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A new angel in heaven

Submitted by Carolyn Jacobs

I'm not sure whether heaven is aware of a new angel that has just arrived. If she hasn't made her presence known yet, she surely will very soon. As hard as it is for us all to lose Barb Post, the one sure thing that we can trust is that Barb will delight in where she is. Never have I known anyone more positive of where she wanted to go and where she would be at some point in time but with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That is probably why she is such a loss to all of us. We looked to her for guidance in spiritual matters, as she always was such an inspiration on trusting completely in God's presence and the sure knowledge of God and his kingdom.

How can we pick up the pieces at St. David's? Barb was everywhere with her ministry. She spent countless hours at St. David's in bible study, MOPS, The Order of

St. Luke, Senior World, Faith Alive, etc. Everyone knew of her faith as she lived it every day. John and Barb made countless rounds to hospitals and nursing homes visiting shut-ins on a daily basis. As for myself and Francis, when we needed to pray with someone, or just plain advice, we called John and Barb. I feel her absence greatly and it will take a long time to ease the pain. May we all learn from Barb's unquestioning ministry to God and what he called her to do? The light is a little brighter in heaven today with Barb's presence. She has found a new garden to plant her roses in and to minister to heaven's multitude. May we all be thankful for her having touched our lives in the loving way that she did.

In God's Love,
Carolyn Jacobs

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Submitted by Debbie Cornell



Valentine's Brunch was another great success! We thank you all for helping to make this event a success. The Senior High Youth group is donating \$100 to the Humane Society and \$100 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ms. Abbott, Ms. Turner and Mrs. Stephens's classes had their first movie and pizza night on Friday, February 17th. Everyone had a great time, playing basketball, ping pong and air hockey, eating pizza and enjoyed the movie *Aristocats*. An event is planned for March with the date forthcoming.

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Senior Youth Rally (grades 9-12) will be held at Grace Church, Holland, March 10 and 11, 2006. Scholarships are available, contact or see Debbie Cornell or Father David. Registration deadline is March 3rd.

The Junior Youth Rally (grades 5-8) will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit in Belmont, March 24 and 25, 2006. Scholarships are available, contact or see Debbie Cornell or Fr. David. Registration deadline is March 3rd.

*Please note the
deadline for the
April 2006 news-
letter will be
March 19th, 2006.*

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Verger—Part III

Submitted by Francis Jacobs



During the past couple of months we have learned what a Verger is, what a Verger does, and where a Verger can be found. A Verger is a committed lay minister within the Church who assists the clergy in the conduct of public worship. One of their special ministries is the marshalling of processions. Vergers were found in cathedrals or large parishes. Today they are now found in small parishes.

During the past 11 months I have been developing the ministry of a verger at St. David's. Learning to be a verger is not an easy task. Everyday prayer and the study of the scriptures are just the beginning. The four-year E.F.M. course (Education for Ministries offered at Sewanee School of Theology) would be helpful, but not required. It is necessary to become familiar with the "Book of Common Prayer" (BCP),

the "Book of Occasional Services" (BOS), and become knowledgeable in "Ceremonial Rites" in the Episcopal Church. All of these are major requirements.

The Verger's Training Course, offered by the Verger Guild (but not required), is a helpful tool in becoming a Verger. This course requires you to study the books mentioned above. The course teaches the history of being a verger, and details the Verger vestments and the verge. It also explains what a parish "beadle pole" is. There is another section in the course that is entitled "Getting to Know Your Parish."

During a Verger's education and training, the rector of the parish serves as the Verger's mentor. The Verger's training course is very intense and takes about 9 - 15 months to complete. After all of the education and training, a Verger still continues to learn ways he/she can be helpful to the rector and the parish. In time, a Verger will become a part of a parish "tradition."

A real life verger experience as told by a St. David's parishioner

Submitted by David Byers

When Father David and I visited England and Wales, one of the positions of the church that we became acquainted with, was the Verger. We had encountered this position in the form of a young woman leading the procession for Choral Evensong, at Canterbury Cathedral, and another as the Sexton at a church inside the grounds of Dover Castle.

Both of these persons dramatized what the role of the Verger is; "their duties can be purely ceremonial or in-

clude other responsibilities, such as parish administration, leadership of the worship committee or sexton". Both were committed "lay minister(s) within the Church who assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship."

The position of Verger continues that relationship of Lay assistance to the Clergy in conduct of the worship service. It is a wonderful responsibility within the Episcopal/Anglican Community.

Birthdays:

- 1st—Bob Muncie
- 1st—Victoria Holbert
- 5th—Jay Bastian
- 5th—Barb VanDyke
- 7th—Dawn Zawadzinski
- 7th—Kailyn Kressler
- 7th—Hunter Jones
- 7th—Pat Meier
- 9th—Ruby Klanecky
- 11th—Jane Stephens
- 12th—Carol Abbott
- 12th—Susan Lipka

- 15th—Daniel Ostrom
- 16th—Don Volk
- 18th—Russell Vine
- 19th—Trevor Spitzley
- 19th—Jennifer Zawadzinski
- 20th—Glennis Muncie
- 23rd—Karen Oleson
- 25th—Larry Ewing
- 25th—Ed Meier
- 27th—Seth Jones
- 29th—Sarah Harris
- 30th—Nicole Spitzley
- 30th—Cash Holbert

Anniversaries:

- 6th—Ed & Marylou Vandermoore
- 16th—Bil & Kay Paff
- 18th—Harry & Judith Grant
- 20th—John & Nan Strickler
- 23rd—Bob & Glennis Muncie
- 25th—Dick & Lorayne Otto





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Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (during Lent)
Friday: 9:00 a.m.

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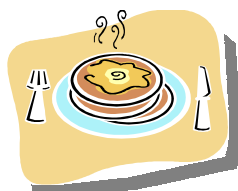
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Pancake Supper Update



With the smell of pancakes, syrup, and sausage still on my breath and on my clothes, I wish to thank each of you that donated and attended St. David's annual Pancake Supper. You made it successful and I hope each of you plan to attend next year. Thanks so much for all the volunteers and the hard work you gave to make this once again, a wonderful prelude to Lent.

Blessings to all. - Jim Thurston

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Need to learn to speak in public?

Submitted by Gretchen Smith

Cat got your tongue? Would you rather die than give a speech or report? Toastmasters can help you transform fear into fearlessness. A number of Toastmaster clubs meet around the Lansing region, from morning, noon to evening.

The Yawn Patrol Toastmasters meets at 7:00 a.m. alternate Tuesdays at the Parthenon Restaurant, located at 227 South Washington. Breakfast included.

If you'd like more information about Toastmasters, call Gretchen Smith at 374-4588 or e-mail at gretchen.smith@irmc.org

Also, our group has a speakers' bureau. If you belong to a civic organization that's looking for a witty, but informative presentation about communications, contact me at the above phone number of ad-



Wednesday evening Lenten services

Taken from the Sunday bulletin

On March 8th, St. David's will begin our Lenten Potluck and Teaching Series. Eucharist will begin at 6:00 p.m. (please note the earlier time) and following service, parishioners will go to the Great Hall for a soup and bread potluck.

Following dinner parishioners will have a program titled Groundwork: Digging Deep for Change and Growth.

Sign up sheets for the potluck are on the narthex table.

For more information, please see Father David or the church staff.

Thank you.

