



# The Parish Messenger

## February 2012

*The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

FEBRUARY 22, 2012

7:00 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

WITH CHILDCARE



5:45 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

CHILDCARE IN THE NURSERY  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM 325 (AGES 5 - GRADE 6)

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Canterbury Hall. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs and applesauce. Members of the Parish Life Committee will sell tickets on Sundays after all services, and at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in the church office on weekdays. Tickets purchased by February 19 are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets purchased after February 19 are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Helpers are needed to flip pancakes, set and clean tables, and more. Sign up on the kiosk in Canterbury Hall if you would like to help.



#### AN EVENSONG FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invites you to a special Evensong dedicated to the healing of the earth Feb. 5 at 3:30 p.m. The famine, drought, flooding and shifting of growing seasons caused by climate change hits the world's poor first and worst. Using our traditional form of evening prayer, we will turn prayerful attention to their need and our response. Evensong is a beautiful service of prayers and singing by the congregation and the choir. Music will include the evening canticles in C major by Sr. Charles Villers Stanford and the lovely John Rutter anthem, FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH. Father Richard Virgil will be the officiant and The Rev William Twing of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Johnstown will be guest preacher. A reception sponsored by the Environmental Concerns Committee will follow. Childcare will be available in the nursery.

## NEED ORIENTED EVANGELISM

Despite the cold weather we had an enthusiastic turnout for the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Forum on the future of the space formerly occupied by the pre-school. Fr. Richard began the forum with the following questions: What



does God call us to do as a church? How do we use our building space? What are the needs of our local community? How could St. Andrew's meet those needs? Father Richard reminded us that the rooms are, on the advice of the diocese, currently on a one year rest period while the parish goes through a process of discernment about their future use. We explored various aspects of the space question. Should we use the rooms for a new mission or in support of pre-existing non-profit agencies, in which case we may need to come up with extra money for programs, staff or utilities? Should we try to configure them so as to generate a revenue stream to support our budget and better support our overall programs? Are some of our programs short of space? Does the church office need more room(s) or the music program, our seniors, or our new young adult initiative? Might changes in the way the diocese thinks about St Andrew's relationship with campus ministry in the next few years affect space allocation?

We agreed not to plan to put any extra burden on Scott, our already-busy sexton. We also agreed to approve any new plans for an initial one-year experimental period only and to insist on year to year arrangements so as to preserve the maximum flexibility. Everyone who attended had more questions than answers and we are therefore following the example of the Environmental Concerns Committee and setting times to think and pray about this topic. Lent is a productive time for us to be discern the relationship between space and mission. The Chapel of the intercession is a perfect place for deep reflection. We'll convene there on three Thursdays at 5:30: March 15, 22 and 29. - Liz Jenkins and Darla Lindberg

### ST ANDREW'S YOUNG ADULT EVENT: SNOW TUBING ON TUSSEY MOUNTAIN

The St Andrew's Young Adults invites you to the most fun you will have outside all winter. No skill, equipment or bravery necessary. Just come and snow tube with us. (If you've never allowed a pulley to haul you up the side of the mountain only to fling body and soul head first back down the side, then you now have your chance!)



**Who:** Young adults, 18 to mid-thirties, of St. Andrew's

**Where:** Tussey Mountain 301 Bear Meadow Rd, Boalsburg, PA 16827

We'll meet near the ticket booth on Tussey Mountain at 7 p.m. If you drop in later, just look for a familiar face once you get your ticket.

**Cost:** \$16.00 @ the Tussey Mountain ticket booth when you arrive

**When:** Saturday, February 4th 7-10 p.m.

Wear warm clothing, boots, gloves, earmuffs, hats, etc. If you plan on attending, let us know so we can keep an eye out for you (email Leah). Finally, if anyone needs a ride or have any other questions, contact, Leah: [leah.huizar@gmail.com](mailto:leah.huizar@gmail.com)

Finally, if you'd like to be on the list for the Young Adult mid-week study, coffee hours, and future events but can't make this event, just send me a note. - Leah Huizar

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This fall, the church school children in grades 1 -4 explored our church building and made rubbings of our cornerstone. Did anyone notice that the date on that cornerstone is 1911? That's the year the first vicar of St. Andrew's arrived in State College and construction began on our first church building, located in the spot now occupied by our Parish Life Center. The first service held in that first building was on March 12, 1912 - 100 years ago!

To commemorate this important event in our history, the Children and Youth Commission is planning a **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** on Sunday, March 18 from 3 to 5 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to join us as we celebrate and explore our parish history.

We invite you to dig through your closet and come to the party wearing something from your favorite time period of the past 100 years ... let's see if we can represent all ten decades. We'll look at old photos, share birthday cupcakes, enjoy music and dancing from days gone by, and more!

