

## **CONNECTOR'S COMMITTEE Ginger Harbour**

Committee Chair - Ginger Harbour

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In 2013, the Connector's Committee saw great success in welcoming visitors to our parish. The group continued making home visits to individuals or families that completed Visitor Information cards on Sunday, and this action seems to be very well received. Each visitor is given a bag with the All Saints' logo that includes a loaf of homemade bread and a small bottle of oil. In addition to the home visits, the group planned and hosted a Newcomer dinner at the church in August.

While we will continue the home visits into 2014, the Connector's Committee has decided to hold Quarterly Newcomer Gatherings rather than a once a year dinner. We hope that this will allow us to socialize and form relationships with our guests closer to the date of their first visit.

The Connector's Committee did not have a formal budgeted amount in 2013. However, the Vestry graciously agreed to donate the meat for our Newcomers' Dinner, and the remaining food was prepared and donated by our parishioners. The group has requested \$200 in the 2014 budget to help offset the costs of our Quarterly Lunch Gatherings.

We truly appreciate the support from our parish during this year. Many individuals donated time and food to make the Newcomer Dinner possible on little to no budget, and Mary Howard King generously bakes all of the bread used in our visitor gift bags. These donations have been instrumental in the success of our group this year. We welcome any individuals to join our committee in 2014, and we are looking forward to another great year.