

E P I S C O P A L

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

November 2013



Nadya Healy, young adult parishioner and a Junior at Eagle Hill in Hardwick MA is 16 years old. When Nadya was 14 a program through her school taught basics of dog sledding and she really fell in love with it. "We all hope to attend Iditarod (The annual race is really a reconstruction of the freight route to Nome and commemorates the part that sled dogs played in the settlement of Alaska.) We're preparing now for our winter program I help look after the dogs by feeding and training them. Soon, I will start my races. I'm a musher. It's terrific fun and a great deal of hard work.. I've traveled as far as 30 mile race in fort Kent Maine. " Congratulations to Nadya and to all our young adults we say...Mush!!

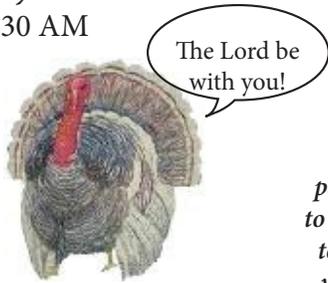
2014 Pledges Year to Date: we've received 33 pledge cards that add up to \$121,891.00 That means an average pledge of over \$3,500. which is terrific. 50 people have not yet sent in their completed pledge cards. Please don't forget to send in yours!

Altar Flowers...do you have a gift with arranging flowers? Would you like to teach what you know? Halani Foulsham our flower artist, is moving 'across the pond' in December. How we will miss her. We'd like to start a Flower Guild for our weekly altar flowers. We could even teach our youngsters about flower arrangements. Interested in being a part of this? Let Joel or Joan Young know.

Courtney Patrick and family had a mirage made real Columbus Day Weekend at the sun drenched Osterville home of Anne and Elton Elperin. They won it at the church auction. Maybe it will be yours to enjoy in 2014 !



Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion
Thursday 11/ 28 at 9:30 AM
in the chapel with organ accompaniment. Come sing a few of your favorite Thanksgiving Day Hymns. The celebrant will be the Rev. Tom Kennedy former Provost of St. Paul's Cathedral and Brookline resident.



Dinners For 8 Serves up COOS Spirit
a wonderful series of dinners are underway at the home of parishioners. The plan is to get new church members to have meal with others who've been here longer. Won't you sign up? It's a terrific evening and the food is delicious. Thanks to Michael Robbins and Bill & Leslie Patton for hosting our first meals. Sign up to host or attend!

Funeral for Al White Yields Tears, Joy
The church was full and the casket was draped in a 19th century pall that surely draped Amos Lawrence's casket, and has been lovingly mended from years of use by our Altar Guild. So the traditional funeral Al had long planned, occurred. We wept and remembered a truly kind, gentle man who gave so much of himself not only to this church but to the wider Episcopal Church. Each year, Al staffed the Episcopal Relief and Development table at the Alternative Christmas Market, ensuring enough goats, sheep and cows were purchased so that more than a few needy farmers around the world could have stables as plentiful as Old MacDonald himself. Al's support of the Diocese was unrelenting and his love and support of this parish was unwavering; his friendship always unselfish and secure. We shall not see another like him again that's for sure. He'd be quite cross with me for even writing these words as my funeral sermon was based on Al's final instructions that my remarks were to "MINIMIZE Al W...MAXIMIZE JESUS." But we saw Jesus through Al and we carry on Al's work unfinished it's helpful to recall all that he was and is for us. What can we do to carry on his legacy...do you have ideas? Let the vestry know!

Preparing for Winter: Caleb Stewart
As winter approaches, we have started to batten down the hatches here at church. We installed lighting for our sign on Carleton Street and are quite pleased with the results. Folks walking by will be able to see the name of our church subtly illuminated with low wattage LED lights. We've repaired the path lights around our property in preparation for the shorter days and have adjusted light timers and thermostats accordingly. We held a great yard clean up in October and tackled a number of overgrown shrubs and the no mans land south of the Parish House. In addition to help from parishioners, we had the help from a few Cub Scouts. Thank you everyone! The weather has been so mild, only now are the leaves really falling down. We might call upon the parish to help rake leaves in the next week or so. Debra Wasiowicz, Joyce DeWitt and I held a yard sale to benefit the church and raised over \$950 to help pay down the cost of installing the pipe organ -- we now owe less than \$9K. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day of the sale and for your donations and purchases. It was fun and productive! We'll likely have another sale in the months ahead so please keep us in mind if you have or know people who have items to donate. I am happy to come take a look at and pick up items. Winter projects include trimming the Weeping Cherry that graces the front of the Parish House, building an interior storm panel (continued)

All Saint's Brookline Calls New Rector: The Vestry and the Search Committee are absolutely delighted to announce the appointment of our 10th rector. He is Richard Burden, currently priest of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Richmond, Kentucky. Congratulations!

