

Crossways

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Note~ Mother Chris is on vacation so in place of her monthly offering we share this article recently captured from an issue of our diocesan newsletter, *the Messenger*. If you have not taken the time to do so, bookmark the CNY Diocese web page: www.cnyepiscopal.org

Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians



We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them.

If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of “Michael Row the Boat Ashore,” they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they’d smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person’s rib cage. It’s natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you’re singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it’s an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other. I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you’re in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they’ll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they’ll give you tuna salad! Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas. Episcopalians believe their Rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don’t notify them that they are there. Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins. Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate. Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children’s choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited. Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace. Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament. Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall. Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church. Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously. And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

- It’s 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, “May the Force be with you,” and you respond, “and also with you.”
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye

(NOTE: Garrison Keillor attends St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota)



The Property Committee says a BIG THANK YOU to the following people for spending time in their busy schedules to assist in the outside clean up work around All Saints on July 12 and 13. Mother Chris, Dennis Cole, Scott Cramer, Nancy and Lucy Grabowski, Matt Labosky, David and Eileen Patch, Austin and Bob Steber, Bobbi and Gary Zurn. Special thanks to David Patch for digging out a stump and to Scott Cramer who came back on Monday July 15 to restripe the parking lots. The grounds look much much better than they did. We will look to

do a rectory work party, perhaps in early October. Date to be determined and published in the September Crossways.

2013 Field Days Reminder:

This year's Johnson City Field Days are scheduled for Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd. Sign up sheets for the duty roster are posted in the church narthex. You will see that at our organizational meeting on Sunday, July 21st, there are commitments for some of the many duties over the four day weekend. We will be serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Drinks. We need still need help! Everyone who intends to work at the All Saints' Food Concession needs to have passed the Broome County Public Health Food Safety Training Course on Food Handling. The materials are available on the Broome County website (www.gobroomecounty.com). The food handlers site is under Broome County Departments, Public Health, Environmental Health, Food Service. I will have blank certificates at church for completion for those who have taken the course but don't have printers available. I also have a few study guides available at church for review. Donations of money to help with needed supplies will help our profit. Please remind your friends and family that All Saints' will be serving good food this year when they visit the Field Days to give us a visit. Questions – please contact Tom Johnson (725-2613) or Judy Horton (729-2794).



Life Goes On August Luncheon

The August lunch will take place at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, August 21st at Cracker Barrel on Front Street in Binghamton. Please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 if you are planning on attending so that she can make adequate reservations.

THIS SPACE SAVED FOR ALL SAINTS' CABARET: SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 16th. COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE NEEDED FOR BASKETS, KITCHEN, AND CLEAN-UP & SET-UP!!

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR VESTRY SUMMARY COLUMN BY WARDEN BOB STEBER. STAY TUNED FOR NEWS OF THE AUGUST 14th VESTRY MEETING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF CROSSWAYS!

Prayer List beginning August

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term: Ron Payne, Whitney; Arthur Cuffee; Herb Lake; O'Kelly Whitaker+; Fred Russell; Lorraine Szwalla; The Thompson & Heden Families; Esther Hall; Andy Lupo; Connie Whalen; Debbie Lake; Carl and Mary Green; Bob Gillmer; Gayle Whittier and her daughter Ellen and son-in-law, Will; Lucy Grabowski; Megan Labosky; Sarah Harrison-Pautard; and Monica Alger
Long Term: Dallas, Nancy & Art Elwood; Lee Grabowski; Marcia Tinder; Tom Johnson; Tom Tinder; Bill Kimble; Debbie; Nan Grabowski; Mary-Hunter Kennedy Daily; Brad Simmons; Ed Segal; Kristen & Jimmy Kosak & infant daughter, Sadie; Dick Kimble; Nanette McIntosh; Pam Steber; Larry Taft; Paula Giroux; Brittany Polhamus and her daughters



