from God. Experts tell us that even small changes can greatly improve our health. They also say that making such life-style changes are often the hardest things for us to do. But doing our best to take care of ourselves (whatever form that may take for each of us) is a way of giving back to God. For it is through our eyes, our ears, our voices, our hands, feet and hearts that we are able to reach out to others and do the work that Jesus calls us to do.

Self-care resources:

www.sparkpeople.com - an excellent resource for general health information including healthy recipes and motivational ideas.

Mall walking – Most Madison malls are open early for walkers. These can be good places to walk when winter weather makes for slippery sidewalks or when hot, humid summer days make outside walking uncomfortable. There are no traffic worries and you can choose your own distance and pace.

If you would like to try mall walking, join Sharon Bloodgood for a walk at Hilldale Mall on Saturday January 23rd at 8 a.m. Meet at the Customer Service desk south of Macy's by 7:55. We will start walking at 8:00. There is information at Customer Service that describes walking routes and distances. A stop for coffee and conversation can be included if desired. Questions? Contact Sharon at 608-848-3146 or sbloodgood@charter.net.

Interim Task Force Update:

Your task force is meeting regularly to form goal statements from events, meeting and resources. These include such things as: the formation programs outreach discussions; the vestry meetings, workdays & mutual ministry review; St. Dunstan's History Day; St. Dunstan's Norms Day; past Parochial reports; and data from Percept on the Middleton area population. The goals will then be organized and distributed to the congregation in preparation for the next congregational meeting on March 14th - **Goal Selection Celebration.**

Middleton Outreach Ministry News

From Laura

Bloomenkranz

Please remember the MOM Food Pantry this month as you shop. Throughout the month of January, the youth of our congregation are encouraged to donate:

Meals in a Can

(beef stew, chili, hearty soups, etc.)

Donations can be brought to St. Dunstan's, and will be delivered to the pantry by volunteers.

Thank you!

Interim Executive Director at MOM

For those of you who have not heard the news, Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) is under the interim leadership of Bob Mohelnitzky, past president/CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. Dave Miller, recent Executive Director of MOM, and the Board of Directors had a mutual parting of the ways this past fall. As I hear of any new developments, I will pass the information along to you.

Thank You for Your Support of MOM

A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated much time, money, and in-kind support to MOM and its clients this past holiday season. I wish everyone could see the smiles and hugs, and feel the sense of relief that abound at MOM and throughout the community because of all the giving for the sake of others.

Building our Common Life

"We, the Interim Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, have unanimously and enthusiastically committed ourselves to stepping up our pledges for 2010, not simply to meet a budget, but to help us to go to new levels in our ministry and mission. We give thanks for those in the congregation who have made pledges. We invite those who have not made pledges to join us in making a pledge to build up the ministry and mission of this congregation." (Pledge cards are available in the info rack.)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

If you are interested in editing the Lighthouse please contact Father Bob at rector@stdunstans.com. If you have questions about what the job entails contact Fr. Bob or Evy Gildrie-Voyles at gildrievoyles@sbcglobal.net or 238-3902.

"Thank you" for Buying Fruit!

Your support of Tina Bloomenkranz in her Middleton H.S. Band & Orchestra fruit sales is much appreciated. Money raised by students will be used for uniform and instrument repair, guest artists, summer music clinic scholarships, and trips.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Starting January 4th, the Parish Office Hours will be **Monday – Friday, 10-2**. The Parish Administrator, Beth Wroblewski will be returning to working 30 hours a week. Fr. Lambert plans to be in the office Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The Glories of Christmas

Each service had visiting family members, visitors from other Episcopal congregations, and visitors from the surrounding communities. Each service had its own tone and glories as we celebrated the God who is with us.

3pm Christmas Eve: The pageant with new script went very well. The Children wonderful as they acted out the Christmas Story, Kate planned well and “herded” the sheep and other pageant characters, the youth read well, and the congregation enjoyed singing more Christmas Carols. 92 people took advantage of this service.

10pm Christmas Eve: The choir and instrumentalists added delightful music to this festal Eucharist. 52 people took advantage of this service.

10am Christmas Day: This worshipful service delighted in hearing the Gospel of John rather than a birth narrative. The singing of hymns added to the celebration. This service provided a prayerful time of preparation for many to serve at the community meal at St. Benedict’s. 29 people took advantage of this service.

