

VISION

NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINTS ANDREW AND MATTHEW

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2005

Take Time for a Time Out

by Rev. Peter Huiner

A few years ago, I attended a church in Washington, D.C. in late November. I was struck by a sign posted in the narthex. It was printed on card stock, and there were copies available for people (like me) to take home. The sign said, "Hush! Quiet! It's Advent!"

It is not yet Advent, of course. In fact, at the time I am writing this we have not even celebrated All Saints Sunday. Yet, I suggest it is not too early to take that sign down from the attic.

We church folks like to insist that Christmas celebrations not begin before December 24. Advent is supposed to be that month-long season of preparation. In practical terms, however, all that actually means is that we refrain from singing Christmas carols or moving the poinsettias into the sanctuary before Christmas Eve. But December is hardly a time for quiet. In our lives outside the church, we are frantically busy celebrating Christmas even before Thanksgiving. There are gifts to shop for and trees to put up and menus to plan. There are Christmas parties and Christmas concerts.

Hush? Quiet? Get real! "'Tis the season to be jolly."

Unfortunately, in all that wassailing, we are in danger of losing a wonderful treasure: the Advent season. Over the centuries, the four weeks preceding the celebration of God's Coming in the birth of Christ had a far greater purpose than to get people ready for Christmas. They were intended to be a time when people took time out from their busy schedules to reflect on all the ways in which we experience God's Comings (Advents) to us. It was a season centered on the theme of Christian hope.

If there was ever a time when the world needed hope, the year 2005 certainly qualifies. Since we already know that we will be too busy to take much time out during December, I suggest that we might make November our own private Advent season. Watch for Christ's comings in your life and in the world around us. Call a "time out" in your schedule whenever you can. Look for signs of hope. You may wish to keep a private record of your reflections. You may even want to post a sign,

"Hush! Quiet! It's Almost Advent!"

Plan Now to Attend the All-Parish Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Parish of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m. The Eucharist will be celebrated.

Please note: There will be no 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. service that day in order that all members of the congregation may worship and participate at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to share with the Vestry in a process of evaluating our mission efforts as we begin our tenth year, and to begin planning for our future.

At a mid-October special planning retreat, the Vestry began to evaluate all current aspects of the parish life: vision, mission, congregational life and program, member demographics, level of membership growth, stewardship, finance, property matters, committee structures, and others. They also began a process of envisioning the future of the parish.

At the Special Meeting they will present their findings, seeking our review and modifications.

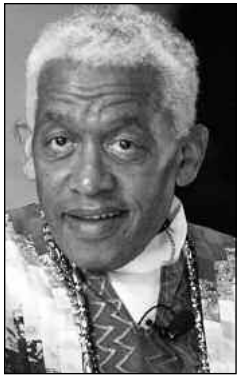
It is also hoped that this meeting will provide a stronger basis upon which parishioners will be able to consider their pledges of time, talent and financial resources at the services on the following week.

This meeting is open to all members and friends of the parish.

The Feast of All Souls

The Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. This solemn feast with Holy Eucharist is a commemoration of all the faithful departed. Call the church office 656-6628 to add names to the list of those to be read at the service.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



“Where did I come from?” Why am I here?” “What am I supposed to be doing?”

How many times in life have you wrestled with these questions? I certainly have – many times over the years.

If we stop and think about it, these are really the most fundamental issues we have to grapple with, from our youth up. The more certainty we can feel about the answers to these fundamental questions, the more certainty we have about the directions

and patterns we choose for life. Our answers to these questions determine how we exercise stewardship over all aspects of our lives.

I urge you to consider these questions with me now, as during the month of November we are asked to consider the meaning of stewardship and our personal giving of financial resources, time and talents for the mission of the Church.

The truth is that I (along with all the other inhabitants on this planet) have been sent here by God, the Outpouring Love at the center of the Universe. Our purpose for being here is to be a reflection of this outpouring love in our interactions with one another, and to enjoy the gift of life and the abundant resources of this planet.

Another way to put it is that our primary purpose for being here is to glorify God, and to be an instrument through which the purpose of God for all creatures is given fulfillment.

