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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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News from the Pews is lovingly compiled each month by the one and only Linda Horn. She provided the "interim editor" with a copious amount of copy and photos so I am making "an executive decision" to issue this month's extra-long column supplement. -- *Kitty Davis, who is here playing interim for Jennifer Nelson as St. Stephen's is simply in interim mode.*



It is back to school time! Here are just some of the people heading to institutions of learning. **Jack Simpson** is going to Kindergarten. **Zeke Swartzentruber** started kindergarten and brother **Ezra** started second grade. **Asa Davis** is going to first grade. **Declan Gallipo** started grade three. **Dean Groby** is headed into grade 4. **Ryder Whiteman** is now a fourth grader also. **Carter Lee** is a freshman at Northfield Mount Herman. **Chloe Clark** going to be a junior in a performing arts high school. **Suzie Klemmer** is a freshman at Bishop's University, **Jacob Klemmer** is a senior at McGill. **Tyler McGuire** is at UVM taking classes in advance of med school. **Matt Snider** is taking a course in Namibia that counts towards his PhD. **Linda Horn** teaches teachers of math in grades pre-k to eight. Teacher **Mary McGuire** still teaches tenth grade, Claire **Groby** is starting her 25th year of teaching and now teaches 10th grade World History. **Mary Jane Simpson** continues with chemistry and college students. **Jack Desbois** teaches drama to grades 5-12. I am sure there are others, please email me and I will put them in the next edition.

While school has started, we still have summer memories to share. **Elizabeth Oettinger** spent her summer vacation at her idyllic cabin in Maine. Lucky Elizabeth! She gets to go back in September.

Carol Haraden has been on the move. This summer she has visited London, Australia, Belgium, Bar Harbor, and Cape Cod. Take that **John Hammer**! Some may remember the days when John's work, volunteer endeavors, and personal travel would see him in nine or ten countries every three months! John says this summer he has "only" been in the Low Countries for three weeks.

Summer travels for **Amy Hastings** and **Larry Yarbrough** took them to Salzburg, Austria for a return visit to the Salzburg Global Seminar from which Amy retired several years ago. They traveled afterwards to Zurich, Switzerland for a first-time visit. Highlights of their stay in the old city were visits to several of the churches that were important during the Reformation.

Happy Birthday to **Adler Holbrook** who turned three on September 7th. A big birthday was celebrated by **Jessica Hoagland**. Ask her what number!

Another type of celebration is at **Thelma Gifford's** new house. Thelma, **Mike Davis's** mom, has moved from an apartment to a cottage at The Residence. Her new address is Cottage 21 Gordies Path.

Gardens are also being celebrated this time of year. **Kitty Davis's** zinnias (grown from seed) shows a glorious coral mix at right.

Robert Borden, husband of **Catherine Nichols**, says Catherine has created beautiful gardens at the old rectory. Robert reports he is the grunt worker and manure hauler. Catherine is the master gardener. Her dahlias are especially glorious this year, as shown below.



Barbara Greenwood has succeeded in growing healthy, delicious vegetable marrows. The seeds were special ordered from Canada. If you would like to know more about this summer treat, ask Barbara!

Below left, **Ann LaFiandra's** artichoke that she plants each year in memory of her husband, **Bob**. Also, a picture of her zinnias, which she said didn't do as well as last year.



Below right, **Cathy Walsh** says this of her garden "This somewhat haphazard garden evolved almost weekly over the spring and summer months and consists primarily of cast offs from friends, and a few annuals. It's especially pretty in the evening light...more so as storm clouds gathered in the east and caught the last of the reflection of the sunset"



Above left, from **Elizabeth Oettinger** we see the front of her home with a bursting hydrangea. She says the vibrancy of the colors didn't come through the photo. Stop by and see for yourself!

Below left, we can see the beautiful colors of **Jean Bergesen's** flowers.



Above right, from the garden of **Jessica Hoagland**, (photo credit **Sandy Ketcham**) we again see what a good year hydrangea had!

Sandy Archibald has had a wonderful tomato and squash harvest.



The **Davises'** orchard at Stonefold Farm welcomes parishioners, especially children, to come out and 'pick your own' apples, pears, or plums. Courtland, Macintosh, and Macoun apples, Bartlett pears, and Castleton plums are getting ripe now and will be good picking for the next couple weeks. Maybe some surprises from the garden as well! Call **Mike** at 989.9820 to arrange a visit when one of us is home.