If you have any photos, memorabilia, or just memories from the past 100 years that you'd like to share, or if you'd like to help with party planning, please contact Julie Kwasnica (278-1265) or Kathy Hickner (238-0428).



## AN UPDATE ON SAINT ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café is entering our third year of service and we are continuing our efforts to feed the hungry and provide a warm welcome to those in need of companionship. The Community Café offers free meals to anyone who comes in, serving each Thursday evening between 5:00 and 6:45 p.m. in Canterbury Hall. This year, with a leap of faith and a sense of duty, we have added hot entrees to our regular menu of soup and bread. We plan to serve a hot entrée each week for as long as we can sustain ourselves. We are trying to make sure that each Thursday we serve a filling meal, and that we provide a place where a family with children can come and expect to find a reasonably kid-friendly meal. There are hungry families in State College and we hope with the addition of hot entrees we hope we can encourage more hungry families to join us for dinner.



In addition to food, our Community Café also provides a warm, welcoming place for people who may not often enjoy a relaxing meal in a welcoming environment. Many of our regular guests look forward to a conversation, a welcoming smile, or to just a lively community atmosphere as much as the meal. The sharing of food not only feeds the body, but also nourishes the soul.

To provide food and a pleasant place to enjoy the meal we need the help of the entire parish. Many of you are already volunteers and for that, we are deeply grateful. And while we are always happy for more volunteers, volunteering is not the only way to be involved. We also need people to simply come in and eat. The Community Café is entirely funded by donations we collect each Thursday mostly from members of the church, and a few more dollars each week can make a big difference to us. In addition to your money, and just as valuable, we need your presence. At times, Canterbury Hall can become a little too quiet and perhaps a little daunting to new guests or to people unaccustomed to being the center of attention. A few more people sitting and conversing over dinner, a few more kids making a little too much noise, and the sounds of friends saying hello are the sounds of life to so many lonely people. We will try to post our weekly menu each Sunday in the bulletin, but if we fall behind on our updates rest assured we will still be here each Thursday.

## SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE

Kick off Super Bowl Sunday with delicious homemade chili! J2A is pulling out all the stops and cooking up a storm in order to bring you the best sampling of chili you'll find in State College. J2A will have quart size containers of chili for \$6 on sale Sunday, February 5, during Coffee Hour. Proceeds will be used to fund this year's Pilgrimage trip to Nova Scotia. Thank you for your generous support of St. Andrew's Youth.



If you have any questions, please contact Ron Rovanseck at [rrovanseck@pacewater.com](mailto:rrovanseck@pacewater.com)

## INTERNATIONAL GIFT SHOP

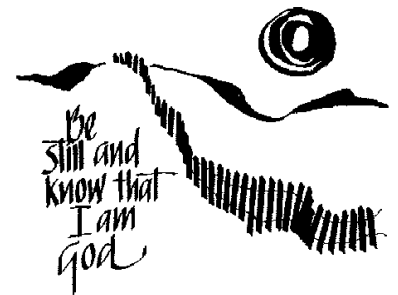
It might still be winter outside, but it is Spring in the Gift Shop. We re-open with our regular Sunday hours beginning February 12. There is lots of new merchandise to see including items for Valentine's, Easter, Moms, Dads, Grads and Brides. Come in from the cold and take a look!

## CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 324

And the following six Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer is a silent Christian prayer practice for consenting to the presence and action of the Divine Indwelling. Based on Matthew 6:6, as well as the teachings from the 14th-century text *The Cloud of Unknowing*, John of the Cross, Thomas Merton and others, Centering Prayer is a method that renews the contemplative Christian tradition of silence, solitude and simplicity in opening and deepening one's relationship with God.



Practitioners will discover a level of prayer beyond asking for aid or offering praise - one that can lead to an intimate, graceful communion with God.

Cost \$30.00 - (scholarship available) If you have attended the workshop before you are welcome to join us at no cost or a small donation. Please sign up on the sheet in Canterbury Hall.

## TAIZÉ WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT AT 5:45 PM IN THE NAVE

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4

We welcome all to experience the service of Taizé. This is a quiet, candle lit, meditative service of silence, singing and prayer. Silence is observed prior to the start of the service. All you have to do is sit back, and let the music of Taizé and the poetry of scripture lead you to prayer. Silence in Taizé is as important as singing. Silence helps us to move deeper into this unique moment with God.



Child care will be available upon request - please contact Julie Kwasnica twenty four hours ahead of time (278-1265) or [julie@kwasnica.com](mailto:julie@kwasnica.com) or call the church office 237-7659.