Our understanding, as Christians, is that Jesus, the Christ, embodied this purpose and made it real through his life of loving service, and, ultimately, by giving himself for the life of the world. He said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

In baptism, we each promise to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. That is, to pattern our life after his life; to be the evidence of God’s outpouring love and to bear God’s vision of abundant life, not only in our heads and on our lips, but in and through our lives.

This is also our collective mission as the Body of Christ, the Church. The Catechism puts it this way: “The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays, worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace and love. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.”

Christian Stewardship viewed from this perspective is about much more than fund-raising. Stewardship is a gift by which we are helped to fulfill our divinely-given destiny. When we make a sacrificial offering from what God has given us in trust – our spiritual gifts, talents, financial and material resources – for this mission, we are through Christ, offering ourselves (our souls and bodies) as God’s gifts of love and peace in a troubled and broken world.

As you prepare to make your commitment of spiritual gifts, finances and talents for the Christ’s mission through

SsAM in the coming year, please take the time for prayer and meditation. Thank God for the wonderful destiny to which you have been called. Pray with thanksgiving for the gift of life, and blessings of talent and material means which you enjoy. Pray for the Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, that through our ministries of worship, education, evangelism and service, and through our stewardship, we will be equipped to carry out our mission among the people and communities we are called to serve. Pray for the work of our Diocese and national Church. And finally, pray that you will be guided with wisdom, faith and trust to make a sacrificial pledge of your financial commitment to support this sacred mission.

Then, Sisters and Brothers, when you receive your pledge card, sit down and fill it out completely. Renew, increase, or, for the first time, make a pledge. Completed pledge cards are to be brought to church for the Offering at both services on Sunday, November 13. Of course, once you receive it, you may complete it and mail or bring it to Church at any time.

Please make this covenant to uphold the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. I assure you that as a result, you will thank God for the deep, abiding sense of joy, peace and personal fulfillment that will be yours.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shay +', written in a cursive style.

All-Parish Photo Directory Deadline Nears

Don't let us publish without you!

Photos from the previous directory cannot be used for the new directory for copyright reasons, so be sure to sign up to have a new portrait taken.

Our participation goal is 80% of our church members. We have approximate 225 family units. That translates to approximately 400 individuals (children and adults).

Remember, there is no obligation to purchase anything!

Photos will be taken on Fridays, November 4 and 18, from 3:00 – 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, November 5 and 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If there are members of your family who are unavailable during the scheduled portrait times, perhaps away at college or serving in the Armed Forces, please select a photo of your own. There will be space in the back of the directory for pictures of those unavailable for portraits. These photos can be left in an envelope at the church office. Be sure to print the person’s name on the back of the photo they can be correctly identified in the directory.

In addition, we are looking for photos of events that have occurred over the past ten years at SsAM. Again, these should have your name on the back, along with a description of the event. These can be left at the church office in an envelope for Danny Schweers. All will be returned to you.

If you have any questions call the church office.

AIM-Sponsored Avodah Dance Ensemble Holds Second Workshop

By Susan Murphree
Community Advocacy Committee Member

This past spring, there was a dance performance at the Dolores J. Baylor Women's Correction Institution (BWCI) women's prison in Wilmington.

Since the AIM Fund helped support this event, Phil and I were invited to see the culmination of the week's work. We were both delightfully surprised by the power and inspiration this activity created.

With the theme of Rituals of Transformation, Avodah led a week-long residency teaching and performing with women inmates. The women interpreted the theme and created movement to express their own private rituals that help them find inner transformation.

After the performance the women were given an opportunity to speak about how the program had affected them. The impact was enormous. As each woman spoke from the heart, we began to realize just how important this program was in their lives. They spoke of pride, feeling free, transformation, unity, realized dreams, learning perseverance, and ultimately joy.

Avodah is a New York City modern dance company rooted in the Jewish tradition that uses ancient sacred texts to connect and reconnect the spiritual self to God and community. Using dance, music and movement, the ensemble reaches out through cross-cultural collaborations. In this way Avodah, which in Hebrew connotes "service" or "worship," builds bridges to the larger community.

It was gratifying to see our AIM funds having such a positive and powerful impact in our community.

