



# Greetings



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## Annual Meeting Brings Schedule Change

St. Boniface will hold its annual meeting on February 4, 2007. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this important event, at which they will be asked to vote on new Vestry members and also approve a church operating budget for 2007.

There will be only one worship service that day, a Rite 1 service with hymns, to begin at 9:30 a.m. The annual meeting will follow the service, starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

**Christian Education classes for youth and adults will run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

The vestry's nominating committee has approved a slate of candidates for the open vestry positions. Nominees include Dennis Boese, Nancy Jacobs and Rob Mortensen. Jackie Jorgensen has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of Leah Kilmer, who resigned in December.

Dear Family and Friends of St. Boniface,

Two world leaders died during the last week of December. One died of natural causes at the age of 93. The other was executed for crimes against humanity. The leaders are President Gerald Ford and Saddam Hussein. There can be no greater difference between these two men.

President Ford was never elected President of the United States. No one regarded him as a great president. He became president through the 25th Amendment of the Constitution. Ford was appointed and confirmed as vice president because the previous vice president, Spiro Agnew, resigned when it was learned he had taken bribes. When President Nixon resigned because of the Watergate scandal in August, 1974, Ford became president.

The first month Ford was president he noticed that 25% of his time was spent dealing with Nixon and the former president's legal battles. Ford's own presidency and the important business of leading the nation was becoming a sideshow. Ford believed something needed to be done. He pardoned Nixon and brought a firestorm of anger on his head. He lost his popularity, and most political pundits believe the pardon caused Ford to lose the presidency to Jimmy Carter in 1976. The pardon did do one major thing: Watergate and President Nixon slipped into history and our nation did move forward.

In 1980, soon after President Carter lost the presidency to Ronald Reagan, Carter received a strange phone call. It was from President Ford. Ford acknowledged the hurt of losing. Carter deeply appreciated Ford's caring. The two men developed a strong friendship and through the years they spent much time together. What is significant about the Ford/Carter relationship is that the two men were from opposite parties

and had been political opponents.

This was the nature of President Ford. More important than being great, he was good. He loved life. He delighted in achievements. He was an Eagle Scout, an All American football star when he played center for the University of Michigan, and an excellent Naval Officer during World War II. He worked his way through Yale Law School. In 1948 he was elected to Congress representing Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was elected 13 times and hoped to become Speaker of the House of Representative. Instead he became President of the United States.

Throughout his life Ford was a faithful Episcopalian. Christianity was his way of life. In 1948, he married Betty Warren. It was a strong marriage from beginning to end. There was no secrecy to President Ford. There was no guile. What you saw is what you got. We needed him desperately in 1974, and he bound our wounds and healed us as a nation.

In contrast was Saddam Hussein. He too was called president, but the more appropriate title was "Butcher of Baghdad." Hussein was a killer and torturer. Death was his instrument of power. He hated humanity and didn't even hesitate to kill his sons-in-law. He proved to be a source of instability in the Middle East. He was hated by nearly all the nations that bordered Iraq. He reduced his own people to poverty and starvation. In 1990, soon after his sudden occupation of Kuwait, he briefly held the British diplomatic delegation in Baghdad captive. There was a much televised photo appearance of Saddam with a young British boy. The boy was a son of one of the diplomats. Saddam appeared ever so kind while the boy was frozen with fear. Could you ever imagine President Ford treating another human being this way? The evil of Hussein was etched in world opinion just by seeing the terror in this boy's face.

Now that the dictator is dead, what do you think God has done with him? I believe he is in a special place locked up with Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Idi Amin, and a number of other terrible world leaders. Saddam's death causes us to ask, is there such a place as Hell? It may be that Hell is a separate place of fire and brimstone. It may be no different physically than heaven. The real Hell could be the other people with whom you must now live. I do believe that a major characteristic of Hell is its permanence. Saddam Hussein has found his rightful place. Justice has been served.