# ADULT FORMATION

## ADULT FORUMS

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 324

Child care is available – call Julie Kwasnica (278-1265) by Friday

February 5, 19 and 26

Christian Brady presents:

A Look at the Old Testament Stories Through our Stained Glass Windows

The windows include The beginnings – creation, Abraham and Isaac; The Torah and The Writings – Moses and David, Great Women – Ruth and Deborah; and the Prophets: Joel, Amos, Elijah and Isaiah. Join us as we explore the Bible passages and depictions.

February 12

Cathy Dauler presents:

The Art of Stained Glass



## FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS

Friday, February 17, at 7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

The Long Walk Home (1990)

Two women, black and white, in 1955 Montgomery Alabama, must decide what they are going to do in response to the famous bus boycott inspired by Rosa Parks and led by Martin Luther King. “*The Long Walk Home* is a powerful and affecting film, so well played by [Whoopi] Goldberg and [Sissy] Spacek that we understand not just the politics of the time but the emotions as well.” (Roger Ebert) In recognition of Black History Month.

Coming Attractions:

March 16 - I, Worst of All (1990)

April 20 - Babette’s Feast (1987)

May 18 - The Name of the Rose (1986)

## THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The February meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Sunday, February 26, after the 10:00 Eucharist until 1 p.m. in Room 325 until.

There will be a light lunch served before we start to knit. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all men, women and teens who have a prayerful calling to dedicate the work of their hands to creating hand-made items given to those in need of love, compassion, and healing.

We welcome all people who crochet and can provide instructions on crocheting a prayer shawl...so please join us. Call Vicky Ponish, 234-5625 or email [vponish1@comcast.net](mailto:vponish1@comcast.net) for any other information/questions.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 13

St. Andrew's, in cooperation with the State College Presbyterian Church, will sponsor a blood drive on February 13. The blood drive will be held in Canterbury Hall from 1:00- 7:00 p.m. If you have not donated blood in the past 56 days, you are eligible to donate at this drive.

Last years, St. Andrew's held three blood drives and collected a total of 77 units of blood. This amount of blood was used to help save 231 lives. Please consider being part of this worthy effort either by donating blood, donating, snacks or juice for the canteen, or donating time to assist the Red Cross by signing people in or working in the canteen during the blood drive. Thanks!

### FINANCIAL REPORT

	Month of December	Year to Date	Budget For the Year
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 45,546	\$418,585	\$399,000
Total Income	\$ 48,477	\$ 483,786	\$466,500
Total Expense	\$ 36,908	\$ 473,639	\$471,675
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 11,569	\$ 10,146	\$ 0

\*Includes pledges, plate offerings, and identified plate offering, plus special holiday offerings.

Despite the general economic gloom of the past year, it's a welcome relief to see that St. Andrew's ended the year positively. Our overall receipts were 3.7% higher than was projected in the budget. Our expenses were slightly above what was projected (1.5%) but well within reasonable limits. In fact, at the start of 2011, the pledges received were not going to be sufficient to cover the budgeted expenses for the year. But our congregation has a strong and generous commitment to the parish. In addition to surpassing our income goals for the year, donations to many different projects were also quite generous. Just to name a few where parishioners made gifts (beyond pledge donations) :

Parishioners' Ministry	\$ 2,600
Wells Music Fund	\$ 820 (including annual gift from The Stump Family Fund)
Window Restoration Fund	\$22,600
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,865

It must be said that we include a certain expectation of income in the budget from fundraising. And it also must be said that we would not have met our needs without it, although we all hope that we shouldn't have to have fundraising at all, unless it was for a special project. This year our fundraisers included a golf outing, the pie social during the Arts Festival, car wash vouchers, and the apple dumpling sale during high school football games, and Tait Farm Foods, for a net total of \$14,124. All these contributions, both in time and effort and in dollars helped St. Andrew's tremendously. In addition, the Youth Pilgrimage/Mission fundraisers collected \$15,680 in 2011. (This amount is not included in the church budget.) And there were donations to our companion parish in Brazil which amounted to \$14,030 and all of this gets transferred to our friends at Santo Andre, Campinas.

The outlook for 2012 looks equally as good. Let's hope that the spirit of generosity continues to flourish here at St. Andrew's.

The complete financial report is available in the office. - Sue Stephenson, Treasurer

## YOUTH EDUCATION



### CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

#### Young Children and Worship

On January 8, the children began 2012 with the story "Meeting the Christ Child." In January, the stories "The Boy Jesus in the Temple," "Jesus is Baptized," and "Jesus in the Wilderness" will be presented. As always, we are grateful to be able to introduce and present these wonderful stories to your children through prayer, song (and sometimes dance!), story characters, the "desert box", and sharing. Peace! From Darlene Nordoff, team coordinator and the Young Children and Worship team.