Undee Sunday Approaches

With the winter and cold temperatures approaching, our homeless friends are in dire need of long underwear. The Community Advocacy Committee has declared Sunday, November 13th to be Undee Sunday. This is also Stewardship Sunday. Along with your pledge of your talents and dollars, please think of giving this small token of love to our needy friends.

Please bring at least one set of long johns and deposit them in the box provided in the narthex of the church in order to fill this need for the Friendship House.

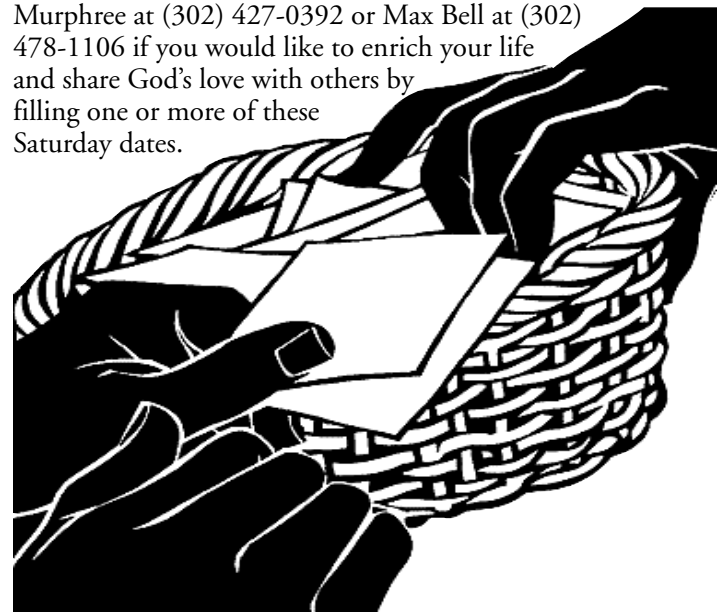
If you cannot find long underwear, please submit a donation, and we will procure a pair for you. See Phil or Susan Murphree.

An Opportunity to Share God's Love

Once again, SsAM's Community Advocacy Committee will support providing space for our homeless friends and neighbors during the winter months ahead. A need for space from the cold weather on Saturdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. has been identified through Bill Perkins and the Friendship House. Space is available for all other times during the week. We are offering SsAM's Chapel to cover this gap.

Our chapel will provide a location for warmth and quiet meditation, and we will support this program from the first weekend of November (November 5) through the last weekend in March (March 25).

We will need two persons per Saturday to be present in the Chapel to greet and host our guests. Please contact Phil Murphree at (302) 427-0392 or Max Bell at (302) 478-1106 if you would like to enrich your life and share God's love with others by filling one or more of these Saturday dates.



Stewardship: What is Sufficient?

by Sandy Johnson

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of stewardship is the widow's mite. You know, the one who gave all she had, without hesitation and without urging.

I often wonder whether what I give in time, talent and tithe comes even near to such pure altruism, whether my stewardship demonstration is so little that I should expect fewer blessings.

Then I pause and consider the largess of God's mercy, gifts of love, family, SsAM community, employment and income, home life and greater community life, and I feel like a "black Cinderella" and lift my arms and say, "Thank You, God."

It is impossible for me to separate the concept, the reality of stewardship from the practice of my faith. They are one and the same. I can only pray that what I do is sufficient in God's eyes.

Advent is Upon Us



Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Highlights of this Season include:

- a different family lighting the Advent wreath each week;
- the Great Litany in procession on the first Sunday of Advent;
- Angel Tree gifts for children of prisoners; and
- presents for the Sunday Breakfast Community.

SsAM Gives Out Seven College Scholarships

Seven young people from SsAM are now enrolled in another year at college, thanks to partial scholarships provided by the church's AIM Fund.

The Community Advocacy Committee awarded \$500 scholarships this year to the following seven students:

David Clark, senior, Virginia State University; **Jazmyn Holt**, junior, Delaware State University; **Sarah Kuhl**, 2nd year, Salem Community College; **Tanisha Julius**, freshman, Spelman College; **Matthew McCready**, sophomore, Arizona State University; **Courtney Streett**, freshman, Wellesley College; **Tianna Wisher**, 4th year, Wesley College.