There's a new Yoga Business on Carlton at Beacon and we've partnered with them by providing space for a five week outreach program here at Church of Our Saviour called 'The Mindful Parenting Group' It's a 5 week series in the large classroom that supports parents in dealing with the challenges and joys of children. Kids are great at pushing their parents buttons and many of us react automatically and instinctively in responding. Nothing effective can be taught or learned in those moments and upon reflection we may feel frustrated that our response could have been more skillful. This series of 5 classes helps parent understand what pushed their buttons, why they get pushed and how to replace automatic responses with more useful ones. The classes focus on ending ineffective and frustrating action-reaction cycles. It hopefully provide parents with a 'toolkit of techniques'. Taught by renown pediatric physical therapist and parent coach Danya Handlesmen. If this goes well, we hope they will run it again soon with more time for our community members to participate!

The Teachings of Jesus: is a class that's underway on Sundays at 12:00 PM following Coffee Hour. The Rev. Merritt Harrison leads this exploration of what Jesus taught as seen through both the Gospels themselves and Christian writers.

Lectionary Study Group: Where do sermons originate? Is it in a tropical depression like a hurricane, or an Arctic cold front like a nor'easter? Actually the rector says they originate when the clock says 4 Pm on Saturday afternoon. But they start with the assigned scripture lessons and what theologians have said about them and other things. Join the Rector at 9:30 AM and help stir the bubbling cauldron of an upcoming sermon as we examine the what words the beg for amplification in the upcoming lessons and what the Spirit might be saying to us today.



Is there anything more 'Vintage Church of Our Saviour' than the annual service **Advent Lessons and Carols followed by the Parish Feast?** This year it will be on **Sunday, December 15 at 4PM** and you should not miss it.

Thinking of making a gift of appreciated stock to your Church? Here's how it's done. Tell your broker that we're Episcopal Church of Our Saviour -Longwood, Brookline (founded in 1867) Federal Tax Exempt #042-103-999 Our Broker is Fidelity Investments 1-800-544-5704 /Team 364 (this is important) Our DTC # is 0226 Any questions: call Joel 508-367-0420



Church School News

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Each year before Thanksgiving, **the teenagers of the Brookline Episcopal parishes make about twenty pies for the Brookline Food Pantry.** So I naturally asked them "Are there four and twenty blackbirds baked into those pies?" They just stared at me and I howled '*Does no one read Mother Goose to their children anymore!*' But seriously, some needy families will have home made pies on Thanksgiving Day thanks to our kids.

Annual Pie Making

Sunday November 17th 3:00-5:00

Christ Church 1132 Highland Needham

Bring apples and frozen pie crust to make 2 pies per person .

The Deanery will supply the rest bakers of all ages welcome

Middle School Youth Group

Friday 11/15 6:00 - 9:00 at COOS

Movie Night for the high school students

Friday 11/22 6:00 - 10:00 PM Location to be announced

Bach Christmas Concert

Church of Our Saviour, December 21

music of J.S. Bach's Christmastides. We will hear the great Advent chorales Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland and Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern in many guises and disguises, culminating in Bach's magnificent Cantata No. 61 based on these tunes. This concert will feature chorale-singing (in English, with audience participation!) and organ works performed on the new Hook & Hastings organ.



Property Continued:

And speaking of battening down hatches) for the church bulkhead and continuing to investigate solutions for new heating systems for our buildings. Despite the Farmers Almanac prediction of a long and cold winter, I pray for a warm and short one! Our heating oil bill was \$24K last year and we can ill afford the cost this year. Cheers, Caleb Stewart