

## St. John's Episcopal Church

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### THE VESTRY

*Term Expires January 2009:*

Randy Beck, Senior Warden

Darlee Jackson, Clerk

Connie Raymer

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*Term Expires January 2010:*

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*Term Expires January 2011:*

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# Rector's Reflections



"O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Malcom, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord."

- Collect for the Burial of an Adult  
(BCP, p. 470)


The entire St. John's parish community was saddened to learn of the death of former rector, the Rev. Canon A. Malcom MacMillan. "Fr Mac" as he was affectionately known died of heart failure on September 9, 2008 in Westminister Village, Allentown, PA.

Fr Mac, his wife Sally, and their three children, Alex, David, and Elizabeth arrived at St. John's in 1956. For the next seventeen years he served as rector of St. John's Church. During his tenure here he was particularly ecumenically minded helping to form the Christian Associates of the Shenango Valley and a community food pantry that evolved into the Community Food Warehouse. Here at St. John's, he oversaw the installation of a new Shontz organ and the thirty-five bell carillon given by parishioner George Henderson. Fr Mac also served as "dean" of the Diocesan Southwest Deanery and was very active serving on numerous Diocesan committees and commissions.

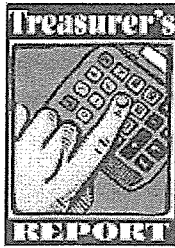
Katie and I first met Fr Mac and Sally in 1993 when I was serving a week-long stint as Episcopal chaplain at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York. The MacMillans had "retired" to their home at the Institute and we visited them often over the next few years having much in common with our mutual St. John's, Sharon affiliation. Katie and I attended Sally's funeral service at the Episcopal Church in Mayville, N.Y. and the casting of her ashes at the Chautauqua homesite. It was during one of those visits that Fr Mac shared with me that of all his many ministry assignments, his seventeen years at St. John's, Sharon was his most memorable.

In any but medical terms, the cause of his death, "heart failure", was the farthest from the truth...For the one thing in his life of service to God, the Church, and his family...was that his heart never failed.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

  
Douglas K. Dayton  
Rector

## TREASURER'S REPORT



A new church school year has started and we welcome everyone back from the summer. Come and see your friends and hear Fr Doug's great message.

Our pledge income through August 2008 is up \$7500 from last year. The budgeted expenses are generally inline. \$31,700 has been transferred from "special funds" as expected.

The Budget/Finance Committee has prepared a preliminary budget for 2009. We are attempting to anticipate the expected expense of an interim rector from August-December next year due to Fr Doug's announced retirement at that time.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's and it's many ministries.

Sincerely yours,  
Jim Allen  
Treasurer



Many adult volunteers are needed after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to help carry items for the rummage sale to Allen Hall. The more hands the better along with some strong men.

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Fr Dayton submitted his letter of resignation as Rector of St. John's Church, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. All of us on Vestry knew this was coming but it was still hard to deal with.
- 2) Plans were discussed for several upcoming events including the Beef Brisket dinner (9/21), Stewardship Campaign (October/November), ECW rummage sale, (10/13-14), Fall Fest (10/26), ECW Soup Sale (11/15), ECW Three C's (12/6) and ECW Christmas Tureen (12/15).
- 3) Vestry discussed a variety of programs to "showcase" our carillon. Maintenance on the carillon continues to be a budget problem.
- 4) Senior Warden Randy Beck announced the revised ECS board which will prepare for a smooth transition as Marilyn Gozik retires as ECS Food Pantry director on December 31, 2008.
- 5) Details for the sale of Columbarium niches will be announced in the near future. Cost of each niche will be \$550 if purchased before the end of this year. Starting January 1, '09, each niche will cost \$600.
- 6) Paula Ference announced that the Christian Education staff is excited about their new curriculum which features Covenant New sheets, use of a time line, Old Testament stories, and Books of the Bible.
- 7) Fr Dayton reviewed the recent visit of Archdeacon Winslow and spoke of how St. John's hopes to not only provide food for our ECS clients but also spiritual hope and help.

Darlee Jackson  
Clerk