These students, along with Sara Hengel (sophomore at the University of Delaware), Matthew Johnson (sophomore at Bowdoin College), and Corey Smith (Del Tech), participated in Youth Recognition Sunday on June 26.

Each student was given a prayer diary to take with them to school, to remind them of their ties with SsAM.

We have heard from three of these students since their return to school. Here are excerpts of their letters:

Matt McCready wrote, "I want to say thank you so much for the scholarship money. It means a great deal to me that the church is supporting me in my pursuit of a college degree."

Courtney Streett said, "I learned so much in my senior year, including what the church means to me. I will always remember the confidence that you have placed in me and will do my very best to live up to your expectations. Thank you."

David Clark wrote, "I am excited about returning to school, and your generosity will once again help reduce my financial burdens. It is because of this kind of support that students, like me, are able to make their dreams come true. Please know that I will continue to work hard and make the most of this opportunity I have been blessed with."

[David has been selected as the president of his senior class.]

Come Into the Quiet: Choral Evensong & Fellowship Dinner

Choral Evensong begins at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. The service will be followed by a potluck fellowship dinner.

Choral Evensong is a service of reflection where you may leave yourself open so God may speak to you through the psalms, readings and canticles. Please share with us in this worship where beauty in language and music can speak of God in a rich and diverse way.

Quiet Day of Reflection

"Firmly Bound, Forever Free in the Early Church" is the theme of the next Quiet Day of Reflection. The presenter is Pat Van Catledge.

This Day is hosted by Grace Episcopal, 4906 Concord Pike, on Saturday, December 3, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participants should bring a bag lunch. There is no charge for the day.

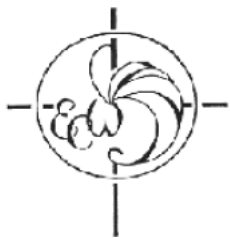
Call Grace Church at 478-9533 for more information.



Welcome the newly baptized!

Elizabeth Grace Gaskell (Gracie), granddaughter of Lucia Robinson, was baptized on September 25.

News from Episcopal Church Women of Saints Andrew and Matthew



All women of the church are invited to attend the ECW meetings held on the second Saturday of each month. ECW sponsors several annual events and supports a variety of church functions.

The September Prayer Breakfast was highlighted by Rev. Barbara Duncan's insightful

consideration of "Diverse Roads to Christ through the Power of Prayer."

Chairperson Cynthia Oates coordinated the planning committee of Sheila Dorsey, Sandra Hines, Alice Smith, Pat Griffin, Shirley Bynoe, Wanda Smith, and Louise Spaulding. Linda Jackson contributed the design and preparation of the prayer cards.

Jayne Britt, Jeannette Johns and Louise Lewis were honored for lifetime service to ECW, and Betty Hayes was honored posthumously. Jackie Spencer accepted the award for her mother.

The ECW Chorus was so inspiring that they will be a perennial program feature. David Christopher conducted Carol Scott, Jean Kuhl, Ernestine Brock-Walker, Pat Hampton, Lu Soukup, Lucia Robinson, Sandy Johnson, and Tina Betz.

Upcoming ECW Events

Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our Gala Christmas Luncheon at noon on Saturday, December 10. RSVP to Pat Griffin at (302) 764-8468 by December 1st. Please bring a small wrapped gift for a gift exchange.

If you are able to help with this event, call Karen Johnson at (302) 765-2218.



Brunch & Book Group

ECW is beginning a Quarterly Brunch and Book Discussion. Save the date – Saturday, January 14, 2006 for the first one. Brunch will begin at 11:30, followed by a discussion of *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe.

If you would like to assist with preparations, please call Karen Johnson.



ECW Chorus sang at the Prayer Breakfast. Left to right, Ernestine Brock-Walker, Jean Kuhl, Tina Betz, Pat Hampton, Carol Scott, Lucia Robinson, and Sandy Johnson. Not pictured: Lu Soukup.

Have You Hugged an Episcopalian Today?

Aprons, bibs and ECW totes are available for purchase. Totes and aprons are \$12; bibs are \$5. All items are available in the church office.