#### Grades 1 - 4 - Rotations - The Miracles of Jesus

Elementary age children participate in a rotation model church school program. This means the children rotate among teachers exploring stories from different creative ways. Each week children are with a different teacher targeting a different type of learning style. We welcome to Greg Lovisky a new teacher in this rotation along with Betha Christopher, Pam Couch and Madeline Johnson. This rotation theme is on the Miracles of Jesus with stories like the Wedding at Cana, Feeding the 5,000, healing the paralytic and more. The children will experience lessons through music, art, storytelling, and drama.

#### Grades 5-6

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class - Read-Aloud Workshop

Ted Christopher will visit to the 5-6 grade class on Sunday, February 12, during Church School for a read-aloud workshop. He will coach the children on how to read scripture for meaning. There will be a follow-up in the nave after the service (during Coffee Hour) so the children can practice reading at the lectern.

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROJECT - *LORD TEACH US TO PRAY*, 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION

Dear People of Saint Andrew's:

For Lent this year, we are updating a booklet of St. Andrew's family prayers, *Lord Teach Us To Pray*. We would like to collect those prayers that you share as a family; those prayers that have a special meaning or connection for you. We are looking for prayers for all occasions—mealtime, bedtime, holidays; and all concerns—prayers for strength, guidance, healing, forgiveness, etc.... In particular, we would like to include those prayers that relate to your family's particular heritage. These do not need to be in traditional form or structured or flowery—just whatever words or phrases you use to converse with God. We will compile all your contributions into a booklet that we will distribute to our families before Lent. We hope this collection will serve as a source of inspiration during the Lenten season as well as deepen our connection to Christ through each other.

Please e-mail your contributions (as well as any questions you might have) to Meira Minard at [mjm400@psu.edu](mailto:mjm400@psu.edu), or drop them by the church office at your convenience. We need the prayers in by Monday, February 20, 2012 so that the booklet can be distributed on February 26, the first Sunday in Lent.

Thank you for your help with this project!

Sincerely, The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Teachers of St. Andrew's

## LENTEN HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT PILLOWCASES – A *CASE* FOR SMILES!

This a Lenten project for grades five through Middle School/High School and Adults. We will make cheerful pillowcases for children and teenagers who are sick with cancer or another serious illness.

Don't have a sewing machine you say?

We have solved that problem, read on...

Sewing machines will be set up in the first floor room 119 throughout Lent – please call the church in advance if you would like to come in to sew. Specific sewing directions will be provided.

Grades 5-6 and Journey to Adulthood students will have time to sew during Sunday Church school, class meetings, and coffee hour. By making an appointment with they church office, they can also sew during other times when the church is open (with a parent and please).

Grades 1-4 can participate by picking out cheerful fabric to donate or by coming in to sew with a parent during Coffee Hour or on a weekday between 9 am - 5 p.m. Please call in advance.

Don't sew you say?

That's okay there are other ways to help.

We need:

Prewashed cheerful 100% cotton or 100% cotton flannel material

¾ yard for the body of the pillow (the cheerier the better!)

1/3 yard coordinating fabric for the boarder part (these two parts complement but are not the same print)

Spools of Thread (neutral colors are best)

Sewing Machines – if you can “give up” a sewing machine for Lent we will take it.

Visit the ConKerrCancer website <http://conkerrcancer.org/home/> for details information. Be watching our website, church bulletins, and emails for more information.

## SUMMER CALENDAR

Time to think about summer camp! This year two camp opportunities fall during the same week but read ahead and determine what if either is best for your child and family!

July 22 - 27, 2012 - Camp Mt. Luther is a weeklong overnight - outdoor camping ministry near Mifflinburg, PA. Camp is for children who have completed third through eighth grade. The theme this year is Dr. Seuss including a Seuss Eucharist!

The Episcopal Diocese of Central PA is partnering again with the Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to provide a joint camping experience to members of both the Episcopal and Lutheran congregations. 2012 Summer Brochures in the church office. The brochure and registration information is also available on-line at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). The fee is \$429 for the week if you register before April 1, 2012. It goes up \$30 if you register after April 1 and goes up \$60 if you register after June 15. So register early, tell your friends, register and join in the experience – God – Nature and Service!

### **Vacation Church School – Good Shepherd & St. Andrew's**

Monday, July 23 – Friday, July 27, 2012

This is a morning VCS 9:00 a.m. to noon for children preschool age four to children going into grade five. More details later....