St. Dunstan’s is seeking people to serve the congregation as a Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Vestryperson and Deputy to Diocesan Convention. If you feel called to any of these ministries, or if you would like to suggest someone, please contact one of the people: Valerie McAuliffe (valmca@hughes.net), Celia Fine (cafine@charter.net), Shirley Laedlein (sslaedlein@charter.net) or Jordan Smith (jordansmith11@gmail.com).

Vestry Highlights

- The Interim Rector reported that Martin Ganschow has been hired to serve as Music Ministries Leader beginning January 1, 2010.
- Nominations are open for vestry, junior warden, senior warden, and Diocesan convention deputies.
- St. Dunstan’s is seeking bids for a properly vented roof. Cost is expected to be in the range of \$75-\$80,000.
- The sidewalk to be installed on Middleton Rd. will not be on St. Dunstan’s property.
- Due to increased giving and use of some bequest funds, the 2009 deficit is now estimated to be about -\$6,000.
- The vestry has set a goal of developing a balanced budget for 2010.
- Resources for balancing the budget include increased pledge income, use of reserves, and decreased costs by voluntary contribution of talents & ability and continued staffing reductions.
- The vestry proposes changing St. Dunstan’s bylaws to reduce the size of the vestry to six members, one junior warden and one senior warden.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM on January 31st.

Hymn of the Month: Hymnal 1982 #297

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame,
Brand us this day with Jesus' Name!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt;
Sign us as Christ's, within, without.

Average Sunday Attendance for 2009

Month	7:30	10	Combined
January	17.5	65	82.5
February	20.5	65	85.5
March	23.8	62	85.8
April	26.75	73	99.75 (Easter)
May	21.4	62.4	83.8
June	18.5	59.5	78
July	19.75	58	77.75
August	19.8	62	81.8
September	18.25	60.25	78.5
October	16.75	69	85.75
November	20.8	61	81.8
December	19.5	57.75	77.25

Spiritual Growth

Jesus Calms the Storm

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." (Luke 8.22-25)

Personal Reflection:

What is the worse storm you remember?

Comparing your life to a storm, how would you describe it right now: Sunny? A good sailing wind? Partly Cloudy? Stormy? Raging? Clearing up? Calm?

What do you wish Jesus would do for you?

Congregational Reflection:

What is the worst storm you remember St. Dunstan's going through?

Comparing life at St. Dunstan's to a storm, how would you describe it right now: Sunny? A good sailing wind? Partly Cloudy? Stormy? Raging? Clearing up? Calm?

What do you wish Jesus would do for St. Dunstan's?

What is Epiphany? It is the liturgical season of the showing forth or revealing of who Jesus is!

Jesus is the one who the Magi give homage to with gifts.

Jesus is the one Baptized by John, and who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the one who turned water into wine.

Jesus is the one who is full of God's Spirit and rejected by others.

Jesus is the one who calls disciples to follow in his way of life.

Jesus is the one who heals from disease and delivers from evil.

Jesus is the one who teaches love for one's enemies

and to give mercy as God is merciful.

Events for your calendar

January 6th - The Feast of Epiphany

St. Dunstan's is celebrating this feast day with the

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 7 PM in the Chapel Meeting Room

Epiphany Lunch - not on Epiphany

Again this year the Epiphany Lunch will be held on the Saturday closest to Epiphany. We will go to Oliva, a small restaurant that is moving to bigger quarters and has been enjoyed by many of our parish. The lunch will be on Saturday, January 9 at 11:30. Oliva is located at the corner of High Point and Old Sauk Rd. See the sign-up sheet and menu on the bulletin board. This event is arranged by the St. Dunstan's ECW but is open to all men and women of the parish. Questions: Connie Ott, 798-3688 - ECW convenor

Via Media series: Grace Episcopal Church will be hosting the eight-part Via Media series in 2010. Each evening will start at 7pm with a short video of Episcopalians discussing (and sometimes disagreeing on) different religious topics. The participants' discussion is the majority of the evening. Each person is given a chance to react to what he has heard and explore what he believes. The evening will end with a short worship service (Compline). The stand-alone topics include: God and Creation: The Abundance of God's Goodness, God in Jesus: An Incarnational Faith, The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God, and Thy Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope. Come for one evening, come for more. Dates: Wednesdays 7-8:20pm. January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5. For more information, see Via Media's website (www.everyvoice.net) or contact Darby Puglielli at Grace Church (togracechurchformation@gmail.com).

Formation Ministries:

Leadership: Kate Clark has resigned as Formation Ministries Leader at the end of January. Fr. Lambert will be working with people on the Formation Ministries Committee and others in the congregation to work on helping these ministries thrive at St. Dunstan's. A special meeting for this purpose will be on January 23rd from 1-3 pm.