It was striking that the news media covered Hussein's execution and burial in only matter-of-fact terms. Front and center has been the coverage of President Ford. The media is covering and leading in the celebration of the life of a good man. His humor, candor, character, and caring are a delight to us. President Ford showed us our better nature. In honoring this man we see goodness and grace. Talking about him is fun! God has taken care of President Ford. He has received our former president with joy and delight. I can imagine God as saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

In the spirit of love and joy in life so exhibited by President Ford, I wish you a blessed 2007.

Sincerely, W. Jay Lambert

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



# St. Boniface Honor Roll



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| January 1  | Liz Jorgensen                              |
| January 2  | Bill Maggard                               |
| January 4  | Stuart Parsons, Holly Wilson               |
| January 5  | Katie Gettel                               |
| January 6  | Brendan Boese                              |
| January 7  | Reginald Fletcher                          |
| January 8  | Janey Dean, Patrick Katz                   |
| January 9  | Scott Smallish                             |
| January 11 | Nick Mueller                               |
| January 12 | Debbie Hogate, Marc Jorgensen, Bill Kelley |
| January 14 | William Wierzba                            |
| January 15 | Dorothy Oliver                             |
| January 16 | Kathy Conrad                               |
| January 18 | Kathy Jonas                                |
| January 19 | Ollie Maggard, Dana Murphy                 |
| January 20 | Jackie Jorgensen                           |
| January 21 | Mark Meier                                 |
| January 24 | Erin Murray, Teagan White                  |
| January 25 | Roger Hajny                                |
| January 28 | Nicholas Van Den Berg                      |
| January 31 | Matt Boothby                               |

| <u>NAME</u>    | <u>LOVED ONE OF</u>       | <u>SERVING IN</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Steve Brown    | Father Jay Lambert        | Afghanistan       |
| Todd Martin    | An Anderson family friend | Iraq              |
| Matt Beilfuss  | A Pulliam Family Friend   | Iraq              |
| Chad Olson     | The Olson Family          | Iraq              |
| Adam Eberhardy | The Grote family          | Iraq              |
| Roy Hoffman    | Fr Jay Lambert            | Iraq              |

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

|            |                         |
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| January 15 | Tom and Diane Miller    |
| January 23 | Dick and Marcia Robbins |

**Scottish Night**

Bagpipes, kilts and a Scottish reel will be among the featured entertainment on Friday, January 26 when St. Boniface holds its first Scottish night to mark Robert Burns' birthday. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. with supper, singing and dancing. Look for invitations later this month. Mark your calendar now – you won't want to miss the fun!

## JANUARY 2007

| Sun  | Mon                        | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                      | Fri                          | Sat                             |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | 1<br><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> | 2  | 3<br>10 AM Holy Eucharist                           | 4<br>7 PM Rays of Light  | 5                            | 6<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study  |
| 7 7:30 AM Rite 1<br>8:30 AM Contemp<br>9:30 AM Sunday Schl<br>9:45 AM Adult Ed<br>10:30 AM Rite 2  | 8<br>6:30 PM Youth Band    | 9<br>7:30 PM Choir                                 | 10<br>10 AM Holy Eucharist<br>5 PM Children's Choir | 11<br>7 PM Rays of Light | 12                           | 13<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study |
| 14 7:30 AM Rite 1<br>8:30 AM Contemp<br>9:30 AM Sunday Schl<br>9:45 AM Adult Ed<br>10:30 AM Rite 2 | 15<br>6:30 PM Youth Band   | 16<br>10 AM Daughters of the King<br>7:30 PM Choir | 17<br>10 AM Holy Eucharist<br>5 PM Children's Choir | 18<br>7 PM Rays of Light | 19                           | 20<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study |
| 21 7:30 AM Rite 1<br>8:30 AM Contemp<br>9:30 AM Sunday Schl<br>9:45 AM Adult Ed                    | 22<br>6:30 PM Youth Band   | 23<br>6:30 PM Vestry<br>7:30 PM Choir              | 24<br>10 AM Holy Eucharist<br>5 PM Children's Choir | 25<br>7 PM Rays of Light | 26<br>6:30 PM Scottish Night | 27<br>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study |
| 28 7:30 AM Rite 1<br>8:30 AM Contemp<br>9:30 AM Sunday Schl<br>9:45 AM Adult Ed<br>10:30 AM Rite 2 | 29<br>6:30 PM Youth Band   | 30<br>10 AM Daughters of the King<br>7:30 PM Choir | 31<br>10 AM Holy Eucharist<br>5 PM Children's Choir |                          |                              |                                 |

## ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 19, 2006

### VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Present: Rick Bate, Linda Baribeau, Pam Elliott, Tanja Felton, Doug Guy, Mark Katz, Joan Kirkwood,

Fr. Jay Lambert, John McQuide, David Roach

Clerk: Mary Metz Guest: Lucy Wyka Absent: Cathy Milliken Resigned: Leah Kilmer

**Call to Order/Spiritual Reflection:** At 6:30 p.m. Joan Kirkwood called the meeting to order and led the members in prayer and meditation: "Prayer for Others."

**Approval of September 19, 2006 Vestry Minutes:** Moved by Mark Katz and seconded by Pam Elliott to accept the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

**Rector's Report:** (Copy attached) Sunday attendance is trending higher. Since the beginning of November the 10:30 Service has especially shown gains. Jean and Tom Rees and Mark Brudnak are considering joining the parish. There will be a Healing Service on December 27. Fr. Jay will take a 4-day vacation in January to visit family in Tampa, Florida.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Copy attached).

**Year to date expenses** are about \$3,000 over budget. This is partly due to the unbudgeted cost of the Healing Visit, increase in gas prices for pastoral visitation, purchase of accounting software and postage for committees involved in their growth initiatives. It amounts to approximately 1% over budget.

We began the year with a \$14,000 expense to income deficit built into the 2006 budget. We are now within \$1,000 of covering that amount and as a result may not have to take money from the Endowment Fund to cover the shortage. Thus far for December we have received 55.8% of pledged giving with two Sundays remaining.

**Concerning the 2007 Budget:** Pledge income is \$37,000 below the 2006 income level. Outreach pledges, which are not part of operating income and not accessed by the diocese, stand at \$19,000.

The proposed budget has a 13.9% expense increase. On January 14, 2007 Joan Kirkwood will speak at all services about the budget and the dreams of St. Boniface Parish.

**Rectory Renovations:** The total cost of renovations to date is \$27,880.76. This covers the cost of tree removal, chimney cleaning, plumbing and electrical work, new roof, ceiling and drywall repair and insulation and landscape work to help runoff. Because of \$5,232 withdrawn from the Endowment fund and personal donations for rectory improvement, the vestry has been able to repay the \$15,000 withdrawal from the line of credit at M&I to cover these costs. Bathroom renovation still remains to be done with anticipated costs between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Mark Katz moved and Rick Bate seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for financial review. Passed unanimously.

**Presentation by Lucy Wyka: Church:** Lucy would like to form a small committee to renovate the library's collection. She has a degree in Library Science and would like to weed, sort, and update the collection. The goal would be to provide Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, inspirational reading material, fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and audio books by Christian authors. The check out procedure would be a simple card sign out.

Books that were weeded would be made available to parishioners with the remainder donated to St. Paul's book sale. The Vestry suggested that the committee compile a recommended list of books for possible parishioner donations. Moved by David Roach and seconded by Joan Kirkwood that the Vestry support Lucy in her leading a library committee to enhance the library's collection. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Church Directory Feedback—Rick Bate:** Approximately 70 individuals/couples/families have had their photos taken for the directory. There will be another shoot later this winter (date as yet undetermined, probably in February). Parishioners who have not been photographed will be contacted to see if they are interested in being included. There was discussion about including a picture of the 2007 Vestry as well as historical parish photos.

### **New Business**

**Vestry/Convention Nominations:** Tanja Felton, Doug Guy, and Cathy Milliken have completed their terms of office, and Leah Killmer has resigned. The Nominating Committee consisting of the two wardens, Fr. Jay and outgoing vestry members has met and has selected a slate of nominees: Dennis Boese, Nancy Jacobs, Rob Mortensen, and Jackie Jorgensen, who will fill Leah Kilmer's remaining year.