November 13



Stewardship Sunday



2004 Christmas Pageant

photo by DeVere Patton

HildaMan Chorale Returns to SsAM

The HildaMan Chorale will present its holiday concert on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. HildaMan is directed by Lawler Rogers.

This year's concert will include excerpts from Messiah as well as Christmas Spirituals and Gospel selections. The program will also include several interesting arrangements of famous orchestral works transcribed for chorus with Christmas words.

Gifts for Children of Prisoners



The Community Advocacy Committee is sponsoring the Angel Tree project which provides gifts from incarcerated parents and grandparents to their children or grandchildren.

You can select a "gift angel" from the Angel Tree and purchase the gift indicated. Bring wrapped gifts to the church office with the Angel attached.

Those who cannot get out shopping may contribute funds directly to Angel Tree by contacting Alice Smith, 376-0200, or Sandy Holt, 652-7254.

Christmas Pageant

Children of the Parish tell the Christmas story through tableau and carols in this annual event.

The Pageant will be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 24.

There are roles for children first grade and higher. To participate, you should attend all rehearsals.

Rehearsals are:

Saturday, December 17 (10:00 a.m. – 12 noon) This is a music rehearsal and try outs for solos;

Wednesday, December 21 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) This is Dress Rehearsal;

Saturday, December 24 (3:30 p.m.) This is Warm Up Rehearsal. Performance follows at 5:00 p.m.

Solo singing and speaking parts include Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Narrators, and Animals. Ensemble parts include Shepherds and Angels.

Parents and friends are also needed to help with sets, props and costumes.

To sign up, contact the church office 656-6628 or Director Dave 654-9729. Sign up by Friday, December 9.

Nowell's Delight: Seasonal Favorites of the Renaissance

Piffaro returns to SsAM on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. for a holiday concert.

The group brings old musical traditions of Christmas alive in this wide-ranging program of carols, motets, songs and dances from England, France, Germany and Spain. From the hauntingly beautiful carols of 15th century England to the jaunty villancicos of 16th century Spain, the music weaves a bright tapestry of unusual sounds and instrumental colors. Piffaro is joined by the shimmering voice of soprano Laura Heimes.

Call (215) 235-8469 for ticket information.



Piffaro: The Renaissance Band performs December 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Poinsettias, Greens and Trees



Please join us this year and participate in making our church beautiful for Christmas. Once again, we'll be offering Christmas Poinsettias, Greens and Christmas Trees – and the opportunity for parishioners to give thanks or make gifts in tribute to family members and friends.

Please read the *Weekly Vision* for more information about Christmas Poinsettias, or you may send in your donations now. The minimum donation this year is \$15 (more would be greatly appreciated), payable by December 19th. If you wish to place your order early, please call the church office at (302) 656-6628 and a form will be mailed to you.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the special people in your life and decorate SsAM for Christmas.

Remember the Sunday Breakfast Community

Thanks to your generosity last December, we distributed more than 120 presents to our friends who attend the Sunday breakfast. It is that time of year again.

Gifts of a scarf, hat, warm gloves, socks or toiletries are very much appreciated. 99% of our breakfast friends are male, so please plan accordingly. Each gift should be in the \$5-\$7 range.

Please place presents in gift bags (rather than wrapping them) and leave them in the box marked "Breakfast Gifts" in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 11. You may also drop gifts off at the church office no later than December 16.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. We know that your gifts mean so much to those that receive them. If you have any questions, please contact Geoff Sawyer.

Holiday Schedule

DECEMBER



4	5:00 p.m.	HildaMan Chorale Holiday Concert
10	12 noon	ECW Christmas luncheon
17	10:00 a.m.	Greening the Church
18	4:00 p.m.	Piffaro concert: Nowell's Delight
24	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Pageant
	10:30 p.m.	Choral music featuring SsAM Adult Choir & Choral Scholars
	11:00 p.m.	Solemn Procession, Festival Choral Eucharist
25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
	2:00 p.m.	Hockessin Hills
31	10:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Liturgy: Food for the Journey

New Year's Eve Service: Food for the Journey

Food for the Journey: a Service for Reflection, Repentance and Renewal with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve following Wilmington's First Night activities.