My Faith, My Life: Basic Christian Formation will begin on January 3rd starting at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings and be lead by Fr. Bob Lambert. To help this program be exciting it will take people participating at all levels of knowledge and experience in the Christian way of living. Participation in this seven session program will be expected of those who wish to be received or confirmed. Those being confirmed need people to be their "sponsors" in learning and living the Episcopal Way of Christianity. If you want to know what being a "sponsor" might mean, then come explore with us. Readings from the book, My Faith, My Life will form the basis of the discussions.

Lenten Programs: Plans are being made for a Lenten Retreat, Thursday evening worship, potluck, and book discussion; and Sunday morning discussions of active struggles in the church on issues concerning the sacraments. More information will be coming.

Community of Hope: Formation for ministry with others will begin in February at St. Dunstan's using the Community of Hope International curriculum. Participants will be limited to 12 people and is sponsored by the 5 Madison Area Episcopal Congregations. This group will fill quickly. It will likely be held on Thursday Evenings. If you are interested, send your Name, phone and e-mail address to the office@stdunstans.com. Applications and more information will be available soon.

Music Ministries

New Music Ministries Leader!

Hi, I'm Martin Ganschow, and it is my privilege to be offered the opportunity to serve our Lord at St. Dunstan's as your Director of Music Ministries. I will officially start with you on January 3, 2010, and I'm excited to begin working with you to support and expand the ministry of music here in western Madison.

I have over 30 years of experience working as an organist and/or choir director in parishes both large and small. As a Lutheran of long-standing, I am familiar with liturgical worship, and value the beauty and structure of worship in a liturgical framework.

For me, the song of the people is what music in worship is all about. The time spent in prayer and adoration is not performance, per se, but it is about experiencing God in our midst. Hymns and the music of the liturgy help us experience God in unique ways, and it will be my goal to under gird your song through what I do as the chief musician.

Our choir will begin in earnest on January 13th, with a carry-in potluck dinner and some time for singing. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be in choir. My main requirement is that you can carry a tune – music reading isn't necessary. A willingness to learn and grow are greater talents than how your voice sounds. So, I hope to see you on the 13th.

Blessings, Martin

CHOIR

St. Dunstan's choir has been faithful in their ministry and provided St. Dunstan's with musical leadership in regular worship and in the service of Lessons and Music. The assistance of Connie Ott and Shirley Laedlein has been invaluable in this time between leaders of St. Dunstan's music ministries. Thanks to each and every one of you from St. Dunstan's.

Regular Choir rehearsals in January will be on Wednesday Evenings at 7pm starting on the 13th. Future meeting days and times will be decided by the Choir and the Music Ministries Leader.

Commissioning of Music Ministries:

On January 10th, the 10am worship service will include a commissioning of all people involved in Music Ministries including: Instrumentalists, the Choir, and the Music Ministries Leader.

**You are invited to the
Annual Meeting of the Parish of
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**

**Sunday, January 31st, 2010
8:30 AM**

Reports for the annual meeting should be submitted to the office by January 11, 2010.

Proposal to reduce vestry size

At the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2009, members of St. Dunstan's will vote on whether to amend St. Dunstan's bylaws to reduce the size of the vestry to six members, the junior warden and the senior warden. The vestry believes that this is good stewardship of leadership skills in a parish the size of St. Dunstan's. Reducing the size of the vestry will make leaders available for other ministries. If this amendment passes the vestry will be reduced gradually by electing two members each year. Those currently on the vestry will serve the remainder of their terms. Proposed bylaw changes are attached, with items to be removed from the bylaws stricken out and items to be added underlined. The bylaws may be amended at a parish meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that previous notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members of the parish at least four weeks in advance. This notice has been distributed to parish members and is posted at St. Dunstan's more than four weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

Financial Snapshot	2009 Annual Budget	Current 2009 Projections*	2008 Annual Actual
Total Income	\$260,013	\$287,443	\$285,963
Total Expenses	\$300,168	\$293,399	\$297,355
Income-Expenses	(\$40,155)	(\$5,956)	(\$11,392)

*Best estimates based on actual financial information through November 30, 2009

BIRTHDAYS in January

7	Simon Gildrie-Voyles	22	Sharon Trimborn
10	Dan Geisler	22	Rena Schroeder
11	Aralee Derflinger	23	Anne Vitale
15	Greg Kabachinski	23	Eric Buhlmann
16	Natalia Sharpe	26	Dianne McCoy
16	Tyren Chappell	26	Skye Winspur
18	Madeline Chappell	28	Christopher Lutz
19	Betty Enters	29	Bernice Mason
19	Michael Kellner	31	Barbara Roe
20	Kay West		
20	Sue Lloyd		