Nominees for the Diocesan Convention are: Joan Kirkwood, John Kirkwood, John McQuide and Steve Murphy. Rick Bate has been nominated as an alternate. Three additional alternate nominees are needed.

There was discussion concerning having a Youth Representative to the Vestry. This person could be appointed for a certain period of time and could be the liaison with Sunday School students. Specific policy needs to be developed.

**Annual Meeting Schedule:** *The Vestry will meet one week later in January in order to allow enough time to review the 2007 budget proposal. The following order will be followed:*

January 23, 2007 Vestry Meeting--approval of Proposed Budget

January 28, 2007 Annual Report & Proposed Budget distributed at Sunday services

February 4, 2007 Annual Meeting

**February 4, 2007 Schedule: 8:30 Sunday School, 9:30 Rite I Service with hymn, 10:30 Annual Meeting**

**GUS Report: Linda Baribeau:** (Copy attached) The Visitor and Newcomer brochures have been updated.

In its role as shepherds, GUS will develop and coordinate a list of mentors whose role will be to invite new members to church events, make them feel welcome at St. Boniface, and help them transition into the St. Boniface Community more smoothly. If after meeting with new members Fr. Jay determines that a mentor is appropriate, one will be assigned. It is expected that mentors will come from all areas of the church, not only GUS.

### **Other Business**

**Salary Review:** The Vestry must vote on the rector's proposed compensation package before the end of the calendar year so that the diocese can determine the pension package and inform the Vestry of its cost. Moved by Doug Guy and seconded by Tanya Felton to accept the proposed salary recommendation for 2007 for the rector. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closing prayer**— Pam Elliott closed with a prayer at 8:25 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Mary Metz, Clerk of the Vestry** **Next meeting: Tuesday January 23, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**

**VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS****PHONE NUMBERS**

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Senior Warden — Joan Kirkwood | 262-512-1918 |
| Junior Warden—Rick Bate       | 262-375-0163 |
| Clerk—Mary Metz               | 414-331-2395 |
| Treasurer—David Roach         | 262-242-3208 |
| Linda Baribeau, Vestry        | 262-242-4003 |
| Pam Elliott, Vestry           | 262-243-5557 |
| Tanja Felton, Vestry          | 262-241-5546 |
| Doug Guy, Vestry              | 262-242-5965 |
| Mark Katz, Vestry             | 262-242-1072 |
| John McQuide, Vestry          | 262-240-2637 |
| Cathy Milliken, Vestry        | 262-377-8837 |
| David Roach, Vestry           | 262-242-3208 |

**COMMITTEE CONTACTS****PHONE NUMBERS**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Acolytes, Servers, Lectors - Tom Miller  | 262-284-3593 |
| Adult Education — Tanja Felton           | 262-241-5546 |
| Altar Guild—Irene Lueck                  | 262-377-5057 |
| Choir Director/Organist—James Norden     | 414-351-3098 |
| Contemporary Worship—Jenny Gettel        | 262-376-1342 |
| Daughters of the King—Mary Metz          | 414-331-2395 |
| Evangelism—Court Hintze                  | 262-376-2226 |
| Greeters/Ushers/Servers—Rob Mortensen    | 262-376-1805 |
| Outreach - Bob Elliott                   | 262-243-5557 |
| Parish Nurse/Giving—Dorothy Rooney       | 262-512-1012 |
| Prayer Chain—Jeanette Lindner            | 262-377-0744 |
| Publicity—Anne Davis                     | 414-284-1751 |
| Religious Education Director—Cindy Meier | 262-284-2701 |
| Stewardship—Marc Jorgensen               | 262-242-4381 |
| Worship—Steve Murphy                     | 414-708-9445 |

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ANY space at the church for your event or meetings,  
and be Thankful the church is so busy!!!!  
**262/242-2994**