The service begins in the style of a vigil with the passing of candlelight followed by a series of readings and meditations.

Worshippers are then invited to cast their symbols of burden and pain into a common fire and then make personal gestures of commitment and resolve for the coming year.

Music is by members of the Choral Scholars.





A Good Time Was Had by All at the Swingin' at SsAM's Fall Jam

Photos by Ken Francis

The Swingin' at SsAM's Fall Jam was a rousing success! There was a chili cook off with many chefs trying their hand at this. And a bakeoff, too. There was no shortage of food!

Everyone tried their hand at line dancing, some with more success than others.

Canon claims he won the karaoke contest because he can sing like Satchmo.

Kids and adults alike had a good time. Thanks to Diane Clarke Streett and all who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

Get to Know the Choral Scholars: Kimberly and Bill

The Choral Scholars at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew is one of the Delaware Valley's finest professional vocal ensembles. The group consists of eight professional singers who sing weekly at SsAM's 10:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy as well as in concerts and special liturgies throughout the season. They perform a wide range of motets and anthems, frequently perform solos, and serve as the professional core of the SsAM Adult Choir.

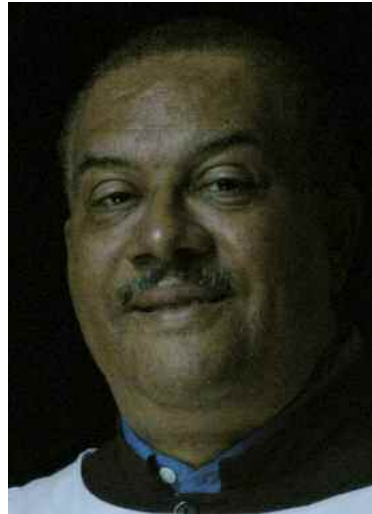


Kimberly Doucette, soprano, is an active singer and teacher in the Wilmington area. With OperaDelaware, she has performed the roles of the Second Lady in *Die Zauberflöte* and Peep Bo in *The Mikado*.

Other roles include Susanna in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Laurie in Copland's *The Tender Land*, Amore in Gluck's *Orfeo*, and Elisetta in Cimarosa's *Il Matrimonio Segreto*.

Ms. Doucette also researches women's issues in music and has performed several recitals relating to this research. Most recently, she presented "Siren Song: Artistic Echoes of Women" at the University of Delaware. This recital highlighted the experiences of famous historical women through art songs and arias with a display of original paintings by Carrie Ann Jones-Baade.

Ms. Doucette received her master's degree in voice performance from the University of Delaware in May 2003, and is currently an adjunct voice instructor there. She also maintains a private vocal studio and is the choral assistant at The Tatnall School.



William S. Young III, bass, began his musical studies at the age of six with lessons in piano and clarinet, and at age nine, he began singing in the choir at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

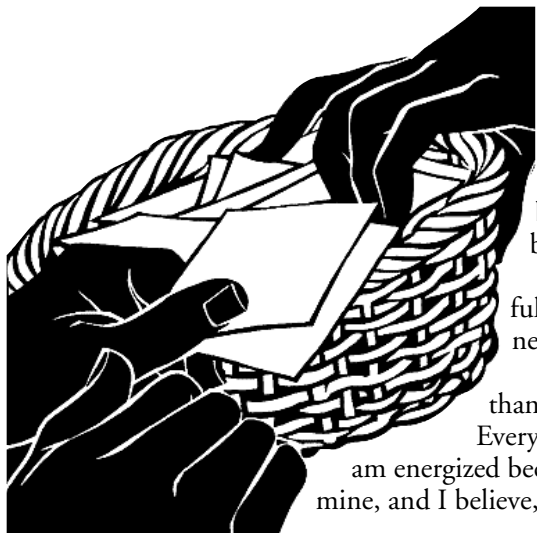
Since that time, he has had an extensive career as a choral singer both in church and community organizations. While in college, Bill sang with the Harvard Glee Club for four years, culminating in a concert trip around the

world during the summer of 1967.