If you have a January birthday and it does not appear on this list, please let the office know when your birthday is.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY

Ministry	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Acolytes 7:30	Glenn Will	Michael Berliner	Conor Murphy	Michael Berliner	Julie Schlatter
Acolytes 10:00	Tina Bloomenkranz Rachel Hilgers	Aralee Derflinger Noah Dregne Isioma Enwemnwana	Michael Sharpe Tina Bloomenkranz	Aralee Derflinger Rachel Hilgers Noah Dregne	Michael Sharpe Tina Bloomenkranz Isioma Enwemnwana
Altar Guild	Shirley Laedlein	Ginny DeGolier	Susan Trudell Gretchen Caballero	Gay Strandemo Betty Enters	Joann Lutz Helen Lackore
Chalice Bearer	Madu Enwemnwana	Sue Hindle	Kim McBride	Susan Fiore	Ginny DeGolier
Coffee Hosts	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lectors 7:30	Barbara Karst	Gail Jordan	Joanne Reis	Lou Maher	Linda Harrison
Lectors 10:00	Avril Hanson Pat McBride	Janet Bybee Connie Ott	Barbara Roe Richard Roe	Claudia Miran Celia Fine	Janet Bybee Betty Enters
MC 7:30	Tracy Will	Mike Miller	Patti Brennan	Sharon Bloodgood	Joanne Reis
MC 10:00	Judi Janowski	Peter Hewson	Sue Hindle	Pat McBride	Jim Hawk
Tellers	Mary Ann Fraley Claudia Miran	Helen Lackore Bernice Mason	Sally Keleny Barb Roe	Mark Rooney George Ott	TBD
Ushers 7:30	Will/Strandemo	TBD	Brennan/Murphy	Will/Strandemo	TBD
Ushers 10:00	Ott Family	Jim & Sue Hindle	Enters Family	McBride Family	Morton/Rooney Family

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and let the office know by Wednesday noon.

January 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office Hours 10 am-2 pm, Monday-Friday Every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) Holy Eucharist: 7:30 & 10 am Religious Ed: 9:00 am Nursery Care available 9:50-11:15 am					1	2 11 am Knudson family visitation Noon R. Knudson Memorial Service Light luncheon follows
3 MOM Food Pantry Special Offering	4	5 5:30 pm AA-UL,CL 7pm AA-UL,CL	6 EPIPHANY 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10 am Book Group-GA 7pm Holy Eucharist	7	8 Noon-Interim Task Force-PO	9 11:30am Epiphany Luncheon at Oliva 6pm Integrity/Dignity-UL
10 11:15 am Outreach Meeting-CMR	11 Deadline for Annual Report 6:30pm Education for Ministry-CL	12 5:30 pm AA-UL,CL 7pm AA-UL,CL	13 9:30am Book Group 11:30 am Executive Committee 6pm Choir Potluck-GA 7pm Julian Gathering-CMR 7pm Choir Practice	14	15	16
17	18 6:30pm Education for Ministry-CL	19 5:30 pm AA-UL,CL 7pm AA-UL,CL	20 Lighthouse Deadline[‡] 9:30am Book Group-GA 5:30 pm Parish Life-GA 6:30pm Vestry-CL 7pm Choir Practice	21	22	23 9 am Interim Task Force-PO 1pm Formation Committee-GA 6pm Integrity/Dignity-UL
24 7pm Grace Shelter Dinner	25 5am Grace Shelter Breakfast 6:30pm Education for Ministry-CL	26 5:30 pm AA-UL,CL 7pm AA-UL,CL	27 9:30am Book Group-GA 7pm Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 8:30am-Annual Meeting-Nave						

Calendar Notes

Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place at St. Dunstan's Location codes: CL=Classroom; CMR=Chapel Meeting Room; GA=Gathering Area; K=Kitchen; LIB=Library; NUR=Nursery; PO=Parish Office;

RO=Rector's Office; SO=Staff Office; UL=Upper Level; YR=Youth Room

[‡] Lighthouse articles should be sent to the office at office@stdunstans.com by the 20th of the month.

Deadline for Sunday bulletins is Wednesday Noon

Vestry Agenda deadline is second Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am.

For updated calendar information, visit www.stdunstans.com