DOLLARS & CENTS **May 31st and June 30th, 2013**

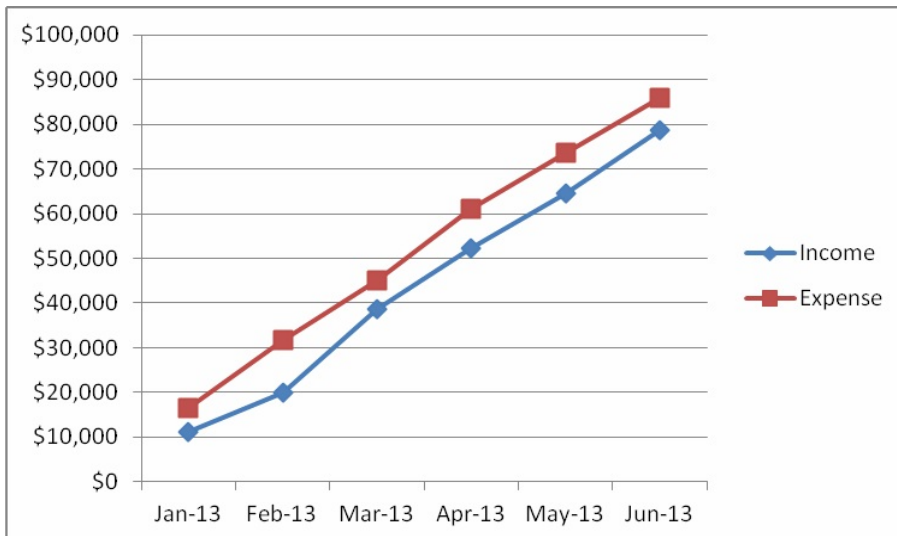
All Saints' 2013 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2013 a monthly income of \$ 14,372 will be needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints' cash flow. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the months of May or June either 41.66% or through the year.

Income	Actual May 31st 2013	Actual June 30th 2013	Annual Budget 2013
Offering & Pledges	\$57,989	\$70,264 ^a	\$155,818
Fundraising	\$3,090	\$4,437	\$9,000
Other Income	\$3,527 ❖	\$4,038 ❖	\$7,650
Faith Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$64,606	\$78,739	\$172,468
Total Expenses	\$73,506	\$85,873	\$172,468
Profit (Loss)	(\$8,900)	(\$7,134)	\$0

◆ Pledges are down nearly 4% from budget. Please try to keep your pledge up-to-date during the summer months!

❖ May's fundraising figure was gross income, June's fundraising figure was the net income from both chicken BBQs

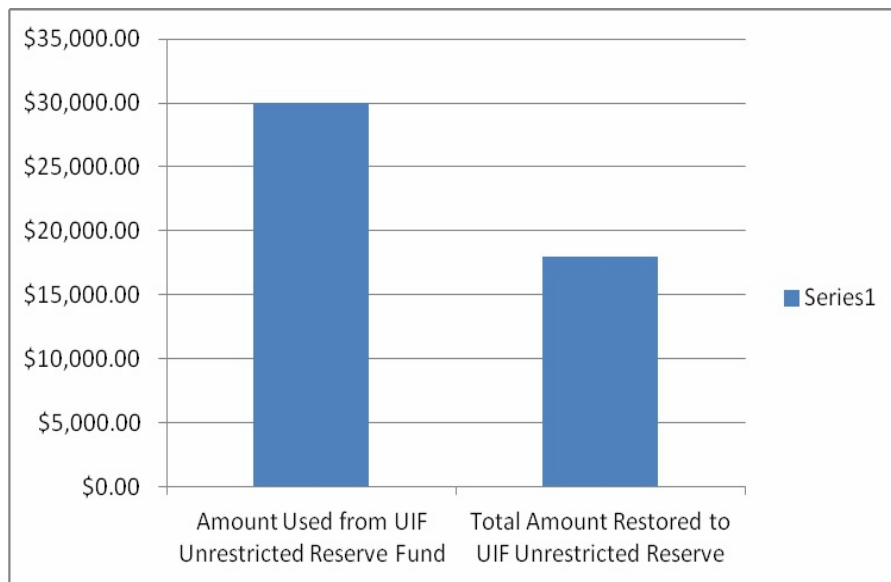


CASH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AS OF 5/31/2013 and 6/30/2013