# JOURNEY TO ADULthood ❖ RITE-13, J2A, YAC ❖ AT ST. ANDREW'S

## JOURNEY TO ADULthood CALENDAR

February 5	Classes until 12:15 p.m. Roller Skating until 3 p.m.
February 12	Classes until 12 p.m.
February 17-19	Happening Retreat
February 19	Classes until 12 p.m. Rite-13 Evening 6-8 p.m.
February 26	Classes until 12 p.m. Evening Activities 6-8 p.m.
March 4	Spring Break Worship with your family
March 11	Classes until 12 p.m. Evening Activities 6-8 p.m.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

**CHILI SALE:** We will have a chili fundraiser during Coffee Hour on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 5**. Proceeds will go towards off-setting the cost of Pilgrimage 2012. The more chili that we sell, the more money for Pilgrimage, so if you are making chili, make a lot!

**COMEDY CLUB:** Tickets are available for the St. Andrew's Night at the Comedy Club. The date is set for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. More information coming soon. For tickets, contact Pam Couch at [mygirlz60@aol.com](mailto:mygirlz60@aol.com) or Kelley at [youth@standrewsc.com](mailto:youth@standrewsc.com).

**DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Journey to Adulthood meals are made possible through our awesome volunteers. Please email [youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org) if you can help out.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

*Mark your calendar for the special events we have planned for the spring. Details to follow.*

TBD	Rummage Sale- Start saving your rummage!
March 18	St. Andrew's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
April 15	Rite-13 Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood
April 27-29	Rite-13 Retreat
May 19	Cocktails and Silent Auction: A silent auction to benefit St. Andrew's J2A pilgrimage fund

## DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS ❖ *Central PA Youth Commission*

### **HAPPENING RETREAT FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012**

**At Camp Mt. Luther:** This event will be for 9th -12th graders. Happening is a powerful retreat organized by and for spiritually ready teens in grades 9-12, in which participants experience the risen Christ in the midst of an enthusiastic community of their peers. It has been a significant and in some cases life-changing event in the lives of many of the teens in our parish and of the Diocese of Central PA. Some of our very own St. Andrew's teens will be on staff for this event! The cost of this retreat is \$135. Applications are available at [www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org) or from the church office.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE MARCH 16-18, 2012**

**A Lenten retreat at Camp Mt. Luther:** This will be the second annual Middle School/Jr. High School Conference. This event will help provide opportunities for connection with other youth in the Diocese as we journey together in mission.

### **X-TEEN SENIOR SUMMER CONFERENCE JUNE 17-26, 2011**

The emphasis will be on youth leadership with a focus on mission, spirituality and leadership development.

**More information at [www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org).** Scholarships from the diocese for 1/3 of the cost are available upon request. St. Andrew's youth will also do fundraising to off-set the cost of these events.



# **Night Prayer In Eisenhower Chapel Taize style Music**

***9:00 p.m.***

***Sunday, February 26***

***Sunday, March 25***

***Sunday, April 29***

Hosted by:

Episcopal Campus Ministry  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship

## **CENTRE COUNTY FUEL BANK**

In our current economy, and fuel prices still up, it continues to be difficult for Centre County low-income residents to stay ahead of basic living needs. The Fuel Bank and LIHEAP offer help to these residents. All clients receive individual case management to help provide conservation tips and budget strategies to help make them more self sufficient. Clients are also required, when possible, to contribute financially to their heating crisis.

The Centre County Fuel Bank is a collaborative effort involving service agencies, county government, the Centre County United Way, The Centre County Community Foundation and heating product vendors.

## **MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

To help low-income residents in Centre County, the Money Management program offers counseling to clients to help them get the most from their financial resources through helping clients budget their income and improving clients' credit by providing financial education. The money manager can ensure that bills are paid on time while offering one-on-one case management.

A small monthly fee is charged for this service which can be difficult for some.

If you have questions regarding either of these programs, please call the Inter-faith Human Services office at 234-7731. Donations to either of these programs may be made to IHS, 2100C E. College Ave., State College, PA, 16801.



## **PET FOOD BANK**

Since September 2011, the Faith Centre of Bellefonte has successfully served State College area residents by operating the Pet Food Bank. St. Andrew's provides the space for the pet food bank in the undercroft of the church. We are currently serving about 45 individuals and families with more than 50 pets benefiting from the service. Thanks to all who have generously donated to make the Pet Food Bank a success

The pet food bank is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Donations of all types of cat and dog food are welcome. We are in need of dry cat food, and wet or moist cat and dog food. There is a marked donation basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

## COOKING FOR CROWDS OFFERED FOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS

Cooking For Crowds - the Health Dept.-recommended class for all who volunteer in the Community Café will be offered twice in April:

Monday, April 16 - Patton Twp. Bldg. 6-9 p.m. or

Saturday, April 21 - St. Andrews - Room 325 - 9 a.m. - noon

To register, send a check for \$20 made out to " PSCE Account" to

Penn State Extension - Centre County

Willowbank Bldg. - Room 322

Bellefonte, PA 16823

Please register at least one week prior to the class you wish to take, so a book can be ordered for you.