Always having had a passion for large scale choral/orchestral singing, Bill performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a member of the Harvard Glee Club, the Philadelphia Orchestra and New York Philharmonic as a member of Singing City Choir as well as orchestras throughout Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Currently, Bill sings with the HildaMan Chorale, the OperaDelaware Chorus, in addition to serving as a Choral Scholar at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.

A graduate of Harvard University with a BA in Social Relations, Bill worked in Human Resources Management for over 30 years. He is married to Anita and has two grown children, Dan and Nicole.



Investing with Faith

by Judith Gregory

Investing – that's what I think of when I make my commitment to SsAM. That's because all my life I have been a "bean counter," a "number cruncher," a banker and a CPA. I naturally think in terms of dollar returns and "balanced" bottom lines without even being aware.

But, now I think in terms of lives and congregations touched, expanded, fulfilled, challenged, graced. And I think in terms of whom I never see on Sunday; never meet in the community, or the state or the country or the world.

I know, by faith, that what I pledge and give does so much more with my dollars than I could ever have dreamed of just years ago.

Every Sunday that I hear the word of God spoken by Canon, Rod, Peter or Jeanne, I am energized because I know that their commitments to people unmet or unseen is the same as mine, and I believe, God's.

Blessing of the Animals Well Attended

The Blessing of the Animals was held on October 1.

Over 30 pets and their owners attended this celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis. In addition to dogs and cats, there were birds, rabbits and an iguana present.

Each animal and person received a special blessing. Medallions were given to each pet. The service concluded with the singing of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and each pet was named as a verse was sung.



Thank You to PeaceKids Camp Volunteers

by Jean Kuhl, Director,
PeaceKids Camp3



Six hundred and thirty seven volunteer hours were logged by 33 volunteers at camp. The volunteers were Paige Bailey, LeAnn Brock, Ernestine Brock-Walker, Carmen Brown, Shirley Bynoe, Laverne Cheatam, Jenna Christy, Gloria Conner-

Bungy, Erica Conner-Sims, Delores Cotman, Michael, Shannon and Seth Faulk, Ken Francis, Anne Gibson, Buddy Gray, Pat Hampton, Mrs. Heckenstaller, Sandy Hines, Sarah Kuhl, Tracy Lea-Dorsey, Louise Lewis, Alexander Oates, Cynthia Oates, Beatrice Polk, Carol Scott, Matt and Trudy Shipp, Louise Spaulding, James Thomas, and Kathleen Watson.

My apologies to any I missed.

Volunteer services are worth \$14.00 an hour according to in-kind statistics. The 637 hours these wonderful people gave were worth \$8,918. May you all be doubly blessed for your giving.

Special thanks to Charles Lewis, SsAM staff person, for all his help and smiles; Master Sergeant Akhil and his staff with their K-9 corps. And, of course, the SWAT team dudes. Jim Linderman, James Thomas, and all the helpers for getting the kids' bathroom completed before the start of camp. And last, but not least, members of the Wilmington Delaware alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma sorority who paid the \$36.00 fee to the DE Museum of Natural History as part of their Science and Everyday Experiences program.

Next *Vision* Deadline

The copy deadline for the January/February *Vision* is December 10. This will include the Season of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent.

Please email submissions about events taking place during this time period to Barbara Henry by December 10. If you do not have access to email, you may fax copy to her at 661-3465 (be sure to put a cover page to her attention). Or call her at 475-0998 evenings to discuss story ideas.

If you have photos, please call Barbara to discuss, or email a link for digital photos to her.

Please put "Vision" in the subject line of all emails.

Upcoming Activities & Events

November

- 2 7:00 p.m. All Souls Day - Vespers
6 9:30 a.m. **All Saints Sunday; Parish meeting & Holy Eucharist (one service only)**
13 10:30 a.m. Stewardship Sunday: Ourselves, Our Souls & Bodies
Undee Sunday
20 10:30 a.m. Christ the King Sunday: The Cosmic Christ: A New Heaven & Earth
24 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service (offices closed)
25 All Day Church offices closed
27 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent
2:00 p.m. Hockessin Hills service

December

- 3 All Day Day of Quiet Reflection, Grace Church, Wilmington 478-9533
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