	May	May Total	June	June Total
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Petty Cash		\$150		\$577
All Saints' Checking		\$7,633		\$10,689
Soup & Sandwiches Checking		\$4,038		\$2,637
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$11,821		\$13,903
Savings Accounts				
Designated Funds		\$13,748		\$13,749
Undesignated		\$2,590		\$2,590
Rebuilding All Saints'*		\$2,501		\$2,501
Total Savings		\$18,839		\$18,840
Total Cash & Savings			\$30,660	\$32,743
UIF Investment Funds*		\$26,427		\$30,215
Total Cash, Savings, Investments			\$57,087	\$62,958

*Note: \$ 1,846 was transferred from RAS Savings to UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund in June 2013 and \$1,942 was transferred from RAS Savings to UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund in July 2013

REPAYMENT OF THE UNIFIED INVESTMENT FUND (UIF) UNRESTRICTED RESERVE FUND
 In 2012 All Saints’ used \$30,000 from its Unrestricted Reserve Fund held as part of the Diocesan Unified Investment Fund (UIF). The Vestry is committed to restoring the \$30,000 as quickly as possible. As a result, funds received towards this purpose and towards Rebuilding All Saints’ (RAS), will be transferred to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund monthly. In June 2013, \$ 1,846 was transferred into the UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund. In July 2013 \$1,942 was transferred into the UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund. This brings the total amount restored to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund up to \$ 17,949



Celebrations in *AUGUST*

- 04 Donovan Hollenbeck
Sabrina Sholtes
- 05 Charlotte Fargo
- 05 Betty McCurry
- 06 Kim Trowbridge
- 07 Colleen Labosky
- 09 Donald Fargo
- 10 Paul Donnelly
- 11 Brittany Polhamus
- 12 Allen Motsko
- 15 Ida Taft
- 19 Rebekah Heden
- 25 Alan Sholtes
- 26 Carl Green
- 26 Tom Johnson
- 28 Clark Byarley
- 30 Gary Barkman
Nancy Kiley



Altar Flowers

The flowers on August 4 are given by Patti Donnelly in thanksgiving for her husband Paul's birthday; and by Allen & Carol Motsko in thanksgiving for their 33rd wedding anniversary.

The flowers on August 11 are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son-in-law, Lenny Jago; are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of their granddaughter, Brittany Polhamus by David and Judy Horton; are given in memory of Allen's father, William Motsko, by Allen & Carol Motsko; and are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Anthony McKeon, by David & Lonna Pierce.

The flowers on August 18 are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the 17th birthday of her granddaughter, Angela Gasdaska; and are given by Debbie & Don Thorpe in memory of Marilyn Thorpe.

The flowers on August 25 are given by Ceil Cwikla in memory of her granddaughter, Erica Jamgochian; are given by Arlene Foley in memory of her husband, John Foley; and are given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grand-daughter, Ava Sophia McKeon.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle on August 4, is given by Allen & Carol Motsko in thanksgiving for their 33rd wedding anniversary.

The Candle on August 11 is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of Art's mother, Mary H. Doersam; and is given by Allen & Carol Motsko in memory of Allen's father, William Motsko

The Candle on August 18 is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her aunt, Helen Feldman.

The Candle on August 25 – is given by Roberta Steflik in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband, Richard.

From the Parish Records

Marriages

Michael Saleeby & Lauren Kiley on July 20th

Deaths

Thomas E. Horton, Sr. [brother of David Horton],
died May 23, 2013; service at All Saints' on June 6th

Eva Donaldson; died July 10th; service at All Saints' on July 16th



- 04 William & Margaret Vollrath
- 08 Richard & Cheryl Escott
- 09 Allen & Carol Motsko
- 16 Dennis & Cindy Cole
- 21 Don & Debbie Thorpe
- 28 Erik & Rebekah Heden



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Service and Education Schedule for August 2013

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [August 11, 18, 25]
Morning Prayer [August 4]
Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [No service on August 7]