## SINGERS WANTED FOR ECUMENICAL CHORAL PRESENTATION ON THE PASSION

Join singers throughout the region in an ecumenical performance of John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*, on Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Musical leadership includes soloists Ted Christopher, Graham Sanders, and Jon Carpenter; June Miller, organist; Laurel Sanders, director; and Chris Kiver, who will give a pre-performance talk. The musical vignettes will be accompanied by a series of projected paintings that depict the Passion and portray the Scriptures on which the text and music are based.



Please consider joining us for an ecumenical project that is designed to bring our community together as well as to deepen our individual and collective experience of the Passion. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 - 4 at Grace Lutheran starting February 19. Contact Laurel Sanders, Worship & Music Coordinator, at 238-2478 for details and a copy of the music.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

#### *Baptism*

COLEMAN ANSEL TOLLIVER

December 24, 2011

MILES NORRIS TOLLIVER

December 24, 2011

PENELOPE JANE MCCLOSKEY

January 15, 2012

PARKER ALAN COOPER NYE

January 15, 2012

#### *In Sympathy*

BARBARA MCDOWELL PASSOW

December 10, 2011

HELEN SUE LITKE FORMAN

December 20, 2011

ALICE M FODOR

December 17, 2011

HUGH A. HODGE

January 9, 2012

JACK WALLACE MACMILLAN

January 27, 2012

## RECTOR'S REPORT

I begin in my usual way: this Annual Report is no opportunity for self-congratulation. Nor is it a time to rehearse all that has taken place over the last twelve months. For those of you who like statistics, the numbers are good and upwardly mobile – in terms of attendance, income in 2011 and pledged income for 2012.

### Managing Growth

Buried within encouraging statistics is a challenge: we cannot assume that growth will continue – or that current numbers will self-sustain. Left unattended, growth trajectories can breed attrition and then decline. Growth must be managed.

Friendly faces, good sermons, quality programs for children and inspiring music are all important initial growth factors. But for growth to continue we need to change and develop in line with our changing congregation – especially in terms of our self-understanding, our operating structures and our staffing system.

Over the next year I hope we continue to explore critically what it means to be a program-sized Episcopal parish. This label easily trips off our tongues, but all too often I see a church with program-sized numbers, but transition-sized operating structures. One of our weaknesses is the popular desire to have the best of both worlds: big church numbers with small church structures. If we are to continue to grow numerically and into the program-sized model we must readily embrace the corresponding implications for the respective roles and specified tasks of clergy, staff, vestry and lay leadership.

It is a miracle that we enjoy the numbers we do without a full-time Associate. We cannot assume that this will always be true. I sometimes have the sense of living, in this respect, on “borrowed time”. An Associate would not only be an additional presence on Sundays and through the week, but also take the lead in a specific – even new – ministry or program area.

Embracing this prospect requires courage – especially when we do the math and factor in a fair wage, benefits and a housing allowance. Equally, if we are willing to look outside of the traditional model there may be creative, emerging solutions that are not so daunting.

It is important that we keep a sense of vocation alive in our parish family. Might there be people in our pews with a calling to a self-supporting ministry as a deacon or priest?

Similar questions need to be asked of our wider staffing structure. Our lay employees are at the heart of our current program success. Program sized parishes grow through their programs: so new growth requires new programs, which will require new or expanded staff roles.

Equally, many of our staff members give of their time as volunteers, working way beyond their compensated hours. However, the inevitable will eventually occur: staff members will retire or relocate. We cannot assume a replacement will be immediately available who is happy to work under the same conditions. So we need to work towards ensuring full time jobs are given full time salaries.

One model currently being explored in the wider church encourages the better recruitment of volunteers within a congregation to be given a specific area of programmatic leadership and responsibility. Such volunteers are given a small honorarium and treated as members of staff. This seems to be a promising area for us to consider.

### Empowering & Encouraging Lay Ministry

This paves the way for a fresh emphasis on lay ministry, rooted in our baptismal theology. We are now free to celebrate the fact that parishes are not all about their priests. The sun no longer rises and sets on ordained ministry; the “sergeant major” model of clergy parish leadership has faded away.

If we embrace this, we also commit ourselves to a future that rests in expanding and empowering the role of lay ministers after first breaking down the walls and barriers that keep parish leadership confined to the few rather than shared by many. Overseeing this process of breaking-down and then building-up is one of the biggest tasks and challenges that awaits me in this place. It requires the prayerful formation of a culture in which everybody's gifts are identified, nurtured and then set free to be used in the ways God sets before us. Ongoing discernment and self-awareness in a parish and its parishioners helps to promote an understanding of what is possible. - continued

One good example might be pastoral care. In years gone by clergy would spend their weeks – day in and day out – visiting the sick and housebound. While this still might be true in smaller parishes it is now impossible for parishes of our size, especially in an age when people live longer and the church no longer has a curate. Our challenge is to discern how we can maintain high quality pastoral care and a constant presence. The solution lies in utilizing highly gifted and appropriately trained lay visitors, who can triage, inform and deploy the clergy as needed. The hurdle we need to overcome is a mentality that sees lay visitors as somehow “second-best.”

I pray this transformation of ministry perception will also help free the church as a whole from the consumer mentality that currently besets us. We approach the church with a “What’s in it for me?” mindset; program offerings now out trump denominational affiliations or loyalty; we shop around until we find what we think we want. When we finally arrive at a church we take this “consumer” perspective into the pews. We ask what the church can give to us, do for us, provide us with – rather than how we can live our baptismal ministry fully in this particular place.

Correspondingly, one of our biggest challenges is to enable spiritual consumers to transition into practitioners of our faith. Figuring this out is easier said than done, but I am convinced that we begin with our Baptismal Covenant: ensuring that our baptismal core shapes our identity, and flows into a ministry of transformation and mission through discipleship and service.

### **Stewardship & Church Finances**

I am especially thankful for the positive response to this year’s Stewardship talks and campaign, which was intentionally transparent about our finances. At the time of writing, we are seeing an **11.1%** increase in 2012 pledged income (as opposed to 1.3% in 2011), which flies in the face of current trends both in our denomination and the economic climate. Equally, it was a joy to hear stewardship talks going beyond dollars into deeper testimony of how God works in our lives, ministers to us through His Church, and then empowers and equips us to serve others through lives of discipleship.

All this has enabled the vestry to step ahead in faith through a significant increase in our annual Fairshare payment to our Diocese. We hope to pay 75% of our assessment in 2012, which marks a real increase. Of course, this still leaves a large shortfall, but we aim to continue to take steps ahead, however small, each year. We must ensure our fiduciary perspective remains one of abundance, rather than one of scarcity. Our good news about money is due in no small way to our Finance Chair, Linda Mace, and Stewardship Chair, Dick Gibboney. Both, I know, would be delighted to welcome new members to their committees.

In all ministry areas – financial or otherwise – we must be willing to root our work in prayer, ready to think out of the box, and move in the same direction as society, rather than devote our energies to fighting the current. I wonder, for example, how much life remains within the traditional Episcopal models of stewardship? The giving patterns we see in society are changing; younger generations are less likely to give in an ongoing “pledging” pattern and more likely to support special ministry focal areas and projects. As it becomes harder to make our budget goals through an annual campaign, do we simply add our voices to the lament – or do we dare to begin to think differently?

### **Bishop Baxter’s Bridge Metaphor**

During 2011’s Diocesan Convention Bishop Baxter gave us a powerful image: the Church currently inhabits a “bridge era” – a state of transformation – as both church and society travel into an unclear future.

As we stand on our bridge and clutch the rails we choose the direction in which we look. Sometimes we look back – we selectively remember and then yearn for a past that suddenly seems golden. This shows itself in a strong resistance to any kind of change: too quickly we lay the soul and future of our churches on the line simply to protect our ways as they currently are. What made perfect sense decades ago – structures, ministries, models, cultures – seldom speaks powerfully today; we need the courage to identify changing needs and then adapt ourselves appropriately.

Often we look down and become fixed on the stormy waters. We see economic stress, dramatic cultural and theological changes, a shifting understanding of Anglican identity. In our own lives we see fragmentation, a changing world with changing values, all we once held dear and secure dissolving in waters of uncertainty. In churches, the biggest challenges are sometimes the most mundane: fatigue, as the same problems reoccur; more big maintenance issues; how to balance the budget in the face of skyrocketing costs. - continued

We forget that sometimes storms bring good news – something we did not expect can become a challenge, an opportunity for new life, a vehicle of rich blessing. William Bridges defines transition as:

*...(T)he process of letting go of the way things used to be and then taking hold of the way they subsequently become... It is a paradox: to achieve continuity we have to be willing to change. Change is the only way to protect whatever exists, for without continuous readjustment, the present cannot continue.*

I believe he's saying – in a nutshell – that our lives become easier and lighter when we both accept and enjoy living in a fast-moving world. There has never been a time when the dynamics of calm were normative, however hard we try to convince ourselves otherwise. And the question presents itself again: do we move with the tide – or do we throw down our anchor and join the lament?

Our challenge is to overcome our seasickness and find the courage to look ahead. The Bishop reminded us: bridge eras make us stronger; they give us new revelations of the Church and new insights into how we work. They arrive when the Church becomes myopic and obsessed with survival. They call us into new ways of proclaiming the Gospel and making Christ known.

Looking into the future requires journeying towards a vision that is discerned, owned and loved by an entire parish family. I cannot tell you what St Andrew's is called to be or do: these are questions for our whole community to face. But we need some kind of roadmap if we are to spend our energies on anything other than aimlessly wandering.

In this respect, the Children & Youth Commission, under the leadership of Alison Jaenicke, is our trailblazer. I encourage you to read their excellent report, available on our website.

### **Our Fundamental Purpose**

In the midst of the noise and bustle of this place our primary task is always and principally worship. This is why we kneel day-by-day at God's altar, presenting our best aspirations and our worst failures; ourselves, our souls and bodies. As we walk through the Church's kalendar, rejoicing in the heroes of our faith and straining for some glimpse of the Vision Glorious, we ordinary Christians gather together. Yet it was precisely those like us – the Christians of the little Churches – whom St Paul named "saints." I urge you to ensure that your primary relationship with St. Andrew's is based solidly in worship, lest we become the spiritual wing of a youth group or social service agency.

I believe myself to be a blessed priest. I am first blessed to serve under Bishop Baxter. The support and pastoral care he gives to his clergy is outstanding and we as a church are fortunate to exist under his shepherding and direction.

Second, the friendship and unexpected kindnesses that I receive from so many of you refresh and surprise me daily.

There's something truly exciting about being an Episcopalian at this time. There's something refreshing about a church that never demands blind obedience or belief but calls us to a common worship that will, in turn, shape our believing and our journeying. As I recently heard it described: we live together; we serve together; we pray together; we make mistakes together; together we forgive each other. And – most importantly – we stay together.

As always – my deep appreciation to the Wardens, Vestry and staff.

Fr. Richard Wall

Epiphany OLJC 2012



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Room 325
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum, Room 324
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 334
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
Church School/Nursery
- 10:45 a.m. Journey to Adulthood Classes
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour, Canterbury Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 335-336
- 11:15 a.m. Gift Shop (February 12)
- 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Canterbury Hall
- 6:00 p.m. EfM, Room 130

### Monday

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Centering Prayer, Room 324

### Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. ESL, Room 324
- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service of Healing
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Room 334
- 5:45 p.m. Taize (February 29)

### Thursday

- 5:00 p.m. Community Café
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### Friday

- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
- 1:00 p.m. Organ Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## THIS MONTH AT ST. ANDREW'S

### **Thursday, February 2**

- 9:30 a.m. Compassionate Life, Room 325

### **Sunday, February 5**

- 12:30 p.m. Journey to Adulthood Roller Skating
- 3:30 p.m. Evensong for the Environment
- 4:30 p.m. Evensong Reception, Room 325

### **Tuesday, February 7**

- 10:00 a.m. History Interviews, Room 325

### **Wednesday, February 8**

- 9:30 a.m. The Sojourners, Room 330

### **Saturday, February 11**

- 10:00 a.m. Vestry Training, Room 324
- 3:00 p.m. Barbara Passow Memorial Service

### **Sunday, February 12**

- 6:00 p.m. Rite-13 Leaders' Meeting, Room 324

### **Monday, February 13**

- 1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Canterbury Hall

### **Wednesday, February 15**

- 3:30 p.m. Atrium Service

### **Thursday, February 16**

- 9:30 a.m. Compassionate Life, Room 325
- 5:30 p.m. J2A Leaders' Meeting (at Community Café)

### **Friday, February 17**

- 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Films, Canterbury Hall

### **Sunday, February 19**

- 1:30 p.m. Foxdale Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Rite-13 Evening Activities, Room 325

### **Monday, February 20**

- 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Room 324
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Room 324
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. Vestry, Room 324

### **Tuesday, February 21**

- 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,  
Canterbury Hall

### **Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 a.m. The Sojourners, Room 330
- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
Childcare in the Nursery
- 5:00 p.m. Red Cross Club Spaghetti Dinner,  
Canterbury Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
Children's Program, Room 325  
Childcare in the Nursery
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### **Friday, February 24**

- 7:00 p.m. Comedy Club

### **Sunday, February 26**

- 11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 325
- 12:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Workshop, Room 324
- 6:00 p.m. Journey to Adulthood Activities, Room 325

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Childcare and Church School  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

#### Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Monday  
12:15 p.m. Wednesday  
5:00 p.m. Thursday  
10:15 a.m. Friday  
5:00 p.m. Saturday at side altar

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